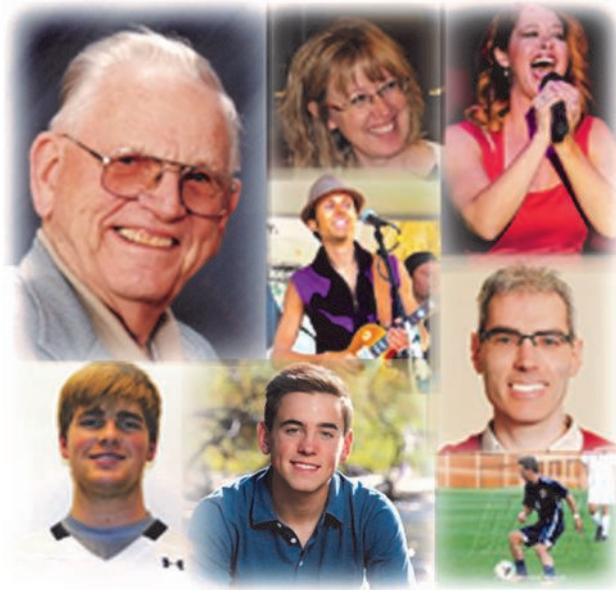


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Editor's Note

By Denis Cogswell, Courier Editor



Malcolm Cogswell has passed the editorship of the Cogswell Courier to me beginning with this issue. As you will see, Malcolm is still doing a great deal of research and contributing a number of articles.

Many thanks are due Malcolm for his hard work as editor, beginning with the December 2004 issue—eleven years! He set the standard that I will attempt to meet in this and subsequent issues.

Who am I? Howard Cogswell (see biography beginning on page 2) was my father. While Howard was teaching at Mills College, I was fortunate to be able to attend MIT on a tuition exchange program. My training was in electrical engineering and I could have moved into the semiconductor industry, but instead I did graduate work in communications theory and worked for a short time in Hawaii on the beginnings of the internet—then called ARPA-Net.

I met my wife, Betti, at Stanford University. We married shortly before she graduated and our time in Hawaii was courtesy of the US Army—she had joined for their nursing scholarship program. I got into computer programming and found I loved it.

We settled in Palo Alto, CA, after Betti finished her tour of duty. I found that with a PhD degree I would be over-qualified for even senior programming jobs, so I abandoned my doctoral studies, much to my father's dismay.

We raised two children in Palo Alto. Marie first wanted to follow her mom into nursing, but later changed to computer science, where she met the young man she later married. Matthew excelled in art and graduated with distinction from Art Center

Pasadena. He now works in Los Angeles and Marie and Greg live in Massachusetts with their two sons.

I have worked with computers for over forty years—first IBM System 360 mainframe that filled a large data center and later with servers that took up only a few inches of rack space. I wrote IBM machine language for many years, then moved to SAS and SQL.

When I finally felt it was time to retire on my 71st birthday, we left California's San Francisco Bay Area and moved to Cape Canaveral, Florida, partly for the lower cost of living and political climate more to our liking, but also because our daughter Marie said we could see the grandkids twice as often if we moved there. Her in-laws also live here and we get along just fine with them.

In retirement, I keep busy volunteering. Once a week I join Marie's father-in-law to record magazines for the blind, part of the Library of Congress Talking Books program. We take turns reading and running the computer. I also patrol the town for the Brevard County Sheriff and help our condo association, publishing their newsletter and overseeing leasing. I also play tennis three times a week.

The Cogswell Courier is now being composed using Microsoft Publisher and saved in PDF form for printing and publishing on the CFA website. I would like to see as many people as possible receive the Courier in electronic form, via download from the CFA website. This will save printing and mailing costs and will allow you to see the pictures in color.

I want your feedback on the Courier in its new two-column format. What would make it more readable and interesting? If you have an article to contribute, let me know. At the beginning of each publishing cycle there are a lot of blank pages to fill.

Howard Lyman Cogswell—Ornithologist

By Denis Cogswell



Howard Lyman Cogswell entered the world in Montrose, PA, on January 15, 1915 to Irwin Sylvester Cogswell and Eliza Addie La France, the tenth generation from John & Elizabeth Cogswell. Irwin was a rural postal carrier at the time. Eliza died in 1921, when Howard was six years old.

Howard's passion for birds began at the age of ten on the farm in Montrose, after reading Thornton W Burgess' *Burgess Bird Book for Children*. He began a journal, recording all his bird observations, a practice he continued for most of the rest of his life. Howard graduated from Montrose High School in 1931, and his valedictorian speech was a plea that farmers see that many birds they considered pests, were actually beneficial. Finding no local job prospects during the Great Depression, he hitch-hiked his way westward, doing odd jobs along the way, ending up at the home of his "uncle", Lyman Bert Luce, in Pasadena, CA. Bert had been raised by Howard's grandfather, Gideon, and was considered part of the family.

He attended Pasadena City College, graduating as a biology major in 1936. There he met Bessie Wilby, one of the prettiest girls on campus. They were married October 29, 1938, with Lyman Bert Luce and Bessie's mother, Mary Emma Mitchell in attendance. Their honeymoon was just a weekend they could get off work. Howard kept no birding journal during the year he courted Bessie. During the next few years, Howard had various jobs – septic tank pumping, movie theater usher, salesman, milk delivery, and mailman.

Seeing the WW II draft approaching, Howard joined the Navy and, since he was a mailman at the time, he was assigned to a V-Mail battalion, initially based on Oahu, later on Okinawa, nearer the front lines. He served 22 months until the war ended, and kept his birding journal throughout his tour of duty, taking every opportunity to look for birds. Howard's earliest publication as an ornithologist is an article in the *The Condor*, Jan-Feb 1948, "Summer Observations of Birds of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands".

After the war, Howard and Bessie were able to buy a house in Pasadena and Howard again became a

mailman. The Audubon Society of the Pacific, now the Golden Gate Audubon Society, acquired its first sanctuary property along the San Gabriel River near El Monte, fifteen miles east of Los Angeles and asked Howard to be their part-time warden. The G.I. Bill made a return to college possible and he entered Whittier College in February, 1947. He graduated in June 1948 and transferred that fall to UC Berkeley in zoology. For the next four years, the fall semester was at the UC Berkeley campus and the winter semester was spent in the San Gabriel Mountains East of Los Angeles where Howard had six study plots for his doctoral dissertation. He was studying chaparral birds to determine if the size territory they defend depended on the density of



food sources. He developed extremely detailed maps, on which he recorded every instance of a bird singing or a pair fighting, and eventually was able to map each bird's territory. Most of the data had been gathered, but analysis had to wait because the G.I. Bill money had run out and they desperately needed income.

In 1952, Mills College in Oakland, CA, offered Howard a position as an assistant professor in the biology department. He finally got his Ph.D. in 1962, but was not promoted to full professor as he had been promised. Howard began banding birds as part of a federal program and joined Western Bird Banding Association, serving as president from 1957 to 1959. While banding Chickadees in his backyard at Mills, Howard found that Chickadees, once caught in a mist net, never afterwards flew where the net had been placed. In 1963-1964, Howard was able to take a sabbatical and went to Penn State to study



animal learning abilities, using starlings and Japanese quail. Penn State was where he had originally wanted to go after High School. Because Mills College still would not promote him, Howard looked for another teaching position.

While at Mills College, Howard began writing *Water*

Birds of California, number 40 in the University of California *California Nature Guides* series. It was postponed and its scope was changed several times as the University expanded the series scope from San Francisco Bay to California statewide. It was finally published in 1977 and contains Howard's suggestions on how to watch birds and keep proper records. A couple pages of his actual field notes from 1966 are included, along with discussion of bird banding. The book includes detailed charts of each species' activities throughout the year, where they are likely to be found and how they are recognized.

In 1964, Howard became an associate professor at Cal State Hayward, later University of California East Bay, and then was promoted to full professor in 1969. He found his niche teaching ecology and ornithology. Howard's major research grant during his time at Cal State Hayward was an EPA grant in 1968-1971 to study solid waste disposal and bird hazards to aircraft. The new Oakland airport had been built with garbage dumps on either side of the jet runway and Howard alerted them to a potential hazard. This was about the time a jet taking off from Boston's Logan Airport had crashed after striking a flock of starlings, killing everyone aboard. Howard earned his private pilot's license and purchased his own Cessna. With support from his federal grant, he studied airport/dump problems around the country. In this study, Howard found that many airports around the country had dumps and/or lakes near their runways. Garbage being dumped would attract gulls, which would either fly across the runways or congregate near them, flying up when a aircraft took off or landed.

While Howard's study highlighted the danger of aircraft/bird collisions where airports and dumps were in close proximity, he had mixed results in getting the potentially deadly situation corrected. Some dumps were closed, but jurisdictional roadblocks

kept others open. He did, however, persuade many dump operations to cover dumped garbage immediately with dirt to discourage gulls from feeding there.

In 1970, Howard was elected to the Board of Directors of East Bay Regional Parks. During his 12 year tenure, he helped develop and maintain wildlife habitats in the hilltop parks in addition to providing people access to natural habitats.

Howard helped make Cal State Hayward famous for its field biology, particularly its ecological class field trips and summer field classes. These classes included work in the campus ecological preserve, its field station, and on the university's boats around San Francisco estuary. He retired in 1980.

Howard was instrumental in the restoration of a section of the South San Francisco Bay that had been used for salt production for over a century. Marshland had been graded and diked for use as salt evaporation ponds, but salt production was becoming unprofitable and Leslie Salt Company wanted to sell or develop their property for other commercial purposes. What started as a small project at the Hayward shore became a multi-agency project for the entire San Francisco Bay. A total of five teams developed long-range goals, not just for ten years, but a fifty to one hundred years time frame. He was a moderate voice, pressing for a balance between economic development of the wetlands and restoration of whole ecosystems. He was a consultant in several lawsuits and acted as a buffer between developers and environmentalists who wanted no development at all. Robert Douglas, a Leslie Salt executive said about Howard, "...we have the utmost respect for Dr. Cogswell. He's a true scientist, and the truth is what's always important for Howard. Citizens like him are absolutely invaluable



advocates for endangered species" (*The Baumberg Tract*, pg. 166). Cogswell Marsh on the Hayward shoreline of San Francisco Bay is named in his honor.

Howard was a long-time member of the Cogswell Family Association and hosted their 1997 reunion at Cogswell Polytechnic College in Sunnyvale, CA. Howard and Bessie travelled to several other reunions, even one in England. Howard was also very active in several ornithological societies, attending conferences as far away as Moscow, USSR.

Howard's love of birds drove much of his life. Family travels were generally from birding spot to birding spot. When camping, Howard would be up long before dawn to listen to "the morning chorus" – he could recognize birds just from their calls, or even from a fleeting glimpse.

Howard passed away on June 8, 2006. A small ceremony was held at the Cogswell Marsh and his ashes were scattered there. Members of the East Bay Regional Park District, Hayward Parks and Ohlone Audubon Society were present. All had great admiration for Howard and several present were former students who had been introduced to birding by Howard. Most of his professional papers were donated to The Ohlone Audubon Society.

Notes From Your Board of Directors

CFA Website Improvements

By Pat Cogswell, CFA webmaster

Don't know if you check very often, but the Cogswell Family Association website has a whole new look and some new information as well. Check it out at www.cogswell.org. You will find a little slide show on the home page which features many Cogswell historical items. There are links to

- 1) Family Group Sheet in .pdf format;
- 2) Family Group Sheet as an Excel spreadsheet that you can copy and paste into Excel on your computer and fill it out; and
- 3) a Pedigree4 worksheet in .pdf. You now have three different ways to update your family history and send it to don.cogswell65@gmail.com.

Don is working on updating the 20 year old data base to create a whole new edition of the Descendants of John Cogswell. He would love to have anything you have on your family line. Visit YOUR website often and please let me know if there is anything else you would like to see on it.....I'm always open to suggestions.



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Are You Delinquent on Dues?

A significant number of CFA members have not yet sent in their dues for 2016.

Are you one of those?

You should have received an Annual Dues Notice by early January 2016. If you didn't receive it (or misplaced it), you can print out a form from our website, www.cogswell.org. Click on *Membership Form*, print, fill out and mail with your annual dues.

Remember, your dues help pay for the printing and mailing of the Courier and maintenance of our website.

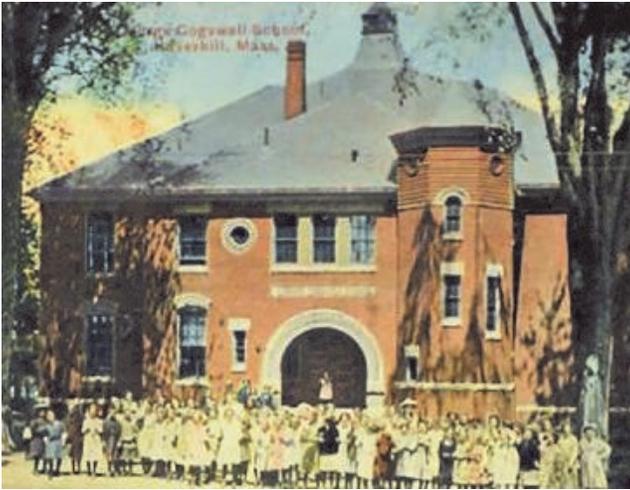
2015 Financial Report—Katie Sanders

Here's the 2015 CFA Treasurer's Financial Statement, recorded at the 2015 CFA Annual BOD Meeting:

- Total net worth: \$114,775.62 (\$2837.89 increase)
- In checking: \$7,281.19
- Savings: \$17,837.54
- Endowment Fund: \$89,429.43 (PEmco Real Return), which is an increase of \$2618.62 in value (and a 3% ROI)
- 2014 Income: \$2714.41
- Books sold: \$473.41
- Expenses: \$2970.31
- Total Income \$219.29

Financial Investment Discussion - Katie reported that our financial advice comes from Fidelity at no charge and that Fidelity continues to advise that we stay invested in the PEemco Mutual Fund

Reinvent Cogswell - Haverhill, MA



In 1891, the George Cogswell School opened its doors to the community and served Haverhill for over 100 years, but lay abandoned and deteriorating until last year. The Reinvent Cogswell project plans to reopen these doors again as a center for community arts and cultural activity. “The Reinvent Cogswell Team are so deserving of our gratitude from our entire community! Their vision and commitment are truly inspiring. This building will bring our community together in support of local art and will benefit the entire region.” said State Representative Linda Dean Campbell.

In April 2015, Reinvent Cogswell, an initiative of Creative Haverhill, signed a three-year lease with option to purchase the building from the city. Working with local architect, Angelo Petrozzelli, who specializes in historic preservation and public spaces, the team hopes to restore and preserve the school, including environmental mediation in the basement level. Initial funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and money raised by the energetic team, including a 50% match promise from MCC, will be a good start. State grants may also help bring the building up to code. The vision includes flexible gallery space, private and public studio spaces, as well as community space with a focus of creativity.

See cogswellartspace.org for a good video and slide show with updates on the restoration activities. As of the end of November, the volunteers had done a lot of cleanup, but would have to close the building and drain the pipes to prevent freezing since the heating system is inoperable.

“While the building may remain physically closed to the community at this time, such funding and significant support bolsters the project’s visibility as this dream for more arts and culture in Haverhill shifts into a reality,” beamed Jaime DeSimone, a volunteer spearheading the project. “The road ahead may be long, but the building is the cornerstone of the project to foster opportunities and presentation of the arts. I long for the day the school will once again teem with residents.”



Sources: haverhillchamber.com, cogswellartspace.org, whav.net

Canadian Connection



By Malcolm Cogswell

Brian Cogswell



Brian Cogswell of Moncton, New Brunswick, grew up in Halifax, N.S., the son of Bernie Cogswell. He is one of three children, having a brother Bernie and a sister, Lisa. His family is among the Cape Breton Cogswells who are not descendants of John Cogswell. He attended Saint Mary's University from 1990 – 1994 and graduated, Magna Cum Laude, in Commerce, Marketing, Information Technology.

He is married to Sara and has two children, James and Ella.

From October 1998 to February 2003 he was Operations Support Manager for Convergys, where he managed call centre reporting and workforce management responsibilities for a client spanning across two sites.



From February 2003 to August 2004 he was Operations Support Manager for AOL Time Warner, where he managed call centre reporting and workforce management responsibilities.

From August 2004 to July 2008 he was Director, Re-

porting for Aditya Birla Minacs, where he managed reporting function for a multitude of clients spread across 10 sites in North America.

Since August 2008, he has worked as a Solutions Architect for HGS Canada Inc., a company which provides a full suite of business process management services from marketing and digital enablement services, consumer interaction services to platform enabling back office business services. His duties are many and varied.

On June 22nd, 2014, Brian and Ella Cogswell (a relative?) followed Jesus through the waters of believer's baptism at Hillside Baptist Church. This marked a change as his family is Catholic. That morning a more than 50 voice "Band of Brothers" (above) men's choir sang. Brian was apparently a member of that choir. The Band of Brothers says "Our dream is to lead a new generation of men to be fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ. And we desire to leave no man behind."

He was also an assistant coach of the 13 U Moncton Roofers Volleyball Team. In the picture he is shown standing at right. Also in the picture is Ella Cogswell (number 8) standing in the back row.

He was also involved in candlepin bowling, and with a youth group – possibly the Moncton Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.





Musical Cogswells

By Denis Cogswell & Malcolm Cogswell

Kat Cogswell is a professional vocalist in Portland Oregon specializing in jazz, blues, pop and musical theatre. Kat also leads her own small groups of many different musical flavors, performing to enthusiastic crowds at many of Portland's favorite establishments.



Kat has been a vocalist for the popular female quartet "Signatures" led by Barbara Ayars (Bobby Vinton, Esquivel) with lush, four part harmonies arranged by Bo Ayars, appearing with the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra and selling out clubs in the Portland area.

Kat can also be heard singing the theme song to the popular mobile video game "Space Age," available on the iTunes Store and Google Play.

See www.katcogswell.com

Kat singing "Making Whoopee":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPGfAP-15-8>

Chris Cogswell is a music teacher in the Lakewood, Colorado, offering creative, fun and innovative piano lessons for all ages, beginning to intermediate. Tailored to meet the student's individual interests and needs.



See www.staccatomusic.co

Adam Lee Cogswell

is a solo artist from the desert of Arizona. Since 2008 Adam has self-released three albums and toured through the U.S. His genre is Southern Rock, Bluegrass and Roots Music. Look



for Adam's music on YouTube or Amazon.



Stephen Cogswell, a musician in the San Francisco Bay Area decided to bring things back to the basics with his debut solo album "Floating." Strip away technology and amplification and all greatest songs ever created boil down to a voice and an instrument.

It was this simplicity and purity of soul that Stephen was aiming for when embarking on the journey of creating his debut solo album. The focus of these songs were on voice, soul, lyrics and from Cogswell's long time desire to share some love songs. The project also emerged at the urging of friends and fans, wanting to hear something raw and simple from Stephen.

See www.stephencogswell.com

Chris Cogswell, guitarist/vocalist and Los Angeles post-rock band Guides played Audie's Olympic Tavern Dec. 19th. Guides started in 2012 as a collaboration between Cogswell, drummer Jayson Larson and bassist Be Hussey. In September, the band released a five-song EP, "Abstract Mind."

Hayden Cogswells in Sports

By Malcolm Cogswell



There are two persons named **Hayden Cogswell**, and both are or were involved in sports. The older Hayden lives in Marietta, Georgia but comes from Kennesaw, Georgia. He attended Kennesaw Mountain High School and studied

Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Tech. He has worked at Turner Construction, Inglett & Stubbs, LLC, and Building Services Co-op at Mckenny's, Inc.



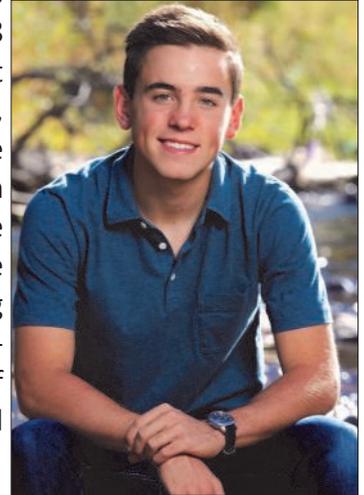
For varsity rower Hayden Cogswell, crew is more than just those exciting final 250 meters of a race. For him, it's being able to compete against and meet other rowers at Regattas, being able to spend time with his teammates, and being able to row on the water at the end of the day. When asked to wrap up what Crew is to him in one sentence, he said "it's the hardest thing you will ever do but I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Georgia Tech Crew, founded in 1986, is the largest club sport offered here at Tech. Although the group has a "club" designation and is made up of mainly walk-on athletes, the team still



competes at a very high level against scholarship athletes from other schools – and successfully so. He is married to Alyssa (Johnson) Cogswell.

The younger Hayden was born March 11th, 1998 in Denver, Colorado, but now lives in Evergreen, Colorado, where he attends Evergreen High School as a Senior. He graduates in 2016. He plays soccer, wearing Jersey #4. He plays mid-field and is Captain of the team. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 155 pounds.

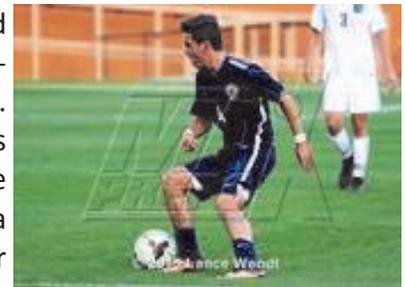


He missed the 2013 campaign with a torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament but returned for 2014 and 2015. He was selected the Evergreen Soccer Player of the Game. Oct.1st, & Nov 3rd, 2015.

Hayden Cogswell unleashed a bomb from distance to secure a semifinal game against Longmont on October 31st, 2014.

Evergreen senior Hayden Cogswell hadn't scored a goal in nearly two months. The speedy midfielder picked a perfect time to end his goal-scoring drought with the eventual game-winning goal Nov. 3 in the Class 4A boys' soccer second-round

playoff game at Evergreen High School. Cogswell scored his second goal of the season on rocket of a shot past Palmer Ridge goalie Mason Cresap in the 20th minute to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead. This turned out to be the game winning goal.



Information on both Haydens comes from the Internet.

Cogswells in The News

By Malcolm Cogswell

Kate Cogswell, 49, and **Laura Cogswell**, 26, both from New York State, ran the New York City Marathon November 1st, 2015. Laura did it in 4 hours, 24 minutes and 51 seconds, to finish 21439th. Kate took 4 hours, 55 minutes and 20 seconds to finish 32861st. There were 49828 runners in the race. Dana Cogswell, 40, of Seattle, Washington, ran the Seattle Marathon in 3 hours, 52 minutes and 20 seconds ending 486th out of 1716 runners. Dana is the youngest son of CFA member Prescott Cogswell. Ruth Cogswell age 40-44 of Arlington Heights ran the 50k North Face Endurance Challenge San Francisco, December 5th. December 13th, Nathan Cogswell, of Honolulu, HI, age 30-34, ran the Honolulu Marathon in 3 hours 2 minutes and 30 seconds, finishing 63rd of 21546 runners.

Les Cogswell, Jr., 55, retired the Weld County Sheriff's Office (CO), after 31 years. At a ceremony January 27th, the Weld County commissioners thanked Cogswell for his service and presented him with a plaque. Cogswell started with the Weld County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 28th, 1985. He worked as a corrections officer for almost 11 years at the county jail before he switched to patrol work for 18 years, he said. His last three years he spent working with the Weld County Courts Division.

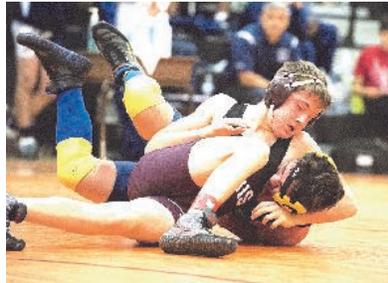


Branden Cogswell, of Ballston Lake, NY, now playing for the Oakland A's, has a new job this off-season: throwing batting practice to kids.

*In a race for three, three-year at-large seats on the Concord, NH, school board, **Clint Cogswell** scored 2,482, the most of any of the four candidates.*

Kyle Cogswell was promoted to captain of Turners Falls (MA) Fire Department. **Nicholas Cogswell** was a Graduate of Franklin County Fire Recruit Training program in the Montague Center (MA) Fire Department garage on December 6th.

Olivia Cogswell placed second on the beam as her Kasson-Mantorville/Triton gymnastics team (MN) opened up its season on Dec. 1st, by falling to Caledonia/Spring Grove.



Nokomis' Quinton Richards, top, deals defeat to Morse's **Isaiah Cogswell** during final round action in the 138-pound division in the Tiger Invitational December 12th, in Gardiner, ME. Photo by Kevin Bennett

Historian **George Cogswell** chronicles two nights of bombing of the town of Sale from the Luftwaffe December 22nd and 23rd, 1940, in his latest booklet, 'The Sale Blitz, 1940-41'. On the night of December 23 alone, there were 98 incidents in the Sale area. Fortunately, no-one was killed, but six people were seriously injured and 12 had minor injuries.

Daniel Cogswell, who was a guard on board a train travelling from Cambridge to Birmingham (UK) which hit a 23-year-old, has announced his plans to complete the London marathon on April 24. He has chosen to run for the Samaritans to try to help raise awareness of the growing frequency of railway suicides.



Craig Cogswell, on the right, of Boylston, MA, a former Tahanto basketball all-star, was a member of the Gaucher Plumbing and Heating (GPH) team, in the Worcester Charity 3-on-3 hoop tourney. Photo by Graham Entwistle.

Cogswells in The News—Continued

Gaylord (MI) sophomore **Kaz Cogswell** scored the game's first goal in December 4th's D3 Challenge opener at Otsego County Sportsplex as the Blue Devils (Gaylord) hockey team fell to visiting Farmington United 9-4.

Joe Cogswell of Chipman Brook, Nova Scotia has an ear-to-ear grin as he holds up a copy of the American farming magazine featuring an article about his one of a kind dirt shaker. "In order to sift my soil so I could plant the wheat grass in it I needed a shaker, so I came up with the idea of building one," recalls Cogswell. The dirt shaker, featured in the Minnesota-based FARM SHOW magazine, came to be ten years ago when Cogswell decided to recycle a discarded single piston water pump. Tyler Doherty, his 14-year-old neighbour with a knack for welding, built the shaker. Cogswell is at left in the picture above, Doherty is at the right.



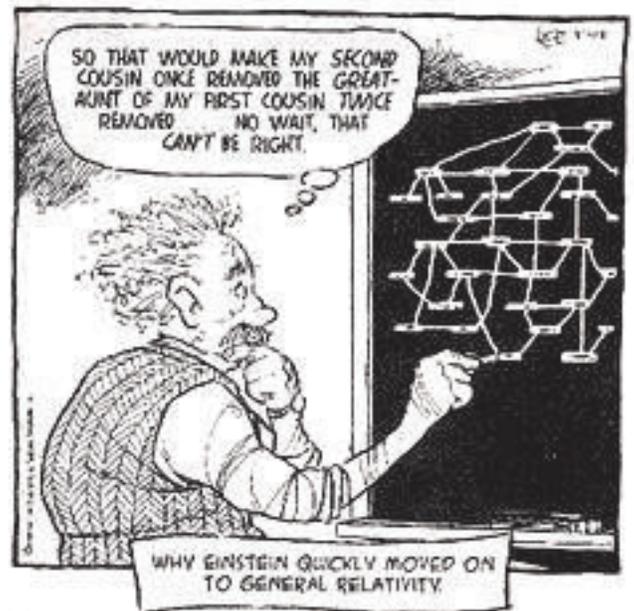
Stacey Cogswell, who competed on Season 12 of *Top Chef*, joins former Liquid Art House sous chef Quang Tran at Rachel Klien's forthcoming RFK Kitchen restaurant in Needham, MA. The restaurant will have a "fun, urban feel" and will have a 20-seat counter that faces an open kitchen. There will be a chef's tasting menu, as well as family-friendly menu items, to appeal to food lovers and casual diners alike.



Wildflour Bakery, Boise, ID, has its first storefront since owner **Mary Cogswell** started baking goods in her North End kitchen in 1992. Mary Cogswell, shown in this June photo, has run her business Wildflour Bakery out of her North End garage for two decades. Her new Garden City storefront is three times larger.



David Cogswell, is executive editor of *travelpulse.com*, covering tours and packages, Africa and the Middle East. He has several interesting articles on the website, covering many aspects of travel—tour planning, interviews, etc. He has an interesting historical article about the founding of the National Tour Association. Follow him at [@CogswellTravelP](#) on Twitter.



Westbury, Wiltshire, News

By Malcolm Cogswell

Annette Ayles, a care worker, won an award for her work at Watersmead Care Home in Westbury at the end of October. She won 'Leader of the Year' at the recent Order of St John Care Trust's annual employee awards ceremony. She was commended for "working extremely hard to create a community which is led by the residents and for managing with her heart, commitment and values."



Pupils at Westbury Leigh Primary School received a visit from Mr. Singh, a Barnardos representative on Wednesday 14th October. He spoke to the children about how the Barnardos Charity helps thousands of children each year and how their school can help Barnardos continue to do so. Mr. Singh launched the egg-citing fundraising challenge, which involves raising money by decorating a hard-boiled egg in whichever design the children want.



Alex Senneck and Mike Coles, both from Westbury, have been selected for the Marylebone Cricket Club for their upcoming tour of Nepal. MCC will play six games during the tour, including a two-day and a 20-over match against the Nepal national team. They will also play

against Nepal B and U19 teams. Five fixtures will be played in Kathmandu, and the group will travel west to Pokhara for a 50-over match against Pokhara CC. Alex, who has visited Nepal before in the military,

currently plays for Westbury and District Cricket Club and the British Army. Mike lives in Westbury and plays with Corsham Cricket Club and Wiltshire's county team. Alex said, "I'm really excited for the tour; I have been to Nepal before but have never played with the MCC, so it was an honor to be selected. During the tour, as well as playing, we will be promoting cricket in the country, coaching children, and doing charity work. It's a good opportunity to show that Nepal is open for business after such a devastating year with the earthquakes."

November 13th, students at Matravers School spent the day in their pajamas and organized events throughout the day. The school raised over £1,000 but



money is still coming in. Head teacher Dr. Riding said, "Matravers School is delighted to have once again supported Children in Need, raising over £1,000 to support worthwhile causes." Pupils at Dilton Marsh Primary School wore something spotty to school and donated £1. Each class also made cakes and biscuits to sell. All their efforts helped raise £233 for Children in Need. They also had a surprise visit from Pudsey Bear, organized by Asda in Frome. Pupils at Westbury Leigh Primary School dressed as their favorite superhero and raised close to £500, with donations still coming in. Head teacher Debbie Grimsey said, "The children and families of Westbury Leigh Primary School have given generously to this worthy cause which was organized by the Pupil Leadership Team."

Westbury Leigh Primary School held a Remembrance Assembly in school on Wednesday 11th November. The assembly was led by the children who have a parent who is part of or has been part of the armed forces. The children used the assembly to

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explain the importance and meaning of Armistice Day. They also explained the significance of wearing poppies.

November 20th at 3 p.m. a tractor towing a trailer overturned in Westbury Leigh but miraculously it didn't injure anyone. The incident was cleared by 5 p.m. and police said no further action would be taken.

November 28 Westbury hosted its annual Christmas street fair and lights switch-on. There were stalls selling local food, crafts and Christmas-themed items. There were also displays from street entertainers Greg Chapman's Christmas Shows with juggling, comedy and escapology, a Christmas camel, a tai chi display, dance troupes, a fun fair with a big red fun bus and a two-deck fun house. Santa's grotto and miniature railway were also on hand as will crazy golf, a petting zoo and reptile display.



Westbury Leigh Primary school has just achieved the Bronze school games Kitemark. The award looked at a range of aspects, such as allocated curriculum time, sports leaders, amount of extracurricular being provided and the amount participating in both in and out of school.

All pupils at Westbury Leigh Primary School enjoyed a fantastic stage production of Cinderella at their school hall on November 19th. The pantomime was performed by a professional company based in Scotland.

Owen Singer of Westbury took to Facebook to voice his frustration after dogs killed four of his sheep in the past two



weeks – and has now threatened to shoot any dogs that aren't under control when on his land at Penleigh Farm. "I am asking for people to stay on the footpaths with dogs on the lead at all times, regardless of whether there are any sheep in the field," he says.

Westbury angler Richard Brimble, 58, who was taking part in a Wilts Angling Open match at Shearwater Lake on the Longleat estate, died after collapsing at the lakeside with a heart attack, despite the efforts of paramedics to save him. His wife says her only comfort is that he was doing something he loved.

Matravers school in Westbury increased from 48 per cent to 55 per cent of pupils achieving A*-C grades at GCSE level.

A drive to direct local council tax money to be spent on local services has led to a town councilor proposing the village of Westbury Leigh should become a parish in its own right, with its own parish council. Westbury town councilor Ian Taylor's proposition would see Westbury Leigh unshackled from the town council's governance. The village's 201 householders pay £16,000, set to rise by £2,000 next year, as part of their council tax, to the town council and none of that money, according to Councilor Taylor, is being spent in Westbury Leigh. "We have a lot to gain from this. Residents are getting in touch with me saying 'you have our backing'. We contribute less than four per cent to Westbury's revenue and we just don't get the benefits from it," he said.

Westbury Leigh C of E Primary School recently celebrated Multi Faith week, an important fixture on the school's academic calendar. Staff organized visitors from a variety of faiths to come in and talk to the children. We had a visit from the Bath Buddhist Group, and two members of the Sikh community.

Illinois Independent Artillery Regiment History



Cogswell's Battery Light Artillery

Cogswell's Battery, Illinois Light Artillery, was organized at Ottawa, Ill., by Captain William Cogswell, and was mustered in November 11, 1861, as Company A, Artillery, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers, Colonel Cushman commanding the Regiment.



On February 28, 1862, moved to Chicago, Ill., and, on March 17, it was detached from the Regiment, and moved to St. Louis, Mo. On April 8, embarked for Pittsburg Landing. Was assigned to duty in Third Division, Army of the Tennessee, Brigadier General Lew. Wallace commanding. Participated in the advance of Corinth, and, from thence, marched to Memphis, Tenn., arriving June 14, 1862. On November 26, was assigned to Fifth Division-Brigadier General J. W. Denver commanding, and marched with General Sherman's expedition toward Vicksburg. On the return of Sherman's Army, the Battery moved with McPherson's Army to the Yaconapatalfa River, and afterwards, marched to Grand Junction, arriving January 9, 1863.

March 8, 1863, moved to Lagrange. On June 4, moved to Memphis, and embarked for Vicksburg. Participated in the siege of Vicksburg.

On September 28, embarked for Memphis. On 11th October, marched from Memphis, and, November 23 and 24, participated in the battle of Mission Ridge.

April 29, 1864, moved to Nashville. On December 15 and 16, 1864, was engaged in the battle of Nashville, Lieutenant McClary commanding. Marched to Pulaski, Clifton and Eastport. On February 5, 1865, embarked for New Orleans. From March 28 to April 8, was engaged with the Sixteenth Corps, in operations against Spanish Fort, Ala. Moved thence to Blakely, and, after its capture, to Montgomery, Ala.

July 28, 1865, ordered to Springfield, Ill. Mustered out August 14, 1865.

The Battery was in the service three years and nine months, and has marched over 7,500 miles, and participated in seven sieges and battles.

William Cogswell held the rank of Captain.

See: <http://civilwar.illinoisgenweb.org/history/ia-006.html> and <http://www.civil-war.net/searchdyers2.asp?reg=COGSWELL'S%20INDEPENDENT%20BATTERY%20LIGHT%20ARTILLERY&searchdyers=Illinois>

Note: Wikipedia.com lists Cogswell's Independent Battery Light Artillery in wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Illinois_Civil_War_units#Artillery_units, but the indicated page is missing.

Marriages, Births & Deaths

Collected by Malcolm Cogswell & Howard Cogswell



Marriages



Scott Cogswell, Hudsonville, to Amy Baas, Grand Rapids, both Michigan Sept. 5th, in Grand Rapids.

Births



Vivian Lee Cogswell, daughter of Jaclyn Lee Lodice and Steven Kenneth Cogswell was born Dec. 29, 2015, Stamford, Connecticut

Oliver Cogswell Bohn, son of John Jacob and Marie Amber (Martin) Bohn was born Dec. 26, 2015, Batavia, New York

Deaths

Joshua "Josh" William Cogswell, 29, died December 22, 2015, Woodstock, New Brunswick, Canada.

Patricia (Patty) Ann Cogswell, 80, Twin Falls, Idaho, wife of Ronald T. Cogswell, died October 29, 2015.

Chris G. Cogswell, 38, died September 30, 2015, Miami, Florida

Geraldine (Cogswell) Dunn, 89, died October 5, 2015, Houlton, Maine

Constance Losson (Pfeffer) Ewald Cogswell, 100, died November 26, 2015 Louisville, Kentucky, widow of Frank Samuel Cogswell, Sr. (her first husband was an Ewald)

Philip Cogswell, 52, died October 1, 2015, Anderson, Indiana

Elizabeth Cogswell Knox, 50, died October 9, 2015, Cohasset, Massachusetts. She was born on January 14, 1965, to John and Janice Cogswell in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brenda Ann Kipper, 53, of Barling, Arkansas, mother of Robert Cogswell, died December 20, 2015.

Ryan Cogswell, 21, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, died February 1 2016 in North Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Peter B Cogswell, 27, of Windsor, Connecticut, died January 23rd, 2016.

Ryan Scott Cogswell, 21, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, died February 1st, 2016, due to injuries in an automobile accident.

Joshua William Cogswell, 30, of Woodstock, New Brunswick, died December 22nd, 2015.

Paula Marie Cogswell, 49, of Port Williams, Nova Scotia, died November 1st, 2015.

Sarah Philomena (nee Cogswell), 91, died February 15th, 2016 at Chelmsford Ontario.

Franklin R. Cogswell, 57 of Zanesville, OH, died February 14, 2016. He is the son of Lucy L. Cogswell Stalnaker and the late Thomas Elwood Cogswell.

William Edward Cogswell, of Hillsdale, MI, died at age 91, survived by his wife Lois and three children, two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Memories from My Life

By Eloise Gassert, CFA Historian



Our hearts hold a special love of finding out where we came from, who we are, and how we grew as a people including all the family foibles and secrets and accomplishments. As stated last month, my lineage begins with me, *Eloise K Gassert – Mabel Del Castilho – Clara Belle Cogswell – John William Cogswell – John Cogswell – William Cogswell – Solomon Cogswell – Nathan Cogswell – Joseph Cogswell to Samuel Cogswell/Susanna Haven and on back. I am proud of my heritage within the Cogswell Family*

I plan, in this article to briefly finish my history. In writing my family history, I hope to encourage each and every one of you to explore and discover your history. *Make and keep notes and pictures.* This history goes on for generations, and facts and details, no matter how minimal and unimportant they seem, should be recorded for posterity. This world today suffers from a lack of true history, whether it is familial or otherwise for history is our “footprints” on this earth. I hope y’all enjoy some of my most vivid family history.

My parents had decided to move to the San Diego area of California. Plans were changed, however, when my Dad suffered a massive heart attack. My brother and I were taken to Hibbing, Minnesota by Dad’s family, till he could recover. *Dad was only 39 when he had the heart attack, which brought to the forefront family medical history.* Many of the men in Dad’s family suffered from heart disease. When Dad was strong enough, he and Mom joined us in Minnesota. We spent that year (1958-1959) in Minnesota as Dad became stronger.

From there we spent a year in Carrabelle, Florida and then, on down to south Florida, specifically Pompano Beach, Florida. This is where I grew up, my teenage years. I went to Deerfield Beach Junior High School. From there I went to Pompano Beach

Senior High School and graduated June 1966. Oh my, that was 50 years ago! I loved my teenage years, the friends I had and to this day still have them. And because we lived in warm Florida, we had many northern Cogswell family visitors. My favorites were Aunt Mamie and Aunt Florrie. They would tell the tales of family history. They taught us the games they played as kids. They often told of the “Indian” in our family which no one ever disclosed. All we know is that he was a Pequot Indian descendant. My first cousin 2 times removed, George Franklin Cogswell became known as Chief Gray Eagle. I often wish I could talk to him to find the true “Cogswell Indian”, but for now it remains a mystery.

After graduation, I married and raised four children in the Pompano/Ft. Lauderdale area, James, Cheri, Darryl and Joshua. At this stage of having and raising children, one of the details I remembered from Cogswell family members was the prevalence of diabetes in the family. My children were all “big” at birth.

We loved south Florida, the people, the beaches and family. After divorcing in 1985, I met and married John F. Gassert which has now evolved into 22 happy years. Our two families melded together and his children and mine became friends as well as family. Through the years we have maintained our family histories with the joy of passing them on down to the children and grandchildren. ***We are all historians of our families and need to be for generations to come.***

Another reason I, as historian, feel it is important to remember even the most minute detail of family history is other people may recognize something or someone that is missing from their history.

Memories from My Life—Continued



John William Cogswell and Mary Elizabeth Gund Cogswell - John Cogswell, Elsie and Kate Cogswell –
Grandma Clara Cogswell on the tricycle.

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Ziegfeld Girls—Vintage Beauties

By Eloise Gassert, CFA Historian

Vintage photos of the famous beauties of the Ziegfeld Follies revue (1907-1931) were created by photographer, Alfred Cheney Johnston. These girls were known for always being decked out in the most elaborate and beautiful costumes. The costumes were often made by designers such as Erté, Lady Duff Gordon, and Ben Ali Haggi. The next morning the talk in New York would always be the ensembles. Some of the real mystique of the Ziegfeld girls comes from the provocative photography of Alfred Cheney Johnston. The Ziegfeld Follies were a series of elaborate theatrical productions on Broadway in New York City from 1907 through 1931. Inspired by the Follies Bergères of Paris, the Ziegfeld Follies were conceived and mounted by Florenz Ziegfeld Photography by Alfred Cheney Johnston, the official photographer of the Ziegfeld Follies.



One of our own Cogswell descendants was a Ziegfeld Girl Model and Performer, **Marie Stevens**. She descended from Eunice Cogswell Robinson who was born in 1775 in Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts, and died February 20, 1845 and buried in the Brigham Cemetery in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Marie was born on December 29, 1909 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky and died September 18, 1981 at the age of 71 in San Francisco, San Francisco, California. Marie was buried at sea as was her husband, actor William Collier, Jr. Marie married William Collier, Jr on December 31, 1934 in New York City, New York at the Little Church Around the Corner. An ac-

tor and agent, William's on screen name was Buster Collier. Collier made headlines for his New Year's Eve marriage to Ziegfeld girl Marie Stevens (the best man was none other than William Randolph Hearst). **They had one daughter, Chatty Collier, born July 4th, 1937 in Twickenham, England, who is the living descendant of her talented parents, stars of film and stage.**

Marie performed in Ziegfeld Follies of July 1 – November 21, 1931 as a guest performer in “You Made Me Love You”; Hot Cha!, March 8, 1932 – June 18, 1932 in a musical ensemble; Music in the Air, November 8, 1932 – September 16, 1933 as a substitute performer; Ziegfeld Follies of 1934, January 4, 1934 – June 9, 1934 as a singer/performer in “That’s Where We Came In” Saks Fifth Avenue Girl, “The Follies Girl” .

WILLIAM BUSTER COLLIER, JR. and Marie Stevens Collier lived at 358 East Via Altamira, Palm Springs a Movie Colony neighborhood. Actor and husband, Collier, married to Ziegfeld Follies performer, Marie Stevens and lived here in 1934. The home has 5 bedrooms & 5 baths with 3,799 square feet of living space. Collier had an extensive acting career of 88 movie roles from 1916 to 1935, making the transition from a child actor in the silent era to an adult actor in the talkies. His roles include: The Bugle Call (1916), The Devil's Cargo(1925), and Little Caesar (1931).

Cogswell College Student News

Submitted by Howard Cogswell

27-Jan-2016

SAN JOSE, CA — Cogswell College (www.cogswell.edu), the educational institution offering a curriculum in digital art, engineering and entrepreneurship, has announced that students within its Digital Art & Animation program have released a second batch of 3D animatable rigs - depicting two original “human” digital characters - through the school’s in-house character program “Project Avatarah.”



The new 3D character rigs are bipeds—a male and a female named “Henry” and “Caroline” -- named after the founder of Cogswell College, Dr. Henry Cogswell, and his wife, Caroline. Simplicity was the main driving factor in the design of these new characters, as well as the rig. Cogswell students wanted these new rigs to have a simple control scheme to make the characters accessible to different skill levels, while also offering details as well as a wide range of motion. These rigs are meant to be used in subtle animations, with extreme actions and locomotive cycles.



See: <http://www.cgw.com/Press-Center/Student-School-News/2016/Cogswell-Students-Release-New-3D-Animatable-Rigs.aspx>

Editor’s Note:

For those of us unfamiliar with such things, digital characters like these are used in hundreds of video games and an increasing number of movies, such as Lord of the Rings (Gollum, especially), Avatar and a host of others. The Holy Grail of this industry is to produce digital characters that look “real” and move in realistic ways. A digital character can work 24/7, doesn’t need a psychiatrist or a host of handlers.



The 1997 Cogswell Family Reunion was held at Cogswell College and was hosted by Howard Cogswell (see biography, page 2).

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