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# Mayor William Cogswell

**Cogswell shuns limelight in favor of progress as Charleston mayor.**

**A year in, how's it paying off?**



Mayor William Cogswell talks in his office in City Hall, Feb 13, 2024, in Charleston

On the first anniversary of his inauguration as Charleston's mayor, William Cogswell celebrated the start of a project 15 years and two prior administrations in the making.

"Fifteen years ... that ain't happening again," he said Jan. 8 [during the groundbreaking for the Ashley River Crossing](#), a nearly \$100 million pedestrian bridge that will connect West Ashley to the Charleston peninsula.

After his remarks, Cogswell let the spotlight fall on nearby Councilman Mike Seekings, a champion of the project. Seekings jumped into a front loader that would dig into the dirt marking the start of construction.

While the scene showcased the pageantry that often comes with the job title, it also reflected Cogswell's approach to leadership — one that shuns the limelight in favor of progress. In stepping aside, Cogswell delivered on a [promise made during his Jan. 8, 2024, inaugural](#) address.

"Now, know that I will not be at every public event," he said. "Nor will I ever be the one looking for the digital spotlight. Simply put, that is not who I am. And that is not what Charleston needs."

Cogswell has stayed mostly true to that behind-the-scenes style, Seekings said, noting the mayor recognized the project was in the works for a long time before his arrival and that he "came along at the very happy ending of it."

*Editor: A search of Google or Bing show a large number of items about Mayor William Cogswell. Since he was the speaker in our reunion last August, I've included several items to show what our cousin is doing.*

But 2025 starts a new year and only time will tell whether the developer-turned-mayor delivers further for the city's rapidly growing population of nearly 156,000 residents.

What his thoughts are about the future could remain hard to read. The Post and Courier repeatedly requested a sit-down interview with the mayor for nearly two months to discuss his first year in office. On Jan. 23, city spokeswoman Deja Knight McMillan requested a list of questions. Answers from Cogswell were sent by email.

## **Moonshots with a developer mindset**

Among his year-one achievements, Cogswell listed two redevelopment projects he brokered largely outside of the public eye and that have the potential to transform neighborhoods.

One is slated to bring an [investment of nearly \\$350 million on and around the former Piggly Wiggly site on Sumar Street in West Ashley](#), which Cogswell described in his emailed answers as "a long-neglected



City of Charleston Mayor William Cogswell welcomes the crowd during the opening event of the 48th Spoleto Festival USA outside Charleston City Hall May 24, 2024.

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part of our city."

Most of City Council saw the plan when it was unveiled to nearby residents at a community meeting Aug. 27. Council approved parts of the development plan two weeks later.

The second project would revitalize the nearly [70 acre port terminal, known as Union Pier](#), along the Cooper River downtown. With an expected \$400 million from city taxpayers for a [waterfront park](#), new roads, sidewalks and other public infrastructure, and another \$2 billion promised from [Charleston businessman and philanthropist Ben Navarro](#), there is still no public plan for how the project will ultimately look.

City Councilman Jim McBride, who was elected at the same time as Cogswell, described the projects as "moonshots."

"Those were both languishing for a long time, and he got them over the, not the finish line, but starting line," he said. "That's going to pay dividends for years to come."

McBride, reflecting on his own first year in office representing parts of James and Johns islands, said he hopes to hone Cogswell's focus on tackling the islands' traffic woes in the coming year.



Charleston Mayor William Cogswell at City Hall

Councilman Ross Appel, who has represented parts of West Ashley and James Island since 2020, applauded "the energy and the focus and the hustle" he has seen from Cogswell's administration.

"He's got a developer mindset that he brings to local government," Appel said of Cogswell. "I say that

in a positive way. That's how you get something like Sumar Street. That's how you get something like Union Pier."

With those projects, Cogswell was able to consolidate council consensus "without a whole lot of drama," Appel said.

But that hasn't always been the case.

## First cracks show

In October, two of the council's longest-serving members challenged Cogswell for keeping them in the dark on decisions and projects in the city. His administration was usurping their authority, they said. It was the first public show of dissension between the city's dozen district representatives and the mayor, who together comprise the 13-member council, on how to govern the state's largest municipality.

"Things are bypassing council," said Councilman Robert Mitchell, who represents the city's East Side and Neck Area, at the Oct. 8 meeting.

Mitchell took aim at the mayor's [plan for a rapid housing initiative for the region's homeless](#). The plan calls for [118 temporary shelters](#) and the city's daytime resource center for the unhoused to be located on city-owned property in Mitchell's district.

But before Cogswell went to council, he pitched the regional shelter model to leaders from all over the tri-county area in hopes of securing their support and funding. None have signed on.

A month after the contentious council meeting, the plan failed to gain support from a committee that Mitchell chairs. In January, Mitchell was appointed as Cogswell's understudy as mayor pro tempore.

Cogswell counted his handling of the initiative as the biggest misstep of his first year.

"It is important to have consensus on how to address (these issues) in a productive way," Cogswell said. "For me, that starts with getting City Council fully on board."

Cogswell said he has revised his plan with input from council, which he called "constructive." He plans to present the new plan in February.

Both Appel and McBride said communications had improved.



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## Focus stays local

Cogswell, who turned 50 on Jan. 14, won a hotly contested runoff in November 2023 against two-time incumbent [John Tecklenburg](#).

Though the race was nonpartisan, both top candidates had clear ties to the two major political parties: Tecklenburg to Democrats and Cogswell to Republicans.

He previously served three terms as a Republican state lawmaker and became Charleston's first GOP mayor in nearly 150 years — something party heads were [quick to tout as a sign of shifting momentum](#) in South Carolina's largest city. While Democratic presidential candidates won Charleston County over the last three cycles, the 2024 general election was by the slimmest margin.



Members of Charleston Mayor William Cogswell's staff ordered hats that read "No yahoos" after he used the phrase during Tropical Storm Debby to discourage people from driving in floodwaters.

His victory ushered in another local Republican unseating a Democratic incumbent, with [Carl Ritchie ousting Kristin Graziano](#) as Charleston County sheriff last year.

Cogswell tries to eschew any party label. But shortly after his election success, he [endorsed former Gov. Nikki Haley](#) for president in the GOP primary that was ultimately won by President Donald Trump.

"Local government is where party politics can be put aside so that we can work to deliver results for the residents of our city and focus on addressing their needs," Cogswell said. "This seat is nonpartisan

because the people of Charleston deserve leaders who put their needs first and not political allegiances."

Mark Owens, an assistant professor of political science at The Citadel, said this centrist, issue-over-partisanship approach has been a winning tactic for Republican mayoral candidates since 2020, especially in the South.

Their platforms "highlight the importance of their city," said Owens. "A recognition of making sure that decisions that are made for the city reflect the local community."

This hyper-local focus also insulates mayors from more bombastic personalities that tend to dominate the national political stage.

The splashiest thing Cogswell has done since taking office is call thrill-seekers who descend on the city's flood prone streets during storms "[yahoos](#)."

"No yahoos" has now become the city's unofficial slogan during storms, including the recent winter storm that [coated parts of Charleston in 3 to 4 inches of snow and ice](#).

The quote stuck after Tropical Storm Debby prompted a [city wide curfew](#) — a decision that Cogswell said may have been unpopular with some, but one he stands by. The city is now [selling "No yahoo" hats](#), with proceeds from the \$41 price tag going to the Ronald McDonald House of Charleston.

"I believe in listening to different viewpoints and collecting data, but once informed I am not afraid to make a decision and act," Cogswell said. "When I called a curfew during (Debby) it frustrated a few businesses, but if I were given a similar forecast and input from emergency personnel today, I wouldn't hesitate to make the same call."

The first year of any four-year term has growing pains and learning curves, Owens said. It's set up for the next three acts. Rather than asking what he's accomplished in just one year, Owens said the question should be: "Is the ground laid for future success?"

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## Mayor Cogswell shares vision for a growing Charleston at Speaker's Series

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Charleston Mayor William Cogswell talks housing, infrastructure, and public safety issues to a sold-out crowd at the Sept. 17 Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series.

"I am well aware the Cainhoy Peninsula is why it says Mayor in front of my name," William Cogswell told the crowd at the Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series on Sept. 17.

The Charleston mayor, who won 62.65% of the Daniel Island and Cainhoy vote last November, thanked the Daniel Island Club audience and offered a candid reflection on his first 10 months in office.

Staying true to his campaign principles, Cogswell's guiding mantra is "Smart, Safe, and Sound."

### **SMART Growth**

Cogswell emphasized the rapid growth Charleston is experiencing, particularly on the Cainhoy Peninsula. Cainhoy and Daniel Island, which together account for 10.1% of Charleston's population, are growing faster than ever, the mayor said.

"If you want to know where the growth areas are, it's Daniel Island and Johns Island," he said. "We need to be very proactive about making sure we have the infrastructure in place to support that growth so that the livability and what we know and love about this place isn't compromised."

One of his key initiatives is the redevelopment of Union Pier. Cogswell said the 65-acre waterfront site has the potential to be "one of the most significant redevelopments on the East Coast in the next three to five years."

The city envisions a 20-acre park system on the waterfront, part of a Tax Increment Financing District

that would fund public improvements such as parks, streets, and sidewalks.

### **SAFE Communities**

Public safety remains a priority for Cogswell, who addressed the need for new public safety infrastructure on the Cainhoy Peninsula.

"Clements Ferry Road is a major growth corridor, so we need to think ahead and secure property for police stations, fire stations, and EMT services," he said. Cogswell said that the city has funding in place and is actively working on packages to purchase land for a new fire station to meet the needs of Clements Ferry's growing area.

He also discussed his plans for addressing homelessness, announcing a "rapid shelter" program that would offer wraparound services, including mental health and addiction support, to unhoused individuals. With plans to present the program to tri-county mayors Oct. 1, the program's goal is to provide people with the help they need without criminalizing homelessness.

"This isn't going to solve all the problems... but it's going to make a big dent in it," he said.

### **SOUND Governance**

Since taking office, the mayor has condensed the city's organizational structure to help improve communication and efficiency. Initially, 25 employees reported directly to him. Now, only six report directly to him, with all 26 city departments operating together.

"I believe the government's job is customer service, first and foremost," Cogswell said. "We're here to help you make your lives better when you have an issue, no matter how big or small." Looking ahead, Cogswell stressed the importance of collaboration with neighboring counties and with the General Assembly in Columbia, where much of the federal funding flows.

With teamwork, he pledged to push forward on housing, infrastructure, and public safety issues while being pragmatic and adaptable. "We're not going to let perfection be the enemy of the good."

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## Our View: Grade for Charleston's new mayor: Meh

Charleston Mayor William Cogswell has been in office for a year now, so it's probably a good time to check in with how he's doing.

If you believe a Jan. 7 email from the city ("Top Ten Highlights of 2024"), everything is going swimmingly. But if you look behind the rhetoric and examine the actual record, you'll probably draw a different conclusion. Consider these points:

- **Flood mitigation.** Cogswell glows about creation of the city's Active Flood Mitigation Plan as a top success. But wasn't most of this stuff already in the works by former Mayor John Tecklenburg? Cogswell gets credit for no-wake zones during flooding, but not really for flood pumps, lowering lakes, road closures and storm drain maintenance. Furthermore, he gets a big Thumbs Down for pushing out Dale Morris, the really smart guy who steered the city's flood strategy by incorporating principles learned during the Dutch Dialogues.
- **Restructured city government.** If you want to give Cogswell credit for hiring a chief of staff to act as a city manager and take virtually all direct contact with the mayor away from department heads, you could count this as a win. We don't. We classify it as the mayor implementing a way to do less work and still get paid \$225,000 a year.
- **Union Pier.** Cogswell gets credit for pushing through a Tax Increment Financing District to fund infrastructure and other development in Union Pier. But it's still worrisome about how much revenue the county school district will lose as pier district properties become taxable.
- **New communications efforts.** While the mayor and his team say they're promoting engagement and transparency with residents by pushing the newsletter and putting his campaign's social media company on the city payroll to make feel-good videos, he gets a huge Thumbs Down for accountability. He continues to refuse to talk with the Charleston City Paper (no interviews still since his election), and his communication team routinely erects communications roadblocks. Other media outlets also notice his reticence. And just look at

the city's fiasco of redoing its historic seal. Some council members didn't even know about the thousands of dollars spent by Cogswell and company on what turned out to be a juvenile-looking, embarrassing new brand.

The city also touts successes of a King Street safety initiative (another rebranded Tecklenburg item), Angel Oak rezoning and cost-savings on an operations facility. But Cogswell conveniently leaves out the collapse of his plan to build more housing for the homeless, interference that threatened a long-sought pedestrian-bike bridge over the Ashley River and a lack of details or specifics on how the city will build — and fund — hundreds of units of promised affordable housing.

A one-year score for Cogswell as mayor: Meh.

[Website:](https://charlestoncitypaper.com/2025/01/09/our-view-grade-for-charlestons-new-mayor-meh/) <https://charlestoncitypaper.com/2025/01/09/our-view-grade-for-charlestons-new-mayor-meh/>

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## Our View: Needed — More of a Prince William, less of a Backroom Billy

Politicians often wind up with the nickname they deserve. Think of "The Great Emancipator" Abraham Lincoln and "The Great Communicator" Ronald Reagan. Or conversely, "Tricky Dick" Richard Nixon and "Slick Willie" Bill Clinton.

Cogswell Credit: File photo.

So it gives us no pleasure to report that after his first year in office, Charleston Mayor William Cogswell is looking less like a noble "Prince William" and more like a secretive "Backroom Billy."

Here are just a few of the issues Charlestonians didn't have an opportunity to openly debate last year due to the shroud of silence that Cogswell and his highly-paid City Hall flacks have thrown over city affairs.

- **The secret contract:** In his first month, Cogswell hired his campaign's marketing firm to turn the city's social media channels into feel-good propaganda organs for the mayor's office. What's worse, the contract was inked for a hair less than \$100,000, thus keeping the price slightly below the magic number requiring City Council approval and public disclosure. The arrangement only came to

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light through a City Paper Freedom of Information Act request.

- **A backroom development deal:** Aside from a paltry number of affordable housing units and a promise of undefined “drainage improvements,” what exactly did city taxpayers get for their \$48 million investment at the old Piggly Wiggly site in West Ashley? And just as important, why was this sweet development deal cooked up behind closed doors in the mayor’s office, instead of going through the city’s procurement process?
- **Change of government:** When Cogswell hired a first-ever chief of staff at \$250,000 a year, he essentially switched from a hands-on strong mayor form of government into a weaker one that insulated the top elected official from department heads. So now, the chief of staff directly manages about 20 people, compared to just three for the mayor. And like the marketing contract, he made this change without a public debate involving city council.
- **Potential conflicts of interest:** Cogswell says he’s “stepped back” from managing WECCO, the development company he ran before taking office. But what does that really mean? Does he never discuss business with his wife Lucile, who took the reins as president of the company named after him? Or does it mean something less, well, stringent? We don’t know — and neither do city taxpayers or council members.
- **The Navy Base deal:** WECCO also is one of three companies redeveloping the former Navy Base site — the largest public-private development project in North Charleston history. But Charleston and North Charleston sometimes have very different interests, such as the ongoing lawsuit between the two municipalities over West Ashley annexations. Has the mayor recused himself from negotiations with the city of North Charleston, which effectively holds the purse-strings on his multibillion dollar redevelopment deal? Charleston taxpayers don’t know – because he hasn’t said.

So what does all this add up to? Good question. And we’d like to ask him. But for more than a year now, Cogswell has refused repeated City Paper requests for

a sit-down interview — just as he reportedly declined a recent request by The Post and Courier.

But answering tough questions and doing city business in the clear light of day is just part of the job of being mayor. Unless you want to be known as a Backroom Billy.

Website: <https://charlestoncitypaper.com/2025/01/30/our-view-needed-more-of-a-prince-william-less-of-a-backroom-billy/>

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## Charleston mayor, fire chief lead groundbreaking for new Johns Island fire station

JOHNS ISLAND, S.C. (WCIV) — A new 14,000-square-foot fire-fighting facility is set to be constructed on Johns Island within the next 18 months, with a budget exceeding \$12 million, as a groundbreaking ceremony was attended Wednesday by Charleston Fire Chief Dan Curia and Mayor William Cogswell along with other officials.

This development aims to enhance emergency response readiness in the area.

Charleston Fire Chief Dan Curia said, "That new fire station allows the City of Charleston to put eight new firefighters per day into the Johns Island area. Which not only aids city residents but those throughout Johns Island."

The initiative is also beneficial for the neighboring St. Johns Fire District, which collaborates with Charleston under a working agreement. St. Johns Fire Chief Ryan Kunitzer said, "Johns Island is a big island. The City of Charleston, St. Johns work hand-in-hand everyday responding to emergencies together."

Website: <https://abcnews4.com/news/local/charleston-mayor-fire-chief-lead-groundbreaking-for-new-johns-island-fire-station-wciv-abc-news-4-st-johns-fire-district-charleston-mayor-william-cogswell>





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## Unveil 80-square-foot Steel Container Shelters as Part of Homelessness Plan



Letosha Jenkins-Fludd, director of the Hope Center, opens one of the sample pallet homes at the Hope Center, Sept. 24, 2024, in Charleston. Mayor William Cogswell plans to construct 118 units as a part of his administration's Rapid Housing Program, which will attempt to address homeless in Charleston.

Delenzo Crosby marveled as he looked inside the 80-square-foot steel container that could one day serve as a temporary shelter for men like him.

He spent six months living on Charleston's streets until about a month ago when he got a bed at a shelter in North Charleston.

"There is no negativity when you have a place to stay," Crosby said

The former New York City transit cop fell on hard times when he moved back home to South Carolina, he said, and is now trying to get back on his feet. Transitional housing may be part of the solution. .

For him, the 8- by 10-foot space which features a cot, folding table and chair, shelves, four windows, an air conditioning unit and eight electrical outlets, represents safety. It's a place where he might find peace of mind and make a plan for



Delenzo Crosby talks with Letosha Jenkins-Fludd while standing in front of sample pallet homes at the Hope Center.

what's next rather than constantly looking over his shoulder.

"It's a stepping stone," Crosby said. "The next day, you come out to a fresh start."

Charleston set up a prototype of the rapid shelter outside of the Hope Center, the city's daytime resource center where homeless people can get a hot meal, shower, clean clothing and access other services from mental health counseling to job services.

The transitional buildings, which take just 30 minutes to construct, are the centerpiece of Mayor William Cogswell's proposed regional rapid housing strategy. The plan calls for 118 units, each sleeping a single man, to be located on 2 acres of larger city-owned parcel in the Neck Area. If approved, the Hope Center would also relocate there, about 2.5 miles north of its temporary home on Meeting Street.

Cogswell is planning to unveil more details about the plan — and its costs — to other regional leaders who would have to agree to help financially support it at a meeting Oct. 1 at the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments.

Logan McVey, Cogswell's chief policy officer, declined to provide the overall dollar figure ahead of that meeting.

Nonprofit leaders who work with the homeless population, or those on the verge of becoming homeless, each day appear optimistic about the mayor's plan. But they say the pallet homes are

only a short-term fix toward a much harder, permanent solution: affordable housing.

"They're a good phase one," said Suzanne Young, executive director of Neighbors Together, a nonprofit serving the unhoused that operates out of a former church in North Charleston. "But you need a phase two, because otherwise they're just going to end up back on the street



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again and then what have you accomplished?"

Young is eager to hear how the administration plans to connect these individuals with more stable housing options. She is spearheading an initiative called Gateway to Housing, that she hopes might fulfill that need.

She also pointed out a gap in the plan if the temporary shelters will only serve men, and hopes the administration will address how it plans to also serve vulnerable women and children in the future.

Stacey Denaux, CEO of One 80 Place, the area's leading provider of homelessness services, was skeptical when Cogswell first announced the plan in May at a daylong summit that focused on homelessness and affordable housing.

Since then, she's met with Cogswell several times and said she understands his commitment to the rapid shelter model, though she added that "these units should not be considered housing."

"We are taking the mayor at his word that he is equally committed to creating affordable housing, specifically for homeless people," Denaux said in an email. "We hope that the Rapid Shelter effort will connect individuals to permanent housing resources in our existing network of providers."

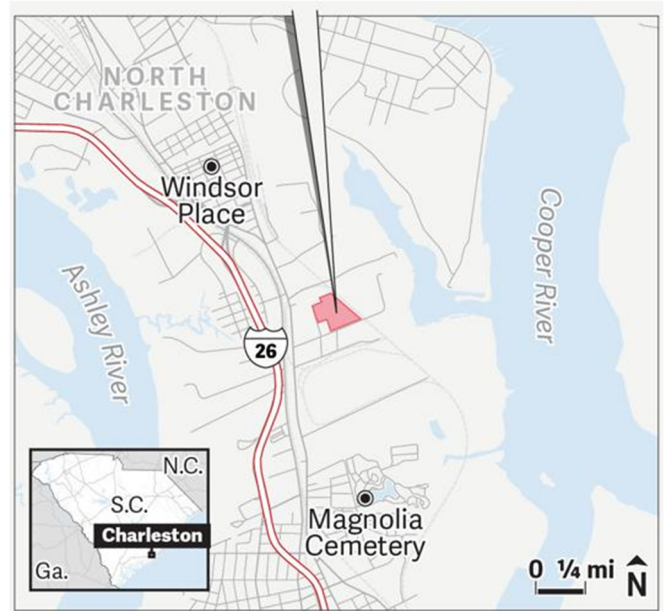
Latosha Jenkins-Fludd, executive director of the Hope Center, said she loves the model, which is stormproof for wind gusts up to 170 mph, according to the company that builds the units.

"I wouldn't want to put our clients in something that I wouldn't want to stay in or my family to stay in," she said. "We want this to feel like a community."

Jenkins-Fludd also hopes to make the units, although temporary, feel like Charleston by painting them in the pastel colors of Rainbow Row.

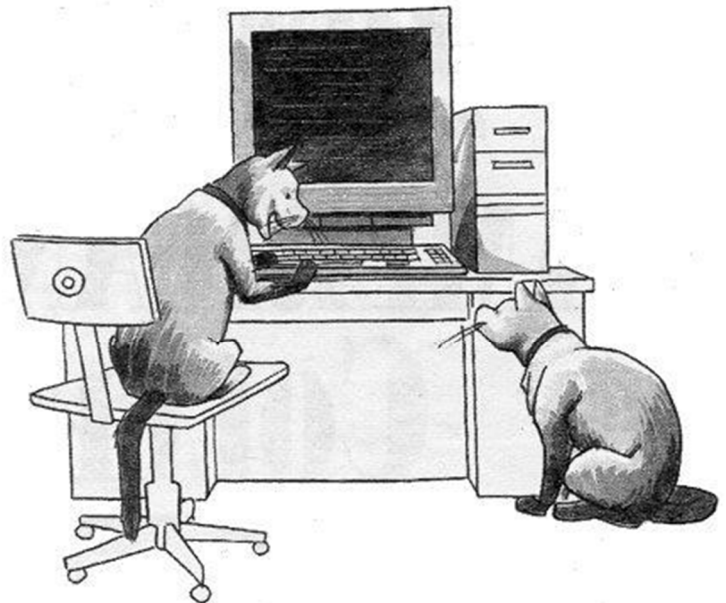
The prototype will be on display at the Hope Center until the Oct. 1 meeting.

[Website:](#) Charleston shares steel container rapid housing for homeless | News | postandcourier.com



### PROPOSED SITE FOR REGIONAL RAPID HOUSING COMMUNITY:

The city purchased this 16-acre parcel in 2008. Mayor William Cogswell is looking at part of the site, about 2 acres, for 118 pallet homes that will be used as temporary, transitional housing for the homeless. The site could also feature a permanent building that will house the Hope Center, the city's daytime resource center that provides meals, laundry, counseling and job services. (Source: Esri)



**"So far I've discovered I was in a litter of eight and my mother's name was Fluffy!"**

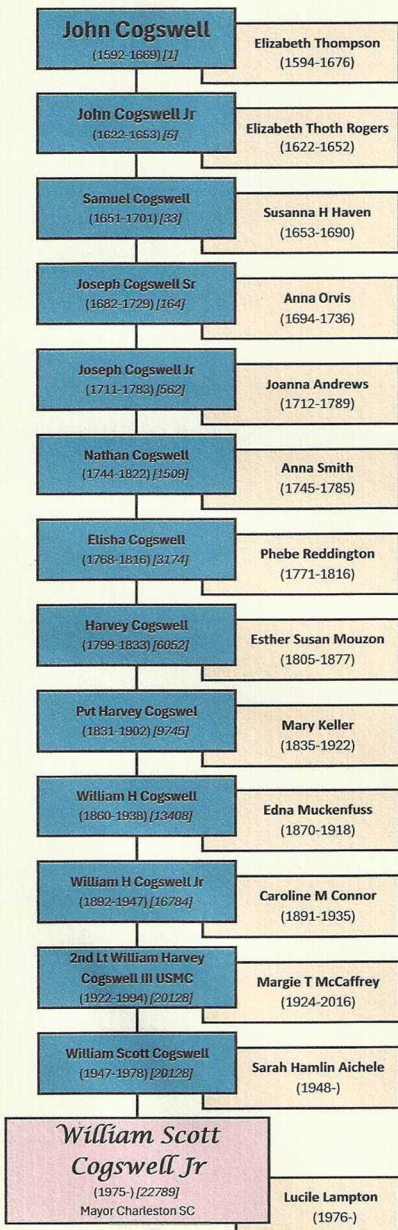


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At the August reunion, we presented this certificate to Mayor William Cogswell, showing his lineage back to John Cogswell.



## William Scott Cogswell Jr & John Cogswell



**John Cogswell**, born in Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England, was a successful merchant in London, England before migrating to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1635. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Rev. William Thompson, vicar of Westbury in 1615. Twenty years later, in 1635, Cogswell and his family embarked on the Angel Gabriel, for Massachusetts. However, the ship was driven onto rocks on the coast of Maine during the Great Colonial Hurricane of 1635. Cogswell salvaged most of what he lost from the wreck and headed south for Boston before settling in Ipswich.

In Ipswich, Cogswell was granted 300 acres of land (now known as Cogswell's Grant) and he received freeman status to allow him to run for public office. He eventually became a deputy to the General Court for Ipswich, in addition to fulfilling functions for the town. Cogswell died in 1669. He was honored with a five-mile long funeral procession followed by a service conducted by Rev. William Hubbard. The historian Darrett B. Rutman states that Cogswell's will is "exceptional in providing for the formal education of a daughter." Although he was a man of reputation in his time, his greatest legacy for posterity is surviving the great hurricane and leaving many celebrated descendants.

### Descendants

John Cogswell and Elizabeth Thompson had many children; however, the following children left notable descendants:

**Deacon William Cogswell** (1619–1696). He married Susannah Hawkes. He and his son, Jonathan, signed a petition to protect John Proctor and his wife Elizabeth during the Salem witch trials. An influential citizen of Ipswich, he acquired the Rev. John Wise to be the first pastor of Chebacco Parish. Note descendants:

**Diana Frances Spencer** (1961-1997)

**William Arthur Philip Louis** (1982-) Prince of Wales

**Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr** (1841-1935)

**John Adams Jr** (1735-1826)

**John Quincy Adams** (1767-1848)

**Shirley Jane Temple** (1928-2014)

**Thomas Lanier (Tennessee) Williams** (1911-1983)

**John Cogswell Jr** (1622–1653). He died of a snake bite on a return voyage from London, a year after the death of his wife, Elizabeth Thoth (of England). He left behind three children, John, Samuel and Elizabeth Cogswell – the youngest but a year old. Noted descendants:

**William Scott Cogswell Jr** (1975-)

**Oliver Burgess Meredith** (1907-1997)

**Hannah Cogswell** (1626–1704). She married Deacon Cornelius Waldo. Noted descendants:

**John Calvin Coolidge** (1872-1933)

**Ralph Waldo Emerson** (1803-1882)

**Abigail Cogswell** (1641–1728). She married Thomas Clarke. Noted descendants:

**Julia Ward Howe** (1819-1910)

**Nathaniel Hawthorne** (1804-1864)

**Sarah Cogswell** (1645–1692). She married Simon Tuttle.



# *John Bailey and the Angel Gabriel*

No sailor approaching Pemaquid Point, Maine, can look upon that black coast with anything but dread. Monolithic rock walls jut from the ocean floor like fists, waves crashing and wind howling the names of all those lost at this ocean graveyard. Here the sea churns with tide and wind, fast ocean currents snag on rock outcrops and swirl the water into fearful chaos.

For eons nature's forces have battered the shore, but those rocks are some of the hardest on earth, and if they can withstand thousands of years of such violence, they can withstand the hull of any boat or bone of sailor's skull.

It was toward this point that the ship Angel Gabriel sailed on the night of August 14, 1635. She was a 240-ton barque and armed with 16 cannon, uncommon for a ship called to passenger duty, but this was no common ship.

She was originally commissioned into service and outfitted for combat by Sir Walter Raleigh for his voyages to South America. The mighty barque had seen battle at Cadiz, and at great odds fought three Spanish galleons simultaneously that repeatedly stormed the English ship and were beaten back each time, the Angel Gabriel losing three men to the Spanish ships' five hundred.

Now the galleon was in more peaceful service, transporting passengers from her home port at Bristol, England, to the New World, this time to land at Pemaquid, Maine.



Upon the Angel Gabriel was John Bailey, my eighth great grandfather, whose blood courses through seven generations before entering my Eggleston line. John and his eldest son had secured the required approvals from their parish priest, invoked the oath of allegiance, and

once on board, obtained their licenses and the proper seal from England's official emigration agents. Now they had only to endure the 12 weeks of rough seas it would take to sail from Bristol to Pemaquid.

On the last day of May in the year 1635, five ships left Bristol together. After dropping their river pilots at the mouth of the Severn on June 9, three ships sailed off on their own, confident they could outrun any pirate ship that pursued, for pirates prowled those waters in search of whatever treasure they could capture. The James chose to stay near the heavily armed but slow Angel Gabriel for protection.

The passing was not easy. With winds strong and waves high, the ship swayed violently. Not just for hours, but for weeks. Many if not most passengers were seasick, dizzy, light headed, vomiting, barely able to stand or walk without falling. A passenger, the Reverend Richard Mather, grandfather of the minister and scholar Cotton Mather, wrote in

his diary that none could go on deck because of "the tossing and tumbling of the ship."

Yet I'm sure some, maybe John Bailey walked the decks, drinking in the invigorating sea air, entertaining themselves watching the occasional pod of curious

## *John Bailey and the Angel Gabriel—ii*

dolphins that sailed alongside the ship for long distances, and enjoying the fresh seafood the crew sometimes hauled on board.

More weeks went by. The going was slow, so slow that the James sometimes furled only three sails just to stay beside the Angel Gabriel.

Twenty days out to sea the Angel Gabriel and the James pursued a Turkish pirate ship that had taken one of the ships that left Bristol with them, the Mary. They could not catch it and so regretfully turned back to their course.

On July 4, the James decided not to wait for the slower galleon any longer. Mather wrote that, “we lost sight of the Angel sayling slowly behind us, and we never saw her again any more.”

After twelve weeks at sea the Angel Gabriel sighted land. Under cloudy skies, she sailed into a small cove on the coast of Maine and dropped anchor. There was a small settlement at the place, called Pemaquid. John Bailey and the other ship’s passengers were ferried to shore on small boats, and there gave thanks for the voyage and now having solid earth under their feet.

They immediately began the arduous task of unloading their belongings, but were taken by surprise by a violent storm.

They worked as long as they could, filling the dinghies with trunks, barrels, and livestock, rowing them to shore through the tumbling surf, dragging what they could across the rock and sand and away from the rising seas.

They had to watch in horror, helplessly, as the surf grew too dangerous to risk further trips to the Angel Gabriel. As night fell and the storm grew in power, most took refuge in the homes of the townspeople, though some of the crew stayed aboard the Angel Gabriel.

Thus commenced the most ungodly hurricane ever to hit New England, then or now, as evidenced in recent analysis by The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA.

A storm surge of twenty two feet, the highest in history, sent wave after wave crashing into shore, wiping out all before it. Unknown numbers of Native

Americans lost their lives. On its route from Ipswich to Marblehead the coastal barque, Watch and Wait, owned by another of my ancestors, Isaac Allerton, foundered off of Cape Ann with twenty three aboard. All but two were lost.

Homes in the town of Plymouth were blown down like matchsticks, and mile-wide swaths of forest were leveled by winds well over 130 miles per hour. Farther down-coast the James sought safe harbor from the storm at the Isles of Shoals, but the cables could not hold their anchors and all snapped, the wind and surf now pushing the ship ever closer to the rocks. But they were saved when the hurricane winds reversed to the northeast and pushed the ship away from the islands. The James sailed into Boston the next day, its sails in tatters.

In outer Pemaquid Harbor the Angel Gabriel began to slip her anchors, her cables strung taught as more than 300 tons fought to rip away from their hold. But the cables could not hold, and gave way in snaps like mighty whips, lashing through sails already shredded by the winds.

The ship then drifted at the mercy of wind and waves, bowing and rising like a colossal monster from the sea, keel pointed skyward, only to slam back into the troughs, waves crashing over her decks, bowsprit dipping as though straight to the bottom of the sea. Thus she was reduced to splinters, her crew lost.

When they left England each of the Angel Gabriel’s passengers had to sacrifice what they could not transport on the ship, leaving behind treasured bureaus, beds, pianos, wardrobes; the poorer ones choosing only a few articles of clothing, maybe a few utensils and cooking vessels. Now once more their earthly belongings were being culled. This time the sea would take everything they had left in the world, and there was nothing they could do about it.

When John Bailey awoke the next morning and left his shelter, he beheld such destruction as he had never seen. What was this new land he had come to that could wreak such hell?

[Website](https://wereallrelative.com/2014/10/13/john-bailey/) Posted on October 13, 2014 by cynthiaberryman  
<https://wereallrelative.com/2014/10/13/john-bailey/>



Alice Cogswell's story begins in 1805, in a time when the deaf community faced significant challenges and limited educational opportunities. Born into a well-to-do family in Connecticut, Alice lost her hearing at a young age due to a bout of spotted fever, which also claimed the lives of her siblings. This tragedy marked a turning point in her life, setting her on a path to becoming an influential figure in the history of deaf education.



## Early Life and Struggles

Alice's early years were marked by isolation and a lack of formal education opportunities, common experiences for deaf individuals at the time. However, her father, Dr. Mason Cogswell, recognized her potential and sought ways to educate her. This quest led him to Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, a young theologian, who would play a pivotal role in Alice's life and the broader context of deaf education in America.

## Meeting Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet

The meeting between Alice Cogswell and Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet is a significant milestone. Gallaudet, moved by Alice's intelligence and eagerness to learn, decided to dedicate himself to educating the deaf. This decision was instrumental in the establishment of the first institution in America for educating the deaf, known today as the American School for the Deaf.

## Foundation of the American School for the Deaf

In 1817, with the support of Dr. Mason Cogswell and other prominent community members, Gallaudet founded the Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, later renamed the American School for the Deaf. Alice Cogswell was one of the first seven students. This institution was groundbreaking, not only for being the first of its kind in the United States but also for its pioneering use of American Sign Language (ASL) as a medium of instruction.

## Impact on Deaf Education

Alice Cogswell's enrollment in the American School for the Deaf marked a transformative period in deaf education. The school's success demonstrated the effectiveness of specialized education methods and the potential of deaf individuals to achieve academic success. This success laid the groundwork for the establishment of other schools for the deaf across the United States, expanding educational opportunities for the deaf community.

## Legacy and Recognition

Although Alice Cogswell did not live a long life, passing away at the age of 25, her impact was profound. Her story symbolizes hope and progress in the field of deaf education. Alice's legacy is not only remembered in the annals of deaf education history but also through various memorials, including a statue of her and Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet at the American School for the Deaf.

Her life story continues to inspire generations of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, serving as a testament to the importance of accessible education and the potential within every individual, regardless of their abilities.

Alice Cogswell's life story is a powerful reminder of the challenges faced by the deaf community in the early 19th century and the transformative impact of dedicated individuals and specialized education. Her legacy lives on, not only in the institutions and educational practices she helped inspire but also in the enduring spirit of resilience and hope she represents for the deaf community.

## The Role of Alice Cogswell in Advancing Deaf Culture

Alice Cogswell's influence extended beyond the realms of education; she played a vital role in the development and recognition of deaf culture. Her interactions with Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and other educators

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provided a platform for the development of American Sign Language (ASL), a crucial element of deaf culture and communication. The establishment of the American School for the Deaf under Gallaudet's leadership, influenced by his interactions with Alice, led to the formalization and spread of ASL.

## Advocacy and Awareness

Alice's story also heightened societal awareness about the capabilities and needs of deaf individuals. In a period when deafness was often misunderstood and stigmatized, her achievements challenged prevailing misconceptions and demonstrated the potential of deaf individuals to learn and thrive given appropriate support and resources.

## Personal Challenges and Achievements

Despite her early death, Alice Cogswell's personal achievements were remarkable. She learned to communicate using a homegrown sign language before meeting Gallaudet and quickly adapted to the structured learning environment at the American School for the Deaf. Her progress and success as a student were a beacon of hope and a clear indication of the effectiveness of specialized educational methods for the deaf.

## Gallaudet's Influence and Legacy

The partnership between Alice Cogswell and Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was more than a student-teacher relationship; it was a collaboration that reshaped the future of deaf education. Gallaudet's commitment to Alice and other deaf students led him to study methods of deaf education in Europe, bringing back knowledge that enriched the curriculum and teaching methods at the American School for the Deaf.



## Expansion of Deaf Education

The success of the American School for the Deaf sparked a movement that led to the establishment of similar institutions across the United States. These schools adopted the methods and practices pioneered at the American School for the Deaf, contributing significantly to the spread of ASL and the advancement of deaf education.

## Remembering Alice Cogswell

Alice Cogswell's legacy is multifaceted. Her life story is a poignant reminder of the transformative power of education and the importance of advocating for marginalized communities. Her experience helped to catalyze significant changes in how society views and supports deaf individuals.

## Monuments and Memorials

Alice's memory is preserved in various forms, including the statue at the American School for the Deaf, which depicts her interaction with Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. This statue is not just a tribute to two individuals but a symbol of the journey and struggles of the deaf community toward recognition and empowerment.




## Inspirational Figure

Alice Cogswell continues to be an inspirational figure in the deaf community. Her story is often shared in educational settings and deaf culture events, serving as a powerful example of perseverance, the importance of accessible education, and the need for societal change.

## Conclusion

The life of Alice Cogswell is a testament to the enduring human spirit and the transformative impact of education. Her story is intertwined with the history of deaf education in America and continues to inspire and influence the deaf community and beyond. As we reflect on her life and legacy, we are reminded of the importance of advocating for inclusive and accessible education for all.

**Website:** <https://deafwebsites.com/people/famous-deaf-people/the-life-of-alice-cogswell/>

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# *The Cogswell Family - From Wiltshire to Waanyarra*

The Cogswells originated from Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England. The family has been researched back over many centuries and has branches in New Zealand, the U. S.A. and one or two in Australia.

The Cogswells who came to Waanyarra began further back than shown here. But more can be read about the family's early beginnings in M. & A. Cogswell's book "Search for a Heritage".

**James Cogswell** and his wife Mary Ann nee Cogswell, (she was believed to be a cousin of James) had 14 children in 19 years of marriage. James was a shoemaker, whose trade did not bring in enough money to support his large family. Like many other large families in the working class areas of England in the 1800's, the Cogswells were regarded legally as paupers. As a consequence of this situation the Parish of St. James Church, Trowbridge cared for their welfare, and buried their children. Mary Ann died in 1842 aged 35, leaving James to care for the young family.

1. Grace baptised 18.10.1823, Trowbridge
2. John buried 13.11.1825, Trowbridge (Parish burial)
3. Louisa baptised 26.12.1825, Trowbridge
4. Sarah baptised 5.10.1828, Trowbridge (Parish burial, died age 7 months)
5. James baptised 18.5.1830, Trowbridge. Married Ann Waite, Trowbridge, 29th June, 1852
6. Thomas baptised 1835, Trowbridge
7. A child not baptised
8. John baptised 7.8.1836
9. George born first quarter 1839, Trowbridge
10. Mary born second quarter, 1841, Trowbridge
11. Martha twin to the above, Trowbridge
12. A child, Parish burial 1835, 1841, 1842.

After his wife's death, it was clear to James that he would have had to find someone to look after his children. Elizabeth Bannister, a widow and owner of land, married James in 1844 and took on the task of rearing his children.

Young James was 14 when his father married 'Eliza' and was an apprentice blacksmith in Trowbridge. By 1852 James Jnr. had met Ann Waite and soon after



**Waanyarra Revisited**—Dedicated to the "Golden Triangle" locality of Waanyarra, in Central Victoria, Australia

their marriage in June of that year they sailed to Australia to begin a new life away from the poor conditions in Trowbridge.

"The Hope" which brought Ann aged 19 and James aged 21 to Port Philip on the 18th March, 1853 as assisted migrants on their own undertaking, sailed out from the Port of London on the 8th November, 1852.

Collingwood was where James and Ann first set up a home after their arrival in Melbourne. The living conditions in Collingwood at that time were generally very crowded and unhealthy. It was here that their first surviving son, James Henry was born in 1854. Two other children were born in Collingwood to James and Ann but both children died in infancy.

In the 1850's in Melbourne there was a great inward stream of gold-seeking migrants. Many of the migrants were skilled in some trade and were readily employed in the busy growing city of Melbourne. But the gold rushes took a large majority of skilled workers and labourers away from the city and James and Ann were among them.

James and Ann followed the 'rush' to Maryborough. James made a reasonable living prospecting and using his blacksmithing skills to mend and make miner's tools. Their second surviving child, Mary Ann, was born at White Hills near Maryborough in 1858. Jones' Creek had been "rushed" by this time and the family moved on to that area where they would eventually settle for the remainder of their lives.

## **A Cogswell Cow Bell**

At Jones' Creek, James and Ann ran a store in conjunction with the blacksmithing trade. The store which sold



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bits and pieces of everything was also licensed to sell beer and 'colonial wine' and was named The Blacksmiths Arms Hotel. Four more children were born into the family at Jones' Creek – John, Matilda, Henrietta and Sarah,

James Henry and John Thomas Cogswell remained unmarried but the Cogswell girls married into the local families of Pearce, Douthat, Bofill and Kaye. The name Cogswell died out, but many reminders of the blacksmithing skills remain.

Descendants and friends treasure hand crafted cowbells, a shot gun, gold jewellery and a knife made from a file as some mementos of the Cogswells artistry.

James Cogswell bought land in Waanyarra in the 1870's, as did his son James at around the same time. Old James must have been proud of his eldest son for on the land sale papers he stated that he was purchasing the land for his son as "A reward for well doing".

On their land they built a slab-sided shingled roofed hut. The land was cleared of timber, the cut logs were used for fencing and a dam was dug out later to hold water for stock. They grew oats and wheat on their 20 acres and stored the grain in the slab hut, but they remained living at the store at Cogswell's Crossing, about a mile away from their land.

*Information regarding the early Cogswell family in Trowbridge was obtained from M & A Cogswell's book 'The Search for a Heritage'.*

*Alan and Mickey Cogswell of Yealmpton, Devon, U.K, kindly gave permission for their findings to be printed in Lynne's original article.*

*Posted by Waanyarra Admin on March 3, 2012*

## **The family of James and Ann Cogswell**

1. James Henry born at Collingwood 1854, died at Waanyarra 1918, buried at Tarnagulla.
2. Mary Ann born at White Hills 1858, died at Waanyarra 1904, buried at Tarnagulla. Married E.W. Douthat.
3. John Thomas born at Dunolly 1862, died at Waanyarra 1944, buried at Tarnagulla. John lived with the Pearce family, and was well looked after by 'Pink' (Mary Pearce) until his death.
4. Matilda Louisa born at Dunolly 1871, died at Bealiba 1942, buried at Bealiba. Married Jesse Pearce.
5. Sarah Jane born at Dunolly 1876, died ... Married Wm. Kaye
6. Henrietta Grace born at Dunolly 1873, died Tarnagulla 11. 10.1951 buried at Tarnagulla. Married Martin Bofill.
7. James Cogswell Snr. died at Waanyarra on the 29th June, 1889. Ann died on the 17th August, 1908 at Waanyarra. They are buried together at Tarnagulla cemetery. Their sons James and John are buried in adjoining graves."



The White Swan Hotel and the Cycling club

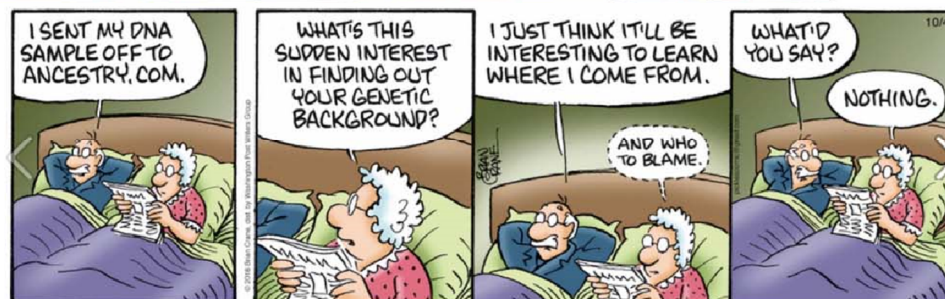
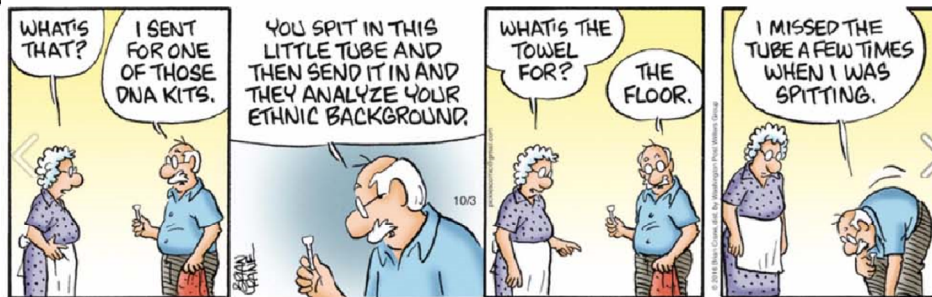


Historic Waanyarra Cemetery



[Website](https://www.waanyarra.com/2012/03/03/the-cogswell-family-from-wiltshire-to-waanyarra/) <https://www.waanyarra.com/2012/03/03/the-cogswell-family-from-wiltshire-to-waanyarra/>

# For Those Who Had a DNA Test





# *The Lloyd Cogswell Invitational*



RAVENNA, MI– The Montague boys wrestling team captured the championship at the Lloyd Cogswell Invitational on Saturday.

"It was a complete team effort today and each wrestler contributed to our championship," said Montague coach Kristoffer Maddox. "I am extremely proud at our effort and attitude."

[Website:](https://localsportsjournal.com/2025/01/montague-wrestlers-crowned-champions-at-lloyd-cogswell-invitational/) <https://localsportsjournal.com/2025/01/montague-wrestlers-crowned-champions-at-lloyd-cogswell-invitational/>

## **Eagle Wrestling Goes 2-0 in CSAA Action; Wins Ravenna's Lloyd Cogswell Memorial Invite**

Coming off a successful December, the wrestling team kept its momentum going by kicking off the new year with another successful week. The team traveled to Central Montcalm to start the CSAA Conference season against the host Hornets and the Reed City Coyotes, and then on Saturday, it made the quick trip to Ravenna to compete in the 13 team Lloyd Cogswell Memorial Invitational. The team was able to notch two more dual meet victories, and it claimed a team championship in Ravenna as many wrestlers brought home well-earned hardware.

[Website:](https://kentcityathletics.com/2023/01/10/eagle-wrestling-goes-2-0-in-csaa-action-wins-ravennas-lloyd-cogswell-memorial-invite/) <https://kentcityathletics.com/2023/01/10/eagle-wrestling-goes-2-0-in-csaa-action-wins-ravennas-lloyd-cogswell-memorial-invite/>



**Lloyd J. Cogswell**, age 58, died Thursday morning, March 7, 2013 at his home. He was born December 1, 1954 in Ravenna to Francis E. and Amber J. (Smack) Cogswell; and has been a life resident of the area. Prior to his retirement January 1, 2012, Lloyd had been employed at Consumer's Energy for 27 years as a maintenance repairman. He was a 1974 graduate of Ravenna High School where he won the MHSAA State Championship for Wrestling. In 1976-77, he became the All-American Wrestling Champion, while attending Muskegon Community College. In 2010, he was inducted into the Ravenna High School Hall of Fame for Wrestling. He was a member of St. Mary's of the Woods Catholic Church. On September 8, 1978 he married the former Cinda M. Bredin and she survives him along with 2 daughters, Rebecca (Micky) Brazaski of Mason, MI and Megan Cogswell and fiancé, Peter Roets of Hastings, MI.



[Website:](https://www.sytsemafh.com/obituaries/lloyd-cogswell/obituary) <https://www.sytsemafh.com/obituaries/lloyd-cogswell/obituary>

**Lloyd Cogswell** was active in helping out Ravenna club wrestling through the years and was one of the key figures in bringing the sport back to varsity status in 2011. "He helped the club out with a lot of things," Ravenna wrestling coach James English said. "He helped with equipment, and when he passed donated funds for a new wrestling mat for the school." There will be 10 teams at the invite, including local schools Montague, Muskegon Catholic Central and Whitehall. "It's still a new tournament, so we're still working out some kinks," English said. "It ran pretty smoothly last year, so we're hoping it goes just as well or better this year. Lloyd brought a lot of attention to the sport while he was here, and we want to honor that through this tournament."





# *Hospice Retires CEO Margaret Cogswell*

KEARNEYSVILLE, WV — Hospice of the Panhandle celebrated longtime CEO **Margaret Cogswell**'s retirement on Thursday during an open house event at the Education Center.

Friends, family and co-workers all gathered to recognize Cogswell and all the incredible work she's done throughout her 36 years with Hospice of the Panhandle. Guests lined up to congratulate Cogswell and thank her for everything she'd done.

Cogswell became the CEO of Hospice of the Panhandle back when it was just an office. Since then, it has grown and even opened an in-patient center as it gives end-of-life care.

Cogswell officially retired on June 1 and since then, has reflected on how much the nonprofit has grown since it began 41 years ago.

"What has really happened these last few weeks is I've had the chance to reflect back on all the years I spent here," Cogswell said. "I started here back in 1987. I spent 36 years here. I'm looking all the way back to when there was just a community who didn't know how to respond to people who were near the end of their life but knew they wanted to do something about it."

Cogswell first worked as an oncology nurse and helped give chemotherapy to cancer patients. She worked with many people as they neared the end of their life. It soon became her passion to bring comfort to them and their families as she started working at Hospice of the Panhandle.

"Growing up, my parents treated death as a natural thing," Cogswell said. "It wasn't something to be railed against. So, I really think this was my calling. It was what I was meant to do. But of course, that didn't make it easy."



Hospice of the Panhandle board President George Schramm and retired CEA Margaret Cogswell's hold up special plaque to recognize Cogswell's accomplishments.

Though she was the CEO, Cogswell thought it was important to visit people's houses and would often take time to make sure they were cared for. She shared stories of how one man asked her to come down to try to prank his nurse. She also went out of her way to visit a flea-infested home by tying plastic bags over her feet alongside the other nurses.

During the event, Cogswell was presented with a special plaque to recognize her great accomplishments. Board President George Schramm also shared plans to name the meditation labyrinth in her honor, and the board presented Cogswell with a special necklace.

When the campus was first built, Cogswell wanted to create the labyrinth so patients and families could use it for meditation and prayer.

"I know how incredibly hard she works day to day," her husband, Dan, said. "She deserves every recognition."

Cogswell thanked everyone who has helped her and volunteered at Hospice of the Panhandle. She hopes to ease into retirement and plans to volunteer in the community in the future.

"One word comes to mind: legacy," said Sarah Phillips, medical director at Hospice of the Panhandle. "Not many people get to see their legacy play out. Margaret has seen Hospice (of the Panhandle) go from an office to a campus. I really admire her. What she has given to this community is one of the greatest gifts."

[Website](https://www.journal-news.net/journal-news/hospice-celebrates-retired-ceo-margaret-cogswell-during-open-house-event/article_4a4e0035-af99-5ea6-a885-3639859ec3ad.html) [https://www.journal-news.net/journal-news/hospice-celebrates-retired-ceo-margaret-cogswell-during-open-house-event/article\\_4a4e0035-af99-5ea6-a885-3639859ec3ad.html](https://www.journal-news.net/journal-news/hospice-celebrates-retired-ceo-margaret-cogswell-during-open-house-event/article_4a4e0035-af99-5ea6-a885-3639859ec3ad.html)

# James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award



- Overall security program
- Senior management support
- Security vulnerability assessments
- Security education and awareness
- Facility security officer (FSO) and security staff level of experience
- Classified material controls

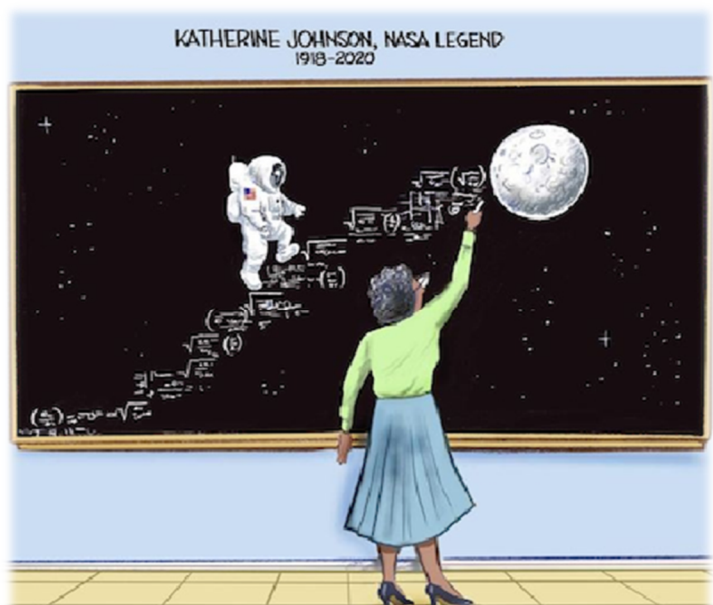
The Cogswell Award was established in 1966 in honor of the late Air Force **Col. James S. Cogswell**, who was the first chief of the Unified Office of Industrial Security. Col. Cogswell is responsible for the underlying principle of the industrial security program, recognizing the importance of true partnership between industry and government to ensure the protection of classified information, materials, and programs. The Cogswell Award is the most prestigious honor the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) can bestow to cleared industry. Of the more than 13,000 cleared contractors in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP), less than 1% are annually selected to receive this award.

## Criteria

The criteria are dependent on the principles of industrial security excellence. Basic requisites include establishing and maintaining a security program that goes well beyond the minimum NISP requirements and providing leadership to other cleared facilities to set high standards for security. To receive consideration for the Cogswell Award, a facility must be nominated by their assigned Industrial Security Representative. That facility must have achieved two consecutive superior ratings to be considered for the award. Once nominated, the facility enters an eight-month internal review process in which the DCSA national review team comprised of regional directors and representatives from across DCSA considers each nomination. The national review team vets all nominations with 57 external agencies, ranks them, and makes recommendations to DCSA senior leaders, who then submit the rank listings to the DCSA Director for final approval. The final decisions are based upon the following criteria:

A few of the awarded:

2024 Iridium Satellite LLC  
2023 General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc.  
2022 International Business Machines Corporation  
2022 Lockheed Martin Corporation  
2021 General Dynamics Mission Systems, Inc.  
2021 MIT Lincoln Laboratory – Huntsville Field Site  
2020 Honeywell International, Inc.  
2019 Raytheon Company  
2018 Northrop Grumman Corporation – UMS Center  
2017 Georgia Tech Research Institute  
2016 Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
2015 General Dynamics Information Technology  
2014 The Boeing Company  
2013 The MITRE Corporation





# Cogswells in the News

The Tennessee Hamilton County Commission has voted to confirm Mayor Weston Wamp's appointment of a new medical examiner, **Dr. Steven Cogswell**.

Longtime examiner Dr. James Metcalfe is preparing to retire. The Mayor's Office says that Dr. Metcalfe has, "served the county with the highest integrity and professionalism the past sixteen years."



Dr. Cogswell is one of the few medical examiners in the country with a double board certification. He was unanimously recommended by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society board of directors, representing 1,100 physicians.

Mayor Weston Wamp said, "I have the utmost confidence that Dr. Cogswell will uphold the standard of excellence in the Hamilton County Medical Examiner's Office as it transitions to a true regional forensics center in the years ahead."

[Website](https://www.local3news.com/local-news/dr-steven-cogswell-appointed-as-new-hamilton-county-medical-examiner/article_b52f5fe0-aa77-11ee-a92d-4bda8cbff30e.html) [https://www.local3news.com/local-news/dr-steven-cogswell-appointed-as-new-hamilton-county-medical-examiner/article\\_b52f5fe0-aa77-11ee-a92d-4bda8cbff30e.html](https://www.local3news.com/local-news/dr-steven-cogswell-appointed-as-new-hamilton-county-medical-examiner/article_b52f5fe0-aa77-11ee-a92d-4bda8cbff30e.html)



**George Cogswell III**, the publisher and president of The Commercial Appeal since 2012, announced his retirement today, telling employees he planned to join his family's business in Memphis.



Cogswell, 57, a 33-year veteran of the industry, made significant changes after arriving in Memphis from Ventura, California, notably adding more than a half dozen print editions that target suburban communities. Cogswell played a major role, too, in moving The Commercial Appeal, now in its 176th year, into digital publishing.

He led The Commercial Appeal through two changes in ownership in two years, most recently to Gannett, Inc., which owns USA Today and publications in 109 markets, including Nashville and Knoxville.

[Website](https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/2017/01/04/cogswell-retires-commercial-appeal/96152754/) <https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/2017/01/04/cogswell-retires-commercial-appeal/96152754/>

CONCORD, NH — A sixth candidate filed to run for three citywide SAU 8 Concord School District board of education seats, and he is no stranger to the board.

**Clint Cogswell**, a long-time educator in the city and a board member for several terms, filed on Monday as the last candidate to sign up. He will face incumbents Barbara Higgins and Pamela Walsh and three challengers, Sarah Sadowski, Joe Scroggins, and Andrew Winter.

Bob Cotton, a citywide board member, declined to run again in November.

"It was a hard decision," Cotton said, "but I think the right one for me."



Cogswell is a former teacher and principal who served previously on the board for about a decade. He also served on the district's charter commission in 2012 and 2022.

[Website](https://patch.com/new-hampshire/concord-nh/long-time-concord-school-board-member-last-candidate-file-2024) <https://patch.com/new-hampshire/concord-nh/long-time-concord-school-board-member-last-candidate-file-2024>



# Cogswells in Sports

Albany, NY—Three area wrestlers, led by Saranac's **Dylan Cogswell**, earned place finishes at the NYSPHSAA boys wrestling championships at MVP Arena.



Cogswell ended up fifth in Division II's 285-pound class, while AuSable Valley's Dominick Lapier and Beekmantown's Jack Brown were eighth at 152 and 170 pounds, respectively.

In the fifth-place match, Cogswell scored a 2-1 decision over Windsor's Gabe Soundararaj.

Cogswell advanced to the quarterfinal round of the championship bracket, where he dropped a 6-3 decision to Wilson's William Wortkoetter. Wortkoetter went on to finish runner-up.

Cogswell posted a 3-1 record in the consolation bracket to record the best finish of any Section VII competitor.

[Website](https://suncommunitynews.com/news/108358/cogswell-leads-section-vii-wrestlers-at-states/) <https://suncommunitynews.com/news/108358/cogswell-leads-section-vii-wrestlers-at-states/>

**Cast Cogswell**, Freshman, Chippewa Hills, All-CSAA honorable mention; 142 season average; 22nd at regionals. He was a very consistent bowler.

He scored 48 points in one game during the boys basketball season. But Chippewa Hills' Jordan Hansen was also among the area's best bowlers this season.



[Website](https://www.bigrapidsnews.com/sports/article/list-bowlers-includes-all-conference-basketball-19376416.php) <https://www.bigrapidsnews.com/sports/article/list-bowlers-includes-all-conference-basketball-19376416.php>

## Cogswell Wins Second Consecutive Puget Sound Amateur

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. - Seattle University men's golf senior **Nathan Cogswell** earned his second consecutive Puget Sound Amateur title on Sunday.



The Kent, Washington, native led the entire event as he started off strong with a score of 68 in the first round at Lake Spanaway Golf Course in Tacoma, Wash. Cogswell entered the final round with a one-shot lead, clinching the victory with a score of 75 as the entire field dealt with the weather at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place, Wash., on Sunday.

The 2021 All-WAC First Team member posted the lone under-par 36-hole total, winning with a two stroke margin. Cogswell also won this event last year as he shot an even 144 (67-77) at Chambers Bay Golf Course.

Cogswell and the Redhawks will conclude its fall slate with the St. Mary's Invitational in Pebble Beach, Calif., from November 8-10.

[Website](https://goseattleu.com/news/2021/10/25/mens-golf-cogswell-wins-second-consecutive-puget-sound-amateur.aspx) <https://goseattleu.com/news/2021/10/25/mens-golf-cogswell-wins-second-consecutive-puget-sound-amateur.aspx>

**Daniela Cogswell**, a Senior in UC California, finished 6th in the 100 back in a 2024 dual meet vs. Stanford (55.13).

She also took 10th in the 100 back at the 2023 Queen of the Pool at Cal Poly.

As a freshman in 2021-22, posted top times of 23.05 in the 50 free and 55.59 in the 100 back.

Daniela is from Dubai, UAE.



[Website](https://calbears.com/sports/womens-swimming-and-diving/roster/daniela-cogswell/25106) <https://calbears.com/sports/womens-swimming-and-diving/roster/daniela-cogswell/25106>

2024 TEGIWA Imports Roadsports Series - #20 **Daniel Cogswell / Steven Cogswell** - Class D race winner.

Daniel and Steven Cogswell took a Class D victory in Roadsports at Donington Park this year. The Nissan Almera GTi brothers took two podiums in total, also scoring a third in 2024.



# Cogswells in Sports—ii



Cogswell and his family are divided- he and his mom are Buckeyes and his dad and brother are Boilermakers,

## Family member of Purdue alumni will 'Dot the I' at Purdue vs. Ohio State

CINCINNATI — The Ohio State football team continues its journey to the Big Ten Championship this weekend as Purdue comes to town. At halftime, when one of the greatest traditions of college football occurs with the “dotting of the I” in Ohio the “I dotter” will take a moment to take it all in, especially considering his unique connection with Purdue.

### What You Need To Know

- Max Cogswell is a fourth year sousaphone player for the Ohio State Marching Band
- When Cogswell went to rank his choices of games to "dot the I" this year, Purdue was at the top of the list
- Cogswell's brother and dad both went to Purdue, while he and his mom are both Buckeyes

In the shadows of Ohio Stadium, the Ohio State Marching Band is hard at work perfecting its next halftime show.

For fourth-year band member **Max Cogswell**, it's a dream he's had since he was a little boy.

“When we got into the stadium and I saw how people were so excited for dotting the I that I knew I wanted to come to Ohio State and do that someday,” Cogswell



The Ohio State Marching Band practice as the sun sets behind Ohio Stadium

said.

On Saturday, he gets that honor that every sousaphone player dreams of.

“It’s been a long time coming because not a lot of people know that you have to try out every year in this marching band,” he said. “So to keep doing that, after four straight years. So being able to finally say I get to “dot the I” here this Saturday is really something special.”

But it’s not just the fact that he gets to “dot the I,” it’s also the game that he’s doing it at.

“When it came to my turn, I knew that there were probably a couple other better teams I could have picked for my I dot, but I wanted to pick Purdue as something special for my dad and my brother,” Cogswell said.

Cogswell’s dad and brother both Purdue alumni, his mom an Ohio State alum.

“They were very excited. My mom especially, she’s been really looking forward to this. And, my dad, my brother, however, kind of hoping the end of the game results will be more towards Purdue’s favor, but we’ll see.”

In a house divided, they will

come together to celebrate this major milestone.

“I’m hoping I don’t black out for a really important moment in my life,” he said. “But I’m going to just try to take it all in once I get to that top of the I.”

Cogswell is a Marietta, Ohio native and will be the third person from the town to “dot the I” for the OSU Marching Band.

**Website** <https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2024/11/07/i-dotter-comes-from-family-of-purdue-alumni>



Cogswell bows while practicing the I dot

# Milestones



**Lloyd George Cogswell, 78,** 13Aug1946-27Feb2025, of Arlington, Nova Scotia. Lloyd was the son of the late George and Stella (Corkum) Cogswell. Husband of 20 years to Cindy Adams-Cogswell.

Lloyd worked his early years in Etobicoke township in Ontario before moving with his first wife

Brenda, and kids back to Nova Scotia. He opened a drywall company. After that, he was a jack of many trades. If there was something he couldn't fix, he "fixed" it so no one could fix it. He lived life to the fullest, he could fit in with any group of people from suits to leather and anything in-between. When he found faith, he embraced it to the fullest. He loved spreading the word of Jesus. So many people will feel the loss of the great friend they had in Lloyd.

Lloyd leaves behind his wife, Cindy Adams-Cogswell; children, Lori (Fred) Phillips, Kenny Cogswell and Derek (Melissa) Cogswell; step-son, Jamie (Anne) Bishop; grandchildren, Hayley Cogswell, Justin (Amanda) Cogswell, Jacob (Ally) Cogswell, Jaydia (Noah) Cogswell and Jewel (Evan) Cogswell

[Obituary](https://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/183720) <https://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/183720>

**Diana Cogswell, 76,** 5May1948-20Nov2024. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, wife and sister. Her warmth, kindness and unwavering love touched the lives of all who knew her. Diana is survived by her daughters, Amy Cogswell-Hensler and Melissa Cogswell-Valiante; grandchildren, Jacob, Zachary, Hannah, Nathan and Lucas; siblings, Joyce Workman, Richard Goodwin and Clifford Goodwin. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eugene Cogswell; and her brother, David Goodwin.

[Obituary](#) Diana Cogswell Obituary (1948 - 2024) - Mays Landing, NJ - The Press of Atlantic City



**Edward B. "Ted" Cogswell III,** 66, died on July 24, 2024, of complications brought on from Parkinson's disease. Ted (Teddy, Ted the Third, or T3, as he was also known) was born on October 16, 1957, at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas, to Edward B.

"Ted" Cogswell Jr., and Ann Kovatch Cogswell. Ann and Ted Jr. returned to Montana on April 16, 1958, with Teddy. Brother Paul and sister Amy would soon join what was to be the Cogswell family.

Teddy wrote a comic strip for some period of time, Ludwig, featuring Ludwig, a kid with real big ears, and others in the cast including another kid named Wolfgang, with wolflike features. He was an excellent water-skiier and played first base in the little league. His favorite bat, which he called big bruiser, was banned by the little league because it was too big, and Teddy was knocking it out of the park too many times.

Teddy excelled at the trumpet. The Tijuana Brass was his inspiration, and he was welcomed in all the bands as one of the best trumpeters in Great Falls. He accepted his first position as a professional musician at age 16 when he played in the ensemble at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse. His acting career was launched at Bigfork with a role in the play Annie Oakley with two lines: "Would you like some chicken salad Miss Oakley?" and "Would you like some more chicken salad Miss Oakley?"

Teddy's early employment, in addition to the playhouse, included being a camera man at a local television station.

Ted graduated from C.M. Russell High School 1975. He graduated from the College of Great Falls with degrees in Music History and Business Administration, and also attended the University of Wyoming. He then became a part of the family business, Cogswell Agency, which provided almost daily contact with his father, grandfather, and brother. This kept him in Great Falls where his family resides.



[Obituary](https://www.krtv.com/news/obituaries/obituary-edward-b-ted-cogswell-iii) <https://www.krtv.com/news/obituaries/obituary-edward-b-ted-cogswell-iii>



## Milestones—ii

**Douglas Arthur Kline**, 80, died January 13, 2024. Doug was born on March 29, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois to Jack Edward Kline and Dorothy Taylor Kline. At an early age, the family moved to La Grange Park, IL, a suburb of Chicago, where he enjoyed playing ice hockey in the creeks around their home and being a rare left-handed player in the local Little League.



Doug received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965 from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, majoring in political science and history, and continued his studies at Northwestern's Graduate Business School, later the Kellogg School of Business, where he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

In September 1967, Doug married Jane Ann in Western Springs, Illinois. She was the love of his life and he hers. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last year.

Soon after they were married, Jane and Doug moved to Tulsa, OK where he began a 38-year business career in the petroleum industry, starting at the Sunray DX Oil Company.

After Sunray DX was acquired by Sun Oil Company in 1970, Doug and his family relocated to Sun's headquarters in the Delaware Valley, first living in New Jersey, then in the Main Line of Philadelphia. Doug and Jane raised their daughter, Amy, and their son, Bill, in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. As a family, they enjoyed spending time at their cottage swimming and boating at Lake Wallenpaupack and skiing in the Pocono mountains.

Doug held several positions at Sun Oil, eventually becoming the Director of Insurance, a position that would change the course of his career and life. There, he had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of two Bermuda-based petroleum industry mutual insurance companies, Oil Insurance Limited (OIL), a catastrophe insurer to the oil industry, and Oil Casualty Insurance Ltd. (OCIL), an excess liability and directors' and officers' insurer.

Shortly after his 50th birthday and following many years of service on the board of OIL, Doug was offered a job as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of OIL, headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda. Amy and Bill were away at college, so Doug and Jane moved to Bermuda. They lived there for 13 years. During their time in Bermuda, Doug and Jane had homes in Flatts Village and Bailey's Bay. They were members of The Mid Ocean Club where Doug enjoyed golfing. He was known for the speed at which he could finish a round, and derived particular joy from getting the first tee time of the day on Saturdays so he could set the pace. He loved riding his motor bike to work and wearing formal Bermudian business attire – shorts and knee-high socks. Doug also continued his squash career in Bermuda, serving as Secretary of the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association, and in 1997, winning the Bermuda national squash racquets doubles championship. He said that the key to winning a national title was to outlive everyone else, or to move to a very small country.

Doug's association with OIL provided him and Jane with the opportunity to travel extensively. They developed a great love for seeing the world and experiencing different cultures. They skied in the Alps and SCUBA dove in the Red Sea. After Doug retired, he and Jane traveled the globe. They visited more than 100 countries. Their favorites included Bhutan, Kazakhstan and Myanmar. They sailed around the world five times as part of several multi-month world cruises.

Doug retired in 2005, and he and Jane repatriated to the United States in 2006. Not coincidentally, Doug's first grandchild was also born in 2006. Doug's four grandsons were the joys of his life.

Doug is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jane; his daughter Amy, her husband Steven, and their sons Thomas and James; his son William, his wife Amy and their sons Nathaniel and Andrew. Doug is also survived by his younger brother, Laurence James Kline, who currently resides with his wife, Cynthia, in Indianhead Park, Illinois.

**Obituary** <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/paoli-pa/douglas-kline-11628304>

*Editor note: Douglas Kline has a link to Deacon Cornelius Waldo and Hanna Cogswell, daughter of John Cogswell.*

## Milestones—iii



**Dr. Eric Eidson Cogswell**, age 85, 17Mar1938 - 19 Feb2024.

Dr. Eric Cogswell, husband of Patricia (nee Kelly) Cogswell for over 56 years; loving father of Carolyn Cogswell Pigeau, David Cogswell and Stephanie

(David Lacey) Cogswell; brother of Dr. David (late Heide) Cogswell, Oliver Cogswell and Suzanne (Bernie) Cogswell; and son of (late) Dr. Laverne and (late) Kathleen Cogswell of Berwick, Nova Scotia. Eric grew up in the Annapolis Valley and graduated from Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine, proudly following in the footsteps of his father to become a physician. He began his residency in Toronto where he met the love of his life, Patricia, who was a nurse at the time.

Immediately noticing her nurse's cap was from Newfoundland and as a fellow 'East-Coaster' himself, they had an immediate bond. And so their love story began, initially living in Newfoundland and then moving to Burlington, Ontario to begin his career and to raise their family. Eric loved his family and he loved being a physician. He dedicated his lifework to being a doctor and caring for those around him. He worked tirelessly (yet happily) as a physician of Internal Medicine at Joseph Brant Hospital and his own practice in downtown Burlington for over 30 years. Once retired, he continued to follow his passions of stamp collecting, sailing, swimming, choir, meeting friends, doing crosswords, gardening, taking long walks with Patricia, and spending time with family (near and far).

He was so proud of teaching his grandchildren to swim in their pool. Eric was passionate about history and loved to share stories about his adventures growing up and his family ancestry. He was an avid adventurer at heart. He backpacked across Europe, loved to ski, windsurf, and even sailed the seas of Greece in a flotilla with Patricia as his first mate.

[Obituary](#) COGSWELL, Dr. Eric Eidson - Obituary - Burlington - Burlington News

**Brian Christopher Cogswell**, age 48, of Pittsfield and formerly of Feeding Hills, died suddenly while at work on February 4, 2025.

Brian was born in Mesa, AZ on February 13, 1976 a son of Dionne M. Gendron. His family moved to Feeding Hills, MA when he was little and he was raised there. Brian was a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and shortly after moved with his family to Pittsfield where he resided and raised his own family.

Brian, "Bri-guy" or "Cogs" as many called him, worked as a field technician for over 15 years. He was employed by Source Pass, formerly CompuWorks.

Brian loved music and could play both guitar and piano. As a kid, he was in many talent shows to showcase his musical abilities and as he got older enjoyed playing on his own or for family.

Brian and his brother Roger had a tumultuous relationship with the game of golf but continued to look forward to playing anyway. He loved Summer and Fall, especially joining his wife and family on beach trips to the Cape. Brian wasn't one to sit still and would find the greatest treasures on the beach.

He was a smart and smart-witted man. From countless games of Chess and Cribbage, to telling the best dad jokes you can imagine, Brian used his mind to draw in those around him.

To know Brian was to love his cynical and sarcastic sense of humor and to love his ability to love others even more. Brian was the best father, uncle and friend, and loved spending time with his child Kiere. He was happy to bring kids under his wing and would care for all around him without ever being asked.

Brian married the former Kristen Marie O'Connell on October 24, 2020. Along with Kristen came her two children, Christa and Henry Sims, whom Brian simply adored.

[Obituary](https://www.devanny-condron.com/tributes/Brian-Cogswell) <https://www.devanny-condron.com/tributes/Brian-Cogswell>





## Milestones—iv

Aberdeen, SD - Memorial services for **Phyllis B. Cogswell**, 96, longtime Aberdeen, SD resident, will be 1:00pm, Saturday, October 9, 2021, at First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Ruth Clendenin officiating. Burial at will be at a later date. Phyllis died Thursday, July 8, following a long, determined and faithful life.



In lieu of flowers, family prefers memorials to Aberdeen Area Humane Society or First Presbyterian Church.

Phyllis was born May 5, 1925, to Fred and Sarah (Baker) Anderson of rural Wolsey, SD, the youngest of four daughters. She attended school in Wolsey, graduating from Wolsey High School as the Class of 1943 valedictorian. She attended Huron College with the goal of becoming a teacher. With the aid of scholarships, she worked tirelessly to earn enough to cover her tuition and expenses - giving piano lessons, babysitting and cleaning homes, and working for the Grasshopper Control Board. She was recognized in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges in both her junior and senior years and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She married Mark Cogswell three days after her graduation on June 13, 1947. The young couple moved to Brookings where Phyllis taught eighth grade English, then Bonilla and Wolsey before moving to Aberdeen in 1956. Phyllis gave private piano lessons while raising her young children, Brenda and Kurt. She maintained her private piano class until 2000, introducing numerous students to the joy of music through piano. She also shared her appreciation of music with countless students as the elementary music teacher for Aberdeen elementary schools from 1965 to 1967. She received her Master's Degree from Northern State College in 1970. In 1968 she began teaching 9th grade English at Simmons Junior High, where she remained until her retirement in 1988.

Phyllis served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen, was active in the Presbyterian Women's group, sang in the church choir for many

years and

supported church missions in numerous ways. She was a member of PEO for over 50 years, holding various leadership positions. In retirement she became an active volunteer in St. Luke's Midland Hospital Auxiliary, heading many committees over the years. In 1993 she co-chaired a fundraising event to purchase a mammography unit for the hospital. In 1992 her service and achievements were recognized by Beta Sigma Phi when she was named First Lady of Aberdeen.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter Brenda Cogswell Zimny, son and daughter-in-law Kurt and Mary (Fritz) Cogswell, grandchildren Aaron (Jennifer) Zimny, Sarah (Peter Kovacs) Zimny and Evan Zimny, nieces Cheryl (Scheibe) Krutzfelt and Wava (Christopherson) Arth, and great grandchildren Charlotte and Alice Zimny and Miles Kovac. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Joyce Christopherson, Faye Nettinga and Jackie (Beryl) Scheibe and their husbands Tim Christopherson, Renus Nettinga and Milburn Scheibe, sister-in law Maxine (Cogswell) Becker and her husband Ben Becker, nephews Edwin, Burle, Randy and Noel Christopherson and Harlan Scheibe, and son-in-law Raymond Zimny.

Obituary: <https://www.aberdeennews.com/obituaries/pabd0038435>

**Dear People,  
I love Genealogy. I love researching.  
I actually enjoy staying home on a Saturday.**



**I'm not sorry I'm not like you.  
I'm different.  
Learn to accept it.**

## Milestones—iv

**Scott Michael Cogswell** of Mactaquac, NB, aged 50, passed away August 21, 2024 by accident near Stephenville, Newfoundland. Scott was born in Woodstock, NB in 1974, a son of the late Kenneth and Judith (Fowler) Cogswell.



Scott, a dedicated business owner and forestry contractor, was renowned for his relentless work ethic and deep commitment to his crew at Newmarket Forest Ventures, whom he cherished as an extended family. His passion and his unwavering dedication to his work made a lasting impact on the industry and the many lives he touched. Scott's presence brought light and inspiration to many. He will be deeply missed, and his generosity and sense of humor will continue to resonate with all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Shannon A. Martinson; his son, Chase Livingstone (Katianna); a brother, Robert Cogswell (Lisa); his mother-in-law, Judy Martinson; a sister-in-law, Darlene Tidd (Mike); a brother-in-law, Shaun Martinson (Melissa); several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Judith and Kenneth Cogswell, Scott was predeceased by his father-in-law, Glendon Chase.



**Sheri DeAnne Cogswell** of Battle Creek, died February 7, 2025, at the age of 55. Sheri was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on September 26, 1969, the daughter of Daryl and Loretta (Slaght) Steele. She graduated from Eaton Rapids High School with

the class of 1987. Sheri was a manager at Cracker Barrel, she worked there for 27 years after starting out as a waitress in 1998. An accomplished herbalist, Sheri's deep connection with nature was evident in her

extensive knowledge of plants and their healing properties. Her nurturing spirit extended to her family and pets, whom she adored above all. Some of Sheri's happiest moments were spent surrounded by her many family members. She also enjoyed traveling and riding her motorcycle whenever she had the opportunity. Sheri is survived by her daughter, Chaina Cogswell; grandchildren, Peyton, Paisleah and Poppy DeAnne; parents, Daryl and Loretta Steele; brother, Daryl (Paula) Steele II; nieces and nephew, Megan, Ashleigh and Daniel (Rachel), as well as numerous other family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

[Obituary](https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/michigan/eaton-rapids/mills-funeral-home-shelly-odell-chapel-eaton-rapids/fh-2541) <https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/michigan/eaton-rapids/mills-funeral-home-shelly-odell-chapel-eaton-rapids/fh-2541>

**Ruth Cogswell** (Baird), 97, of Malden passed away peacefully on February 6, 2025. The daughter of John and Isabel, Ruth was born and raised in Somerville. Ruth was the loving wife of Robert Cogswell. The two married in 1951, sharing many years together until Robert's passing in 2006. The two settled in Somerville to raise their two children Betsy and Robert. During her free time Ruth loved to cook, was a loyal and enthusiastic Bruins fan and loved going to New Hampshire to spend time with her daughter Betsy and her two grandchildren during their adolescent years. During her final years, Ruth continued to cook meals of all kinds and took pride in caring for herself, while enjoying frequent visits from her grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends.



[Obituary](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/ruth-cogswell-obituary?id=57505554) <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/ruth-cogswell-obituary?id=57505554>



## Milestones—v

**Michael Clinton Cogswell**, age 91, died 5Feb2025.

Michael was born in Elmira, New York on 18Dec1935 to Michael Cogswell and Victoria (Knott) Cogswell. The eldest of five sons, Mike through grit, a stint in the Army and the GI Bill attended Le Moyne College which he credited with challenging him academically and providing him the encouragement to pursue a law degree. While at Le Moyne he met Dorothy Moore. In 1962 they married at St. Therese Church and were together for 63 years. Mike passed peacefully in his home on the morning of February 5, 2025 with Dorothy by his side.



Mike graduated from Syracuse University College of Law and subsequently worked as a prosecutor at the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office among colleagues who became life-long friends including his dear brother-in-law, John M. Shannon. Mike practiced law in Elbridge, New York while also doing municipal work for the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles and Elbridge. He later worked in the NYS Attorney General's office.

With their three children, Mike and Dorothy first settled in Marcellus, and then Skaneateles, communities they loved. His keen intelligence, warmth and guidance was generously shared with his family, his clients, and many in need. That generosity and support was returned to he and his family tenfold in 1988 when their son Michael, while a junior at the University of Notre Dame, was tragically killed.

Mike found strength in his faith, works from theologian Hans Kung always nearby. He was inspired by Tchaikovsky's violin concerto in D major, a good breakfast sandwich, Notre Dame football and laughing with his daughters, sons in law and grandchildren during trips to Provence, Rome, Paris, Killarney, Madrid and Sanibel Island. One of his great joys was a round of golf with his brothers or close friends. Winning \$5 or a cappuccino from them was, as he often said, "the nuts."

Mike was predeceased by son, Michael, his parents and his brothers: Thomas, John and Edward Cogswell. He is survived by his wife and daughters, Kate Cogswell

(Walter Benson) and Amy (John Carolan). He will be deeply missed by his seven grandchildren, Mary, Michael (Laura Garcia), Magdalene and Matthew Benson and Jack, Peter and Katherine Carolan. He is also survived by his beloved brother, Clinton Cogswell and sisters-in-law, Carol Shannon, Carol Cushing, Mary Moore along with many loving nieces and nephews.

[Obituary](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/syracuse/name/michael-cogswell-obituary?id=57500981) <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/syracuse/name/michael-cogswell-obituary?id=57500981>

**Natalie Daisy (Nat) Cogswell Marable**, age 95, died on 12Jun2024, in Lubbock, TX. She was surrounded during the last week by her family.

Natalie was born in Kearney, Nebraska on 27Dec1928. Her parents, Allen and Olga Cogswell then moved to Chicago, IL. She resided there until 1941 when her parents were killed in an auto accident. Natalie then moved with family to Amarillo, TX until she graduated from Amarillo High School and Amarillo College, where she met and married, Dr. Gerald (Gerry) L. Marable, on 5Sep1948. They moved to Austin, TX to complete their education at the University of Texas. She pursued a pre-med degree alongside Gerry at time when few women were enrolled in such a program. They moved to Dallas, TX where he completed medical school at Southwestern and Natalie worked for a doctor conducting research. In 1955, they moved to Post, TX, for Gerry to begin his practice. In 1956, Gerry opened his medical practice in Lubbock, TX.



She worked with the youth group at Second Baptist for years in order to support students in their spiritual growth and mission experiences. While the girls were in high school, she organized and grew the choir booster club. She was a deacon at Second Baptist Church having been ordained in 1980, a rarity for Baptist women at the time. She and Gerry helped organize the Sick Children's Clinic to care for and treat disadvantaged children in Lubbock County from 1956 to 1987.

[Obituary](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/natalie-daisy-cogswell-marable-obituary?id=55327144) <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/natalie-daisy-cogswell-marable-obituary?id=55327144>

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