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## Ipswich votes for Kassner

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IPSWICH — Democrat Kristen Kassner has topped the polls in Ipswich over Republican Lenny Mirra. The count was 4,057 to 3102, a 955 vote margin.

In percentages, Kassner took 56.7 percent of the Ipswich vote compared to Mirra's 43.3%.

A Hamilton resident, Kassner is a newcomer to politics and took on Mirra, who has represented the 2nd Essex District for 10 years.

A Georgetown resident, Mirra was faced with a challenge this year after redistricting left him with just two of the towns — Georgetown and Newbury — in his old district.

However, Mirra won Newbury by just over 100 votes: 1,957 (51.4%) to 1,849 (48.6%).

In addition to Ipswich, Georgetown, and Newbury, the 2nd Essex includes Rowley, Hamilton, and Topsfield's Precinct 1.

As of press time, a clear winner is too close to call. More results will be posted online at [www.ipswichlocalnews.com](http://www.ipswichlocalnews.com) when they become available.



Making their moves, the Rodehorst sisters work their way through a game of chess during the art show at Castle Hill last weekend. Left to right are Linnea, Freya, and Amelia (photo by Coco McCabe).

## Elementary school question dominates meeting

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IPSWICH — With an agenda dominated by the elementary school situation, it was no surprise that last week's school committee meeting was dominated by ... the elementary school situation.

It started early, when Bill Craft ran a new idea by the committee during citizens' queries.

He said an elementary school could take over the town hall on Green Street while a small MSBA-model school was built at Doyon. That plan was "never fully researched and vetted," he added.

The town hall was a school before the new high school was built 20 years ago.

There was discussion about a single elementary school on the site several years ago,

he added, but not about "a right-sized" smaller school there.

An advocate of smaller elementary schools, Craft said the plan could cost \$50 million less than other options. The smaller schools also have stronger neighborhood connections, he added.

Resident Kelly Healey urged the committee to consider Craft's idea. "I'm in favor of two small schools. It's a big reason why we moved to this town," she said.

A 10-year resident of New York City, she said she lived for a while on Woods Lane, which was just a short walk from downtown. She said town hall also has facilities that are not being used.

Resident Alex Villa was next. He said he voted for a single school in 2018 and was upset when it didn't pass. But he said he was told by administrators that "when you put everyone in a bigger school, it's hard to quantify, but there's kind of a

chaos level that amps up."

While Villa said he prefers smaller schools, he trusted the school committee and would support their final decision.

Resident Tyler Mosher spoke of the damage caused to cities by bad planning after World War II and said he moved to Ipswich because it had a "vibrant" downtown. Maintaining a school in the area would keep that, he argued.

Water Street resident Katie Henry said she moved from New York City, where the education department was moving away from large schools. "We moved to Ipswich in large part because it's walkable." She said she supported a school at town hall and wanted to see a "school at the heart of our community."

Resident Irene Josephson asked what would

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The scene on High Street on Monday afternoon after a bicyclist hit his arm on a car while riding past.

## Bicyclist injured on High Street

IPSWICH — A bicyclist was taken to Beverly Hospital after he was struck by a car on Monday.

The crash happened at 3:55 p.m. on Central Street in the stretch between CVS and Mineral Street. At the time, the dispatcher radioed that the cyclist was unconscious.

Later, however, police chief Paul Nikas described the crash as minor. “The bicyclist struck his arm on one of the car’s mirrors while riding past a vehicle,” he said in an email.

Police said the car involved was a Toyota Corolla driven by a Newburyport man.



The bumper of this Mercedes looks a little raw after the accident on Nov. 3.

## Minor injuries at Route 1 crash

IPSWICH — One person was reported injured after a two-car collision on Route 1 on Thursday.

The crash happened at around 12:30 p.m. at the intersection with Alderson Drive, which is a little south of the Linebrook Road traffic lights. The dispatcher radioed at the time that one person was complain-

ing of neck injuries.

After Action Ambulance arrived, they said the injuries were minor and that there were some fluids on the street.

A 2017 Mercedes was towed after the accident. A pickup truck pulling a trailer was fit to be driven afterwards.



Despite a serious ding to the passenger side, this car was able to be driven away after the Nov. 2 accident.

## Three-way stop scene of accident

IPSWICH — No injuries were reported following a two-car collision on Wednesday (Nov. 2).

The crash happened at the intersection of North Main, High, and East streets at around 8:50 a.m.

The crash was called in by a

passerby after the two drivers had already stopped to exchange information.

The vehicles involved were a 2008 Toyota Corolla and a 2005 Ford Explorer. Both cars were fit to be driven away afterwards.

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# Tales from the scanner: A fun way to spend a Saturday night

At around 9:05 p.m. on Wednesday, a caller said a car was parked with an occupant inside for the last half hour on Pitcairn Way. The caller was said to be worried about the well-being of the person inside. The dispatcher ran the plate and said the driver was licensed to carry ... but that he also owed fines in New Hampshire. The car then left, reportedly with no lights on. Police said they found it in the area later, as the man's girlfriend lived nearby.

3:50 p.m., a Yankee transit bus broke down in Lord's Square and tied up traffic while police waited for a tow truck.

At around 12:10 p.m. on Friday, a motorist pulled over on the Global War on Terror (formerly High Street) Bridge for a dog that was lying down and possibly injured. Police looked up the animal and found it lived nearby. Some workers at the house had let it out by accident. However, the dog was said to

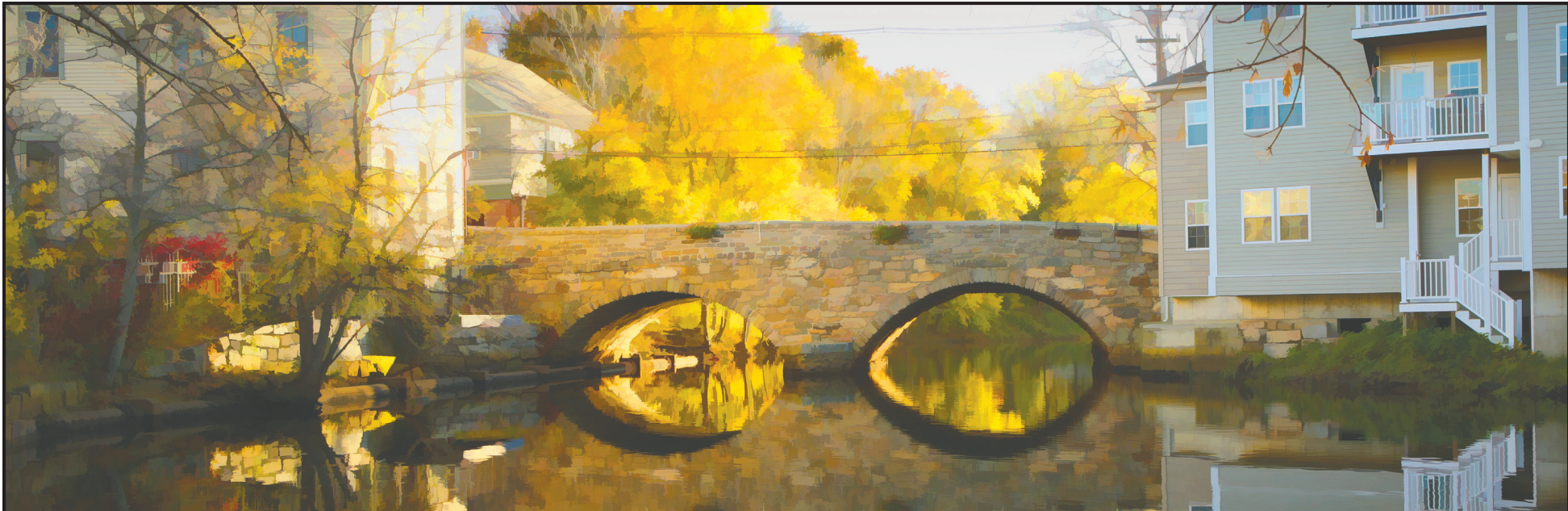
be old and suffering from a bad case of arthritis and was unable to go far on its own.

Around 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, a man was said to be parked at a convenience store on Route 1, playing loud music and fondling himself. He was gone when police arrived.

At 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, a car struck a deer on Topsfield Road near Foote Brothers. The deer was killed, and the car was badly damaged. The owner had to wait for a tow, police

said. The dispatcher radioed that it was accident number 164 this year.

At 2:35 p.m., a Kimball Avenue resident said a group of teenagers had just gone into the old Spa Tech building. They were carrying plastic bags, and the caller thought they could have been going in there to party. Three teens ran out when police arrived but were caught outside. One officer radioed that he was taking names and that the parents would be informed.



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# Newslets from the Ipswich select board

### Crane's board

New town manager Stephen Crane gave his first report to the select board on Monday, but it wasn't very long. "It's been a busy but fun first five days," he said.

He thanked interim manager Mary Gallivan and Leah Niska, executive administrative assistant, for their work between Tony Marino's departure in May and his arrival.

Crane said he still has to meet community groups and department heads but was impressed so far.

Later in the meeting, selectperson Linda Alexson said the board should do something to thank Gallivan. "I think she did a great job," Alexson said.

### No special election just yet

With Tammy Jones no longer on the board, the remaining members will have to decide at some point when to hold a special election for voters to choose her replacement.

The select board decided to consult with the school committee, which wants to gauge public sentiment on a new elementary school(s) project.

Alexson said the public safety facility reuse group would also like to take advantage of the election to present residents with options for the old police and fire stations.

The board was told it will have to choose its date carefully. They have to hold the election at least 64 days after they make their decision. And the election cannot be within 100 days of a regularly scheduled election. The next one of those is the town election scheduled for May 16, 2023.

### Public safety update

Speaking of public safety, Bob Weatherall and police chief Paul Nikas updated the board on the new public safety facility.

The combined police and fire station will be built at the corner of Linebrook and Pine Swamp roads and is scheduled to be completed by the end 2024.

Weatherall said the public safety facility committee is working closely with architect Ted Galante of Cambridge. His website said one of his projects includes the Topsfield Town Hall expansion.

The town has hired Joe Sullivan of CHA Consulting as owner's project manager (OPM), Weatherall said. The group is currently working on schematics and will host a meeting in December to show exterior renderings, he added.

Asked by Alexson about rising interest rates and their impact on what the town could afford, Nikas acknowledged, "We had to make some concessions here and there."

Weatherall said construction inflation was factored into the \$27.5 million project cost when it was presented to voters in October 2021.

"Things are going to become more expensive, and our needs aren't going to change," he said.

With a commitment to make the new facility carbon-neutral, the committee is looking at ways to fund some of the project through grants or other arrangements, Weatherall said.

Nikas said one suggestion was not to include solar arrays in the construction but to make the facility

solar-ready. That is because there are grants for adding renewal energy sources, he added.

### More tax revenue

Taxes are only allowed to go up by a certain amount (2.5%) every year without an override. But there's another source of additional revenue for towns and cities. Called new growth, it generates additional taxes that come from new and improved real estate during the year.

New growth this year will hit \$68 million, assessor Mary-Louise Ireland told the select board on Monday. Using 2022's tax rate of \$12.22 per \$1,000 of valuation, new growth would bring in an extra \$830,960.

Ireland said \$24 million of the new growth was due to the expansion at New England Biolabs.

She told the select board she wants to give at talk at the Council on Aging to explain what tax breaks are available to seniors.

### Grant sought

The town's new climate resiliency manager, Mary DeLai, asked the board's permission to apply for a technical assistance grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER).

The money would be used to hire a consultant to act as owner's project manager to identify projects where the town's energy use could be reduced, she said.

The OPM would identify a range of proposals that the town could prioritize and fund, DeLai said. Some could require borrowing that would be paid off over the years. Repayments could be made on savings generated by the projects, she said.

### ARPA funds

The select board will set up a group to review and prioritize requests for ARPA funds. Around \$1.6 million worth of federal American Rescue Plan Act money is available to the town.

It has already used some of the funds to replace the sewer main that collapsed on High Street earlier this year. That work cost around \$500,000 and closed the road while the work was underway.

The review group will report back to the select board, which will make the final decision on how to allocate the money.



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# Comley fined \$175,000 for COVID violations, banned from operating care facility

ROWLEY — Stephen Comley II, owner of the Sea View nursing and rehabilitation center on Route 1A, has been barred from operating any care facility in the commonwealth.

Attorney General Maura Healey recently announced a settlement agreement with a Sea View Retreat and Comley after allegations surfaced that they failed to implement appropriate infection control procedures at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring 2020.

“This wholesale failure to implement infection control and prevention allegedly resulted in some residents contracting, and in at least one circumstance dying from, COVID-19,” she said in a statement.

The agreement resolves allegations brought in a civil suit by the attorney general’s office in May 2022 against Sea View Retreat, Inc. in Rowley and its owner, Stephen Comley II.

The settlement requires Sea View and Comley to pay the state a total of \$175,000 and agree to no longer own, operate, or manage a long-term care or assisted living facility in Massachusetts.

“By failing to implement basic infection control procedures at the start of the pandemic, this nursing home violated state regulations and jeopardized the health and safety of its vulnerable residents and patients,” Healey said in a statement. “This agreement ensures that Sea

View and its owner will never again be responsible for Massachusetts patients in long-term care facilities.”

The attorney general’s office launched an investigation into Sea View in June 2020 based on complaints received by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Sea View Retreat closed shortly thereafter.

According to the complaint, the investigation revealed that Sea View and Comley failed to implement basic COVID-19 infection control and prevention procedures, including failures to properly cohort residents, conduct surveillance testing of staff and residents, screen staff at entry of the facility, train staff on use of personal protective equipment (PPE), provide staff with COVID-19 competency training, and ensure consistent staffing teams dedicated to COVID-19-positive residents to prevent further infection.

Skilled nursing facilities participating in Medicare and MassHealth are required to follow various state and federal statutes, regulations and rules governing their procedures and conduct, Healey said.

The attorney general’s complaint alleged that, because Sea View and Comley failed to implement mandatory COVID-19 infection control procedures at their facility, claims billed by Sea View to MassHealth during this time were improper and constituted false claims.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Have you got a winter tale to tell, Ipswich?

by John P. Muldoon

Now that Halloween is out of the way and the trees have lost all their leaves, it’s time to think winter. And winter can only mean one thing: cold and holidays.

Okay, so that was two things. Sue me.

The point I am trying to make is to remind all of you writer types to use this window of opportunity to get on your bicycles if you would like to see the fruits of your labors in print.

Just don’t mix your metaphors. And avoid clichés like the plague!

Our literary supplement will

run at the end of December. We had some very high-quality submissions in our last supplement, published over the summer.

This time around, the theme will be “the holidays.” You can write fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. I was very taken by some of the short poems we had in the summer supplement.

The deadline for submission is Dec. 9, which is just about a month away. So dust off your pens, find some paper, and get writing!



## Have you got a tale to tell?

**Deadline is December 9!**

We’re now accepting entries for our Winter Literary Supplement, which will be published at the end of December. The theme is the winter holiday season.

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## Running with Birds

### The great blue heron, a gentle giant, hunts at the wetlands' edges

by Rebecca Pugh

If you are running along the river or the salt marsh and hear the “fronk a fronk” call of a huge silvery bird, take note.

The great blue heron stands poised at the water's edge, sometimes for hours, searching beneath the surface for prey. When it spots a fish, it bends to snap it up with its muscular beak. It swallows this fish in one bite.

Every fall, local great blue herons of Ipswich fly south, some as far as the Caribbean. At nearly the same time, northern great blues arrive here from Canada. Great blue herons are with us all winter, but not the same ones that are here in the summer. The local summer ones migrate south, and new ones travel here from the north.

Great blue herons go through different cycles; sometimes they are company-seekers, and sometimes they are loners. When they roost,



Photo of great blue heron by Carl Jappe.

they choose the safety of community and flock together. They spend their nights in secluded wetland sites and join together with hundreds of other egrets and herons. They nest in the same manner; they raise their young in great noisy colonies. But when they hunt, they tend to be alone, concentrating on the movements beneath the surface of the oceans and ponds and marshes near here.

In these hunting times, they are silent sentinels of a healthy wetlands system as they search for aquatic creatures.

Great blue herons face several challenges with modern industrial times. With the presence of dams in the rivers where they hunt, fish are not able to swim upstream to breed

as easily as they used to be able to do. Fish ladders make a heroic effort at supporting fish swimming upstream for spawning, but many fish cannot make it up a ladder to get high enough upstream to lay their eggs. Food sources for herons are limited, then, by the dams in the river. To support great blue herons, we do well to advocate for dam removal on our local rivers and national waterways.

Great blue herons are in several locations in Ipswich this week. So if you are running by a wetland area, and you hear the “fronk” call of a great blue or see it poised at the far edge of a marsh, you can pick up your pace and give it a silent blessing. It has made it here against incredible odds, migrating to its winter habitat in Ipswich, and it is searching for its meal. You are running with great blue herons, and you are in good company.

*Rebecca Pugh 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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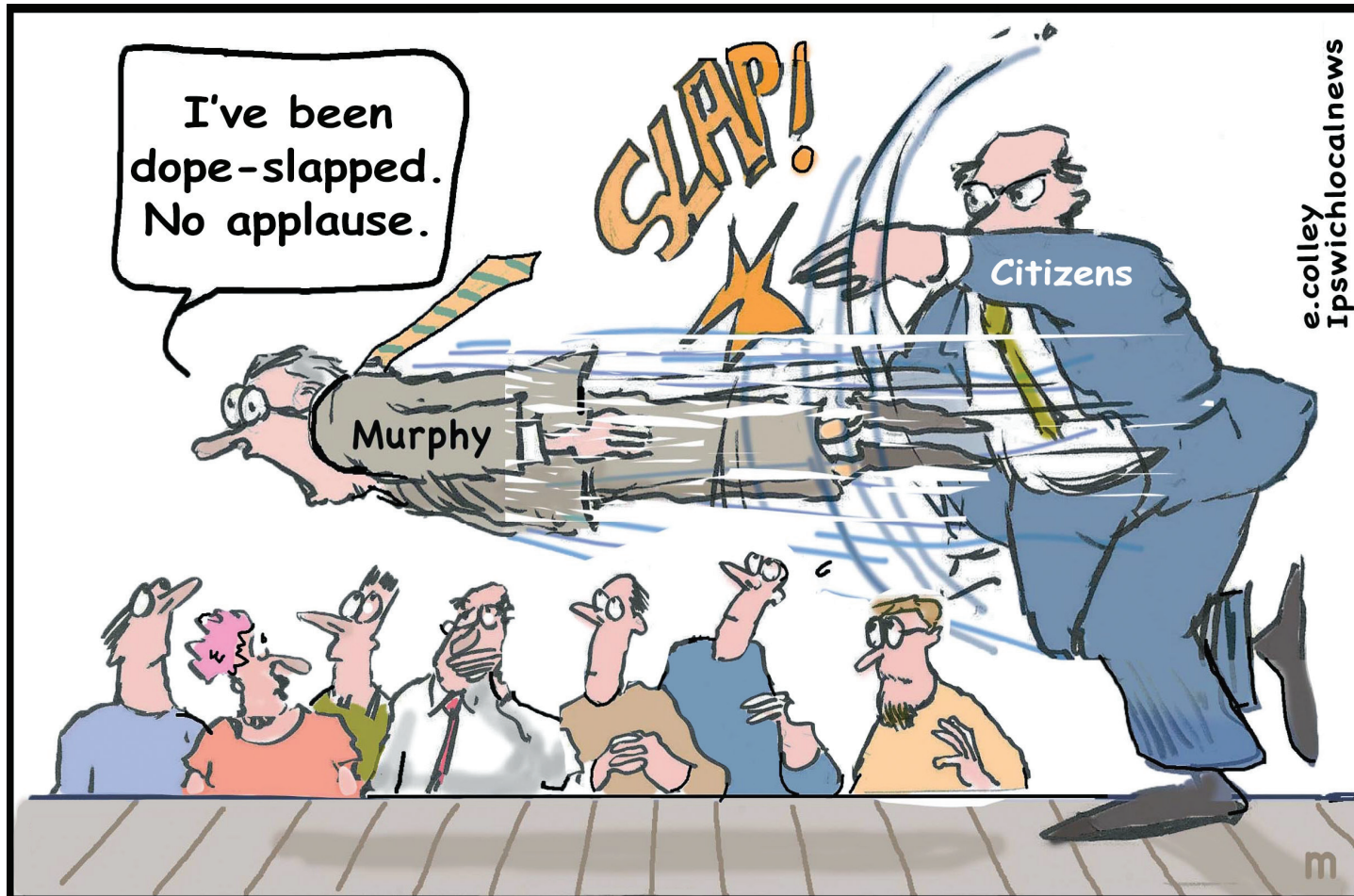
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## Ed Colley



## LETTER

### Remembering Nicole Downer, a burst of happy energy wherever she went

Nicole's favorite flower was a sunflower, which matched her sunny disposition. Most everyone who knew her would agree she was a burst of happy energy wherever she went.

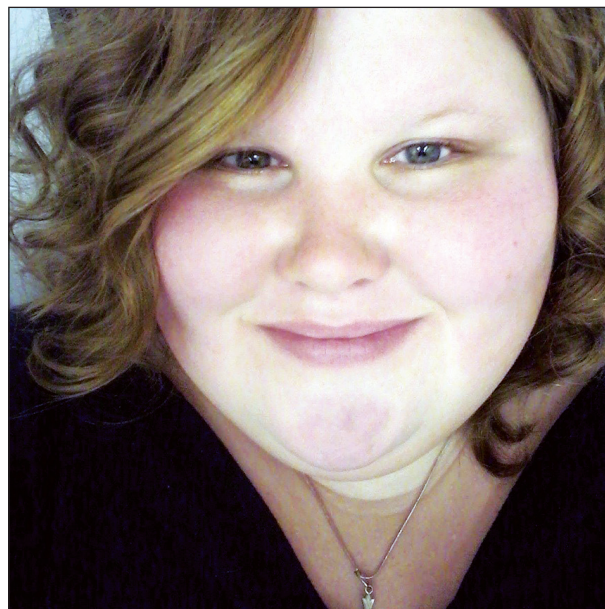
A true Ipswich townie, Nicole attended Ipswich High School with her twin sister, Courtney, and loved her time spent at the beach, playing sports at town hall, and dancing in the fire-fighter spray foam at the park.

Having developed a heart for working with troubled youth, Nicole went on to graduate from Bethany College of Missions in 2015 and served as a missionary in Thailand.

After returning to the U.S., she continued her work with troubled teens full-time in residential group homes.

A member of the Byfield Parish Church, she also spent time working

with the youth and missions ministries.



Nicole loved to swim. Regardless of where she was or what other jobs

she worked, you could always find Nicole at the YMCA teaching swim lessons and lifeguarding.

Many children credit their ability to swim to Nicole's patient and fun efforts.

In addition, her dedication to emergency response as a lifeguard over the years helped save several lives.

Even while in the hospital, Nicole managed to give back.

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## COLUMN

## Ipswich is not Wenham or Boxford. Ipswich is Ipswich, mixing commerce and community

by Bob Waite

Ipswich is not Wenham. Ipswich is not Boxford.

Don't get me wrong. Wenham and Boxford are lovely little towns. And they work hard to keep it that way.

But neither exactly embraces commerce. Yes, Wenham has its teahouse and a ski and tennis shop, but residents need to head to South Hamilton or North Beverly to encounter the hurly-burly of business. Boxford is much the same.

Ipswich, on the other hand, has been a town interested in business and commerce from the moment the earliest Puritan settlers constructed the first dam on the Ipswich river in 1637.

Ipswich settlers made things, be it pillow lace or shoes. It is telling that the Rev. Nathaniel Ward's 1647 satiric work of fiction, "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam," featured a

tradesman, rather than a farmer, as its protagonist.

Commerce could also be found at the town wharf, whether it be the hauling in of the then-ample fish stocks of Ipswich Bay or the hauling out of timber and other resources for export.

And so it continued. Industrial plants, including Hayward Hosiery, the Ipswich Mills, and Sylvania hugged the Ipswich River. With them came immigrants — many from Poland, Greece, and French-Canada — looking for work and enriching the town's cultural heritage.

Because Ipswich was a considerable distance from places like Salem and Newburyport (and, of course, Boston), downtown developed as its own trading center, with banks, dry-goods stores, pharmacies, groceries, and the like.

Over the years, Ipswich had its

own theater (the Strand), three auto dealerships (Ford, Chevrolet, and Rambler), numerous garages and gas stations, restaurants, and a hotel (the Hayes). Not to mention more drinking establishments per capita than any other city or town in Massachusetts.

In some ways, the crown jewel of downtown, established in 1923, was Hill's Men's Shop (later Hill's Family Store). I say "crown jewel" not just because the Market Street store anchored downtown, but because its owner, Howard "Taffy" Hill, was an example of the good a business can do.

Although he never talked much about it or sought the spotlight, it became well known that if calamity befell an Ipswich family, Taffy would be there to help. More than once, when a home burned down, he would quietly outfit the entire family with clothing.

"He was just born with that sense of generosity," his son, Brad Hill, said at the time of Taffy's death in 2011.

But Taffy was not unique. Many other business owners contributed to the community, either directly or through involvement in service organizations like Rotary, Kiwanis, or the Lions Club. The roll is a long one — companies like Ipswich Shellfish, Tedford & Martin, Quint's, Conley's, Elliott Fuel, Marcorelle's, McCormack & Son, Strand Furniture, Tetreault Jewelers, and on and on.

Some are still with us. Others, like Hill's Family Store, are gone. But my point is that embracing business and commerce not only provided employment for residents but did — and still does — much good for our community.

A prime example is EBSCO, which today occupies the Sylvania site and a number of other buildings downtown. The company is the poster child for good corporate citizenship, including the EBSCO Community Impact Fund, which allocates money to local not-for-profits.

There is also now Ora, whose CEO, Stuart Abelson, just made possible the return of Ipswich's long-gone 1934 Seagrave fire truck. Given all the controversy around Ora's request to locate a facility on Waldingfield Road, a cynic might see this as simply a PR stunt. But I think of it differently — as yet another act of generosity by an individual engaged in commerce in our town.

Yes, Ipswich is not Wenham. Ipswich is not Boxford. Ipswich is Ipswich. And that is a good thing.

*Bob says he still hasn't gotten over the closing of Hill's Family Store, the Strand Theater, and Quint's Drug Store. But you can read more about that in his book, Ipswich On My Mind, available at Betsy Frost Design on Market Street, Zenobia on Essex Road, or from Amazon.)*



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## The Outsidah

### In which the Outsidah discovers that a pool in the basement does not necessarily add value

by Doug Brendel

It's a calculated risk, moving into a 200-year-old house. You're not really the owner; you're a temporary steward. The house has already lived longer than you ever will, and unless you screw up badly, the house will still be standing there, above ground, long after you've moved below.

Living in a historic home is a privilege. And occasionally a pain.

In my hometown of Ipswich, my house — rear built in 1797, front in 1817 — is “new construction.” Ipswich is famous for having more First Period homes (1626-1725) than any other U.S. community. Technically my house isn't “colonial” — historians use “federal” for this era. This house is too “new” to be “colonial.” If I refer to my house as “colonial,” someone from the Ipswich Historical Commission shows up at my door with a musket.

Buy a 200-years-new house, and you make certain assumptions. You may love the beautifully preserved original touches. But you also live with tilted floors, crooked doors, leaky windows, ancient systems. A historic-house expert visited our dirt-floor basement, saw the odd assortment of makeshift columns holding up the floor above, and said, “This is 200 years of lazy husbands.”

Owners make improvements. After our house was built by Timothy Morse, some subsequent owner put in an oil tank and radiators.

Someone added electricity. Someone sprang for the most important enhancement of all: indoor plumbing.

I'm no engineer. I've never needed to be. I've lived most of my life in reasonable houses built in my own lifetime with modern conveniences. Today, if I want to microwave yesterday's pizza while someone else blow-dries their hair, the house suddenly goes dark and quiet. You have to find something called an “electrical panel” and “reset” something called a “circuit breaker.” I don't know what any of this means. All I know is that growing up in Chicago, I could toast a slice of raisin bread while watching Bugs Bunny. Now, I can't.

This week, I learned — in painful detail — about the imperfections of yet another system in my beloved antique dwelling. Thanks to occasional minor emergencies in the downstairs bathroom, I have learned to use a plunger. My wife is the practical member of the team. She owns all the power tools and understands all the mysterious ways and means of our old house. But she was away at work, I was home alone, and the toilet backed up. So I plunged.

My very good neighbor across the street is a plumber, and he taught me the ideal technique for plunging: It's not just push-push-push. The more effective practice is push-push-PULL. I push-push-pulled for half an hour or so and finally got the line clear. I was so proud of my-

self, I decided to celebrate by doing my own laundry.

However, as the washing machine emptied, water started flowing from the base of the toilet and backing up out of the adjacent shower. I found the bathroom, the hallway, and the laundry room flooded. I sprang into action: I spread an assortment of beach towels to sop up the water, I texted the news to my wife — and I left town.

In my defense, I did have a previously scheduled speaking engagement in Connecticut.

While I was there, I got the report from my wife. It turns out that the decades-old pipe between the centuries-old house and the who-knows-how-old septic tank was clogged. So, for some unknown number of days, we'd been pumping all of our waste — from every sink, shower, tub, and toilet — into our basement.

By the time I got home, my wife

had hired emergency drain-uncloggers, and all we had left to contend with was our basement floor. Instead of federal-period dirt, we now have Jurassic-period swamp.

Our plumbing system? Intact. Working as well as it did the day it was installed, back there in the 19th century.

Our house? Intact. Occasionally a pain, but we're going to keep it.

Our marriage? Intact. I married my handyman. She knew what she was getting into.

*Doug Brendel lives in a state of perpetual confusion on outer Linebrook Road. Check in on him, please, at Doug-Brendel.com.*



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## LETTERS

### Saying 'Happy holidays' demonstrates respect for various types of celebrations

To the editor:

When someone says "Happy holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas," remember that they're not necessarily doing it out of political correctness. They do it out of respect.

From the 20th of November to January 24th, there are at least 15 different religious holidays.

So, when someone says "Happy holidays" to you, you could respond by saying, "And to you."

It's demonstrating respect for the varying types of celebrations. I believe the people of Ipswich do honor the diversity of cultures in Ipswich.

I not only celebrate Christmas but

also the Winter Solstice (December 21) that marks the darkest day of the year and the coming of the light.

I make a connection between the Solstice celebration of renewed light with the Christmas celebration of the coming of the Light, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas tree actually originated from pagan traditions. Many ancient cultures used evergreen boughs, which reminded them of all the green plants that would grow again when the sun was strong and summer would return.

Germany is credited with starting the tradition of the Christmas tree as we now know it.

In the 16th century, devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes.

Martin Luther started the tradition of decorating the tree with real candles.

So, "Happy holidays" to all Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Black Americans celebrating Kwanzaa, and Christians.

Honor Armistice Day. Happy Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas. Happy Hanukkah. Shalom. Namaste. Habari Gani. Konnichiwa.

Happy holidays!

Mary Blaquiere  
Ipswich

### With the help of so many in Ipswich, Iraqi refugees have found a home here

To the editor,

What makes Ipswich such a great place to live? Each of us has reasons why we love this town, but there is one local group and one family in particular who think there is no better place to be than Ipswich.

This family had to flee Iraq, leaving everything and everyone they knew and loved behind. They were granted refugee status over five years ago and were resettled in Ipswich by a federally funded division of Catholic Charities. The newly formed Ipswich Refugee Program (IRP) organized volunteers to help coordinate housing, transportation, tutoring, employment, and medical care and school for their son.

Now, both adults are employed in manufacturing and nursing. They

were proud to become U.S. citizens in April.

Then, in June, the family heard about an affordable housing lottery for a home on Primrose Farm. With the help of their friends at the Ipswich Refugee Program and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, they got the applications, filled out all the required paperwork, and determined that they had saved enough from their two jobs to be eligible. Their dreams came true when they heard they had been awarded one of the six affordable units.

None of this would have been possible without Kiernan McAllen and Ed Champy of the Waypoint Companies, who built these beautiful new homes. McAllen also said many thanks should go to the

Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission, who worked closely with Waypoint to ensure that this project provided affordable housing and complied with guidelines for preserving our unique landscape.

EBSCO is another major contributor to the process. In the beginning, EBSCO had connected with the Refugee Program to offer refurbished surplus laptops for newly arrived people from Afghanistan. When the need for furniture storage arose, they found space in and arranged for an EBSCO truck to pick up and move donated furniture.

As this Iraqi family of five prepared to move from their small apartment to their spacious new home, six EBSCO employees volunteered to shift furniture from storage and from their old apartment to an EBSCO truck to the new house.

What a wonderful story this family has to tell of the many friends who have become their extended family here in Ipswich. They continue to express their feelings of heartfelt gratitude and thanks for Waypoint Companies, EBSCO, the Ipswich Refugee Program and the town of Ipswich, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the school system, and the warm, friendly people who have welcomed them "home."

Lynn Lenhart, president  
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## SERVICE DOG PROJECT

### We're getting the service dogs used to air brakes and train travel

by Carlene White

Air brakes can be absolutely terrifying to a young dog. It's not that sharp noise — like a bark — but rather it's an ongoing whoooooosh noise that lasts for a second or two.

When that happens with a pup, you can just see them looking for a place to hide quickly. They don't understand.

To get them accustomed to this noise, we often go to Bentley Warren Trucking's scale. They are very nice to allow us to use their air brakes to train these pups.

A truck will come in empty, get up on the scale, and release the brakes with a great whoosh. They then drive off the scale and go get loaded with stones or sand or whatever, then get back on the scale with another great whoosh and drive back to the highway.

Bentley Warren is a very busy place, and I'm sure you've seen their trucks all over Ipswich. They do us a great favor by letting us listen to their noises. Oddball training, but so necessary.

Another good airbrake training place is across from the fire department in Georgetown as the trucks brake for the light. Buses make that noise, too.

More "sit in car with open window" training is done at the Beverly train station.

The first few days there, you have to let them get used to the noise of the trains coming and going before we even consider trying to get on a



Hanging out at Bentley Warren is a good way to get the pups used to the sound of air brakes (courtesy photo).

train.

It's usually no problem to get on the train from a platform that is relatively level with the train's open door.

The problem comes when you want to step out of the train. These being New England trains, the steps coming down from the train are ones that you can see through, so that the snow falls through them.

That's a whole new experience for the dogs, but it is quickly solved by putting down either a towel or a newspaper so that the pup is more inclined to think it's solid footing.

We use Beverly because there are twice as many trains coming and going from there — one train line goes to Rockport, and the other to Newburyport.

After studying the schedule, I

found that the quickest way for two train rides is to take a train toward Salem. Where, within very few minutes, there's a train going from Salem back to Beverly.

It is the "achieve boredom" concept necessary for dog training. All these things take time (and a lot of coffee drinking).

*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.*

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## LETTER

### Bob Waite's column brings back fond memories of working at Quint's Drug Store as a teen in the '70s

To Bob Waite:

As an aside, having re-read your column of October 12, 2022, I can't help but reflect on the insular nature of that town I left behind some 39 years ago.

It just so happened that during my junior and senior years (1976-1978) at Ipswich High School, I had secured gainful employment at Quint's Drug Store.

I spent many hours at the soda fountain dipping Richardson's (yes, Richardson's, not Robertson's) ice cream cones, mixing frappes, stirring multiple grasshoppers for a pretty girl who caught my eye, balancing scoops of ice cream on the rims of soda glasses, and serving coffee, tea, and sandwiches to the masses.

I sold a right many packs of Marlboros, Newport, Parliaments, and Lucky Strikes, too.

My duties also included shoveling snow off the Market and Central

streets' sidewalks (thus enabling the chronic and sometimes infamous Quint's Corner loiterers), door-to-door prescription deliveries, and manning the cash register on the other side of the store to tend to, among other things, prescription pick-ups, Kodak film developing, and all the other sundry purchases of the pre-CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, etc. independent corner drugstore days.

But I digress.

As mentioned in your column's coda, you bought a "perfectly square box of Russell Stover chocolates" at Quint's Drug Store as a Mother's Day substitute gift for your jettisoned pump lamp.

At Quint's, I gift-wrapped countless boxes of Russell Stover chocolates and Whitman's Samplers, in either white or gold-checked paper, for last-minute, desperate shoppers such as yourself.

Needless to say, recipients, espe-



Quint's Corner in times gone by. The drugstore is now Heart & Soul Cafe (image via HistoricIpswich.org).

cially mothers, apparently loved them (because they pretty much had to).

Sometimes, a dropped and/or broken-open box of these "delicacies" was shared amongst the employees on duty, but, sadly, without much enthusiasm.

Nevertheless, the insularity continues: I actually attended (undoubt-

edly due to a certain person's letter of recommendation) and graduated from the alma mater (United States Merchant Marine Academy) of my absolute, all-time favorite employer: the late, great, super-generous Mr. Norman Quint.

Thanks for your indulgence.

Joel Meers

Fredericksburg, Virginia

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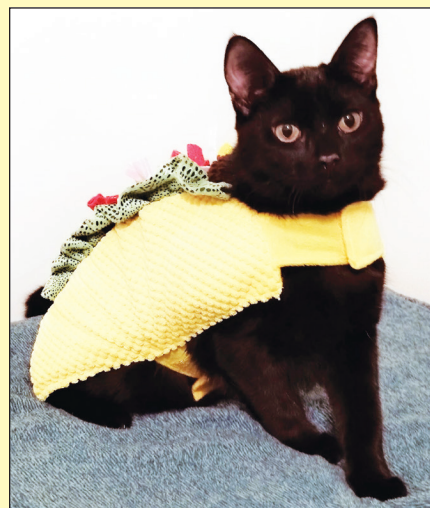


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# Rowley selectmen: Intersection upgrade and school renovations

by Magella Cantara

ROWLEY — Between Veterans Day this Friday and two massive projects beginning next year, the town has a lot to be on the lookout for.

On Monday evening, the board of selectmen discussed new updates on the upcoming Route 1 (Newburyport Turnpike) intersection project.

This \$1.38 million project, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), will tackle safety problems at the intersection.

Chairman Robert Snow says that he anticipates this project will start “the end of March, beginning of April.”

While it’s not the most dangerous intersection in town, it is still very busy.

Resident Bernie Cullen stood up to say a few words.

“I’m concerned with any potential hazards there might be,” he said. “This construction will be a huge inconvenience to the surrounding homes and roads, causing a huge back-up in traffic.”

“Town officials will be meeting with construction, and there will be updates soon,” Snow responded.

He confirmed that this project will take approximately 359 days to complete.

“This is a baby-step process, but when it’s all done, it will be in better shape,” he said.

More information will be released before work starts to remind people

what they can expect when driving on Route 1 and Central Street next year.

## School renovations

Another possible project in 2023 is renovations at Triton Regional High School and Middle School. These could cost \$63 million and take five to seven years.

Cullen said, “It is my understanding that the project will cost well over \$100 million when they are completely done with it. Simple repairs alone came to \$66 million, and their goal is to rebuild the entire thing.”

“I agree it will most likely double,” said vice chairman Joseph Perry. “I remember walking through the schools after the storm came through. There was so much flooding in the classrooms and basement.”

Triton could qualify for 50 to 55% reimbursement if the renovation is approved by the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

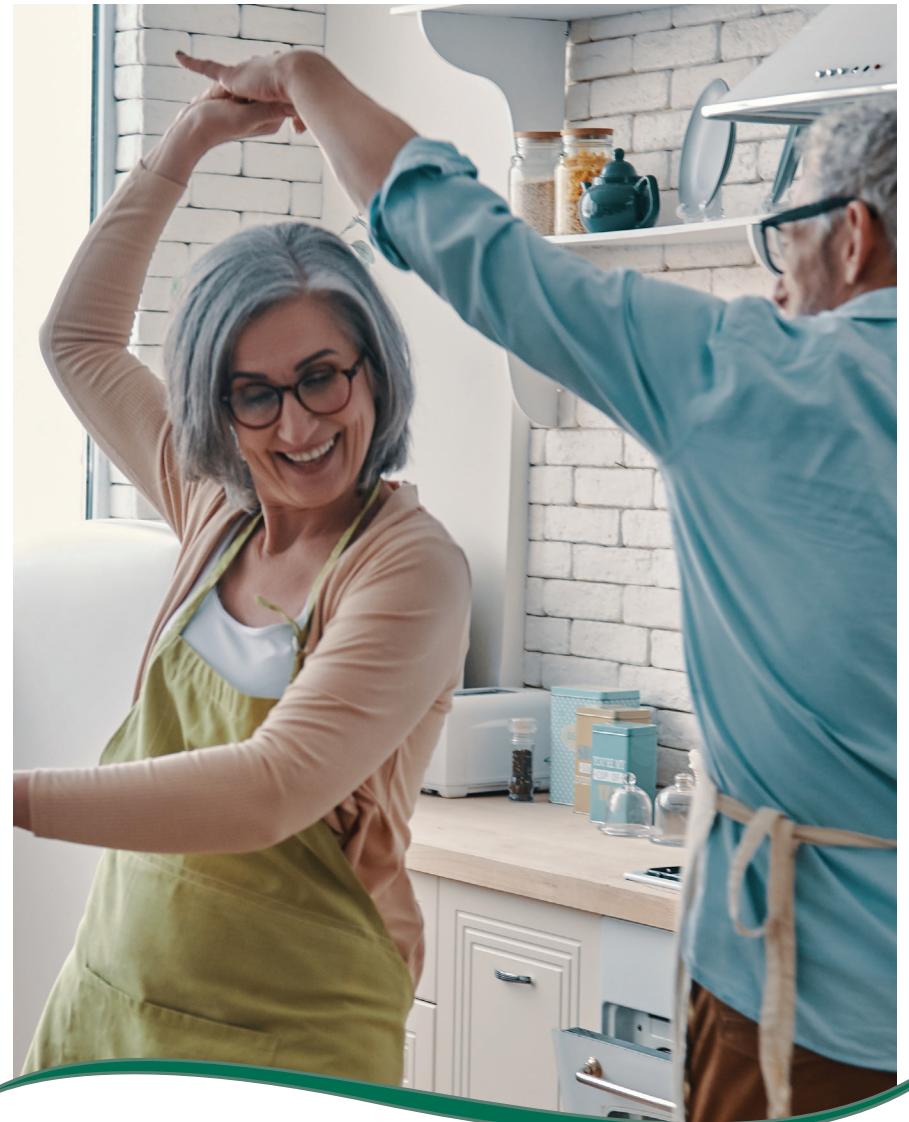
Earlier this year, the Rowley School Committee voted in support of a submission statement.

“We are definitely going to be running into headwinds here when it comes to the money,” Snow added.

## Veterans Day observation

On Friday at 10:45 a.m., the town will be observing Veterans Day with a flag-raising ceremony and a dedication to war veterans in front of town hall.

“All are welcome to attend,” Snow said.



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## First Lady Baker will appear with Bruins mascot at library

IPSWICH —The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Boston Bruins will be at the Ipswich Public Library at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9 to celebrate First Lady Lauren Baker’s contributions to Massachusetts Libraries while her husband, Governor Charlie Baker, has been in office.

The program will be short.

The Bruins’ mascot, Blades, and (big secret!) the new mascot for the Boston Pride — the women’s professional hockey team — will present Mrs. Baker with a personalized Bruins jersey signed by the Boston Bruins team.

Mrs. Baker is going to read a story to the children, and the Board of Library Commissioners will honor her.



## SCHOOLS from page 1

happen with town hall. She also said that people who live on the other side of Winthrop should be able to walk to school.

**Teachers**

Becky Slawson, president of the Ipswich Educators Association, said the union is “very invested” in the elementary schools project.

While teachers took no position on one school versus two, they described the existing buildings as inadequate.

Reading a statement unanimously supported by membership, Slawson said “because of their [the schools’] grave state of disrepair, it was neither realistic nor educationally responsible to continue to make the adjustments we have made on behalf of our students for many years.”

The statement said, “Children must first be healthy and safe.” They should also be properly outfitted and have suitable spaces for all that happens in school, it added.

The new school(s) should have flexible space and be tied into the

community, the teachers’ letter said.

“Our elementary schools have reached the end of their life expectancy. Something must be done,” Slawson read.

**Population**

Later in the meeting, school superintendent Brian Blake reviewed a population projection done earlier this year. The study looked at plans for residential construction in town.

Blake said that projects underway would increase elementary grade sizes by an average of four students. There are other housing projects planned around town, but those have not been approved or permitted yet, he added.

With the new additions, there would be 747 students in grades K through five, Blake said. Preschool was not included in his numbers, he noted.

When asked about that, committee member Dianna Freehan said the Massachusetts School Building Authority does not include pre-schools. There are also a lot of private preschools, too, she added.

Committee member Emily Cannon noted that Ipswich does have preschool and those children should be included, even if the state funding agency does not count them.

Committee member Jeff Poirier said Ipswich has 60 preschoolers enrolled and there was talk of adding another section. However, Blake said they are not full-time and may

attend for only a few hours a week.

Vice chair Kate Eliot said the population study projected a downward trend after 2026-27.

“If we’re going to be talking about a building/buildings, how can we not talk about pre-K?” asked committee member Jennifer Donahue. The issue could be more important if the federal government mandates pre-K, she added.

Cannon suggested looking at 750 to 800 students. “Nitpicking over the exact figure doesn’t seem productive,” she said. There are too many variables to settle on an exact number, she added.

Had the single school been built in 2018, students would still fit there, Eliot said.

**Public safety reuse**

Poirier said the deadline for statements of interest for the old fire and police stations has been extended to Jan. 31.

At its last meeting, school committee members had different views on the fire station’s potential as a preschool location.

One complication is that the fire station and Winthrop are on the same lot. Another complication was raised when the public safety facility reuse committee discussed the community gardens that will be lost when the new police and fire station is built. Poirier said a section of Bialek Park was suggested as a replacement.

But, he added, members of the reuse committee then looked to him to see if there were any elementary school plans for the area. “People are waiting to see what we’re going to do,” he said.

**Working group**

The school committee has an elementary building working group. It had planned a workshop for Nov. 7, but some members said they would prefer if the session was recorded.

“We’ve done a pretty good job of being transparent,” Donahue said, urging for the meeting be taped.

Eliot replied there would be minutes taken and that the meeting is public. “We’re not making any decisions, we’re not making any votes, and I do plan on having a pretty robust recap at our next open meeting,” she said.

“It allows us to be a little more candid — not that we’re hiding anything — but these are going to be some tough conversations, and this is the start of it,” she said.

Speaking from the audience, Tim Goodrich said one item on the agenda asked if any items could be ruled out. “That sounds like a pretty big decision,” he said.

Eliot reiterated that no votes would be taken.

“I would feel the technology’s available. It costs us nothing to have it recorded,” Poirier said.

Donahue said she has been told by many teachers that this set of discussions about the schools feels more open than in 2017 and 2018.

“It’s part of the lack of transparency and frustration about the last process,” she said.

Monday evening’s workshop was not recorded, but minutes were taken.



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# Group: We can save \$50M with elementary school plan

IPSWICH — Although no decisions were made and no vote was taken, fans of sorting runes or reading tea leaves could likely have determined a direction of travel at a school committee workshop on its elementary schools project.

Meanwhile, a group advocating to keep two elementary schools in town believes it has come up with a cost-effective way to do so.

They suggested renovating the town hall and repurposing it as a school — which it was before it became town hall — and that an MSBA-model kindergarten through grade five school be built at Doyon. They said that option would be \$50 million less than a combined elementary school.

The MSBA is the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and it will approve and partially fund the town's new elementary school(s).

Its model schools are designed to save money by providing a working design to communities building new schools.

That option was introduced by the parents at last week's school committee meeting. It was discussed again at the workshop on Monday evening.

That meeting was held to discuss "framing questions" around the elementary schools, both of which are old and in need of serious repair or replacement.

Winthrop Elementary School on Central Street was opened on September 12, 1956, for 425 students. The Paul F. Doyon Memorial School started as the Linebrook School in 1965 and expanded two years later, at which time it was renamed to honor the town's first Vietnam War casualty.

The teachers' union, the Ipswich Educators' Association (IEA), said both buildings need to be replaced. However, they did not take a position on one school or two.

At Monday's workshop, which was attended by seven members of the public, the agenda posed a list of questions:

- What elements of a project can the school committee agree on?
- What locations are they looking at?
- What configurations are avail-

able?

- Are there any options that can be ruled out?
- What limitations are there for the various options?

That was then followed by a discussion around options for a potential vote. This will be timed with the select board, which has to schedule a special election to replace Tammy Jones, who stepped down recently.

The school committee will revisit all the issues at its next public meeting. It hopes to submit an initial application, or "statement of interest," to the MSBA in April 2023.

## No decisions, but ...

In one discussion about site options, the school committee looked at property that is available. The consensus seemed to favor land that is publicly owned.

However, with committee member Jeff Poirier writing notes on a whiteboard, the discussion turned to the potential difficulties faced in removing Bialek Park's protected status.

Facing entrenched opposition from neighbors and an onerous disposition process that includes the state legislature, committee members seemed reluctant to go down that route again.

As they struggled briefly with the issue, Poirier asked the question another way: "Do we agree that we don't want to do a project that requires legislative approval?"

That was a welcome development for three of the seven audience members. Residents of the Bialek Park area, they were strongly against the first proposal in 2018 to build a combined elementary school on the site.

## Model school

Under the model-school plan, the two-school group called town hall a "dramatically underutilized asset." In an email, parent Tim Goodrich said that town hall, at 50,645 square feet, houses around 40 employees.

Winthrop, on the other hand, has 60 employees and 375 students.

That building is smaller than town hall at 48,922 square feet, Goodrich said.

When he introduced the plan last week, resident Bill Craft said it would cost around \$50 million less than the alternative. The cost for a new single combined elementary school in 2018 was priced at \$69.4 million, with the MSBA reimbursing around \$27.1 million, or 39% of the cost.

Due to inflation, schools are now more expensive, Goodrich said. The MSBA recently approved single-school projects in Hingham (for \$113.3 million), Winchester (for \$94.5 million), and Amherst (for \$97.4 million).

Goodrich said a model school for 475 students would likely cost around \$44.8 million. His estimate was based on the town of Fairhaven's school, completed in 2013 for \$23.6 million, and to which he applied an annual building inflation rate of six percent.

Renovations to town hall were estimated at \$13 million, and renovations at Winthrop, which could become the new town hall, would be another \$10 million.

The Amherst case has been frequently cited in Ipswich because that town voted down its first elementary school proposal after an acrimonious debate. Amherst then brought in consultant mediator Bill Logue to help plot a path forward.

Logue was later hired by the Ipswich School Committee, which then embarked on a series of listening sessions to help it figure out the town's next move.

## Discussion

The possibility was discussed by the school committee, with members approaching the idea from a variety of angles.

According to Historic Ipswich, the "new" high school on Green Street was opened in 1936. In 2000, the new middle/high school opened on High Street, and the Green Street building ceased being a school.

"If it truly is a cost-effective solution, then it's worth exploring," school committee chair Greg Stevens said.

Superintendent Brian Blake said town hall may not be suitable as a modern school even though it is almost 2,000 square feet larger than Winthrop.

"I have major reservations about even touching this building," said committee member Dianna Freehan. She said one-third of the space was in the basement and was not inviting for students.

Committee member Pavica Kneedler said many residents wanted a school that felt small, but referring to town hall, she added, "It doesn't feel small now."

However, Poirier said Rowley's Pine Grove School felt dark, like Winthrop, until it was renovated a few years ago.

Town hall employees could move their offices to Winthrop, but school committee members said temporary accommodations could be available at EBSCO, whose employees are still mostly working remotely.

The school committee is set to meet again next week to resume discussion on the matter.

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# What's on? Veterans' Day observance, painting workshop

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— **Wednesday, November 9** —

**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.

**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](mailto:office@fpcnorthshore.com).

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

— **Thursday, November 10** —

**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.

**Slap Shot:** Check out some old-time hockey on the screen at the Cabot in Beverly at 7 p.m.



Jean Barry admired the stone sculptures at last weekend's art show at Castle Hill. (Coco McCabe photo).

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time:** A teen who's on the autistic spectrum is determined to find out who caused the death of his neighbor's dog in this performance at the Firehouse in Newburyport at 7 p.m.

— **Friday, November 11** —

**Veterans Day:** Ipswich holds an observance at the War Memorial on South Main Street at 10:45 a.m.

**Friday Night Wine Down:** Mill

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

**Blue Öyster Cult:** If you get to the Blue Ocean Music Hall by 8 p.m., you won't have to fear the Reaper. Extra points if you bring your cowbell.

**Daymaker:** Warren Miller's snowboarding film is at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

**Mayhem late-night comedy:** Marleah Rose presents the comedy stylings of Maxwell Shultz, Ian MacDonald, and Mike Gray at the May Flower on Depot Square. Feeling funny? Sign up for an open-mic slot at 10 p.m.

— **Saturday, November 12** —

**Learn to paint:** A course on landscape, color, and abstraction with Amanda K. Hawkins is at the Ipswich Museum from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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.

**Fyüch:** The music and social justice artist blends hip-hop, R&B, pop, and reggae at the Cabot in Beverly at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Old Salem in Ballad and Song:** A free concert reflecting the diverse musical history of Salem featuring Bob Strom and friends at the Tabernacle Congregational Church at 7 p.m.

**Dave Hause and Will Hoge:** Rugged, literate roots rock at the Shalin Liu in Rockport at 8 p.m.

**Tab Benoit:** The Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter is at the Cabot in Beverly at 8 p.m.

— **Sunday, November 13** —

**Art Show and Fundraiser:** The Christ Church in South Hamilton will hold its fourth annual art fundraiser at 9 a.m. to benefit North Shore Packathon for Haiti. For more information, email [info@walker-creekartworks.com](mailto:info@walker-creekartworks.com).

**Sundays at 5:** An inspiring, out-of-the-ordinary 30-minute gathering to build community at the Ascension-Memorial Church on County Street at 5 p.m. Snacks, fun, and games follow!

**The Godfather:** One of the most iconic films of all time is screening at the Cabot in Beverly at 6 p.m.

— **Monday, November 14** —

**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, November 15** —

**Career Center on the Go:** The traveling state program brings its jobseeking resources to the Collins Room at the Ipswich Public Library at 11:30 a.m.

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

**Senior Fashion Show:** The Hellenic Center on County Road is the venue to view fashion and raise funds for the IHS senior class. The gala event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Email [jsbauman@comcast.net](mailto:jsbauman@comcast.net) for more information.

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# IHS seniors get ready to strut their stuff in fashion show



Paul Wertz strutted his stuff on the catwalk at last year's Senior Fashion Show. This year's event will be held on Nov. 15 (Noah Donnellan-Doser photo).

by Ella Niederhelman

IPSWICH — Officers for the class of 2023 have spent the past three years raising money for their senior week. They have formed an online clothing store; sold Tiger umbrellas, orange bandanas, and ornaments; organized bake sales; and hosted Pomodori's nights.

Now, they are prepared for their first large fundraising opportunity — and want to invite the town to attend.

“An evening of glitz and glamour” will hit the Hellenic Center next Tuesday as 59 strutting seniors take to the red carpet.

Each year, the graduating class at Ipswich High School puts on a fashion show for students and community members. After taking a pandemic-induced break, the annual tradition resumed with the class of 2022.

The event consists of senior students modeling clothes from dozens of local shops and boutiques.

This year, the class of 2023 will host the show for any interested students, families, and community members.

Seniors Shane O'Reilly and Carolyn Bailey will emcee the show, announcing the 23 boys and 36 girls modeling.

“Some people, like me, got to pick our own outfits and design them,” senior class president Toby Adams said. “It is a fun way to express yourself.”

## The specifics

Food and refreshments will be catered by Timothy Hopkins. A bar will be available for any adults over the age of 21.

A silent auction featuring over 35 donors will serve as an additional fundraiser (to learn more, or to bid online, head to [app.galabid.com/classof2023/items](https://app.galabid.com/classof2023/items)).

All proceeds from the event will be put toward prom and senior week events. Senior week is a week of fun for the graduating class before their time at IHS comes to an

end. Activities will include a cruise around Boston Harbor, a day at an amusement park, dinner out, and more.

## The team behind it all

Adams will be joined on the catwalk by senior class vice-president Maggie McCormick, secretary Ethan Uzdarwin, and treasurer Nadine Kelly.

Their co-advisors are high school guidance counselor Claire Powers and band teacher Sean Lee.

Parents Jen Bauman and Kate McCormick have helped to create

and organize the show this year. As the fashion show co-chairs, they have led a large team of parents in fundraising efforts.

“Any opportunity with the public and the parents is always exciting,” Uzdarwin said.

*The event will be held on Tuesday, November 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hellenic Center. Tickets to this event are \$50 for the general public and \$10 per student. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jen Bauman at [jsbauman@comcast.net](mailto:jsbauman@comcast.net).*



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Word search: Sandwiches!

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COLONIAL TRIVIA  
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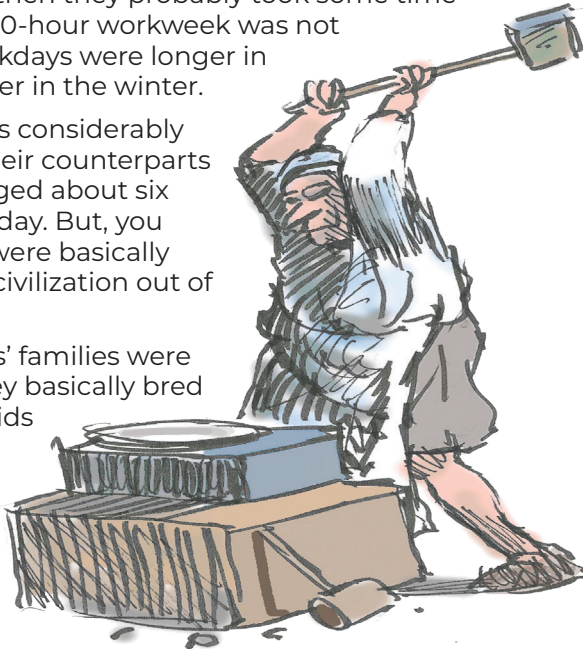
We’re in the midst of a work revolution, thanks to the pandemic. But workers today have it easier — but every measurable standard — than people in the colonial period (keeping in mind that these standards are for colonials of European descent, not enslaved people).

Remember that the social hierarchy of the time put wealthy land-owners at the top, then merchants and clerics, followed by artisans, farmers and laborers, endured servants, and (of course) enslaved people. The higher up you were, the less time you spent working.

In the 1700s, the dominant career path was agriculture. Self-employed farmers and their hired hands would spend an average of 12 hours per day every day laboring in the fields (unless they were close to a church, and then they probably took some time off on Sunday). So an 80-hour workweek was not unusual. However, workdays were longer in the summer and shorter in the winter.

This work schedule was considerably more intensive than their counterparts in England, who averaged about six hours of heavy labor a day. But, you know, these colonials were basically building a whole new civilization out of the wilderness.

Unsurprisingly, farmers’ families were necessarily large — they basically bred their own workforce. Kids started working in the family business at the age of five (or even younger), fetching firewood and helping Mom around the house.







Ipswich's Spencer McDavitt (7) challenges a New Mission player for the ball.

# Boys' soccer playoff hopes dashed

IPSWICH — Despite scoring two goals in the last 12 minutes, the boys' varsity soccer team fell just short in their bid to stay in the playoffs.

No. 27 seed Ipswich traveled to sixth-seeded Blackstone Valley on Sunday to play in the round of 32. The loss followed a thumping 11-0 victory in the preliminary round against the New Mission Titans on Friday. Located in Hyde Park, the team was 38th seed in the playoffs.

However, the scoreline did not do the Titans justice. "They kept putting pressure on us the entire

game. They never gave up. They did a fantastic job. They had some very good technical players. They had good speed," Ipswich coach Greg Scruton said after that game, which was played at home.

"I thought it went well. It was a good performance from everybody," said senior Alex Barlow. "It was good to get a big win like that."

A midfielder and co-captain, he said he felt pressure from the Titans, but, "Once we put a few away, they got demoralized."

The Tigers end their season with an 8-7-5 record.

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Friday, November 11	one	12:54 a.m.	6:58 a.m.
	two	1:02 p.m.	7:33 p.m.
Saturday, November 12	one	1:36 a.m.	7:40 a.m.
	two	1:44 p.m.	8:17 p.m.
Sunday, November 13	one	2:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
	two	2:29 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
Monday, November 14	one	3:06 a.m.	9:12 a.m.
	two	3:17 p.m.	9:52 p.m.
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# Girls' volleyball dispatches old rivals to move up in playoffs

by John Muldoon

IPSWICH —The HIS girls' volleyball team has reached the state quarter finals after it dispatched the Stoneham Spartans last week and Advanced Math and Science Academy in a suspenseful game on Tuesday.

## Stoneham Spartans

The score was 3-1 (25-10, 25-15, 22-25, 25-12). Playing at home, most on the JV and varsity roster were called upon to contribute.

"It was really good for all of our roster kids to get some playoff experience today," coach Staci Sonke said.

"I thought we played really well, especially in the first two sets," said junior Tess O'Flynn.

The third set started off well for the Tigers. With Ella Stein serving, the team found itself with a 9-0 lead.

However, the Spartans clawed their way back into the game and ultimately won the third set by



Frances Hertz (in front) and Addison Pillis in last week's game against the Stoneham Spartans.

three points.

"I thought they were pretty competitive. They held their ground,"

O'Flynn said. "It was a back-and-forth match at some points."

Looking ahead at the competition, Sonke said, "Obviously, as we progress, it's going to start to get better."

Key players in the game were Ella Stein (five kills, seven aces, eight digs). Sophie DeGrappo (five kills on nine swings [0.333]), Emily Hannibal (14 digs, three assists), Claire Buletza (11 kills, two aces, seven digs), Tess O'Flynn (seven assists, three aces).

## Advanced Science and Math Academy

Ipswich coach Staci Sonke said the team knew their Marlborough-based opponents "would be really gritty and really good at

defense, so we had to find our ways to score some points."

Played in Ipswich, the game's final score was 3-1. The Tigers won the first two sets 25-16, 25-12. They lost their lead very early in the third set and soon found themselves chasing the Eagles as they tried to close the gap.

The Eagles led by as many as five points, and with the score at 16-21, it looked grim for the Tigers. However, they started to close the gap and clawed their way back up to 24-24.

A two-point gap is required to win a set. After a long relay, the Eagles pulled ahead — but Ipswich tied again at 25-25.

However, the Tigers ultimately lost that set 25-27.

Things were very different in the fourth, when Ipswich took an early lead to 7-1 before the Eagles coach called a timeout. The Tigers maintained their advantage even though the Eagles became more determined. Ipswich ultimately won the set 25-19.

Asked about the mindset coming into the fourth set, Sonke said it was about "resetting. That's the really great thing about volleyball. Once the set's over, it's a blank slate."

"That's all part of volleyball. You're going to lose sets, so we were ready to go for the next one," said senior and co-captain Grace Sorensen.

Key players in this matchup were Grace Sorensen (13 kills, 13 digs), Ella Stein (eight kills, four aces, six digs), Kendra Brown (17 assists, two digs), Tess O'Flynn (14 assists, four aces, five digs).

The quarter-final match will see Ipswich take on the winner of the game between Medway (No. 8 seed) versus Wahconah (No. 9 seed). No time has been confirmed yet, but the game is likely to be played at 5 p.m. on Thursday in Ipswich.



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# Girls' hockey comes from behind, progresses to round of 16

IPSWICH — The girls' varsity field hockey team has won its first play-off game 3-1.

Hosting the no. 23 seed West Bridgewater Wildcats on Thursday, the No. 10 seed Tigers now move on to the round of 16 in the MIAA's Division 4.

The match also marked a welcome departure for Ipswich this season. It is the first time they have come from behind to win a game.

"That's our biggest struggle — once we go down, keeping our heads in the game and having the mental strength to crawl back in. So I was proud of them for doing that today," coach Nikki Pignone said.

The game started out with both teams looking evenly matched and the Wildcats posing some real danger for Ipswich. However, goalkeeper Abbie Allen was up to the task and made a number of saves.

However, the Wildcats ended the deadlock in the second quarter by scoring from a penalty corner.

"I thought they were really good. I think they definitely surprised us in the beginning," senior Kayden Flather said.

Less than five minutes later, the Tigers had a chance to even up after they were awarded a corner. They couldn't do it, but they kept the pressure up for the rest of the second quarter.

Then, as the clock wound down, Ipswich was awarded a corner. The horn sounded to end the period, but Ipswich was allowed to finish the play. They did that when senior Ashton Flather, Kayden's sister, scored the first of what would be



Casey Davis chases the ball in the playoff game against the Bridgewater Wildcats last Thursday.

her two goals in the game.

"They definitely put up a fight, as everyone does in the tournament," Ashton said. "We were able to pull it together. We've never come back from a deficit before, so that was really nice for us to be able to get our mental game down and pull through."

Kayden also pointed to the team coming from behind. "That was really a big moment for us," she said, crediting Pignone's lineup change with helping the team overcome the

adversity.

The Tigers did that — and then some — by scoring two goals in the third quarter. The second goal came with around 12 minutes left to go. The third came around two minutes later.

Ipswich continued to pressure the Wildcats for the rest of the game and mostly kept the visitors away from Allen and the Tigers' goal.

They were helped along in that regard by junior Halle Greenleaf, who made a number of long runs down

the wing from the Tigers' half.

Ipswich stayed in control in the fourth quarter. "They sometimes need the energy and intensity from scoring a good goal like that to flip the switch of, 'We can win, we are capable of doing it,'" Pignone said.

The Tigers continued to take shots and put pressure on the Wildcats, who were making mistakes and conceding frees as the game wound down in the fourth quarter. The Wildcats had one last set piece with around five minutes left, but they were unable to capitalize.

The Tigers now await the result between No. 7 seed Lunenburg and No. 26 seed Quaboag on Nov. 4 to see who they play in the round of 16.

Rankings will determine where the game is played. If Lunenburg, seeded higher than Ipswich, wins, the Tigers will travel to the next game. If Quaboag pulls off an upset, that team will come to Ipswich.

That game will be played next week.



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## Obituary: Evelyn M. Mistkowski

Evelyn M. (Jodz) Mistkowski, age 101, wife of the late Albin A. Mistkowski, died on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Care One Essex Park Rehabilitation in Beverly following her brief illness.

She was known as “Grammy” to all who loved her.

Born on October 16, 1921, in Ipswich, she was one of the two chil-

dren of the late Boleslaw and Mary (Sharis) Jodz.

A lifelong resident of Ipswich, she was educated in Ipswich public schools.

After graduation, she went to work at United Shoe Machine in Beverly as a ‘mail girl,’ delivering mail on roller skates. She later went on to work for several years at Hayward Hosiery and Sylvia, both in Ipswich, and was as the ‘baker’ at the Doyon School before



retiring in 1974.

She was a fabulous ice skater. She loved home gardening, sewing, crocheting, baking for family and friends, and her family vacations.

She and her husband, Al, enjoyed countless hours caring for their beloved grandchildren.

She was a fiercely independent woman. She could fix anything. Evelyn was often found

shoveling snow, digging in the garden, or ‘cruising’ in her Cougar.

She was able to remain in her home until very recently, but spent the past few months at Care One where, with family and staff, she celebrated her 101st birthday.

Evelyn is survived by a son, James A. Mistkowski, of Yarmouth, Maine; two daughters, Lorraine B. Bertrand of Rowley and E. “Inchu” Elliott and her companion, Bill Wile, of Ipswich; four grandchildren: Paul Bertrand and his husband, Leonardo, of San Francisco; Lisa Mistkowski and her companion, Steve Zuk, of York, Maine; Cory Head and her husband, Jeff, of Rowley; and Jimmy Elliott of Ipswich; two great-granddaughters, Rachel Head of Rowley and Brooklynne Padolko of York, Maine; nephews Bill, Ron, and Frankie; and nieces Priscilla and Nancy.

She was the grandmother of the late Stephen Bertrand, formerly of Rowley.

Rest in peace, Grammy. We love you.

Her funeral will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home on 6 High Street in Ipswich, followed by the celebration of a funeral Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Hope Church, 1 Linebrook Road, Ipswich.

Family and friends are cordially welcomed. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. Interment will be in the Cowles Memorial Cemetery in Ipswich.

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### DEATH NOTICE: Donn P. Whitmore

Donn P. Whitmore, 71, husband of Pamela L. (Willats) Whitmore of Colonial Drive, died on Saturday, November 5, 2022, in his home following his long illness.

In addition to his wife, Pam, he is survived by two sons: William D. Whitmore and his wife, Kelly, of Ipswich and Alann J. Whitmore and his wife, Monica, of Mendham, N.J.; five grandchildren: Delaney and Weston Whitmore, both of Ipswich, and Katheen, Ryan, and Marion Whitmore, all of N.J. Arrangements are under the direction of the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home of Ipswich ([www.whittier-porter.com](http://www.whittier-porter.com)).

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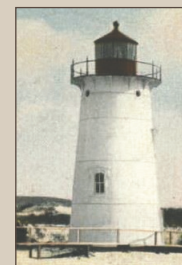
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# Obituary: James L. Wiese

James L. Wiese of Ipswich passed away on July 17, 2022, after a short illness.

Jim was born in Schenectady, New York, on March 3, 1950, the son of Aileen R. Wiese of Charleston, South Carolina, and the late James Wiese.

In 1972, Jim graduated from Nas- son College in Springvale, Maine, with a bachelor's degree in history.

Jim served in the United States Army and was honorably dis-

charged in 1975.

Jim spent much of his adult life in California, and he managed a number of shops there.

He enjoyed boating, art, and especially traveling. Jim was particularly fond of taking cruises to various parts of the world.

After coming to Ipswich in

2013, Jim volunteered much of his time with various civic organiza-

tions. He loved to read and spent a good deal of his free time volunteer- ing at the Ipswich Public Library.

Jim is survived by his mother, Aileen R. Wiese, of Charleston, S.C. He was predeceased by his father,

James Wiese, and his sister, Michele A. Wiese.

Services were private.



## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing remotely via Zoom video conferencing on **Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7 p.m.** to act on the following petitions pursuant to the Ipswich Protective Zoning Bylaw:

**181 Linebrook Road:** Justin Sprei requests a special permit pursuant to, but not necessarily limited to, Sections IX.J and II B.2 and footnote 2 of section VI Table of Dimensional & Density for relief to reduce the right-side yard setback no greater than the 50% requirement to construct mud room and porch. Property is shown on the Assessors Map 29C Lot 018H in the Rural Residential A Zoning District.

**5 Wildes Court:** John Ambrose requests a special permit pursuant to, but not necessarily limited to, Sections IX.J and II B.3 for relief to reduce the left-side yard setback no greater than the 50% requirement to construct an addition. Property is shown on the Assessors Map 42A Lot 227 in the Central Business (CB) Zoning District.

**40 Argilla Road:** Mark Williams requests a special permit pursuant to, but not necessarily limited to, Sections IX.J - II B.3 and for relief to reduce the left-side yard setback no greater than the 50% requirement to construct an addition. Property is shown on the Assessors Map 42D Lot 11A in the Rural Residential A (RRA) Zoning District.

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

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

Robert Gambale, Chairman  
Ipswich Zoning Board of Appeals

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Essex Division  
Docket # ES22P3104EA*

Estate of **David P. Lebet**

Date of death: **September 4, 2022**

To all interested persons in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan A. Heichert of Minneapolis, MN**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Susan A. Heichert of Minneapolis, MN**, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Residents of the Town of Ipswich please note the Select Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:35 p.m. on a new farmer winery pouring permit license application and an application for an alteration of premises of the current farmer brewery pouring permit license from True North Ale Company at 116 County Road.

William D. Whitmore  
Select Board Chair

## LEGAL NOTICE ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:05 p.m. to act on an application received October 19th, 2022 from McDonald's USA, LLC c/o Bill Lucas of Bohler Engineering. Applicant(s) is Requesting a Special Permit for a second drive-thru order point, additional browse board, menu board, canopy and double arm clearance bar. The property is located at 155 Newburyport Turnpike in the Retail district and is shown on Assessors' Map 14 Block Lot 14. At the public hearing, members of the public may ask questions and present evidence that supports either the approval or denial of this petition.

## TOWN OF IPSWICH

**40 Plover Hill Road,  
Ipswich, MA**

### Lease Space for Wireless Communication Facility

#### Request for Proposals

The **Town of Ipswich**, the Awarding Authorities, submits a Request for Proposals from companies for the **Leasing of space for the Wireless Communications Facility in Ipswich**, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the **Town of Ipswich**.

The Leasing agreements will be awarded to the highest and most advantageous bidders per the bid documents.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required inclusive.

RFP Bids will be received until **December 7, 2022 @ 1 p.m. EST** and publicly opened, forthwith.

This project is being either Electronically Bid (E-Bid) or the town is accepting hard copy bids. All electronic bids shall be prepared and submitted online at **www.Projectdog.com** and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids, bidders are required to submit (3) copies, will be accepted by the Awarding Authority at 25 Green St. Ipswich, MA 01938. For assistance with electronic documents and bidding, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014.

RFP Forms and Documents will be available electronically at **www.Projectdog.com** on **November 2, 2022; Project Code 852593**. Paper documents will also be available at 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA inside the Planning office on the same date during regular business hours.

The installation site and/or facility will be available for review by requesting a site visit up until November 30, 2022 by appointment only. Please review documents for specifications on making an appointment.

For a site visit appointment, contact Vicki Halmen at **vhalmen@ipswichutilities.org**.





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