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"I neither despise nor fear"

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Sherman T. Cogswell Cowboy Hall of Fame

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1860 – 1920 LEGACY AWARD DISTRICT 1

Sherman T. Cogswell arrived in Wolf Point, Montana, in 1885, a pioneer of a different type than most early day settlers. A dignified, quiet and discreet peace-maker, noted to be able to deal with all sorts of characters, Mr. Cogswell lived the changing West.

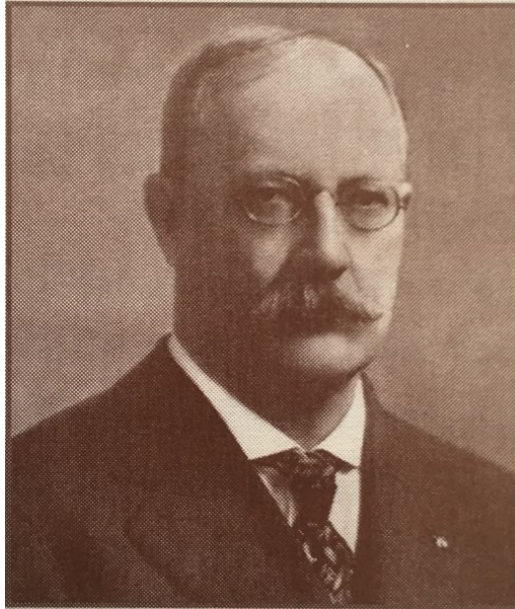
Through long years of close attention to business, Cogswell accumulated a modest fortune and as the town of Wolf Point grew and the country developed, he was generous in his investments and contributions to community enterprises.

Cogswell was born near Adrian, Michigan, January 24, 1865, to Richmond S. and Lydia (Stretch) Cogswell, both natives of Genesee, New York. At about the age of 20 he accepted an invitation from Major Burton Parker - who was an Indian agent at Poplar, Montana - to come west and take charge of an Indian school in Wolf Point.

Mr. Cogswell arrived to succeed Mr. Massey at the Indian school, which was established by the Presbyterian Indian Mission and currently guided by the government. The school was located in the end of one of the log stables belonging to the agency.

Cogswell remained at his assignment as teacher for less than a year, for in 1886 he was employed at the TC Power trading post as a clerk. The business was later sold to WD Shaw, and another trading post operated under the name of HM Cosier & Company was built in Poplar.

Cogswell then worked there until returning to Wolf Point in 1887, when he purchased the



Sherman T. Cogswell
1865-1933

Wolf Point Trading Post.

Cogswell took out a license as an Indian trader and renewed it through the years. According to history, he was the only licensed trader in this part of Montana. In 1886, he was appointed as postmaster by General Vilas. He served in that capacity until 1915.

As Wolf Point advanced, Cogswell took an active interest and was involved in several enterprises. He established an implement business in 1913, and was instrumental

in the building of the Sherman Hotel named in his honor. In the same year he was active in the building of

the First State Bank and was president of this institution at the time of his death. Cogswell held stock in several other Wolf Point businesses.

Cogswell was active in the Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Algerian Temple of the Mytic Shrine at Helena, becoming a member in 1904. He was also a member and trustee of the Wolf Point Presbyterian Church.

In 1932, Cogswell's longtime friend JB Randall accompanied him to Great Falls, where he was hospitalized at the Deaconess Hospital. He died there, at the age of 67, of diabetes, a disease that he had suffered for years.

Sherman T. Cogswell, respected by many, was considered the dean of Wolf Point pioneers and held lifelong friendship with many Indians and ranchers of the area.



Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame

Rev A Charles Cannon, Jr.

On Feb 15, 2023 the Cannon Family laid to rest a man who was Cogswell through and through (except in surname.)

The Rev A Charles Cannon, Jr.

He loved and celebrated our Cogswell heritage everyday of his life. Rest in peace and rise in glory, dad.



Looking Out

Working out the bugs in quest for free lumber

My pal **Shifty Cogswell** and I ride bicycles together most days, and this always leads to pleasant conversation as we crank along the roads and trails. Occasionally it leads to adventure or misadventure.

We both enjoy woodworking. He's envious of my little workshop because it is in the basement and heated. I'm envious of his spacious workshop because it is in a big garage with no stairs.

While riding a few days ago, Shifty told that his old college chum Mitch had a huge pile of black cherry lumber to give away. Shifty and I both enjoy working with cherry. Besides, what's not to like about free lumber?

The next day, Shifty and I climbed into his pickup and drove an hour to meet Mitch at the storage unit he was emptying. Mitch rolled up the door and sure enough, next to some old furniture and what-not was a huge pile of rough-sawn cherry, all properly stacked and stickered. It was very dusty and dirty from sitting so long. "I had a tree in my front yard cut down many years ago," said Mitch. "I had it sawed into lumber, always thinking I'd make stuff out of it, but so far all I've made is rent payments on this storage unit."

The three of us donned gloves and made quick work of loading half of the pile in the back of the truck, which pushed the vehicle well-down on its springs. "We'll have to come back for the rest," said Shifty. We thanked Mitch and headed home.

"I've been thinking," said Shifty.

"Oh, oh."

"If we take this home, we'll have to unload it. Then we'll have to reload it and drive to the mill to have it planed smooth, trimmed and edged. There's way too much for us to do that with our own equipment," he said.



"You're right," I replied.

"Let's take it to the mill right now."

We did. An hour-and-a-half in the wrong direction.

A nice chap in the mill said they could trim it all up for us for a reasonable price, and that we could pick it up the next day.

"Let me take a quick look at it," he said. We walked to the truck and

he looked at the fat pile of wood. He dusted off one of the boards with his gloved hand. "Get it out of here!" he said. "It's all full of Powder Post Beetles. If we unload that at this lumber mill that's all full of great wood, it would be like taking a match to a gasoline refinery."

He showed us the telltale holes, channels and sawdust left by the wood-chomping critters. "You could take it to a steam-fired kiln and have those bugs cooked to death, but it would be expensive--and it is 2 hours away. Your wood would still be full of holes, though," he said.

Back in the truck again, we were now faced with getting rid of a load of worthless lumber. As Shifty drove, I called a landfill. Yes, they'd take it.

Another hour in the truck and we were at the landfill, tossing big board after big board into a huge dumpster. They charged us \$80.

Thirty more minutes in the truck. Shifty called to thank Mitch for the wood and to tell him that he needed to find a way to get rid of the other half of the pile.

A waste of time, money and gasoline? Naw. We laughed a lot.

Sometimes, misadventures are as much fun as adventures.

Daily Telegram

Cogswell Historical Sites

Burial sites of **General William T. Cogswell** (22Jun1835-14Aug1918) and his wife **Cornelia Isabelle HIRSCH** (30Nov1834-22Mar1925) in Tallahassee, FL.



Cornelia Isabelle HIRSCH Unmarked grave. Died from complications of childbirth.

Daughter of John H. Rhodes and Julia Ann (Sweat); married William T. Cogswell 24Dec1866 Leon County, FL. William is listed as Widowed in the 1885 FL State Census.

Thanks to FAG Volunteer: eeazy (#48121906): The 1860 United States Federal Census lists her as the daughter of John H & Julia Ann Rhodes & that she was 12 years old which would put her birth year as 1848, place of birth Florida.

The Cemeteries of Leon County Florida, Rural, White Cemeteries: Tombstone Inscriptions & Epitaphs. Compiled and Edited by Joy Smith Paisley; Colonial Dames XVII Century, Dominie Everardus Bogardus Chapter; Tallahassee, FL, 1978, page 117 'This well-maintained cemetery is two miles north of the town of Woodville on a road marked with its name. Township 2 S, Range 1 E, Section 9/10. The fence-enclosed plot, shaded by tall pines and hardwoods, was begun by the PAGE family which emigrated to Leon County from North Carolina in 1847, though PAGE family graves are no longer marked. ASA H. RHODES, a widower, brought his children to Leon County from Onslow County, N.C. before 1837 when he died here. The family moved to the Woodville area, acquiring the Page land, and they, their relatives and descendants have for generations been interred in this plot. Another early settler rests here, JOSEPHUS STARKWEATHER, who emigrated from Greene County, N.C. in 1847 and lies in an unmarked grave. His daughter, JULIA ANN STARKWEATHER, married BRICEY FONVILLE RHODES, I, son of ASA H. RHODES. Among interesting inscriptions is that of an officer of the Union Army of

Occupation, BRIG.-GEN. WILLIAM T. COGSWELL, who married ESTELLE RHODES of Tallahassee. Genealogical information and record of unmarked graves were supplied by Dr. Francis A. Rhodes, Tallahassee. Recorded Oct. 18, 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton L. Paisley and Dr. Francis A. (Arlie) Rhodes; For: Bicentennial Cemetery Survey of the Colonial Dames XVII Century, Dominie Everardus Bogardus Chapter.'

Editor:

From ancestry.com:

Gen William Thomas Cogswell married 22Nov1858 on Cornelia Isabelle HIRSCH (30Nov1834-22Mar1925) and had a daughter (**Alice Isabelle Cogswell** on 22Nov1859).

But, in Dec1860 (she may have) divorced William in New Hampshire, because...

In 1861 William was by then the **US Confederate** Sixth Infantry (3rd Infantry).

Subsequently, William Cogswell married in 24Dec1866 at Tallahassee to Estelle Blanch Rhodes (1848-17Nov1872). They had a son (14Nov1867 Charles F. Cogswell (1867-1920)) and a daughter (15Mar1869 Almeda Julia "Allie" Cogswell (1869-1969)). They had a third son (14Nov1872 John Alfred Blanche Cogswell (1872-)), but she died in childbirth.

Their son John Alfred Blanche Cogswell subsequently applied for the DAR and was accepted in 19May1896.

General William T. Cogswell died in 14Aug1918 in Tallahassee.

If this is true, William may have divorced his wife over being left her to go over to the confederates.

The Florida Society
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

John Alfred Blanche Cogswell

DESCENDANT OF

John Cogswell (the first son of the name who came to Florida in 1837) in the representation of Genl. Thomas Cogswell of Revolutionary nationality in the 1790s

Application examined and approved May 20 1896
J. H. Hull
State Registrar

Accepted by the State Board of Management May 19 1896
W. H. Shepard
State Secretary

Sold at Auction: William F. Cogswell

(1819-1903)

Prominent portrait artist **William F. Cogswell** captured likenesses of some of the most notable subjects of his day, including a portrait of Abraham Lincoln from 1864 that is now part of the White House Collection and a portrait of General Ulysses S. Grant from 1868. Cogswell is said to have been a favorite of the Grant family, even painting a life-sized portrait of the entire group. Born in upstate New York and entirely self-taught, Cogswell worked briefly as a color mixer at a Buffalo paint factory before moving to New York City to work as a successful professional artist. In the lovely portrait of a young lady offered here, Cogswell's skillful brushwork and keen eye for color are on full display in the sensitive likeness. In 1849, Cogswell traveled to California to paint the gold rush and also captured scenes of Panama along his journey. Though well-established in New York, Cogswell moved to California permanently in 1873, settling in an area in what is now east of Pasadena where he founded the Sierra Madre Villa Hotel, considered to be southern California's first famous resort.

William F. Cogswell,
"Portrait of a Young
Lady", oil on canvas,
signed lower right, 14
1/2 in. x 12 1/4 in.,
framed.



In 1864 William F. Cogswell was invited to the White House to sketch President Lincoln. The painting shows Lincoln on the White House porch with the Capitol dome in the background and the Presidents black coat and tall hat on the chair in the foreground. As the work was nearing completion, the U.S. Congress announced a portrait contest to paint Lincoln's likeness and preserve a part of Lincoln's legacy with President Ulysses S. Grant choosing the winner. Grant chose a painting by William Cogswell, making it the official White House portrait. Cogswell completed three replicas of this life-sized portrait. He sold one to the State of California and it now hangs in the State Assembly Chambers behind the speakers podium. Another was owned by the State House of Hawaii, and the last, Cogswell kept for himself. While he captured the faces of many prominent people, Cogswell is most noted for his portraits of Ulysses S. Grant, currently hanging in the United States Senate, and Abraham Lincoln, which was displayed in the Green Room at the time of the artists death in 1903 and still hangs in the White House today.

Portrait of General Philip
Sheridan Unsigned Oil on
canvas 29 x 22 in



Website: Sold at Auction: William F. Cogswell

invaluable

Margaret Couch Cogswell—Artist

GREENHILL CENTER FOR NC ART

Margaret Couch Cogswell describes herself as a storyteller at heart. Using cloth, thread, paper, color, and patterns, her work spins whimsical tales that delight viewers of all ages.

Cogswell is a longstanding member of the Asheville artist community where she is closely associated with the wonderful non-profit, Asheville Bookworks. Cogswell's artist books, crowns, and paper maché sculptures were exhibited in the Gallery Nomads Asheville exhibition at GreenHill in 2016.



Margaret Couch Cogswell, *Doug*

Cogswell states:

“My conviction that our greatest rewards often come from simple, everyday objects and moments is a recurring theme. Communicating with people through the objects I make continues to be the primary and sustaining focus of my work.”

Cogswell's choice of materials and approach: “using rivets, tabs, wire, and stitching to integrate the disparate components” are a means for sparking creative thought: “For me, materials that are common allow freedom—I don't like to follow a recipe or to be bound by the limitations of a particular tool.” As in her colorful paper maché Story Ball in which fragments of text fall from openings in the ball when moved, Cogswell's works offer kernels of larger narratives: “I want my work to be a trigger point for the viewer; to bring an idea, a memory, or a connection to mind, but not to tell the whole story.”

Cogswell's Book, [Creative Adventures in Handmade Books](#), offers guides to several of the artist's projects in paper maché.



Margaret Couch Cogswell, *Duck and Birdbrain Crown* in Gallery Nomads Asheville



Evans and Cogswell Printing Plant

Robert Gray, Sergeant Major

Harvey Cogswell and his brother-in-law, Benjamin F. Evans, organized and operated the printing firm of Evans & Cogswell in Charleston (SC). In the days leading up to secession, the Evans & Cogswell Printing Company was retained as printers to the Secession Convention, and daily printed the minutes of the Convention. The Ordinance of Secession, one of the most fateful documents in America's history, was lithographed by Evans & Cogswell.

During the Civil War, Evans & Cogswell printed small denomination Confederate currency, Government bonds, the Soldier's Prayer Book, books on war tactics, stamps, and medical books. Their company had been established in Charleston, but was moved to Columbia (SC) in 1864 for protection from invading Union forces under General William T. Sherman.

Subsequently, Columbia, and the Evans & Cogswell printing plant there, were extensively damaged by fire in February 1865 during the course of General Sherman's march northward through South Carolina.

Because of this devastating loss, the company went into bankruptcy, but was reorganized in 1866 with the addition of C. Irvin Walker, a distinguished Confederate veteran, and the company was re-named Walker, Evans & Cogswell.

Harvey Cogswell's rebuilt Columbia printing plant was listed Number One among "South Carolina's 11 most endangered sites" by The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation. From an article by Ron Cogswell.



Connor M. Cogswell

Not to quibble, but Evans & Cogswell's bankruptcy filing was in 1868, not 1866, and had little to do with the outcome of the Civil War. It's a bit of a family secret, but Ben Evans and Harvey Cogswell began preparing for the South's inevitable transition from an agrarian to a capitalist economy in 1864 when they incorporated Kalmia Mills and lined up local investors (albeit in Confederate dollars) for a proposed cotton mill. In December 1865 they paid \$8,000 in gold specie for 400 acres near Augusta, Georgia, on a tributary of the Savannah River, and borrowed almost \$200,000 from a New York capitalist to build the proposed mill and necessary worker housing. Upon completion they planned on paying the obligation with proceeds from a Wall Street stock offering. But when the note came due the once booming war economy was grinding to a halt and there were no takers for the stock. Confident the market would turn in their direction, to get a nine month extension, they doubled down and mortgaged their plants in both Columbia and Charleston, along with their personal homes. The market did not turn and they were forced into bankruptcy to pay debts related to the still unfinished mill. Thirty-five years later the New York capitalist sold the Charleston real estate (where the plaque is located) back to my great-grandfather (Edna's grandfather). Apparently until then, they paid rent.

The company recounted its history in a 1922 promotional book marking its 100th anniversary, but there is no mention of this.



The old Confederate Printing Plant in the downtown Vista area, was built by the Evans and Cogswell Company in 1864 for the purpose of printing Confederate currency during the [Civil War](#).

Cogswells in the News I

Contributed by Heidi Whitman

Yay! **Kristen Cogswell**, my sister Kristen Cogswell was just elected Mayor of Red Lodge Montana!!!!



Red Lodge City Judge Raphael J. He Does It stands with the newly appointed City Council officers and Mayor earlier this week at City Hall. Sworn in from left to right; Kelly Heaton (Ward 1), Jenn Battles (Ward 1), Terri Durbin (Ward 2), Red Lodge Mayor Kristen Cogswell, and Jody Ronning (Ward 3). The first City Council meeting will be Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

<https://www.carboncountynews.com/search/node/Kristen%20Cogswell?page=1>



Related: [After Yellowstone floods, resilient Red Lodge, Mont., is back open for business - The Boston Globe](#)

Roger Bohn honored by Lions Club for 51 years of service to the community



Roger Bohn, a 51-year member of the Batavia Lions Club, was honored Monday night at the civic club's weekly meeting held at the American Legion in Batavia with the Robert J Uplinger Award.

The Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award was established in 1993. The award honors outstanding individuals (both Lions and non-Lions) or organizations who provide a significant service to their club, district or community.

The Lions Clubs motto is "We serve," and Bohn has fulfilled that duty by being a past president, as well as holding a variety of other offices, and serving on countless committees to serve our community for 51 years, including many events to assist the NYS School for the Blind.

Bohn is pictured with Diane Hawn, current Batavia Lions Club president.

Cogswells in the News II

Essex Cogswell Haybarn Has Found a New Home

The Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum (EHSSM) is pleased to announce the historic Essex Cogswell Haybarn has found a new home in Rockport at Woodbury Hill Farm owned by Aaron Tuffley and Betsy Lordan. The EHSSM is partnering with them to pass along the know-how and history of the structure and will help document their project.

In December 2019, just before the pandemic, EHSSM was alerted that a historic barn on John Wise Avenue in Essex was going to be torn down to make way for the town's new safety building. While saving the barn was a priority for the town's planning board, it was determined that repurposing the structure was not an economically viable option. Not wanting to see the historic 1700s Essex timber frame hay barn destroyed, EHSSM mobilized numerous passionate museum members and dedicated individuals in the wider community to help save it.

Once dismantled from John Wise Avenue, the Museum built a temporary shed to house the structure and examined the timbers' structural integrity to determine whether it could be used as a replacement building for EHSSM's aging Water Line Center. The timbers were carefully analyzed, cataloged, and preserved so that the elements could be re-erected in a timely manner.

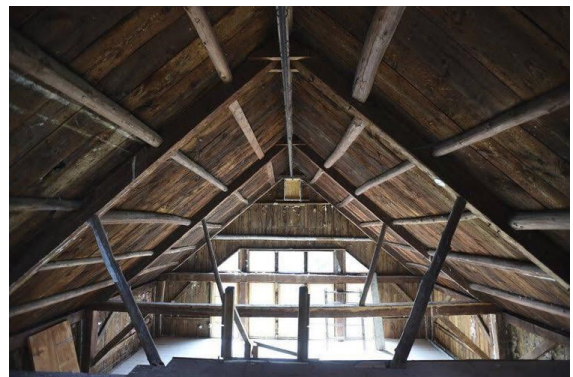
Due to the size and age of the structure, the constraints of the EHSSM waterfront campus, and the tight timeline to reassemble the barn, the museum ultimately determined it could not repurpose the hay barn on site. Knowing the precarious condition of the barn frame, its historical value to the region, and having a contemporary agricultural use plan, local farmer and horse lover, Aaron Tuffley approached the museum in late 2022 with an offer to take stewardship of the 18th-century structure. As time and weather exposure were pressing threats to the timbers, EHSSM and Mr. Tuffley quickly came to an agreement to help secure its bright, next chapter: for the timbers to be reassem-

bled in Rockport and used as they were originally intended, for the storage of hay and horses.

The EHSSM is gratified that the historic Essex Cogswell Haybarn has found a new home at Woodbury Hill Farm and would like to thank the Museum community for their generous support throughout this important project. EHSSM is a small well-conceived museum with many treasures that chart the journey of the early settlers and the town's shipbuilding industry. The Essex Historical Society was formed in 1937, meeting in members' homes, sharing research with one another about the town's early settlers. Sparked by the bicentennial in 1976, the Essex Historical Society established the Essex Shipbuilding Museum and chose the town's Central Schoolhouse to display artifacts. This later became the permanent home for the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum. Learn more at: www.essexshipbuilding.org



Workers on the site of the Essex Shipbuilding Museum



The Ship Building Museum coming up in Rockport

Cogswells in the News III

Promotional ceremony honors 3 Turners Falls firefighters



TURNERS FALLS, MA — Surrounded by their families and friends, firefighters Kyle Cogswell, Geoffrey Ellis and William Doyle were honored during a promotional ceremony at the Montague Public Safety Complex on Sunday.

Cogswell was promoted to deputy chief, while Ellis was given the rank of captain and Doyle was sworn in as a probationary firefighter. Prior to this promotion, Cogswell has served as captain for eight years. This is his 20th year serving on the Turners Falls Fire Department.

Cogswell explained his new position centers around inspections, primarily of homes that are being sold, and fire prevention. “In my new role, I will be aiding in how I can help at a fire scene or larger emergency with an emphasis on command,” he added. Cogswell said the biggest lesson he learned in his past positions was the importance of training.

“Always prepare yourself for the next emergency,” Cogswell said.

In his time on the job, the Turners Falls Fire Department has changed considerably. Cogswell said call volume has quadrupled since he started. With the addition of two ambulances to the station, the Fire Department has been able to better serve residents. “We are able to provide better care and more expanded service,” Cogswell said.

CONCORD MONITOR

By EILEEN O’GRADY

Monitor staff

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The Concord School District voted Monday to appoint Clint Cogswell to be the new school district treasurer for the remainder of this year’s term.



Cogswell will be taking over from previous treasurer Tom Croteau, who was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Concord School Board in February. The treasurer’s responsibilities include meeting quarterly with business manager Jack Dunn to discuss the district’s finances, and signing off on any bond items.

School Board president Jim Richards nominated Cogswell, a former teacher and principal who also been a Concord School Board member and treasurer and was a member of Charter Commission in 2012 and 2022.

“He is formerly a treasurer of the district and is very familiar with our finances, as well as being a former Board member,” Richards said. “I heartily endorse him and I’m glad he said that he was willing to do that.”

Cogswells in the News IV

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MI – Oshtemo Township grew a lot in the 15 years **Libby Heiny-Cogswell** served as supervisor.

Heiny-Cogswell, the first woman at the helm, is stepping down as Oshtemo Township supervisor effective May 1. No longer working full time will give her the ability to spend more time with her five grandsons who were born in the last six years. “We do have extremely talented staff at the township, which makes me feel a little bit better about stepping down at this point,” she said.

The staff within township offices has grown over the years, as more and more people moved into Oshtemo Township. Reflecting on her tenure, Heiny-Cogswell is proud of the area’s growth and development. The township is the biggest in the county, with 23,747 residents, according to the 2020 U.S. Census.

The most visible growth during her tenure is the commercial district along West Main Street, but the township has also grown a lot internally, including to a full-time fire department from a paid, on call department. “There’s more people calling asking questions about zoning, assessing, etc.,” Heiny-Cogswell said. “There is the need for them.”

Serving on the planning commission for six years is what first piqued Heiny-Cogswell’s interest in local government and she decided to run for office. The work was broader than the planning commission, but still interesting, she said.

Before being elected in November 2008, she worked in landscape architecture. She said she really enjoyed working with the parks system before a parks director was hired in 2012.

After stepping down from supervisor, she said she wants to work part-time with the township, preferably as a part-time parks director. Parks Director Karen High is retiring in April and is interested in splitting the job, Heiny-Cogswell said.

The township board is considering splitting the position into two part-time jobs, according to meeting minutes.



Oshtemo Township Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell walks through the Veterans Memorial in downtown Kalamazoo

Working on the parks system and the non-motorized network, bringing completed streets to neighborhoods, was one of her favorite parts of the job. Adding sidewalks and paths to roadways looks simple from the outside, but is actually really complex, she said. “It was a major push and it’s not done but we’ve certainly made huge headway,” Heiny-Cogswell said.

Growth is likely one of the toughest challenges the township will face in coming years, she said, explaining that coordinating that growth from zoning to planning to staffing takes a lot of work.

As the residents increase and businesses grow, a domino effect is caused, creating need for other parts to grow. “It’s both exciting and challenging at the same time to have that kind of growth,” Heiny-Cogswell said. “To address it, the board and the staff are working to update our master plan. That needs to be solidly in place to (be) the pivotal point around all of the growth that’s still going to be happening because we don’t own the land. “We’re not going to stop the growth. We can’t do that. And I know some would like to, but we can’t.”

Heiny-Cogswell was elected four times, with her last term set to end in 2024. She’s stepping down early but says she still has a lot of love for her community. “It certainly was an honor to serve, I never took it for granted,” Heiny-Cogswell said. “It’s just an honor to serve the community, and certainly, help facilitate moving a lot of things forward.”

Link to [KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MI](#).

Cogswells in the News V

Nathan Cogswell,
Research Associate,
International Climate
Action.



Nathan is a Research Associate with the International Climate Action Initiative where is a core member of WRI's work on the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change process and other international climate policy initiatives. In particular, Nathan's research, engagement, and work is focused on supporting the UNFCCC negotiations and implementation of the Paris Agreement's rule-based regime, with attention to issues related to transparency, accountability, and capacity building.

Prior to joining WRI's International Climate team, Nathan focused on advancing US-domestic climate resilience and preparedness as part of WRI's U.S. Climate Impacts project.

Nathan holds an Master of Arts in Environmental Resource Policy from the George Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from American University in Washington, DC.

During the spring and fall months, Nathan spends his weekends umpiring Little League baseball games.



CHARLESTON, S.C. (WCBD) – Charleston mayoral candidate **William Cogswell** held a campaign kickoff party at Hometeam BBQ in downtown Charleston on Thursday night.

Cogswell, who announced his candidacy for mayor last October, previously served in the South Carolina House of Representatives in 2016 where he represented District 110.

He chose not to seek re-election so that he could focus on his 2023 mayoral run.

With support from fellow lawmakers and family members during Thursday night's event, Cogswell laid out his vision for the city of Charleston should he be elected to that position.

Cogswell has said Charleston needs real vision, leadership, "and a collaborative approach to governance to address our compounding problems."

He said it's time to be proactive.

"I was hearing a lot about what was going on in Charleston and obviously knew a lot about it because of my day job, but also because of serving the peninsula and parts of Mount Pleasant in the South Carolina House, and frankly, a lot of things have been said or are being said, but just not a lot of action," Cogswell said in an interview with News 2 prior to speaking at the event.

The mayoral race will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

George Cogswell Memorial

Annual Fishing Derby

Kids will try to catch the biggest and best trout during the annual fishing derby at Mill Pond on April 12th. Registration begins at 8:30AM with the first lines being allowed in the water at 9:00AM and the derby will run till 11:00AM.

A secret stocking of the pond with 370 pounds of rainbow trout will take place ahead of Derby Day. Recreation Director Steve Benko said it's a chance for youngsters in town to try their hand at fishing. It's a nice event for the spring to start with," Benko said. "We've helped out for years, and it's a fun thing to do. A New Canaan tradition started by The Police Benevolent Association in the early 1970's, and it was named for former New Canaan Police Officer George Cogswell. The event took a brief hiatus but was restarted about three years ago after Mill Pond was dredged and then refilled. "The fishing derby is a great tradition in New Canaan and definitely says spring is here," said Tucker Murphy, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce

Children ages 15 and younger (ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult) will compete for special prizes awarded in several categories including the first boy and first girl to catch a fish and the largest fish caught. The event is free to the public and is sponsored by the New Canaan Recreation Department with assistance from the Department of Public Works, The New Canaan Chamber of Commerce, The Kiwanis Club, Police Benevolent Association, New Canaan Fire Dept. and local merchants such as Joe's Pizza who will be serving pizza and coupons for free ice cream cones from Baskin Robbins. The "fish fund" is always looking for private donations to help with the costs of the event. Anyone wishing to help can send a check to the "Fish Management Fund", Town of New Canaan – Att: DPW Fish Mgmt., 77 Main Street, New Canaan CT 06840

32 Annual George Cogswell Memorial

NEW CANAAN ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Date: April 15th
Location: Mill Pond
Time: 8am Registration or online prior 8:30am First Line in Water
Ages: 15 or Under
Cost: FREE
Prizes: 1st fish/Largest fish caught

Event Details:
Mill River Pond will be stocked with trout prior to the event!
Anglers Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
Bait will be provided

Click Below to Register!
Must Register for Event

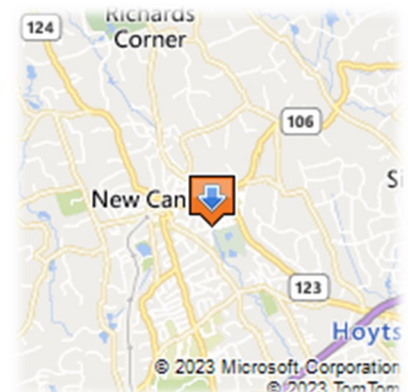
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Where

Mill Pond

Millport Avenue
New Canaan, CT
06840



Milestones Deaths I

Jean Cogswell (Nee Ellis) death of October 29th, 2022, at the age of 85, resident of Sutton. Jean was of the husband of the late Rev. Malcolm Thomas Cogswell



Jean was a vivacious woman with a love of learning and for discovering the world around her. She adored museums, road trips, and travels across the world. And, when she tried a new cuisine, she would be talking about it for weeks. She treated each new experience or new piece of knowledge like a blessing. I like to think that a curiosity about the things which surround us is something that we both had in common, and I'm sure Grammie helped shape me to be who I am today.

Obituary: [Jean Cogswell](#)



James Cogswell, 65, born December 26, 1956, of Clintonville, PA, died November 25, 2022. Jim loved to be with his family. He was most at peace when he was fishing and went every chance he could. He graduated from New Wilmington High School. He was most

recently employed at Montgomery Truss in Grove City.

Obituary: [James Cogswell](#)

Charles "Chuck" Cogswell passed away on November 27, 2022, at his home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 89.



Chuck was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, on December 17, 1932, to Charles and Daisy (Bennett) Cogswell. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to Nova Scotia, Canada. Nicknamed Buzz, he spent his childhood farming, caring for, and selling his family's produce with his eight brothers and sisters. These early experiences with family helped to mold him into the strong, tender-hearted, sometimes riotous dreamer we were so fond of. He spoke affectionately of his young years in Canada - his parents and siblings - and he continued visiting family in Nova Scotia, often with his daughter Angela, well into his 80s.

After moving back to the states at 18, Chuck enlisted in the United States Airforce at Fort Belvoir and spent twenty-two years serving his country - something he was always very proud of. His work as a drill sergeant was one of his most rewarding positions in the Air Force. He kept in touch with many of the Airmen he served alongside throughout his life. After World War II, during the occupation of Germany, Chuck met the love of his life, Eva Schuster, in Munich. Chuck always spoke of these days with stars in his eyes. He and Eva would travel together in Europe, and it was rumored that they even sang together for audiences in hotels in Munich. Eva would go on to become his wife in 1953 and together have three children: Dean, Angela, and Ron.

Obituary: [Charles "Chuck" Cogswell](#)

Milestones Death II



Joycelyn Walden Cogswell, of Fayetteville, passed away on January 2, 2023, with her family at her side.

Miss Joy was born in Columbia, Mississippi, on April 2, 1947. Her parents were Ben and Katheryne Walden. She grew up in Columbia, graduating from Columbia HS in 1965. She attended Florida State University where she earned a Bachelor of Music Education with Piano Principal degree. She began graduate school at Florida State and shortly thereafter met her husband, Bob. They were married on September 19, 1970. Bob had orders to report to Pope AFB, and they moved to Fayetteville in that same month. They have been married 52 years.

In 1984, she began leading a Young-Musicians' Preparatory Program at Methodist University, which was at that time Methodist College. She was also the Founding Director of the Methodist University Summer Music Camp in 1989 and served in that position until 2002. It is now in its 34th year.

Joy also pioneered the offering of Kindermusik, an internationally respected children's music education program, in Fayetteville. In 1990, when Kindermusik introduced new curriculum for toddlers, Joy trained and got certified to teach it. Soon, at the Arts Council and at Methodist University, she was offering the first-ever Kindermusik classes in town. She also taught Kindermusik classes to residents of the Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Shortly after she retired as pianist in December 2018, in 2019 she accompanied a 250-member choir at Carnegie Hall. She has also served as a substitute pianist at Lafayette Baptist Church, and Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. Additionally, she has participated in two concerts (Red Springs-spirituals, and Raleigh-4 piano), worked as the Pre-K-First Grade Choral Music Instructor at the Fayetteville Academy, and continued teach private lessons.

The obituary: [Joycelyn Walden Cogswell](#)



Lavern "Nick" Cogswell, January 22, 1938 ~ March 21, 2023, 85, of Montpelier, OH, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on

January 22, 1938 in Bridgewater Township to William Edward and Zelma A. (Allion) Cogswell. Nick graduated from Montpelier High School. On May 29, 1960 he married Gladys O. Stahler in West Unity and she survives.

Nick retired from Sauders Woodworking in Archbold in 2004 after 5 years in the packaging department. Prior to that he worked for Bridgewater Township at the maintenance building for 25 years. He was also a lifelong Bridgewater Township farmer. Nick enjoyed taking care of his lawn and cutting and maintaining the woods.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gladys; children Rodney (Dee) Cogswell of Alvordton, Randy (Renee) Cogswell of Pioneer, Ronda (William) Vonalt of Montpelier and Roxane (Jason) Welsh of North Lewisburg, Ohio; grandchildren Erika Cogswell, Erik Cogswell, Ryan Cogswell, Kaylee Welsh, Tyler Welsh, Brittney Vonalt, Ashley Welsh and Braden Vonalt; brothers Morris (Emily) Cogswell of Bryan and Lyle Cogswell of Montpelier.

The obituary: [Lavern "Nick" Cogswell](#)

Milestones Deaths III

Carolina B. Cogswell,

93, of Los Lunas, passed away peacefully on Jan. 25, 2023. Story by Valencia County News-Bulletin , Mar 2, 2023

Carolina was born March 2, 1929, in El Paso, Texas, to Edgardo T. and Carolina Jimenez. She grew up there and later attended two years at UT El Paso.

She married the love of her life, Jerry Cogswell, on June 27, 1954, and together they shared a lifetime of love, adventure and happiness.

Carolina was employed by and retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone after 21 years of service. Along with her husband, Carolina was an antique and race car enthusiast.

At the 1960 National Drag Races in Kansas City, Mo., Carolina won her E class race driving a 1952 Studebaker convertible, and is credited with being the first woman to win a nationally-sanctioned drag racing event.

Carolina is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved.

Obituary: : [Carolina B. Cogswell](#)



David L. Cogswell

8/24/2022

David “Dave, Dad, Papa” Cogswell was born November 29, 1959, in Friend, Nebraska. Son of Charles and Gwenda Cogswell, David spent his early years as a part of the Friend community living on their family farm along with his siblings: Randal, Curtis, Linda, and Jeffrey. David loved telling stories that their childhood mornings were spent with chores like tending the fields, cows, pigs, and the “dreaded chickens” instead of watching cartoons. In high school, David played football and basketball and ran track. He was proud of being a Friend Bulldog letterman. During this time, he met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Deanna.

David and Deanna were married in July of 1978 and soon welcomed their first child, Jennifer. David completed his degree in computer science from Southeast Community College, which led his family across the Midwest, where they made many friends and memories. David and Deanna were eventually lured back to Nebraska and welcomed their second child, Allen. After a brief time in Oklahoma, they moved to Gretna, which became their permanent home.

As life progressed, David also found other hobbies like co-ed softball and learned to play golf. He discovered a love for musicals. He began coaching Jenny in softball and basketball and teaming up with Allen for golf and bowling events. Both of his children loved and still remember these times fondly. David and Allen won the Ashland member/guest golf tournament and were bowling league champions more than once.

Obituary: [David “Dave, Dad, Papa” Cogswell](#)



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