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A guide to fall town meeting

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IPSWICH — At first glance, a lot of it may look kind of technical. Zoning articles usually are, but they are also slow burners.

Changes made today will be felt years from now and slowly alter development patterns.

But first, let's talk about money. It will also be on the agenda at special town meeting, which is set for Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Dolan Performing Arts Center.

If at least 200 voters — a quorum — are punctual, the meeting will start at 7 p.m. If 200 don't show up, the texting, calling, and beseeching will begin until enough people show up to start the meeting.

Articles 1 and 2: Due to improved finances at the state level, extra money is coming back to the town and school district. The town gets \$360,533 in Article 1, and in Article 2, the schools get \$574,945.

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Carlos Segura, a former member of the Mexican National Archery Team, sends a blazing arrow whizzing across the river to light the first bonfire of Ipswich Illumination on Saturday night. See more photos of Ipswich events by Coco McCabe starting on page 20.

High Street railroad bridge renamed to honor vets

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IPSWICH — It's a bit of a mouthful, but the High Street railroad bridge has been renamed the Global War on Terror Memorial Bridge. Officially, its last name was "High Street Bridge, Bridge No. I-01-007."

The renaming was marked in a ceremony on Saturday morning at town hall attended by veterans, their families, and state politicians.

Rich Barbato, who organized the project with Karen Tyler, director of Eastern Essex County Veterans Services, said it took over two years to get the bridge renamed.

"We were kind of beset on all sides by not a lot of support for this effort," Barbato said at the ceremony.

Many asked why the name was chosen, he

said. One went so far as to ask what it had to do with him.

After the speeches, Rep. Jamie Belsito said she got the same questions in the State House. But she pointed out the Global War on Terror was the official name of the conflict.

The renaming is to recognize veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Barbato said. More than 3,000 veterans live in Essex County, and more than 300 service members from Massachusetts were killed in the conflicts, he said.

Many thousands more came home with physical or psychological injuries, he noted. "You may be lost, but you are not forgotten," he said.

Also speaking at the event was Ryan Pitts, who was awarded the Medal of Honor after he was wounded in Afghanistan in 2008, when the Taliban launched a large and well-coordinated attack on the observation post he was in.

"They died for us"

As he recounted his last day in Afghanistan, which saw nine U.S. service members killed and 25 wounded, Pitts said, "Courage isn't the absence of fear. It's the ability to move forward in the face of it."

Lauding the bravery of his comrades, the U.S. Army veteran, a former staff sergeant, told of his pride wearing the uniform and serving in the military.

Although the branches like to make fun of each other, Pitts said all branches work together to keep each other safe. "Every job is important. We are all equal," he said. "It's a privilege to know people like that."

He thought he'd had a lot of time to readjust, he said, but the hasty withdrawal from Af-

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Tales from the scanner: Remote-controlled trespassing

During a stormy Friday morning, multiple trees were reported down. One fell on High Street beside the cemetery. It took out the electrical service to a house there. Another shut Sagamore Road, and one went down on Turkey Shore Road.

On Saturday, at around 5:35 p.m., a resident at Powder House Village said a non-resident was dumping

illegally in the dumpsters. This ongoing issue was now a verbal altercation, the dispatcher said. The man was said to be in his 50s, with longer hair, who was driving a “beat-up Prius.” However, no one was around when police got there.

Around 6:45 p.m., a very loud band was said to be practicing on Mitchell Road.

At 6:50 p.m., a woman at Crane Beach with just six percent left in her car battery called 911 in hysterics, the dispatcher said. She was trying to get an Uber, and her parents were also on the line “trying to get some assistance on our end.”

At 9:45 p.m., some people were locked in the EBSCO lot after Illumination.

At around 12:20 p.m. on Sunday, an unwanted person was reported on an Essex Road property. The owner said the person would not

leave. Police got there and said the car was registered to an address in Beverly. The person was looking for a good place to fly a remote-controlled aircraft.

Around 9:20 p.m. on Tuesday, there was a call for medical aid at New England Biolabs. A construction worker called his boss to say he was having a medical emergency and the boss had called 911. The supervisor could not locate the worker but thought he could be in the parking lot of the new building.



A tractor-trailer had a hard time rounding a bend on Eagle Hill on Monday and got stuck at the corner of a house. A resident called the incident in to police around 4:40 p.m. The driver, a Connecticut man in his early 40s, was trying to free himself against the wishes of the homeowner. Paul's Auto was called to help free the truck, which took hours. At 7:20 p.m., the dispatcher checked in with the officer on scene, who radioed they were making “positive progress.”



No injuries were reported after a car wound up in Plum Island Sound on Sunday afternoon. The incident happened at around 3:30 p.m. behind the Ipswich Bay Yacht Club. The car, a 2017 Mazda CX5, ended up half-submerged. The owner, an Ipswich man, was in the water unharmed when police arrived. He could be heard telling them that the water was beautiful. The vehicle was pulled from the ocean by Paul's Auto, and the man was given a ride home by police.

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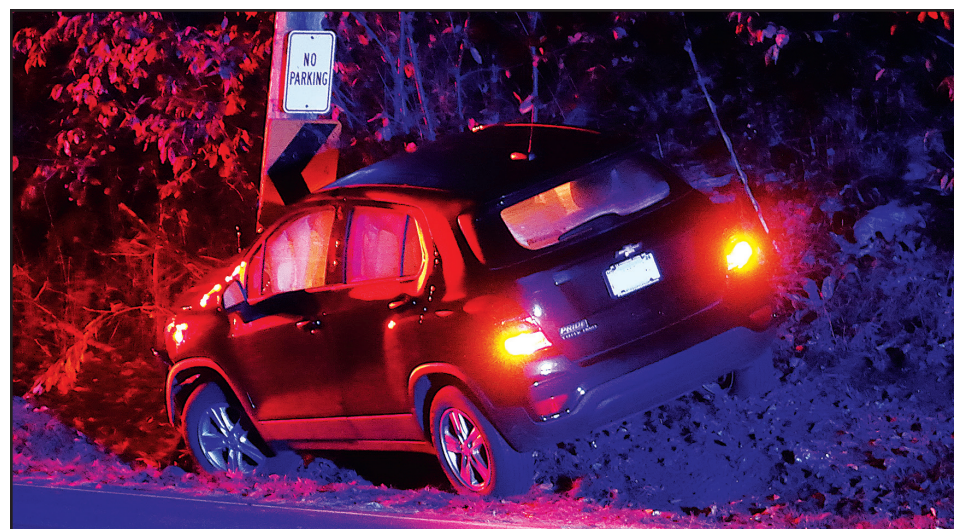
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No injuries were reported in a car accident on Outer Linebrook Road at 7:10 p.m. on Sunday a few doors up from Cumberland Farms. The driver, an Ipswich woman who lives nearby, was not injured. Her car, a 2020 Chevrolet Trax, hit a pole and brought down wires, police said. “Car hit utility pole on Outer Linebrook. All out and look okay, but power is out,” resident Rita Stone said on Facebook. The Electric Light Department was called to repair the damage. Paul's Auto took the car away, and the woman was given a ride home by police.

Cape Ann's community bands to perform free concert

IPSWICH — Three Cape Ann bands are combining to play a free concert on Saturday, October 22.

Gloucester, Rockport, and Ipswich bands will sit together to belt out some popular favorites at the concert.

"The all-volunteer group began rehearsals on October 6 for an ambitious one-hour program that will be impressive for its sound and richness," the announcement said.

"It is especially fun to see the camaraderie of fellow musicians from the Cape Ann musical community who have come together to make music," said David Benjamin, director of the Cape Ann Community Band.

"I address my players as 'wonderful musicians' — they certainly are that when they gather for a concert like this one," said Nalani Fujiwara, director of the Ipswich Communi-

ty Band. Bob Rick, director of the Rockport Legion Band, added, "We dedicated our regular rehearsal nights to support the combined concert, and the results sound like it was well worth it."

The free concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22 at the Dolan Performing Arts Center at the Ipswich High School.

The concert is sponsored by the Cape Ann Savings Bank, the Ipswich

Cultural Council, the Mass Cultural Council, and Bank Gloucester.

Program: "The Star Spangled Banner," "Liberty Fanfare," "Jupiter" (from Holst's *The Planets*), "Portrait of Freedom," a Mancini medley, "Bonsai Tree," "Pines of Rome" (finale), intermission, "Dam Busters," "E.T.," "Shenandoah," "Sophisticated Ladies," "All You Need is Love," "Stars & Stripes March," "We are the Champions" (encore).

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After almost 60 years, fire truck returns to Ipswich

Originally purchased in 1934, Seagrave truck was restored on the other side of the country

IPSWICH — It brought smiles to many, but Russell Scahill said the 1934 Seagrave fire truck almost brought a lump to his throat.

Son of the town's first full-time fire chief — the late Russell "Buddy" Scahill — he said he remembered the truck, as he and his brother spent a lot of time in the fire station.

"I sat in it and I had to get out before I got a lump in my throat," Scahill said. "It's just a nice feeling. I'm glad it's here. I have memories of it."

He said he remembered the engine parked in the fire station with his father, who passed in 1972, sitting in the truck smoking and drinking Coke. "It was the only nice

easy chair in the place."

"What has been great about today is that so many people have come by to see it, to touch it, to tell stories," said Chief Paul Parisi after the engine was brought back to Ipswich on Thursday.

It stayed in the firehouse for a couple of days, and it was shown off again at the department's open house on Saturday.

Restored as a middle-school shop project during COVID by James Sullivan in Brier, Wash., the 1934 Seagrave was bought by Ora CEO Stuart Abelson for \$13,500.

Sullivan and his brother, Mike, a physician who also restores trucks as a hobby, also worked one week-



James (left) and Mike Sullivan on the truck outside the Ipswich fire station. After restoring the fire truck, they traveled from Washington to see the engine back in its original station.

end a month on the engine to move the project along.

Abelson said the rig was a gift to the town after he told himself, "If we get through the planning board with a positive vote, then I'm going bring this truck as a celebration of our welcome to Ipswich."

When the planning board issued a special permit for Ora's corporate retreat on Waldingfield Road, things moved quickly.

Abelson got on the phone with Sullivan and agreed a sale in five minutes. "It feels like a way for me to honor the silent majority of Ipswich that's been so supportive of us through this process," he said.

Then they had to organize cross-country haulage.

Sullivan said they were under pressure to do it before weather made crossing the Rockies delay-prone or even dangerous.

"It feels like honoring history, connecting people," Abelson said. "It feels really good. It feels good to be coming into a town where history matters."

It was also to honor the service mentality of the fire department, he added.

In a strange twist, Sullivan said a piece of the truck was reunited with the body after it came back to

Ipswich.

"We went on a scavenger hunt down in the basement," Parisi noted. James said he was brought down and shown an elbow for a hose attachment.

It had the Seagrave stamp on it, and Sullivan checked the documentation to make sure it was an original part. It was, and the elbow was screwed back on to the truck, which had been sold by Ipswich in 1964 to Swampscott.

The searchers also found a wrench they believed was part of the original equipment.

"It definitely feels right. It's good to have it home, where it belongs," said James, who flew east with Mike for a couple of days. "It doesn't belong in somebody's garage for fun. It belongs to the community."

"It's a touchstone for the community to memorialize all those who have come before us and all the little kids who will come after us. This is what will provide the tradition and memories and roots for that," Mike said.

"It's going to be a fantastic piece of history that hopefully a lot of folks will be able to enjoy," Parisi agreed.

"I just want to know who will be Santa Claus riding on it," James said.



Richard Barbato, a management analyst with the Department of Veterans Affairs, was one of the prime drivers behind the bridge renaming. He is being interviewed here by Channel 25 after the ceremony.

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ghanistan last year brought a lot of emotions back.

Calling the pull-out a “giant, garbage-island fire,” he asked, “What did they die for? They died for me. They died for us. Every single one of them.”

In addition to new signs on the bridge, a brass plaque of a combat cross will be installed. Pitts called that memorial fitting, since it is how service members honor their fallen comrades.

Welcome home

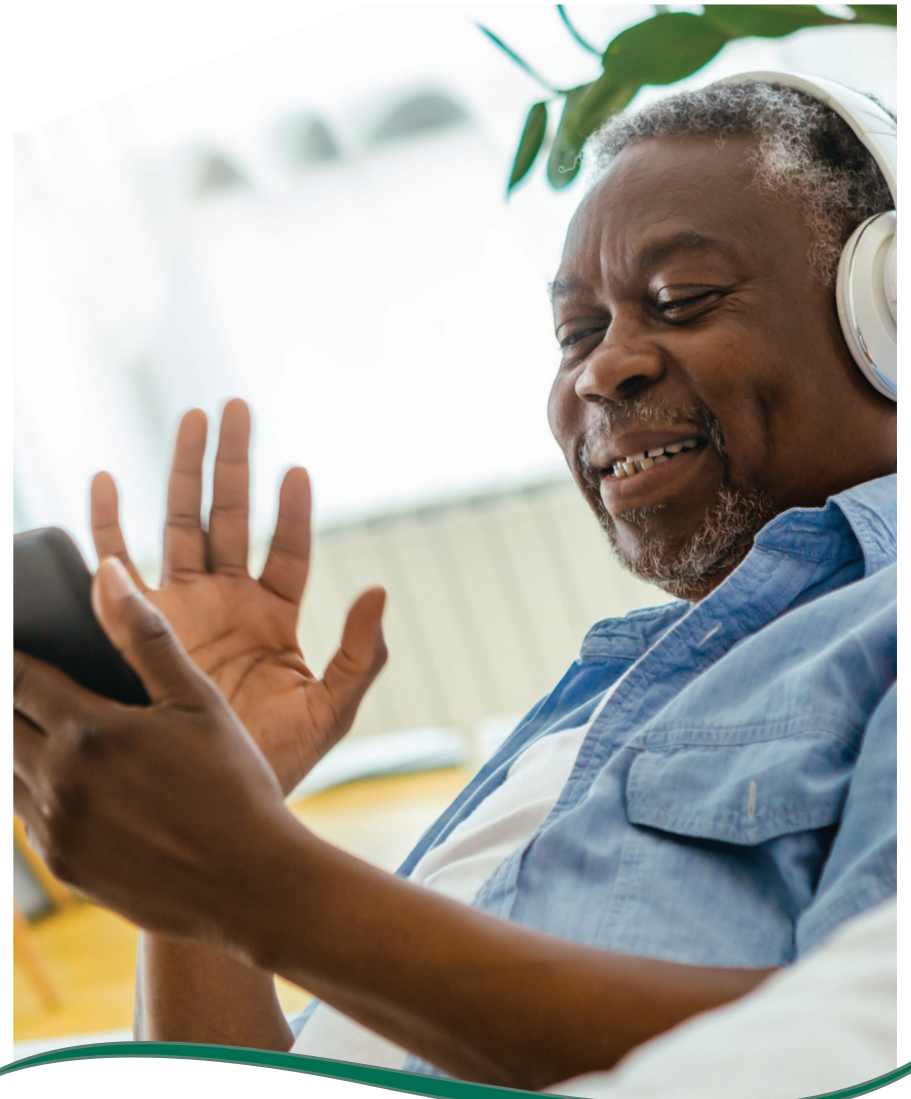
Michael Fisher, chief officer of the VA’s Readjustment Counseling Ser-

vice, said it is important to honor the fallen veterans and to take care of the ones who come home.

“It’s your community that sends you off to war. It’s also your community that should welcome you home,” he said.

He noted that the Global War on Terror started after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 in 2001 and became a multi-generational conflict that largely ended in the withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021.

A soldier in the Army, he was deployed to Iraq in the early 2000s. Fisher credited Vietnam veterans who helped people like him readjust to civilian society.



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Running with Birds

Young song sparrows learn from their elders and practice in thickets

by Rebecca Pugh

If you are running along the river or the ocean and hear a melody that sounds like “*Rise up, rise up, speak, speak, speak,*” look around and see if you can spot a small, streaky bird with its head thrown back. Eastern song sparrows tend to perch right about at eye-level. Though several other birds are quiet in the fall, the song sparrows are busy learning new tunes.

Song sparrows have long tails, brown eye-lines, and brown cheek-triangles. Their breasts are grey and brown, streaked, with feathers coming together in a dark brown spot at the heart.

If you see them take off, watch their tails. They pump their tails while they fly.

I have noticed that song sparrows sing different songs, depending on the region. In Maine, they sound more like “*Come work, come work, justice, justice, justice far and near.*” In Connecticut, it's more like “*Justice, now, forever, justice at the breaking of the day, day, day.*” One study found at least seventy different song patterns in song sparrows.

Another study found that complexity of learned songs is directly related to success in breeding. In other words, male song sparrows

Song sparrows favor land that borders water. When they build their nests, they weave cup-like dwelling places, first with rough grasses and roots, then with soft leaves.

Depending how much food there is, they will lay one to six eggs and generally brood two sets of eggs a season. They have been known to lay more nests of eggs, especially in emergencies.

Eastern song sparrows have declined by 27% since 1966, likely because of forest fires and wetland degradation. We can help them by preserving quiet oceanfront and restoring healthy rivers.

This week, when you run on the trails near the ocean, listen for the melodic songs of the sparrow with the pumping tail and the brown heart-spot. You can smile to yourself then. You are running with Eastern song sparrows.



Photo of Eastern song sparrow by Carl Jappe.

who copy older birds to master intricate melodies are the luckiest ones when it comes to being chosen by females for nesting and breeding.

Rebecca Pugh, author of “Running with Birds,” is a storyteller, musician, and runner. Her training comes from the Mass Audubon Society, ornithologist Jim Berry, and her aunt, Pam Goff. Her research begins each week with “All About Birds” at the Cornell Ornithological Labs.

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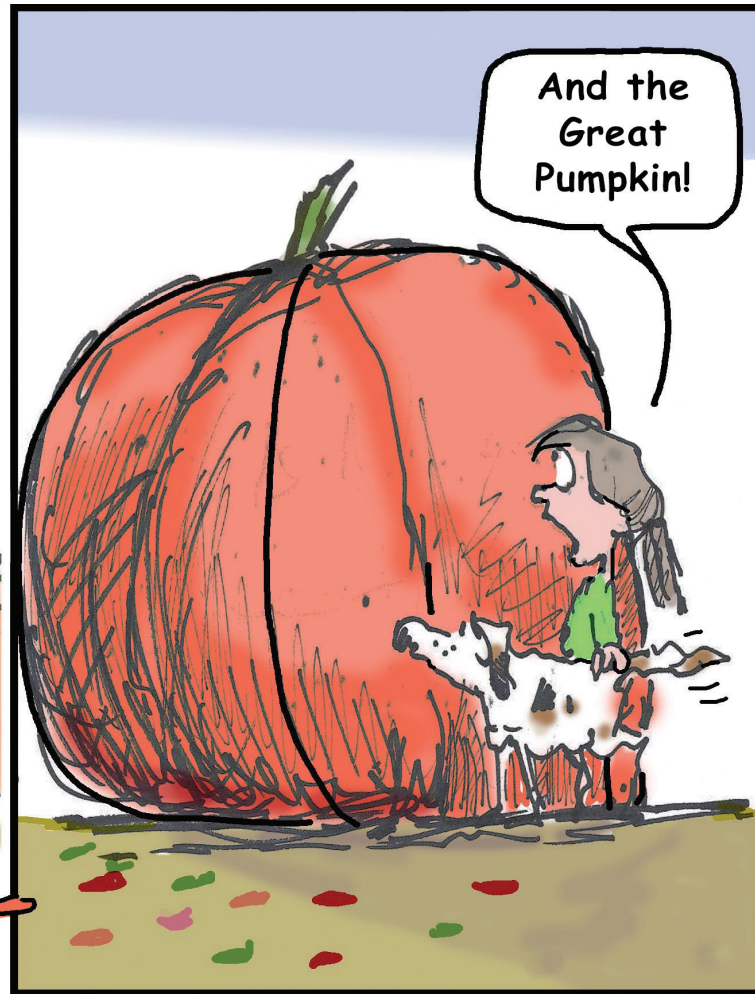
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LETTER

It's time to work together to solve the traffic issues on Waldingfield Road

To the editor:
Thank you for two years' coverage of the Great Estate Preservation By-law (GEPB) application by Ora, Inc. Media coverage of lengthy planning board public discussions and printing pro/con letters from neighbors, from Friends of Waldingfield, and from others together built community awareness of this significant real estate project. Your coverage reinforces the importance of local journalism: without *Ipswich Local News*, would we all have known? The Ipswich Planning Board has approved Ora's GEPB application, but subtle changes on Waldingfield Road may have escaped notice:

- Through traffic has increased significantly.
- Nearby business and residential development add to daily truck and auto traffic

- The rebuilt railroad bridge supports trucks of any size and weight
 - Post-pandemic pedestrian/equestrian and cyclist traffic is way up
 - EVERYONE drives faster!
- Waldingfield Road traffic problems are opportunities in work clothes. Several deserve immediate attention:
- Improve signage and motorist sightlines
 - Encourage abutters to open off-road trails and pathways
 - Approach the railroad about an at-grade pedestrian/equestrian crossing
 - Install speed-reducing 'shoulders' as are now at Kimball Avenue
 - Paint and appropriately sign pedestrian road crossings
 - Add dynamic speed signage
- Ora wants to be part of the discussion and may help meet solution costs.

I urge my neighbors, your newspaper, the Friends, and everyone who enjoys Waldingfield Road to put on their work clothes. These traffic problems are solvable!
Nathaniel Pulsifer
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Ora and the Ipswich Lions Club Launch a Partnership to Support Vision Internationally on World Sight Day

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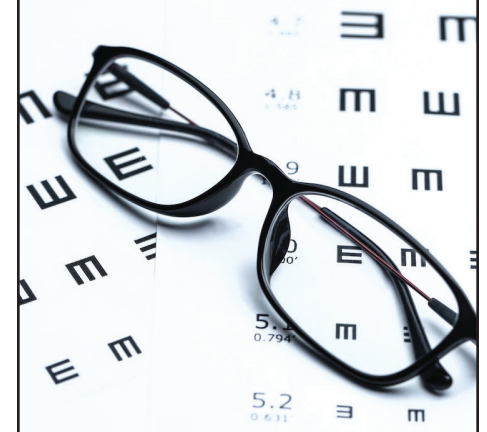
The Lions Club International has honored this mission ever since Helen Keller inspired the organization to champion vision health in 1925. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues via the Lions Eye Health Program.

Similarly, Ora has for over 40 years existed to support innovation in ophthalmology to improve and heal the vision of people around the world.

Ora is advancing this mission by collaborating with the Ipswich Lions Club to expand the reach of their program to collect used corrective lens glasses to be cleaned, categorized, and redistributed globally to those in need.

The donation and collection portion of the campaign kicks off on October 13, World Sight Day, and will conclude on November 30 to reach the goal of a mid-December distribution date. Together, Ora hopes to drive at least an additional 1,000 prescription eyeglass donations above and beyond the 1,000 pairs already collected by the Ipswich Lions Club in 2022.

This year's donations will be distributed throughout a network of patients, doctors, and clinical sites carefully identified by Ora in Argentina. Interested in supporting this campaign? Bring corrective lens eyeglasses to the Ipswich Lions Club's year-round drop box for collections at Our Lady of Hope Church at 1 Pineswamp Road in Ipswich.



The Outsidah

In which the Outsidah, spelunking in his bathroom storage, discovers you are what you own

by Doug Brendel

It was a romantic notion, I confess — moving from a perfectly framed, almost-new house in a master-planned community in Scottsdale, Arizona, to a 200-year-old house scavenged from 300-year-old leftovers on a winding road in Ipswich, Massachusetts — but here we are.

And things are, shall we say, different in small-town New England.

The Pilgrims and the Puritans (I could never quite keep them straight) had strict ideas about what was appropriate and what wasn't, and apparently it wasn't appropriate to build big closets and cupboards — places where you could store lots of stuff. I guess it was regarded as worldly and scandalous to have lots of stuff.

So, I moved into my antique house with the full knowledge that my

family and I would face a dreadful dearth of closet and cupboard space.

I have no one to blame but myself.

You might expect a house with a shortage of closets to make up for it with a surfeit of shelving. But no. Puritans condemning closetsful of clothing were not going to sanction shelvesful of stuff.

When we moved into our house on outer Linebrook Road, I inherited the downstairs bathroom — the smallest bathroom ever constructed outside of a jetliner ... and with even less shelf space. There's a dollhouse-sized medicine cabinet above the sink and a barely-toilet-width nook for the toilet with two shelves above the toilet. I call them shelves; I'm being generous. They're two wooden shutters — those flaps that hang on the outside of your house to cover your windows with diagonal slats — turned horizontal

and nailed into the wall to serve as shelves. As if installing actual shelves would be scandalous, an admission that the house's residents had capitulated to the iniquitous urge to acquire stuff.

In this minuscule bathroom space, I survive by a system: (a) day-to-day requirements jam the medicine cabinet, and (b) anything not required every day goes on the slat-shutter-shelves above the toilet.

I have tried to be creative with the limited space, sliding four small rectangular wicker baskets onto the two shelves to hold my immortal abundance of bathroom effects. Whatever goes into these baskets, however, is promptly forgotten.

The shelves are above eye level, so when I want something from one of the baskets, I have to pull it down from its place and go foraging. Every expedition into the over-the-toilet baskets is like an archeological dig into the depths of my own decadence.

This week, for example, I went searching for replacement blades for my Gillette Sensor razor. In my exploration of the wicker baskets, I found multiple toothbrushes given me by my dentist over the years, dentist-gifted sample-sized tubes of toothpaste, a tiny squeeze bottle of something called "spot treatment," a package of "cooling eye gels," and a small leather travel case stashed with the essentials I would need if I ever had to leave town in a hurry.

I found athlete's foot powder (although I'm no athlete), shaving

cream (although I wear a beard), shoe polish (never used), a hair brush (also never used), and multiple bags of cough drops (I feel fine). There was a roll of gauze bandaging (the color of mud), a brush for shining shoes (never used), an array of combs in sizes and colors I would never be caught dead using, and a supply of hairpins (why?). Oh, and boxes of laxative tablets left over from a long-ago, mercifully forgotten colonoscopy prep.

I'm only giving you a partial inventory here, you understand.

I also found a travel-size bottle of hairspray, another roll of gauze bandaging (but in neon lime green this time), a stack of pandemic-era disposable masks, another comb — and a pharmacy bottle containing leftover cyclobenzaprine.

So, I am fully prepared if I develop muscle spasms or my hair gets mussed. And I am really prepared if I make someone mad enough to run me out of town.

But I clearly don't have enough stuff on my shelves ... because I don't have any razor blades.

Doug Brendel lives on outer Linebrook Road in Ipswich with his mountains of mostly pointless stuff. Enter the maze, if you dare, at Doug-Brendel.com.



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COLUMN

Who wants to be a millionaire? In Massachusetts, if Question 1 passes, perhaps no one

by Bob Waite

When I was a student at the University of Wisconsin, during the days of radical protest in the late '60s, I would occasionally see the slogan "Eat the rich" scrawled in bright red paint on campus walls.

My first thought was that someone was cleverly playing off Jonathan Swift's satiric essay "A Modest Proposal" — but with fat-cat millionaires substituting for Irish children.

My second thought was that the revolution was not being led by vegetarians.

All of this came to mind the other day when I was filling out my Massachusetts election ballot and came to Question 1.

Put succinctly, Question 1 proposes amending the state's constitution by mandating an additional 4% tax (on top of the current 5%) on any income above \$1 million.

Massachusetts, it would seem, doesn't want to eat the rich — it just wants to nibble them to death.

At this juncture, I do have to make a confession: I was once a millionaire.

This was back in 1977. By local standards I was fabulously wealthy.

I was living in Warsaw at the time and had translated my meagre funds — \$10,000 U.S. — into Polish zlotys. I did so via the black market, where a dollar was worth 100 zloty, not the five zloty posted by the then-communist government.

Presto — I was a zloty millionaire!

It was not a terribly risky transaction. Even high-ranking government officials availed themselves of the black market.

But in terms of real money — dollars — I never breached the \$1 million barrier. And unless they start paying professors seven-figure salaries (or some future book of mine becomes a best-seller and I option the movie rights to Brad Pitt), I never will.

So this Question 1 amendment has no impact on me. But it definitely does leave me puzzled.

First of all, why amend the constitution? And if you must do so, why be so specific? At the rate things are going in terms of galloping inflation, in another decade or so, earning \$1 million might not be all that unusual.

Second, if you're going to soak the rich, why be so half-hearted? Where does the number 4% come from? This looks less like a soaking and more like a light drizzle, just enough to annoy people.

According to a Tufts University study, only about 26,200 Massachusetts households will break the \$1 million threshold in 2023. And about half will do so primarily because they've sold a business they've created — or a farm, investment property, or restaurant.

So, part of me says, "Hey, what the heck — it's only 26,200 households. If they don't like it, they can move to New Hampshire or Florida." Except that another part of me remembers that I actually know

dozens of Massachusetts residents who have already moved to places like Portsmouth or Sarasota ... and that maybe losing more these folks is not a great idea.

People with a bit of wealth are the people who disproportionately support things like PBS, hospitals, educational institutions, and various arts programs. If they flit off to Florida or New Hampshire, they'll still probably have an interest in the theater, symphony, or PBS programming — but they might simply now channel that interest into their new local community.

As I say, this question will not affect me personally. I actually pay far higher tax rates than anything we are talking about here. My Canadian federal tax rate is 26.5%; my Ontario rate is 11.16%; on top of that, I am taxed 13% — a VAT — on virtually everything I purchase; and on top of that, I pay the U.S. Alter-

native Minimum Tax (just in case there is anything left over).

In short, I'm a tax-paying fool.

But when it comes to Question 1, I do wonder if eating the rich makes any more sense in 2022 than it did in 1968. I see indigestion ahead.

Bob says he doesn't mind paying high taxes, snug in the knowledge that someday Canada might actually have a national defense force. His book, Ipswich On My Mind, is available at Betsy Frost Designs on Market Street, Zenobia on Essex Road, and from Amazon and Kindle.



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LETTERS

Article 12 will undermine ELD's accomplishments with unnecessary changes

To the editor,
Article 12 of the special town meeting proposes to make sweeping changes to the Electric Light Department (ELD) by installing the town manager as the ELD manager.

Substituting a professional in town management for one with expertise of a regulated electrical utility threatens to undermine the ELD's strong performance.

The ELD is delivering comparatively inexpensive electricity to Ipswich. In 2021, an Ipswich residential customer utilizing 1,000 kilowatt hours per month paid about one third less than National Grid customers.

The ELD is creative. By utilizing a complex system that predicts peak power consumption, which is expensive, it saved ratepayers about \$500,000 in 2021.

The ELD used its power plant generators during peak periods. It is now participating in a cooperative project with other municipal electrical plants for each to use batteries to store less expensive power to be

used during otherwise expensive peak power periods.

The ELD is emphasizing sustainability. In 2021, 56% of its energy sources were carbon-free. While improving in recent years, this proportion should continue to grow. The ELD has recently purchased a participation in a large solar facility in western Massachusetts.

The ELD is supporting Ipswich residents to save energy and green their homes. Its innovative Re-Source Ipswich program provides audits and incentives to assist ratepayers. It is exploring creating financing to assist customers lacking the funds to make home energy-saving improvements, for which it has obtained \$1 million in federal financing.

The ELD participates actively in town and school affairs. It contributes financially to the salaries of town officials, is a member of the climate resiliency committee, and participates in Green Community initiatives, in addition to installing several EV charges in town. It

manages the schools' component of Wind I.

Wielding influence beyond Ipswich, the ELD is more able to shape policy to suit Ipswich's needs. ELD manager Jon Blair recently joined the board of directors of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electrical Corporation, an agency providing power and support to 20 municipal utility members.

With the growing threat of climate change and volatile energy markets, these are challenging times for electric utilities. While many of us think that the ELD could do better, as I do, it is nonetheless a high-performing department.

Considering the substantial changes that Article 12 would require, I am reminded of the adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Rather than advancing the ELD's accomplishments, Article 12 will undermine them with unnecessary changes in management. I will oppose this article and urge all residents to do so.

Michael Schaaf
Ipswich

Illumination is very popular, but could we please leave the dogs at home?

To the editor:
Thank you, Kerrie Bates, for your hard work and that of the team's efforts to make Illumination a success. Judging by the amount of people that attended, I would say

that it is very popular.

One request: Participants, please leave your dogs at home.

Don't get me wrong. I love dogs, but it was especially difficult to navigate the walk bridge bottleneck as

there were several dogs making an attempt as well.

Is it necessary to bring a dog? Did they enjoy the crowds?

Mary Blaquiere
Ipswich

The Republican party has legitimized conspiracy theories, election deniers

To the editor:
1. Kristin is pro-choice. Her opponent voted against the Massachusetts ROE Act.
2. Kristin supports common-sense gun laws to protect our children and communities. Her opponent has an A rating with the NRA, a group pushing for more guns as the answer to school killings.
3. Kristin has been a town planner for 20 years, not a politician. This is her first time running for office, and she understands how to advocate

for the needs of local communities.

4. Kristin supports the right to vote as well as mail-in voting. Her opponent voted against mail-in voting.

5. Kristin is endorsed by Maura Healey, Seth Moulton, and Jamie Belsito.

6. Kristin supports funding for education, seniors, and the environment.

7. Kristin is a wife, mother, and community member who wants to make a positive impact in our dis-

trict. She will represent us well.

Vote for Kristin Kassner on November 8. Vote pro-choice. Vote for democracy. Vote for the party that believes in democracy.

Don't ever forget that the Republican Party said: "January 6th was legitimate political discourse." The Republican Party has legitimized conspiracy theories and election-deniers.

Vote blue up and down the ticket.
Randa Tenney
Ipswich

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SERVICE DOG PROJECT

My FedEx driver got more than he bargained for during this delivery

by Carlene White

I was sitting on the edge of my bed — wrapped in a towel, wearing slippers, waiting for my husband to get out of the shower — when I heard an awful noise coming from the doghouse right outside my window.

When I looked, I saw that a young pup had tried to jump the six-foot fence. He had gotten his collar caught in the twisted top of the chain link and was hanging there by the collar.

Now, that was an emergency! We do live back “in the woods,” and although running about in a towel is not normal, it can — on occasion — be necessary.

I immediately ran to help. I got hold of the dog and tried to lift. I needed more lift, so I put my left toe in the chain-link and had the dog more or less sitting on my knee while I steadied the top part with my hands.

Needless to say, the towel had dropped by my feet, and I was left wearing one slipper.

I tried to lift the extra two inches to get the collar unhooked from that chain link, and although he was no longer strangling, I was getting nowhere.

The pup probably weighed 75 to 100 pounds. So as I stood there wondering what to do next, up the driveway came the FedEx truck.

As he pulled through the gate and deposited the packages I called to



Choosing the right kind of fence is essential when you're dealing with dogs (courtesy photo).

him, “Mr. FedEx, could you give me a hand?”

He took one look and decided that, yes, I certainly did need help, and he cheerfully came to my rescue.

We lifted the dog off the fence. I put the dog on the ground, picked up my towel, and thanked the nice man for giving me a hand.

He smiled and said not to worry — he wouldn't tell anybody.

Somewhere there is a FedEx driver who smiles — a lot!

Since I like to be as instructional as possible, the purpose of that true story is that chain-link fence comes with twisted wire (sharpish points) or “knuckle-knuckle.”

For dogs, the knuckle-knuckle is by far the better choice.

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. Read more at ipswichlocalnews.com.



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LETTERS

ELD manager is clear-thinking and committed to affordable, reliable power

To the editor:

The select board's unexpected and minimally justified proposal to change the reporting chain of command for the ELD's manager from the select board to the town manager is a bad idea.

While I don't have the history of involvement that others in Ipswich have had in supervising the ELD manager through the select board, I have had the privilege, as an electric subcommittee member, of working with participating select board members and our peerless ELD manager to ensure the ELD is clear-thinking about its goals, steadfast in its commitment to affordable and reliable power, and prepared for future challenges, be they weather events, technological changes or unexpected regulatory and industry changes.

We have succeeded in this regard largely because of the give-and-take and the learning and open debate among citizens, elected officials, and professional staff involved in this effort.

People with relatively little experience show up regularly alongside others who have had deep experi-

ence in these matters.

This governance arrangement has proved to be a good recipe for us the customers and owners of the ELD, and it has provided the professional staff with the freedom and flexibility to anticipate ways to green our power, hedge our power contracts to protect against price increases, operate with impressive reliability, and plan for future financial and technological challenges.

I have no doubt the changes we have seen in the past ten years will only accelerate as they did in the telecom industry in which I once worked.

Without a doubt, there are other ways the ELD could be governed within the town structure, but the proposal in Article 12 is not one of them (such as it is).

Clearly, as evidenced by the opening language in the warrant article itself, the proposal may not yet be fully-baked inasmuch as the article, if adopted would "... authorize the select board to approve amendments to the bill before enactment ..." — seemingly the equivalent of a blank-check request of town meeting.

Rather than taking up town meeting time to debate what I hope all in town would see as a bad idea, I urge town meeting to take no action on Article 12 and charge the electric subcommittee with the task of evaluating alternative governance structures that exist in neighboring towns with light departments and determining if those models, applied in Ipswich, might outperform the strong structure we now have in place.

Rowley, Belmont, Groveland, Marblehead, and others govern their light departments through independent boards. And unlike the claims reported in this paper, these arrangements do not require the utility to duplicate resources and shared services now provided by town departments.

As a Washington regulator once said to me, "Everything in this world is compared to what." Let's be thoughtful about this and not rush into a bad idea. There are better ones out there, including our current structure.

Whitney Hatch
Electric subcommittee member
Ipswich

Kassner and Mirra positions reveal stark differences — but also similarities

To the editor,

The race between Kristin Kassner and Lenny Mirra for the 2nd Essex District will probably be decided by independent voters.

The respective positions displayed on their campaign websites reveal some stark differences, but also many similarities, in their views on the issues facing the district.

Dan Kelly's Oct. 11 letter in support of the Republican candidate seems mainly based on Lenny Mirra's similarity to Brad Hill, secondly on his opposition to the Fair Share Amendment, and thirdly on the fact that he's nice guy.

In the same issue of your paper, my colleague Wendy Dabovich's excellent letter focused on Kristin Kassner's deeply held positions on gun and school safety, as well as on women's reproductive rights and bodily autonomy and promoting the

economic and environmental health of our district.

Still, independents may feel there's no yawning gulf between Kristin Kassner's platform and his, and no truly compelling reason to vote in the November election.

I implore local Republicans, as well as independents, to take the broader perspective and to see Kristin Kassner's opponent as a cog in the Trump Party machine.

I have no doubt that he abhors the bigots, QAnon, and the violent extremists in his party — perhaps almost as much as I do. But he clearly lacks the courage to call out Trump for the wannabe tyrant that he is.

When the vast majority of his own party refuse to accept Biden as their fairly elected president, condone the violence of the January 6 insurrection — some favor civil war rather than accept the will of

the majority — and pass cruel and misogynistic abortion laws in their states, he looks the other way and preaches business as usual.

I urge you to go out and vote for Kristin Kassner and the entire Democratic ticket. The near-term well-being of the 2nd Essex may not be at risk, but the long-term existence of the United States as a civilized democracy certainly is.

Joe Bourneuf, vice chair
Ipswich Democratic Town Committee

Editor's note: Lenny Mirra responded that his positions can easily be found on the internet. He said he "was very public about not supporting Trump, and a simple search would show this." (bit.ly/3CORLUS) "And I've condemned his statements publicly as well," he said. (bit.ly/3ESxziM)

GUEST COLUMN

Henry David Thoreau came to Ipswich, but not to drive cattle uphill

by Ray Angelo

There is no known written evidence that the noted author Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) ever set foot in the center of Ipswich.

He did visit the nearby towns of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Newburyport, on some of these occasions to give public lectures.

However, he did tread within the town bounds of Ipswich. In his first book, *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers* (1849), he gives a vivid and detailed description of Plum Island in the Tuesday chapter.

There, he notes walking the entire length of it at low tide. But the time he did this was not on that boatrip with his brother, John, down the Concord River and up the Merrimack River toward its source.

The time of his visit to Plum Island is unknown. A reasonable hypothesis can be made for the time and route of Thoreau's visit to Plum Island.

Most likely, it occurred during his years at Harvard College (1833-1837). Before then, he would have been too young.

After that period there, written reference to such a trip would be probable. He started his voluminous journal on Oct. 22, 1837, after his graduation from Harvard, and there exists much more correspondence to him after that time.

The route taken would most likely have been the shortest one from his residences in this period (Cam-

bridge and Concord) to Plum Island.

This would have been by traveling to Ipswich to the end of the road to Jeffrey's Neck, which, at that time, ended near the beginning of Great Neck.

Close by, at Eagle Hill, there was active clamming and fishing. From this area, it was a short trip by boat to the southern tip of Plum Island. He then would have walked northward along the length of the island.

There would have been two possibilities for his return to Cambridge or Concord.

He might have returned by coach from

Newburyport. Alternatively, he might have walked back to the southern tip of Plum Island and taken a boat he had rented or borrowed, returning to Cambridge or Concord through Ipswich the way he had arrived.

The Newburyport route would perhaps have been more likely.

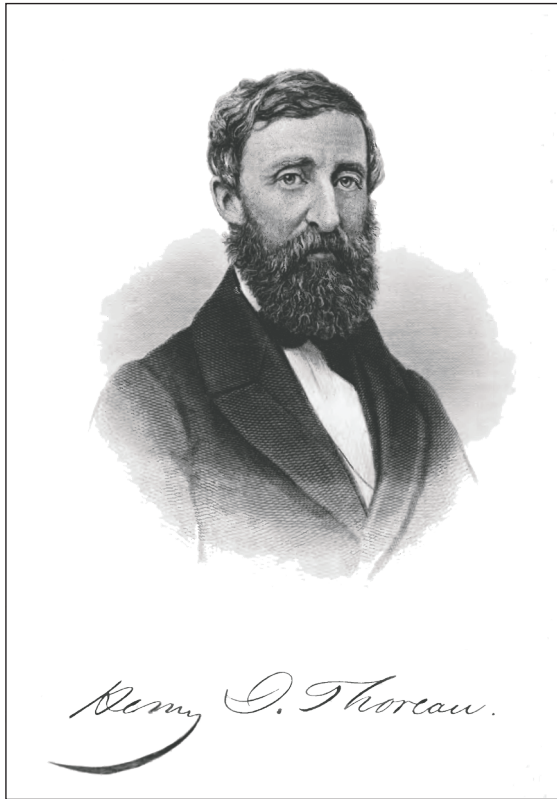
Lastly, in support of this Ipswich hypothesis is the single reference to Ipswich in his lengthy journal.

On October 22, 1857, he wrote: "I drive no cattle to Ipswich hills. I own no pasture for them there."

It stands to reason that Thoreau could only have known about the practice in Ipswich from colonial times of driving cattle to the hills of Jeffrey's Neck by having talked to residents of Ipswich.

This would most probably have occurred if he had actually ventured near those hills to get to Plum Island.

Ray Angelo is an Ipswich resident and author of Botanical Index to the Journal of Henry David Thoreau (1984), Concord Area Trees and Shrubs (1990), and other works published online.



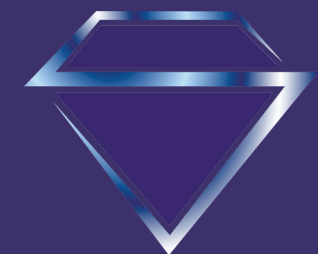
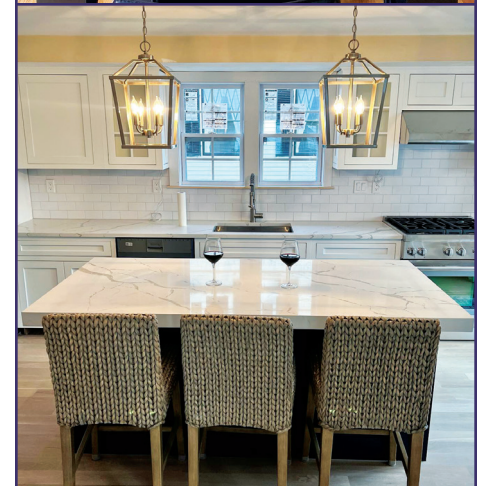

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Kassner: My campaign is about supporting people, building a strong future, protecting our freedoms

To the editor:

You have a choice on November 8. We are at a pivotal time in our history where each decision, each opportunity, and each step will determine where we are headed.

We have a choice on how to grow our economy, care for our people, protect the environment, and protect reproductive freedoms.

Preparing our communities and our people for success means taking a wide lens to understand that everything is interconnected.

We are stronger when we work together. We are stronger when we care for each other. We are stronger when we are free.

I am Kristin Kassner, candidate to be your state representative in the 2nd Essex District — Ipswich, Hamilton, Rowley, Newbury, Georgetown, and Topsfield (1).

I live in Hamilton with my husband, Trevor, and my son, Chase. I

have spent my career as a planning professional, looking forward and taking strategic steps to chart a path that improves us, the environment, and the economy.

Every decision we make today affects our future. In my career, I have drafted and passed over 100 local regulatory amendments and secured millions in funding for local and regional transportation and capital projects.

These steps — smart decisions about preservation, redevelopment, and infrastructure — transform landscapes and stabilize economies.

The Ipswich River is on the top 10 most endangered rivers in the U.S. It can be healed.

The North Shore Water Resilience Task Force has signed their charter, committing to finding sustainable water sources and improving the health the river.

A separate recent report has

identified actionable solutions to improve water distribution in the region. We can do this with continued leadership.

The North Shore has a distinct character, including a robust arts community, sweeping open spaces, individual ingenuity, and talent — a tremendous amount of talent.

The arts and agriculture give us our soul, and small businesses our heart. We are innovating. There is work going on today using biologics to breakdown harmful plastics and creating individualized therapeutics to heal us. We are doing this work here — saving people and the environment for the future.

We are emerging from a pandemic bleary-eyed and forever changed. People are leaving traditional work and moving into work from home or different careers entirely.

This shift provides an opportunity to realize economic growth within existing buildings. What was of-

ice space can become arts space or housing or health and wellness centers.

What was industrial space can be used for performance, robotics, 3-D printing, lab, or agriculture. Recognizing opportunity, bringing people and passion together, and connecting places creates robust communities.

My campaign is about “supporting people, building a strong future, and protecting our freedoms.”

I will work hard in the legislature to file and support legislation to protect reproductive freedoms; help our people access affordable childcare, eldercare, mental health services and housing; and help our economy to thrive!

We can accomplish this together. Vote for Kassner on November 8.

Kristin E. Kassner

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I can't think of a better candidate than Kassner

To the editor:

I am writing in support of Kristin Kassner's campaign for state representative in the 2nd Essex District.

I first met Kristin at the very beginning of her campaign; from the very start, it was clear to me that she was the kind of person I would like to see represent me at the State House.

She is a passionate believer in women's rights and reproductive rights, a staunch supporter of universal health care in Massachusetts and an expansion of mental health services, a proponent of child and eldercare and education, including access to affordable, quality daycare and community guidance in planning for the care of our elders.

Helping small businesses that are the heart of our communities to thrive is also on her list of goals.

As a town planner with 20 years of experience, Kristin has the skills to work cooperatively with disparate groups with proven results.

With those skills, she will work towards better housing options for

our communities.

The Merrimack, Ipswich, and Parker rivers are precious resources in the 2nd Essex District, and Kristin will work hard to protect them.

She is also very concerned about water use and the overuse of the Ipswich River.

Most importantly, however, Kristin is committed to defending our democracy, ensuring that both our First Amendment rights and freedom of the press are protected.

As she states on her website: “Every citizen should have the right and access to take part in our democracy.”

I can't think of a better woman to be running for this office. Personally, it has been a joy for me to work with her and to get to know her better.

For more information on Kristin and her campaign, please visit www.kristinkassner.org/. And please remember to VOTE on November 8.

Meg Alfoni
Ipswich

GUEST COLUMN

Moving the electric light department under the town manager presents many problems

by Charlotte Kahn

When the previous town manager negotiated key personnel contracts without informing the select board, its members were understandably outraged at what they perceived as a breach of trust.

It came as a shock, then, when only months later, the select board blindsided the electric light department staff and its own subcommittee with Warrant Article 12, “an act to amend the town charter related to town manager supervision of Ipswich’s electric light department.”

If passed, it would shift the responsibilities of the electric light department (ELD) manager onto the town manager.

Currently, the ELD manager reports to the select board as the town’s electric light commissioners. The board is advised by a subcommittee consisting of two members of the select board, one member of the finance committee, and at least two citizens with relevant skills and experience.

Without consulting or notifying ELD staff and the other members of the ELD subcommittee, without a government study committee recommendation, and without a public hearing, the two select board representatives on the ELD subcommittee submitted Article 12 for inclusion on the draft of the town meeting warrant.

Tammy Jones, one of the two Select Board members who authored Article 12, believes that the town should “bring the ELD into the fold so that it is not stand alone, with more oversight and more checks

and balances. Having the town manager also serve as general manager of the ELD would add a necessary level of accountability.”

Not surprisingly, Article 12 drew immediate opposition. The other subcommittee members opposed it in formal testimony to the select board. The FinCom voted its unanimous opposition. Former subcommittee members and officials penned letters against it.

The main argument against passage? The ELD ain’t broke, so don’t fix it.

Most observers believe not only that the ELD isn’t broke, but that since manager Jon Blair’s arrival in 2016, it has become exemplary.

The ELD ranks well on performance measures. The average customer experiences less than one power outage per year with service typically restored in about an hour. Ipswich’s 2021 costs were 35 percent lower than those of National Grid and lower than our municipally-owned peers. Sixty-five percent of Ipswich’s electricity generation is carbon-free, and the ELD’s ambitious new program ReSource Ipswich will help its customers reduce costs and become more energy-efficient.

Ipswich has also received international accreditation as a public power provider for the ELD’s adoption of industry best practices in safety, reliability, compliance, workforce development, and system improvement.

Moreover, had the authors of Article 12 consulted Blair and the rest of the ELD subcommittee, they would have learned of serious obstacles to

its implementation.

Municipally owned ELDs were founded under Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Law, which established the legal authority of municipalities to create power utilities as revenue-generating, quasi-public enterprises. ELDs provide a service that pays for itself and must be run like a business, distinct from city and town departments.

The law’s intent was also to distance municipally owned light departments from political interference.

Another obstacle is that electric utilities — large and small — are required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to use the “Uniform System of Accounts” enabling it to track the state of the nation’s energy systems. That requires a depreciation account to accumulate funds over the useful life of equipment and infrastructure in preparation for their eventual maintenance and replacement. Other town departments issue municipal bonds.

For Ipswich to integrate all departments while complying with FERC regulations, all departments would have to use the uniform system of accounts — a massive and

unnecessary undertaking.

Finally, shifting management of this complex technical enterprise — a life-and-death necessity at the height of summer and depths of winter requiring decisive action in times of crisis — from a highly trained specialist to a generalist town manager is foolhardy, presenting real risks to public safety.

One possible lesson learned is that asking hardworking select board members to also represent the board on the ELD subcommittee is asking too much of already-burdened public servants.

Indeed, of 41 municipally owned electricity utilities in Massachusetts, just three designate their select board members as ELD Commissioners. In most cases, the commissioners are elected as an independent board. A range of options could be evaluated.

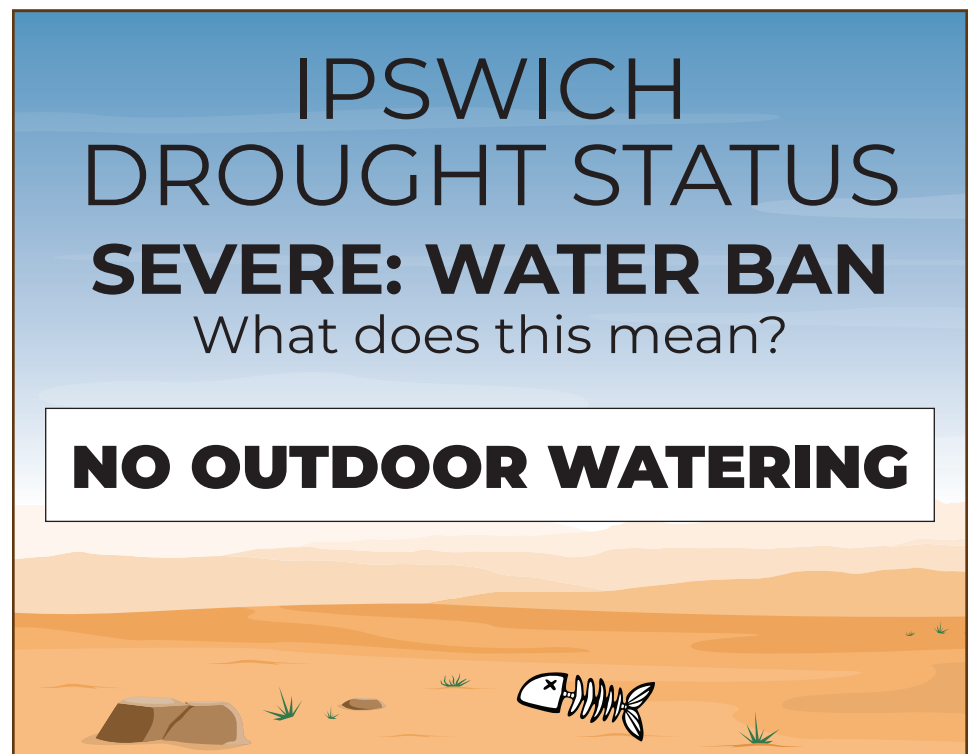
Personally, I hope that this broadly opposed warrant article will be soundly defeated, that the select board will issue an apology to the ELD manager, that issues facing the ELD will once again be hashed out around a table in subcommittee, and that we can breathe a sigh of relief that town government in Ipswich is back on track.



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Humane group needs people to cuddle up with a kitty (or two)

by Magella Cantara

IPSWICH — The Ipswich Humane Group (IHG) is looking for volunteers and fosters for their six feline residents.

Nora Clark, president of IHG, is inviting volunteers and fosters to fill out an application online at ipswichhumanegroup.org.

IHG is a non-profit group founded in 1982 that assists Ipswich Animal Control to enable a no-kill animal shelter for the town.

“We are always looking for volunteers, but especially fosters for special-needs pets,” Clark said.

“Our residents are mostly cats, and I feel like after they have been here for a while, the cats get depressed.”

Megan Sousa has been animal control officer in the town for seven years.

“The group of cats we have now — they are a really good group. They all came from living situations where their previous owner

could no longer care for them,” said Sousa.

There are two different bonded pairs that are current residents inside the shelter. The first pair’s names are Mikey and Boomer, and they’re both 14 years old. The second pair — Lulu and Gabby — are both 10 years old. These two pairs must be adopted together.

There are also two current single cat residents awaiting their forever homes.

There currently aren’t any dogs in residence at the shelter, but there is space if a stray decides to stroll along.

“We don’t often get strays,” said Sousa. She says that as far as dogs go, they usually deal with a run-away pet whose owner comes to pick them up.

Each year, the shelter will take in between 75 and 150 cats. In order to support the continuous intake of new residents, each holiday season they hold their biggest fundraiser, the “Tree Jubilee”



Animal control officer Megan Sousa prepares dinner for residents Mikey (left) and Boomer, a bonded pair. (Magella Cantara photo)

This annual event takes place at Marini Farms. Uniquely decorated trees and wreaths, donated by area businesses, organizations, and families, are displayed and then raffled off, and the proceeds go to the shelter.

Over 100 trees and wreaths will

be won (decorations included) at the end of the Jubilee on December 5.

“This is a fun, easy way to support our animals here at the shelter,” said Clark. “All the decorations and what people create — it’s lovely to see,” said Clark.

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Sen. Tarr endorses Mirra

GEORGETOWN — State Sen. Bruce Tarr has endorsed Rep. Lenny Mirra in the 2nd Essex District race. Both are Republicans.

Tarr, who is also Senate minority leader, represents all six communities in the newly formed district, which consists of Newbury, Georgetown, Rowley, Ipswich, Hamilton, and Topsfield's precinct 1.

The constituency was put together after redistricting earlier this year.

A Georgetown resident, Mirra is running against Democrat Kristin Kassner of Hamilton for the seat.

"Lenny Mirra is responsive, practical, and brings common-sense leadership on behalf of the people and communities he represents," Tarr said in his endorsement.

"Time and again, I have seen his effectiveness on issues ranging from coastal erosion to ensuring sustainable water supplies to protecting the Merrimack and Ipswich Rivers as we have worked

together on these and many more issues. That's why I encourage you to vote to keep him on the job as state representative."

"A staple of Essex County, Senator Tarr has provided leadership to our communities since 1990, and working with him on several important projects has made me a better legislator," Mirra said.

"I am thrilled and honored to have Senator Tarr's endorsement, and look forward to continuing to work with him to support the 2nd Essex District."

Mirra was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2012. Since then, he has represented the 2nd Essex District, which until redistricting included Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Merrimac, Newbury, and West Newbury.

The small businessman and father of two said he has "never missed a vote during his time in the State House, and he has taken a pledge to reject all special-interest money."



Donald Thurston (second from right) was presented with the Rowley Town Proclamation by the board of selectmen in honor of 52 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals (Magella Cantara photo).

Don't bother with the roadshow — Rowley to host antiques appraisal

ROWLEY — After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, Antiques Appraisal Night is back in town.

The event will be hosted at the Rowley Public Library on Main Street. Bob Cianfrocca, owner of Salt Marsh Antiques of Rowley, is

the guest appraiser.

Admission is free, but donations of \$5 per item appraised would be welcomed by the organizers, the Rowley Historical Society.

The event will be held Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7 p.m.



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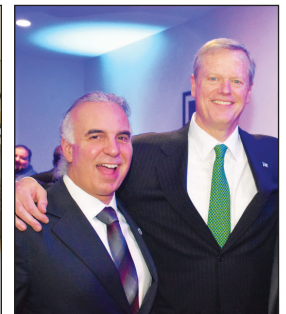
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"I am pleased to endorse Kristin Kassner for State Representative in the 2nd Essex District. She has experience working inside systems of government and getting things done. She has a long range vision for the health and well-being of our communities including action on climate change with an equity lens. And most of all, she is a woman of integrity. She stands for what she believes in even when it goes against the current of politics as usual."

— Virginia Leigh, LICSW, Former Candidate for Essex County Sheriff

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These articles are typically seen at fall town meeting after the state budget has been finalized for the year (remember: government fiscal years, abbreviated as FY, start July 1 and run through June 30).

During hearings before town meeting, there were some questions raised about how the money should be used. Expect some discussion there on Tuesday.

Articles 3 and 4: These articles are also normal at fall town meeting. They set final the tuition payment from the town to Essex Tech and Whittier Regional High School. Spring town meeting takes a guess in May on how much to pay, but final numbers aren't known until after students show up for the first day of school (around the beginning of September).

Article 5: This one should be easy. The board of selectmen changed its name to the select board a few years ago. Some old references to selectmen were still in zoning. This article would change it to select board.

Article 6: This one asks if the select board will lease space on the

Plover Hill water tank for wireless facilities. The fees, around \$34,000 a year, would go to the open space recreation and water supply protection fund.

Article 7: This establishes a revolving fund for wetlands mitigation. Fees would be collected by the conservation commission and used only for wetlands. Although the select board was unanimously in favor, the finance committee (Fin-Com) was unanimously opposed. FinCom said it received insufficient information to make an informed decision.

Article 8: The zoning articles start here, and each consists of multiple proposals. During FinCom hearings, some members were in favor of some parts but opposed others. Article 8 has three parts, while Article 9 has five. The proposals in Article 8, however, are not controversial.

Part 1 of Article 8 would remove the density bonus for open space preservation developments if any of the houses are proposed in the water supply protection district.

Part 2 would also be an easy vote. This tweaks zoning to allow retail businesses in the personal or consumer service industry to take over space in a commercial district that was previously used by the same kind of business without having to apply for a special permit.

Part 3 would ban drive-throughs downtown but allow them in commercial areas on Route 1 and Route 1A.

Article 9: This also deals with zoning and has five parts. Some are controversial, and this article may be split into separate sections at town meeting. In its report, FinCom said it was "inadvisable to bundle

these somewhat disparate concepts into a single article."

Part 1 changes the lot-area calculation for land with wetlands. Current zoning says at least 70% must be upland. The new proposal would make that 100%. The planning board argues that multi-family housing on land with wet areas is scrunched into the upland and leads to overly dense development. Opponents say the wetlands regulation is not the area to govern housing density.

Part 2 would introduce a floor area ratio (FAR) to zoning as a way to reduce concerns about the size and bulk of new developments. However, it would apply to downtown areas, and opponents say the proposal works against plans already agreed by town officials. Ipswich's community development plan and housing production plan both call for denser development downtown, and the FAR restrictions militate against both plans, opponents say.

Part 3 would remove an allowance for 45-foot-high buildings in the in-town residence zoning district. The current limit is 37 feet, but 45 feet are allowed by special permit in the in-town, general business, and highway business districts. The 45-foot limit would still be allowed by special permit in the two business districts.

Part 4 would restrict tandem parking to 50% of the allowed spaces by special permit. That would be down from the 100% tandem parking allowed now (tandem parking is a situation in which a resident or employee has to move their car for

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Ipswich residents to avoid most painful electric price increases

IPSWICH — Last month, National Grid warned that electric rates would go up by 64%. This month, some customers said they were told by the utility that it could be closer to 100%.

“We’ve tried to avoid that — and shocking our customers,” Electric Light Department (ELD) manager Jon Blair said in an unintentional pun.

In Ipswich, this year’s increases have already been layered in and will amount to around 25%, he said.

“We’re actually in a relatively favorable position,” Blair said.

One key difference between the utilities is ownership, he noted. The ELD is publicly owned by the town’s residents. “We are a mission-driven organization. We don’t have shareholders — we have stakeholders,” he said.

British-owned National Grid is

a for-profit corporation, he noted. Their mission is to maximize profits for shareholders.

“If we were out to make a profit, it would drive our prices up. It would drive us philosophically in a different direction,” he said.

Blair said that last winter, he and department managers anticipated this coming season would be difficult.

Robust economies after the pandemic at first drove demand up. Then, last February, Russia invaded Ukraine and sent fossil fuel markets into turmoil. The two factors have pushed energy prices a lot higher.

Blair said the department introduced six-percent increases in February, June, August, and September to hedge against rising costs.

He said the department now plans to maintain prices at that level, but he did caution that market volatil-

ity is beyond the ELD’s control and that he could not predict what will happen.

But, he added, “We hope that will be the extent of the increase for the winter.”

Sustainability

Blair also pointed to local ownership as a key factor in the ELD’s drive to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels. Ipswich electricity comes from hydro (43%), nuclear (24%), gas (17%), wind (13%), solar (1%), and other sources (2%), according to ELD figures.

That means more than 80% of Ipswich’s electricity is fossil-fuel free.

The typical New England mix is almost half fossil fuels. On average across the state gas is 45%, oil 0.2% and coal 0.5%, the ELD said. Hydro

is 22%, nuclear is 23%, and wind and solar are 5% total. Other sources are wood and refuse at 5%.

Blair noted that the ELD continues to seek alternate fuel sources and that it is now “the largest subscriber to the largest solar array in Massachusetts.”

The ribbon was cut last week on that facility in Ludlow in the western part of the state. Six utilities are participating in the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company’s seven-megawatt (MW) facility.

The ELD annual report said that around 160 customers generate around two MW in solar energy.

The department’s budget is around \$18.25 million, and it has 11 employees.

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another person to get their vehicle out). At FinCom hearings, speakers noted that the change would apply townwide and doubted if there is any need to make the changes in the rural residence zoning districts.

Part 5 adds some flexibility to multi-family zoning by allowing a greater number of single-family homes in the development.

All the proposals “will, in some fashion, reduce residential development potential,” FinCom’s report said. It was “concerned that the direction the planning board has taken contradicts the recommendations of the 2021 Community Development Plan and the 2020 Housing Production Plan.”

Article 10: This proposal would not restrict annual town meeting — the one held in May — to a Tuesday. It would instead say town meeting should be held before May 15. Several people in town continue to push for town meeting to be held on a Saturday and say the pandemic-era meetings were better attended when they were held on the weekend. Other officials say Saturday mornings are extremely busy for people with kids, while others just don’t want to give up their free

time. However, the change would not commit the town to meeting on a different day.

Article 11: This article came about because the select board was surprised to discover the outgoing town manager, Tony Marino, had negotiated a contract with police chief Paul Nikas. This is normal — the chief reports to the town manager. However, the select board claimed to have no knowledge of the discussions. Article 11 would have all contracts subject to final approval by the select board.

Article 12: This article has provoked a lot of opposition. It would change the reporting structure for the Electric Light Department manager. The manager, Jon Blair, currently reports to the select board. However, the board would prefer to see Blair report to the town manager. FinCom unanimously opposed this article, noting that the ELD works in a highly technical area and that “a restructuring is unnecessary.”

While there is an electric light subcommittee that two select board members sit on, the subcommittee was not informed of the proposal. The subcommittee members not on the select board have all spoken against the article.

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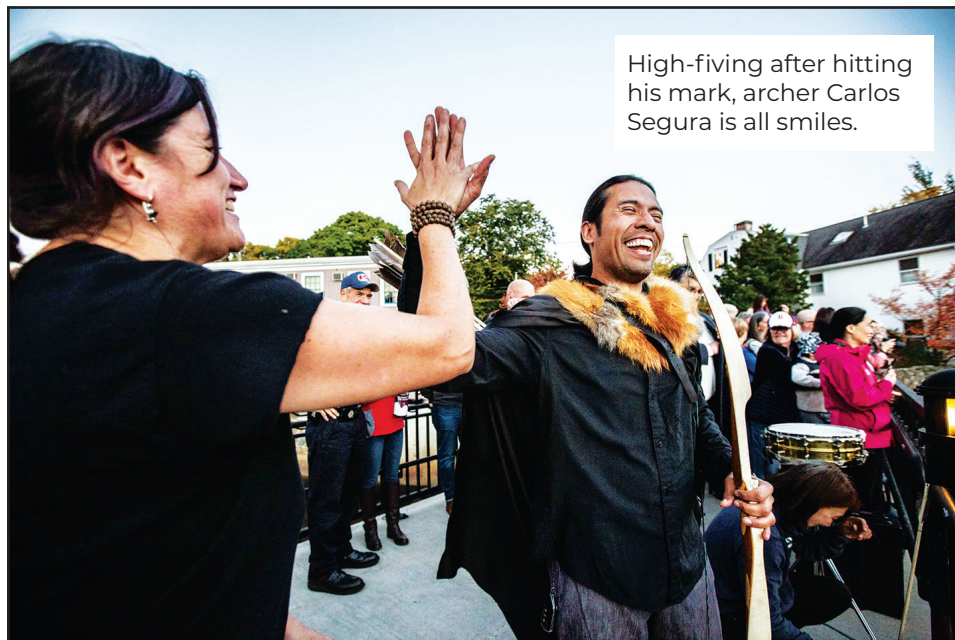
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High-fiving after hitting his mark, archer Carlos Segura is all smiles.



Lucia Weingartner and her dad, Matt, stop to buy a night light.



Colby Smith and Maddie Wardley enjoy the music.



Josh Almond of Buzz Comics talks with customers.



Ellen Link stopped on the foot bridge over the Ipswich River to rave about the poem an Ipswich High School student had just written for her. The students were writing poems for whoever asked for one.



Heidi Schauster and Pasha Cohen play drums with the Om Drum Circle.

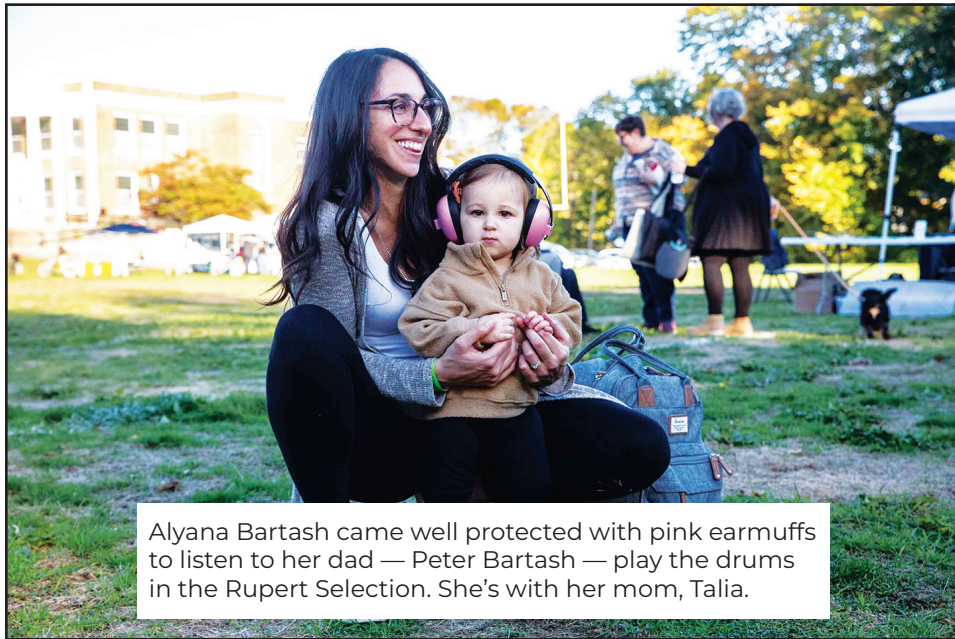
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Kim Thayer puts a finishing touch on one of her paintings.



Guitarist Sam Bouve and drummer Peter Bartash performed with the Rupert Selection.



Alyana Bartash came well protected with pink earmuffs to listen to her dad — Peter Bartash — play the drums in the Rupert Selection. She's with her mom, Talia.



Stefana Raducan shows off the rings she made for sale. She was helping her mother, who runs Elysian Design.



Francine Makuwa packs up a purchase for a customer.



Charlotte and Meghan Achadinha consider the options at an ice cream truck.

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Noelle Weaver and her mom, Tessa Weaver, help place paper bag lanterns along the River Walk.



Crystal Araiza and other members of the band Talk Chalk entertain the crowd.



Spencer Dunbar spins poi in time to the music.



Members of the band Dead to the Core perform.

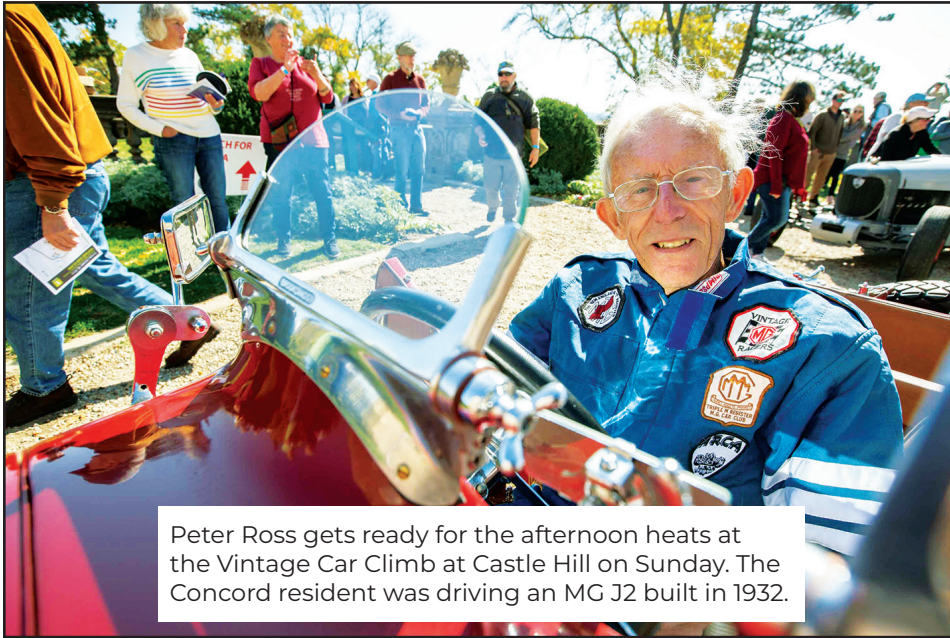


Firefighter Michael Bonaiuto prepares to climb a tall ladder on a fire truck to sprinkle a bag full of paper cranes over the crowd ...



... who were delighted to catch them!

VINTAGE CAR CLIMB · photos by Coco McCabe



Peter Ross gets ready for the afternoon heats at the Vintage Car Climb at Castle Hill on Sunday. The Concord resident was driving an MG J2 built in 1932.



Simone Torres and Johnny Romano take a break before the afternoon races. They're in Romano's 1938 BMW 328.



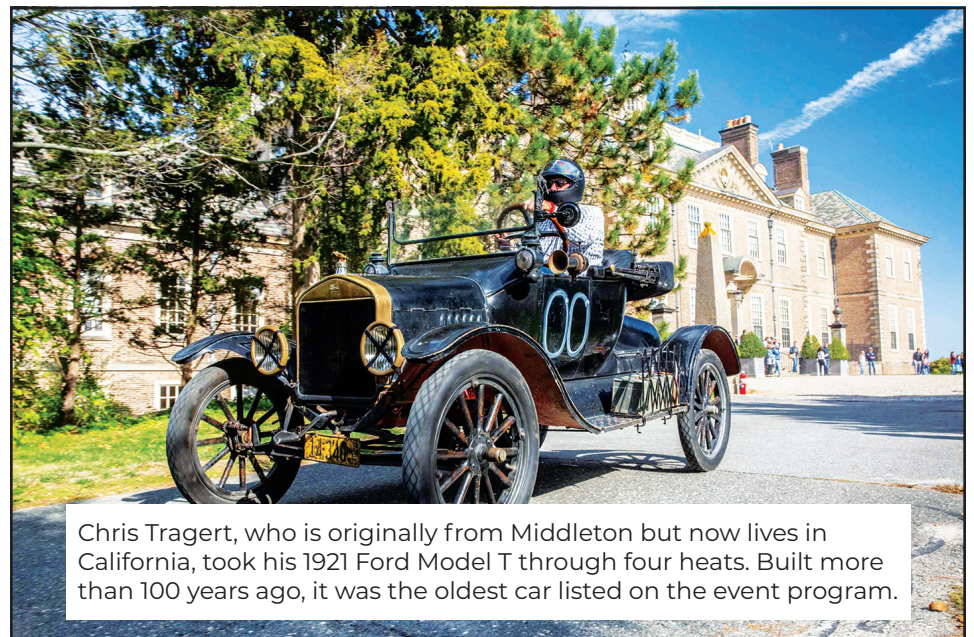
Vintage cars roared up the road in timed races at Castle Hill.



It was a classic fall day for the Vintage Car Climb.



Ready to make a sharp turn into the home stretch, this car heads up the road to the top of Castle Hill.



Chris Tragert, who is originally from Middleton but now lives in California, took his 1921 Ford Model T through four heats. Built more than 100 years ago, it was the oldest car listed on the event program.

What's on? Sundays@5, yoga and beer, Bradstreet talk

Please go to our website (bit.ly/iln-events) for more information about each item. If you have an event that you'd like us to feature, send the information to news@ipswichlocalnews.com.

— Wednesday, October 19 —

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 more information.

Flu vaccine clinic: The Council on Aging's office is the place to be to boost your immune system. Wear short sleeves and bring proof of insurance (don't forget your mask!) to the town hall from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Solo Parent Support Group: Meet up and support the discuss the challenges and victories of being a single parent at the First Presbyterian Church on County Road at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact Rosemary Miner at office@fpcnorthshore.com.



Erin Bradley and Arlyn Vogelmann of Hingham turned out in classic style for the Vintage Car Climb at Castle Hill on Sunday.

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.

Evening lecture: Learn about the life and work of Anne Bradstreet, the first published poet from the New World, at the Ipswich Museum at 7 p.m.

The Thin Place: Part ancestry story, part ghost story, this play asks how and why we choose what to believe at the Gloucester Stage Company. Performances Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

— Thursday, October 20 —

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 Green Street. All are welcome!

Kundalini yoga, meditation, and gong bath: Acupuncture Health and Wellness hosts Kundalini yoga, meditation, and a deep-relaxation gong bath with Ravi Sirois from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Antiques appraisal: The Rowley Public Library hosts a low-key

Antiques Roadshow at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations of \$5 per item are welcome.

What is Play? Dr. Peter Gray will be at the Masconomet auditorium at 7 p.m. to talk about how playtime is crucial to healthy development.

Celebrating David Bowie: Todd Rundren, Adrian Belew, and more perform in this critically lauded show at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

— Friday, October 21 —

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 weekly event from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Michael Schenker: The former Scorpions guitarist performs at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

The Breakers: The country's premier Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers tribute act is at the Blue Ocean Music Hall at 8 p.m.

— Saturday, October 22 —

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.

Essex ClamFest: Taste some clam chowder and maybe pick up a present or two from craft vendors at the Shepard Memorial Park in Essex from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live entertainment and other activities!

Om Drum Circle: Drum up a storm at the Ipswich Town Hall at 11 a.m. Rent a drum or bring your own!

Spooky Forest Walk: The Doyon Elementary School invites you to experience their decorated and lit pathway and enjoy great food, music, crafts, and more! From 4 to 7 p.m.

Cape Ann Community Band: The Ipswich, Gloucester, and Rockport community bands come together at the Dolan Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Free!

Paul Reiser: The comedian/author/actor/musician is at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

Tony Trischka: The roots musician is at the Belleville Congregational Church in Newburyport to perform his Deep Dive Earl Scruggs Show at 8 p.m.

— Sunday, October 23

Art Show & Fundraiser: The Christ Church of Hamilton & Wenham will hold their annual art fundraiser at 9 a.m.

Yoga at the Breweries: Anonymous Brewing on Main Street in Rowley is the venue for a Halloween-themed yoga class followed by complimentary craft beer. Get into your downward-facing dog pose at 11 a.m.

Sundays@5: An inspiring, out-of-the ordinary, community-building gathering at the Ascension Memorial Church on County Street at 5 p.m. Snacks, fun, and games follow!

Uncle Louie Variety Show: Carlo Russo and Lou Greco bring laughs to the Cabot in Beverly at 5 p.m.

— Monday, October 24 —

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, October 25 —

Jazz at the May Flower: Jazz is back at the Depot Square restaurant from 6 to 9 p.m.



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Kids of all ages get up close to fire trucks at open house

IPSWICH — The fire department held an open house on Saturday, and kids of all ages got to look up close at the equipment.

Also on show was a 1934 fire engine recently bought by Stuart Abelson, Ora's CEO.

Outside the fire station, young

kids dressed up in turnout gear, crawled into a "burning building," and used a fire hose to save a house.

Later in the day, firefighter Jeremy Dalton and Lt. Brett Emerson used hydraulic tools to show how cars can be cut apart to remove crash victims trapped inside.



Eliana and Samuel Stankus work the fire hose.



Firefighter Jeremy Dalton (front) and Lt. Brett Emerson show how a vehicle has to be ripped apart to get trapped crash victims out.



Kids get a ringside seat for the extrication demonstration.



Theodore Georgoulakos was on hand to try out the new fire truck.



Emily Pare tries the hose.

Word search: Scary movies!

It's horror movie season! Here are the top 50 best-rated movies (compiled by Rotten Tomatoes) to watch to put you in the Halloween spirit.

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| Alien (1979) | The Witch (2015) |
| King Kong (1933) | Peeping Tom (1960) |
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| The Invisible Man (2020, 1933) | Under the Shadow (2016) |
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| Bride of Frankenstein (1935) | The Wailing (2016) |
| Jaws (1975) | The Birds (1963) |
| The Babadook (2014) | Cat People (1942) |
| Frankenstein (1931) | Don't Look Now (1973) |
| The Lighthouse (2019) | It (2017) |
| Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) | Mandy (2018) |
| Vampyr (1932) | Tigers Are Not Afraid (2017) |
| Hereditary (2018) | Ready or Not (2019) |
| Let the Right One In (2008) | His House (2020) |
| It Follows (2014) | A Girl Walks Home Alone (2014) |
| Freaks (1032) | Drag Me to Hell (2009) |
| Night of the Living Dead (1968) | House of Wax (1953) |
| Aliens (1986) | The Fly (1958) |
| Silence of the Lambs (1991) | Midsommar (2019) |
| Halloween (1978) | Carrie (1976) |

COLONIAL TRIVIA

illustrated by Ed Colley

What did colonial Americans employ to 'grease the wheels' during election season?



Send your answers to news@ipswichlocalnews.com.

Answer to the last trivia question:

Oyez, oyez! I've got an announcement to make, and I've got the outfit to do it in. I'm a town crier!

Waaaaaay back before the internet, before television, before radio — before most people could read or write — there had to be a way to disseminate some important announcements immediately. And that way was to hire a guy with great lung power to dress up in a funny outfit and yell it in the center of town.

First, the outfit. 'Elaborate' is the name of the game — a red-and-gold coat, a tricorne hat, white breeches, and black boots for that sharp, man-about-town look. A handbell completes the ensemble.

Now, a script. Town criers were used to yell out proclamations, local bylaws, advertisements, and market days. In Germany, a town crier would also remind the citizens of the town not to urinate or defecate in the river the day before beer was to be brewed (ack!).

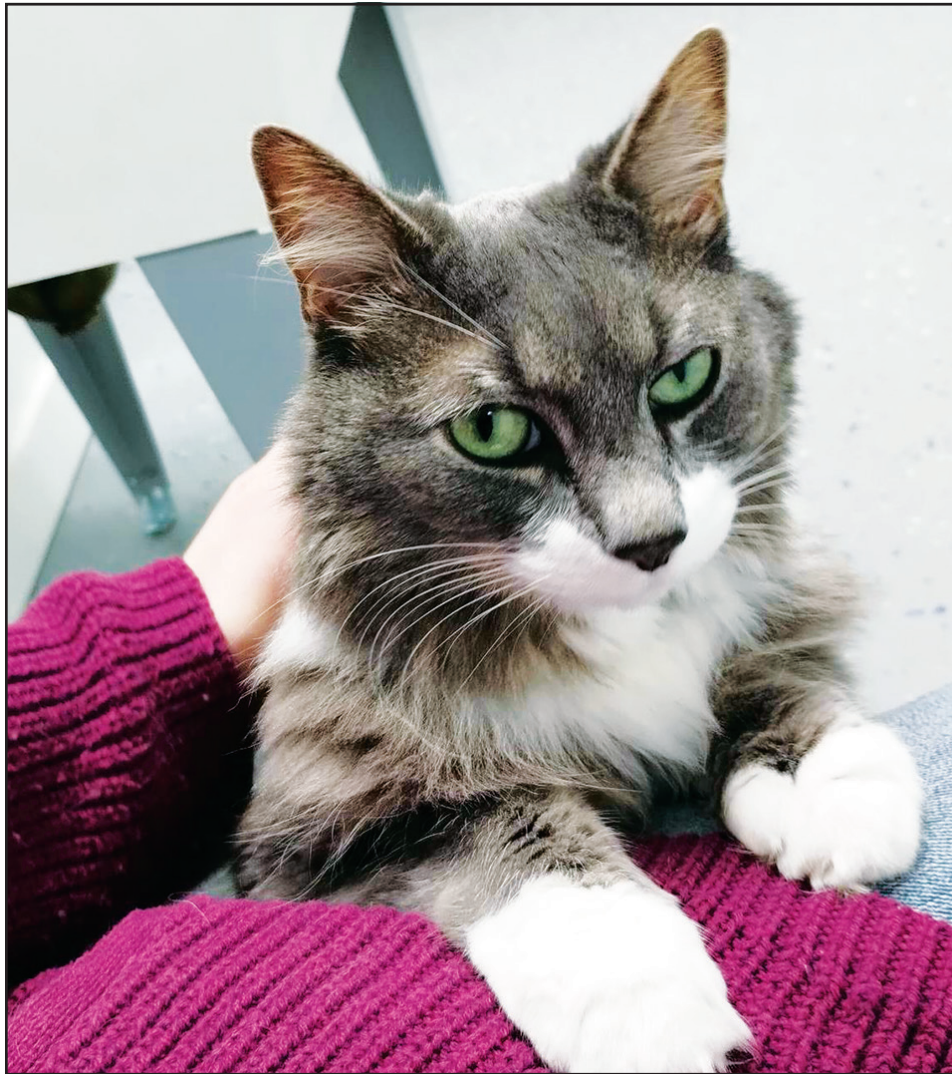
To get people's attention, they would cry out 'Oyez, oyez' — 'Hear ye, hear ye' — which is derived from the Anglo-Norman word for 'listen.' The handbell also came in handy (in the Netherlands, the gong was the attention-getter of choice, and French criers used a drum or a hunting horn).

Some other duties included escorting debtors to the workhouse, putting minor criminals in the stocks, and administering floggings. And when someone was hanged, they would read out the charges and help cut them down.

Unfortunately, one of their tasks was to inform the populace about tax increases. They were protected from harm by law ('Don't shoot the messenger' was a real command).

Despite the rise of literacy, newspapers, and the internet, some (pretentious) cities in America still employ a ceremonial town crier.





Twelve-year-old Fluffy is a very affectionate grey-and-white girl with pretty green eyes and long hair. Fluffy would likely do best in a quieter home with no small children. To meet Fluffy, please fill out an application at www.ipswichhumanegroup.org/adoption-application.html. Please complete all required fields to receive confirmation that the form was submitted successfully. If you are not online, please leave the Ipswich Humane Group a message at (978) 356-6652. (courtesy photo).

DAD JOKES

What do dentists hand out at Halloween?
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	two	8:35 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Friday, October 21	one	9:07 a.m.	3:03 a.m.
	two	9:26 p.m.	3:22 p.m.
Saturday, October 22	one	9:53 a.m.	3:49 a.m.
	two	10:14 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Sunday, October 23	one	10:36 a.m.	4:33 a.m.
	two	10:59 p.m.	4:56 p.m.
Monday, October 24	one	11:18 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
	two	11:43 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
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Discipline, practice, 'goldfish memory' bring big wins

IPSWICH — The girls' varsity volleyball team racked up three big wins during the week, taking on powerhouses Newburyport, Lynnfield, and Beverly and emerging victorious.

In the Lynnfield match-up on Thursday (Oct. 13), the Tigers won 25-16, 25-17, 27-25. Despite taking the game in straight sets, the scoreboard masked a very competitive game.

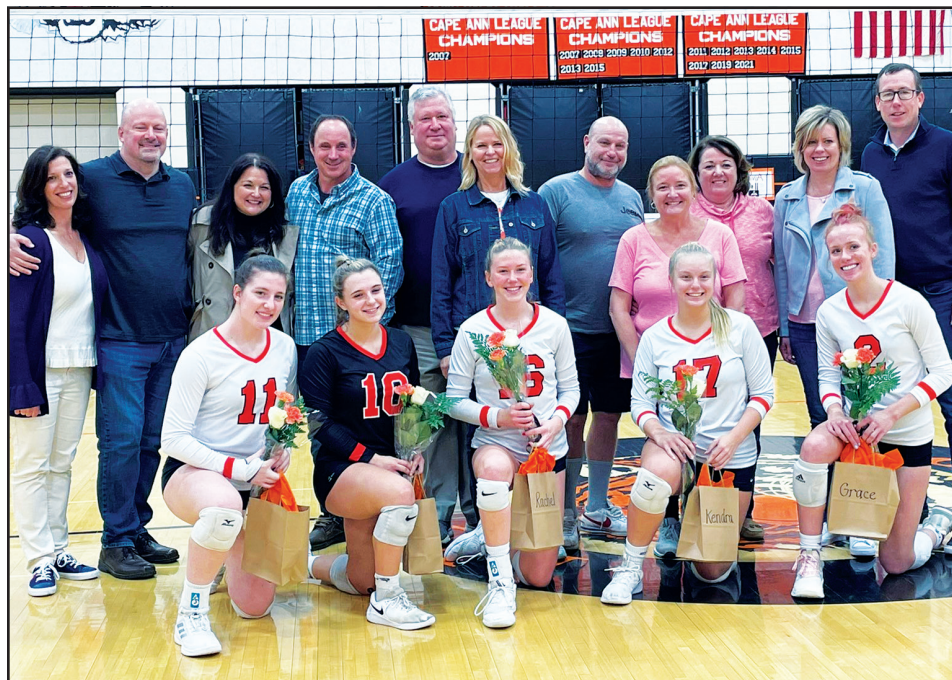
"It always is with Lynnfield," said coach Staci Sonke. "Lynnfield made us work. That's what so deceiving about volleyball — even if you win in three straight sets, there's a whole lot that goes into each of these sets."

Ipswich started strongly on its third set and it looked like they could run away with it after they shot up to a 10-2 score.

However, the Lynnfield Pioneers clawed their way back into the game and evened the score at 11-11. From there on, it was a hard slog



Rachel Alleva and Addison Pillis are ready to block at the net.



Seniors on the IHS varsity volleyball team are (from left) Alivia Mossler, Carolyn Bailey, Rachel Alleva, Kendra Brown, Grace Sorensen (courtesy photo).

for both teams, as the tally never varied by more than a point.

However, the Tigers seemed to have the game in their grasp when they pulled ahead 24-22 and just needed one last point to finish off the Pioneers.

But Lynnfield wasn't done. They scored once to close the gap and then, after a long relay, scored to draw — and force the set into over-

time.

Asked about the ups and downs of play, senior Kendra Brown said, "Our team has a really good mentality. We never think too far ahead. We always think one point at a time."

"If we're down a few points, we're not thinking, 'Oh my gosh, we're going to lose.' We'll get the next one and we'll keep rolling," she said.

"We do a lot of drills in practice that play from behind."

Senior and co-captain Grace Sorensen was even more succinct. "We just think of it as a goldfish memory. One point, and then you're on to the next one."

A lot was down to team cohesion, too, she said. "All six of us are able to do our job and bring it as one," Sorensen said.

Key players in the Lynnfield game were Sorensen with six kills, nine digs, and three aces; Carolyn Bailey with 12 digs, three assists, and 16 serve receptions; Brown with 11 assists, seven digs, and one ace; and Addison Pillis with five kills, four aces, and five digs.

With a season record of 12-1 and a Cape Ann League record of 6-0, the Tigers are now ranked number 1 in MIAA Division 4.

Newburyport

In the game against Newburyport on Oct. 11, both teams came in with just one loss up to that point in their season.

Unhappily for the Clippers, they went home with a second loss after they were beaten by Ipswich in three close-fought sets — 25-22, 28-26, 25-23.

Sonke said that game was extremely close but noted that the Tigers were able to pull out an overtime win in the second set.

Key players in that game were Sorensen with 10 kills, two aces, and four digs; Pillis with two solo blocks, six aces, and four kills; Tess O'Flynn with 10 assists, three aces, and six digs; Bailey with 11 digs (team high); and Ella Stein with nine digs, five kills, and one ace.

Beverly

On Monday, Oct. 17, the Tigers hosted Beverly and won that game 25-15, 25-21, 25-18.

Key players were Sorensen with 12 kills, seven aces, and 12 digs; Brown with 14 assists and five digs; O'Flynn with 11 assists and one ace; and Claire Buletza with five kills, 0.417 hitting efficiency, no errors.

There are just five games left in the season, and the team will take to the road for its next three games against Georgetown, Triton, and Hamilton-Wenham.

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Football team succumbs to Viking horde

IPSWICH — Despite a strong start — including an 85-yard run by senior Matt McGowan — the boys' football team fell to Triton 40-10.

McGowan made his run early in the game, and although he moved the play to within yards of the Vikings' goal line, the Tigers were unable to capitalize and had to settle for a field goal.

They held that three-point lead for most of the first quarter, but Triton scored a touchdown as the quarter drew to a close. They tried and failed to score a two-point conversion, ending the period at 6-3.

Rushing stats: Henry Wright (20-133), TD; Matt McGowan (14-154); Eliot Donovan (1-1); Louie Harrington (8-21).

Passing stats: Donovan (1-5, -1); McGowan (1-1, 43).

Receiving stats: McGowan (1, -1); Harrington (1-43).



Matt McGowan with the ball during the Triton game.



The girls' varsity soccer team had a disappointing week, with losses to Hamilton-Wenham (3-1) and Georgetown (5-1). However, they drew 2-2 in a non-conference game against Gloucester on Saturday. The team is now preparing for Senior Night and a game against Rockport on Oct. 19. Shown in the photo is senior Nina Galanis.

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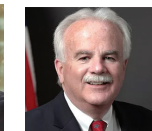
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Obituary: Jeanne Hussey

Jeanne A. Hussey, 75, of Lilac Meadow Way in Ipswich died on Monday, October 17, 2022, in the Beverly Hospital following her extended illness.

Born in Salem on November 16, 1946, she was one of the two children of the late Laurent L. and Ruth A. (Tweed) Thibault

Jeanne was raised in Beverly and was a 1965 graduate of Beverly High School. She continued her education at Burdett College, graduating with a certificate of accomplishment in accounting.

For the next twenty or so years, she was employed as a loan officer at the Ipswich Savings Bank. More recently — and for 20 or more years — she worked at the Beverly Co-op Bank, from which she retired in 1998.

Jeanne was a season ticket-holder at the North Shore Music Theatre. She enjoyed her many hours and days of sharing lunches and trav-



el with her circle of friends. She also enjoyed cooking shows, home modeling, and watching the New

England Patriots in action.

She is survived by her son, Michael P. Hussey, and his wife, Jennifer, of Danvers; their children, Shawn and Catherine Hussey, both of Amesbury; a brother, Larry Thibault, his wife, Krys, and their children, Matthew and Katie Thibault, all of Georgia; and her former husband, Car-

roll P. Hussey, of Danvers.

Her funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday graveside in the New Highland Cemetery off Town Farm Road in Ipswich. Family and friends are cordially welcomed. Visiting hours will be held on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home, 6 High Street, Ipswich.

For directions or to leave a condolence, please visit www.whittier-porter.com.

Obituary: Peter Townsend

Peter M. Townsend, 77, husband of Robin D. Petersen of Back Bay Farm, Candlewood Road, Ipswich, died at home on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, following his long illness.

Born in New York City on July 31, 1945, he was the only child of late Edward and Yvette (LaRoux) Townsend. Pete was raised in Fairfield, Connecticut.

He joined the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era.

Always a man of the ocean, he was a surfer, sailor, and dive instructor. He

and his young family lived aboard their trimaran "Celeste" for five years, sailing the east coast and the Bahamas.

After meeting Robin on a dive boat in the Bahamas, Peter and

Robin married in 1989, and their focus became Back Bay Farm. They cherished the time they could spend on their boat "Sweetie," and Peter could often be seen cycling around Ipswich.

In addition to his wife, Robin, he is survived by two sons, Samuel S. Townsend of Derry, N.H., and Michael B. Townsend of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and a cousin, Guy LaRoux, of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Private arrangements are under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral

Home of Ipswich. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to Cousteau Society, P.O. Box 506, Etna, NH 03750-0506.

To send a condolence, please visit www.whittier-porter.com.



DEATH NOTICE: Martha Thibodeau

Martha A. (Patterson) Thibodeau, 80, wife of the late Paul L. Thibodeau, died on Tuesday evening, October 11, 2022, in the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen after a short illness.

Martha is survived by her two children and their spouses: Ann and Nathaniel Guy and Scott and Stacey Thibodeau; nine grandchildren: Sean Thibodeau, Erin Thibodeau, Emily Guy, Jaheim Guy, Nathaniel Guy, Natashka Guy, Grace Michel, PJ Michel, and Daniel Cash; and three great-grandchildren: Ezra Guy, Chase Cash, and Mason Cash.

A graveside service was held on October 17 in the New Highland Cemetery in Ipswich.

Leave a letter of condolence to Martha's family at MorrisFH.com.

DEATH NOTICE: Virginia Steadman

Virginia (Rogers) Steadman, 92, wife of the late Ernest Steadman of Essex, died on Sunday, October 16, 2022, in the Sawtelle Hospice in Reading.

She was the mother of William C. Steadman of Essex and Elizabeth L. Hans of McMurray, Pennsylvania, grandmother of two, and great grandmother of three.

A private burial was under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich. Leave a condolence to Virginia's family at www.whittier-porter.com.

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To the owners of the herein after described land and to all others concerned, you are hereby notified that on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Ipswich the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest, incidental expenses and costs to the date of the taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

KEVIN A. MERZ, Collector of Taxes

20-24 CENTRAL STREET LLC, SUBSEQUENT OWNER: ANFM REALTY LLC: LAND and BUILDING located at 24 CENTRAL ST in IPSWICH containing .136 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 42A02210, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 39286-163. Tax for FY-2022: \$18,269.53.

2002 BUTTONWOOD NOM TRUST, RAYMOND, NEIL ST JOHN JR TRS: LAND located at 85 ARGILLA RD in IPSWICH containing 101.559 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 54B00140, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 29437-368. Tax for FY-2022: \$3,572.12.

ALLEN, VIRGINIA B., TRUSTEE, FIFTY-SEVEN ARGILLA RD.NOM.TR: LAND and BUILDING located at 67 ARGILLA RD in IPSWICH containing 1.300 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 54B00170, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9227-/266. Tax for FY-2022: \$353.83.

BELLEROSE JOHN: LAND and BUILDING located at 1 PLAINS RD in IPSWICH, containing .382 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 37B00060, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 31577-522. Tax for FY-2022: \$4,510.72.

BROWN, JAMES E.: LAND and BUILDING located at 234 HIGH ST in IPSWICH containing .289 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 20D00030, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 40324-530. Tax for FY-2022 \$5,417.92.

BUTTONWOOD NOM TRUST, RAYMOND, NEIL ST JOHN JR. ET: LAND located at 32 HEARTBREAK RD in IPSWICH containing 22.539 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 54D00140. Tax for FY-2022: \$3,626.64.

CACCIOLA ROBERT E TRS, ROBERT E. CACCIOLA 2019: LAND and BUILDING located at 142 TOPSFIELD RD in IPSWICH containing .800 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 53A00320, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 37443-422. Tax for FY-2022: \$4,952.86.

CASTANTINI, BETTY F and ALFRED D, JAMES S CASTANTINI: LAND and BUILDING located at 7 BIRCH LN in IPSWICH containing .382 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 28A01060, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5337-/572. Tax for FY-2022 \$5,410.20.

CIAMPA, DEBORAH ANN: LAND and BUILDING located at 8 BIRCH LN in IPSWICH containing .403 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 28A00460, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 30078-158. Tax for FY-2019: \$3,024.83, FY-2020: \$6,044.02, FY-2021: \$6,180.35, FY-2022: \$6,388.85.

COULOURAS HELEN LE, HART PAMELA C: LAND and BUILDING located at 10 FOURTH ST in IPSWICH containing 1.300 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 41D006C0, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19582-340. Tax for FY-2022: \$3,420.77.

DECHENE JUSTIN: LAND and BUILDING located at 71 CLARK RD in IPSWICH containing .083 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 24A00900, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 38355-119. Tax for FY-2022: \$1,123.34.

DICICCO, HEIDI TRS, THE MAKRIS FAMILY TRUST: LAND and BUILDING located at 94 LINEBROOK RD in IPSWICH containing 1.300 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 30C016A0, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 36887-524. Tax for FY-2022: \$1,643.67.

FMAN, LLC.: LAND and BUILDING located at 6 WILDES CT in IPSWICH containing .100 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 42A02250, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 36540-365. Tax for FY-2022: \$904.95.

FMAN, LLC.: LAND and BUILDING located at WILDES CT in IPSWICH containing .057 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 42A211A0, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 36540-365. Tax for FY-2022: \$1,123.93.

FOWLER ROGER: LAND and BUILDING located at 84 NORTH RIDGE RD in IPSWICH containing .373 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 15B00040, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 28133-86. Tax for FY-2022: \$4,752.18.

FOWLER, ROGER D: LAND and BUILDING located at 59 NORTH RIDGE RD in IPSWICH containing .149 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 15B00410, recorded at SOUTH

ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6254-/935. Tax for FY-2022: \$4,954.11.

GARDNER CARL E TRS, POND EDGE REALTY TRUST: LAND located at 1 POND EDGE LN in IPSWICH containing .180 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 37D007E0, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9918-/208. Tax for FY-2022: \$17.61.

IPSWICH CLUB HOMES ASSOC INC, 423-CLUBCORP INC: LAND and BUILDING located at 148 A COUNTRY CLUB WY in IPSWICH containing 232.271 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 19C00590, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 13970-233. Tax for FY-2022: \$15,654.63.

JANET A SMITH TRUST, SMITH JANET A TRS: LAND and BUILDING located at 343 LINEBROOK RD in IPSWICH containing 1.640 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 27C00280, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 32493-260. Tax for FY-2022: \$7,633.70.

LETENDRE 2014 FAMILY TRUST, LETENDRE LEONARD J + MARY JANE: LAND and BUILDING located at MARSH in IPSWICH containing 6.100 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 01400090, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 33159-187. Tax for FY-2022: \$93.70.

MARCHAND, KIMBERLY M. JT, HILL, DANIEL H.: LAND and BUILDING located at 11 MT PLEASANT AV in IPSWICH containing .138 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 41B01300, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 37419-417. Tax for FY-2022: \$5,888.59.

MAZZEO MARY: BUILDING located at 400 COLONIAL DR 35 in IPSWICH, shown on Assessor's Map 53B004735, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 29914-513. Tax for FY-2022: \$3,757.69.

ODOARDI PROPERTIES LLC: LAND and BUILDING located at 17 OLD RIGHT RD in IPSWICH containing 4.730 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 38A008A0, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24686-212. Tax for FY-2022: \$13,135.92.

ORHUN, BEDIA CANAN: BUILDING located at 5 SOFFRON LN 1 in IPSWICH, shown on Assessor's Map 41B02854, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 34766-234. Tax for FY-2022: \$1,305.45.

REGAN ELLEN J, REGAN WALTER E: BUILDING located at 401 COLONIAL DR 22 in IPSWICH, shown on Assessor's Map 53B004622, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 39084-375. Tax for FY-2022: \$4,407.27.

ROSS JOAN L TRS, 50 NORTH RIDGE ROAD TRUST: LAND and BUILDING located at 50 NORTH RIDGE RD in IPSWICH containing .372 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 15A00020, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 16662-375. Tax for FY-2022: \$1,107.97.

SOFFRON, STEPHEN SR. TR ETAL, TRUST AGREEMENT PN SOFFRON SR.: LAND and BUILDING located at 3 QUAY RD in IPSWICH containing 1.130 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 15D00140, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6389-/148. Tax for FY-2022: \$14,953.61.

TAYLOR MARGARET L: LAND located at 15 GREENS POINT RD in IPSWICH containing 5.590 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 02101070, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14766-126. Tax for FY-2022: \$442.38.

TAYLOR, MARGARET L: LAND located at 28 APPOMATTOX RD in IPSWICH containing .147 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 23B057A0, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6270-/333. Tax for FY-2022: \$446.24.

UNKNOWN OWNER: LAND located at 137 A TOPSFIELD RD in IPSWICH containing 4.390 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 53A00350, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 32031-247. Tax for FY-2022: \$435.95.

VERRENGIA JOSEPH TE, VERRENGIA LISA: LAND and BUILDING located at 26 GREEN ST in IPSWICH containing .155 ACRES, shown on Assessor's Map 42A00780, recorded at SOUTH ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 33882-78. Tax for FY-2022 \$3,232.64.



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Ipswich Starting at \$800k's to \$1M+
 Farm Village Phase III. Beautiful brand new, architect-designed homes range from 2,300-2,857sf adjacent to 40+acres open space. Near Downtown. Several designs, 2-car garages. Ready in 2023!
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Topsfield **\$799,000**
 Wonderful bright unit at The Meadows, 55+ community has golf at your doorstep, spacious kitchen, 1st floor principal suite with vaulted ceiling, 2-car garage. Could finish basement at grade.
 Hackett & Glessner



Danvers **\$749,900**
 Many upgrades and special features! 6-bedroom, 2-bath, vinyl-sided home has refinished wood floors, custom built-ins, updated kitchen, double staircase, walkup attic, basement. Large deck.
 Terri Sheppard



Ipswich **\$729,000**
 Very well-loved home on 2.58 acres. Updates include 4 Mini Splits, 2022 hot water heater and well pump. Granite kitchen-dining room with Brazilian cherry floor, deck, gardens, 2-car garage.
 Linda Syzdo & Terri Sheppard



Danvers **\$615,000**
 Beautiful move-in ready 3-bedroom, 2-bath Cape has lots of updates, 1st floor master en suite, granite-stainless kitchen, finished basement. 2021 vinyl siding; 2020 roof, gutters, insulation.
 Kristina Vamvouklis



Ipswich **\$599,900**
 Welcoming, well-maintained, shingled 3-bedroom Ranch minutes to MBTA train. Fireplaced living room, expansive eat-in kitchen, bonus room, basement, deck, 1-car garage. Will have new septic.
 Ed Dick



Ipswich **\$499,000**
 Light-filled townhome situated in a complex of townhouses on private conservation land. Living room boasts a gas fireplace. Two large bedrooms with walk-in closets, and a Jack-and-Jill bath.
 Sandy Lezon



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