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"It's a poor sort of memory that only works backward." – Lewis Carroll

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## ICO gets AOK

### Waterfront raw bar gets Zoning Board of Appeals approval

By MATTHEW NADLER  
CLIPPER EDITOR

The oysters and wine will be flowing on Duxbury Bay this summer as Island Creek Oysters got approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday night to build a raw bar at the rear of its recently acquired property on Washington Street.

The raw bar, Island Creek Oysters President Chris Sherman said, was part of the company's plan to make the property an accessible place for people to enjoy Duxbury Bay. "This is one of the best pos-

sible ways for showcasing the product," he said.

The company, he said, "wanted to do something that was light on the land." The new establishment will provide patio seating for 120 patrons, he said. It will be open from noon until twilight, Sherman said. Only raw items from the bay, along with tinned fish and caviar will be served. A food truck, purchased from Clover Foods, in Boston will be on hand, but nothing will be cooked in it, he said. He described the truck as a "turn-

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Katie Sanford of Troop 68205 places a flag at the grave of Hiram Delano. Volunteers placed flags on the graves of veterans, Saturday. See more photos on page 12.

Photo by Deni Johnson

## Signing day for science students

### Members of DHS robotics team pledge to continue STEM studies

By MATTHEW NADLER  
CLIPPER EDITOR

For a student-athlete heading to college, signing day is kind of a big deal.

The photo is a familiar one on the sports pages. The student, or students, sitting be-

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## Remembering those who are no longer here

### Duxbury High grad recalls fallen comrades

By JONATHAN PAPPALARDO  
CLIPPER REPORTER

"On Memorial Day we honor those who gave their lives in service of our country," said Duxbury American Legion Post Commander

Joseph Staier. "It's a day of symbolism. A day of parades, speeches and flags."

Commander Staier delivered the opening remarks at the May 28 Memorial Day ceremonies, sponsored by the

Duxbury American Legion. The service, which began at 11:15 a.m. and lasted just under an hour, was held at the First Parish Church, adjacent

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# Remembering those who are no longer here

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to Duxbury Town Hall.

The ceremony featured Sergeant Jacob Grawzis of the United States Army, who delivered the keynote address. “Today we honor heroes,” said Grawzis. “We say thank you for your sacrifice, service, courage, pride, selflessness and integrity.”

Grawzis, a native of Duxbury and a member of the DHS graduating class of 2006, has been deployed four times to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is now in Plymouth, where he is in charge of recruiting. He first enlisted in the military in 2005, when he was still a junior in high school. “I always wanted to do this,” he said. “As a kid my siblings and I would shoot Nerf guns and play soldier.”

“Today we honor heroes,” said Sergeant Jacob Grawzis. “We say thank you for your sacrifice, service, courage, pride, selflessness and integrity.”

His grandfather was his inspiration. “He fought in WWII. I was dead set in following in his footsteps. I never knew the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day so one day I asked him. He said on Veterans Day we honor those who are living. On Memorial Day we remember those who have fallen.”

Grawzis explained he comes from a military family, with both of his siblings enlisting to serve their country. His sister signed up as a police officer, while his brother is in the infantry. Grawzis’s career began at Fort Benning in Georgia, where he was both “nervous and excited.” He says his senior drill sergeant followed him through the first few years of his military career. “At 18, I was the youngest guy in my platoon,” said Grawzis. “I was everyone’s little brother. They helped to keep me out of trouble.”

During those early days Grawzis hit it off with Keith, a fellow platoon member who quickly became his best friend. Grawzis says they were the only two from the Northeast who had weird, funny accents. “Keith is from New Jersey,” he said. “So they would call him Jersey and me Boston.”

Grawzis says his first deployment was to Iraq and lasted 15 months. He remembers returning home thinking the war was behind him. His life was changed forever on April 7, 2011 when he learned Keith had been killed. “I had just returned home,” he said. “I didn’t know how to react. War shouldn’t affect me here in the States.”

In August 2011, the war hit home again when a childhood friend, Timothy Steele, was killed. “I was enraged, overcome with anger. “Tim, my brother and I used to go to Starland back when they had bumper cars. We would play Nintendo 64.”

Grawzis recalled another childhood memory between the three of them, on a pond

in the backyard of his home. It was winter, and the pond was iced over. “My parents don’t know this story,” he said. “I fell through the ice. Tim pulled me out.”

As for other childhood memories, Grawzis said he remembers growing up playing sports and spending time with friends at the beach and jumping off the bridge into

the Bluefish River, where he would hit rocks but just get up and jump again. “I cleaned dishes at French Memories and was a waiter at the Village just like everyone else.”

Grawzis says in 2013 he returned from his third back-to-back-to-back deployment when he was opening a checking account at a bank in New York. He walked in and met

the woman who just happened to be behind the counter that day. “My life changed,” he said. He and his wife are now married with two kids, one of whom began to wail as her dad began his address.

In all, he and his siblings have been deployed 11 times

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between the three of them over the years. He ended with a simple request for his brother. “Phil is in his fourth deployment to Afghanistan at this moment. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.”

The community, which showed up in full force for the Memorial Day parade and

ceremonies, joined together to sing “America The Beautiful” and “The Star Spangled Banner” with the Duxbury High School chorus led by their director Robert Judge. Duxbury Student Ambassador Lauren McLaughlin read a proclamation from Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. Duxbury High School senior Caroline Murphy recited

The Gettysburg Address.

Those present listened as Reverend Catherine Cullen of the First Parish Church drew the ceremony to a close with a benediction. “We remember them,” she said about the nation’s veterans. “As long as we shall live, we remember them.”

# Town gets state assistance for Hall’s Corner study

By MATTHEW NADLER  
CLIPPER EDITOR

The Duxbury planning department has received up to \$15,000 in consulting services to do a study of parking and the design of the intersection at Hall’s Corner.

The town applied to the state’s Massachusetts Down-town Initiative program for the assistance, Town Planner Valerie Massard said.

This study is a follow up to a pair done by Metropolitan Planning Council and the Old Colony Planning Council in 2014, Massard said. The MAC did an analysis of economic development for the area while the OCPC offered some steps that could be done to revitalize the area, she said. Town Meeting also spent \$8,000 to do a

now completed survey of the area, Massard said.

The new money will let the town do what Massard describe as a “really deep, intensive study of parking and the design of the intersection.” Then, she said, the town will put together an implementation plan with the input of property owners, businesses and residents. The final study will then be used to pursue grants or zoning changes that can be done to revitalize the area, she said.

The OCPC study proposed a number of recommendations for improving traffic at Hall’s Corner, including eliminating some parking spaces which it said present a safety hazard, improving signage and adding traffic calming measures

such as speed humps. It also suggested modernizing the roundabout and making streets in the area friendlier to bikes and pedestrians. The MPC report states “the current pedestrian environment in Hall’s Corner needs significant improvement.” It calls the rotary confusing and dangerous for pedestrians.

The OCPC study also recommended a number of business improvements, including a unified branding program for the district and a more cohesive appearance for the shopping plazas. The lack of cohesiveness between Foodie’s Plaza, the Duxbury Marketplace and the businesses at the roundabout was also noted in the Metropolitan Planning Council report.

# First Dateboard Society event hosted by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society

The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society will hold its first Dateboard Society event from 6–7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14 at the very first dateboarded house in Duxbury, the Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House, at 479 Washington St.

Enjoy company and a light snack as you appreciate the Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House, which serves as the DRHS headquarters. In 1968, it was the first house awarded a dateboard by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. DRHS Historian Carolyn Ravenscroft will be on hand to share some of the house’s history and introduce the dateboarding program, which is crucial for the appreciation and preservation of Duxbury’s historic buildings. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own stories or questions.

This is a free event for DRHS members who live in dateboarded homes and members of the public engaged in the preservation of historic houses. RSVP requested. Please call 781-934-6106 or email colson@duxburyhistory.org.

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# July 4 committee needs floats

For many the July 4 parade is the signature event of the summer. But the success of the parade is determined not only by the weather, but by the number of marching bands and floats in the procession.

Only a few organizations have registered to enter a float this year, so the parade committee is calling on the community to help. All a neighborhood group or committee needs is some imagination and some willing hands.

The committee is willing to assist in any way, including helping to line up a flatbed truck and trailer. Cash prizes are awarded up to \$500 for maxi-floats and \$250 for mini-floats. All of the details can be found at www.duxbury4thofjuly.com.

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