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Local Cub Scouts earn Arrows of Light



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St. Denis Cub Scout Pack 316 recognized three Arrow of Light recipients this year — Zachary Chiasson, Ryan Morrisette, and Jackson Valanzola.

DOUGLAS — The Cub Scouts from St. Denis Pack 316 recently held their annual Blue and Gold ceremony at the Douglas High School.

The Blue and Gold is a celebration of the Anniversary of Scouting. It brings families together for an evening of fun and recognition. The theme for this year's Blue & Gold was Stars & Stripes. Highlights of the evening included skits from each den and awarding the centerpiece contest winner. In addition, all the scouts in the Pack were recognized for their accomplishments and progress toward ranks.

During the event, the Pack was recognized for achieving the Gold Level in the Boys

Scouts of America's Journey to Excellence Program. The Journey to Excellence Program is a performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of its units. It is also meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program.

The evening concluded with a special Pack 316 Arrow of Light Ceremony. Pack 316 had three Arrow of Light recipients this year — they are: Zachary Chiasson, Ryan Morrisette, and Jackson Valanzola. Receiving the Arrow of Light is the culmination of a Cub Scout's career. It is the highest award that a Cub Scout can earn, and is the only Cub Scout emblem that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform.

During the ceremony, the scouts received their emblems. They also presented a special Arrow of Light pin to a parent as a way of thanking them for the support they received throughout their Cub Scouting years. Before crossing the bridge to Boy Scouts, the Arrow of Light recipients were honored with a special slide show highlighting their Cub Scout journey.

Rep. Joseph McKenna addressed the families and scouts and recognized the Pack's Arrow of Light recipients for their accomplishments with congratulatory letters from the House. The Arrow of Light scouts also received citations from the

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New Principal named at Taft Learning Center

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
 TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Public School District will welcome a new face for its upcoming school year; the district recently announced a new principal for the Taft Early Learning Center, a school that meets the needs of more than 500 children from the Uxbridge community.

Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Tiano said that the new principal of the Taft Early Learning Center will be Jennifer Bellville. She will begin her tenure as the next principal of the elementary school in July.

"We were fortunate to have as many qualified applicants as we did. It was truly a competitive field," said Tiano. "I cannot be more grateful for the efforts of our school and district administrators along with the teachers, staff, and parents of the Taft [Early Learning Center] community to help us match the right candidate with the needs of the school."

Bellville was chosen from a pool of 28 applicants to replace long-time Uxbridge educator Marla Siros. According to a statement from the district, Bellville will be joining Uxbridge from the Millbury Public School District where she has been employed for the past ten years, the last six of which she was the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

"I am excited to join the Taft community, and look forward to meeting and working with all the members of the community," Bellville said.

Bellville has extensive experience as an elementary principal and is a former third-grade teacher and special education chairperson. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and her Master of Science degree from Framingham State College.

"Mrs. Bellville is an exceptional educator and school leader and I know that our students, staff, and entire community will benefit from her expertise and energy," added Tiano.

Douglas "Ice Cream Day" is May 11

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
 TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — In response to two local children aiming to bring the Douglas community together, the Douglas Board of Selectmen have recently named May 11 as the town's official "Ice Cream Day."

"In my opinion, people are becoming so polarized and social media has really caused a lot of folks to argue about things. Ice Cream Day

is sort of a way to bring people together," said Chris Bilodeau, father of the two girls behind the idea.

Haley, 11, and Abigail, nine, felt that the day would bring positivity to the town during a time when residents are often stressed about taxes and other items.

Select Board Chairman Kevin Morse hand-delivered an official proclamation to the family—which will also be hung at town hall—according

to Haley and Abigail's father, Chris Bilodeau.

"It is refreshing to get a kid's perspective on things. I was happy to make the first interaction Chris's kids get with government to be a positive one," said Morse. "Too many things take place in local politics that are polarizing and cause rifts in the community. It is nice to be able to do something that will bring the town

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DAR honors Good Citizen award winners



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2019 Good Citizens (from left to right) Michaela Cannistraci, Natalie Champagne, Ashley Bloem, and Kelly Muanya.

DOUGLAS — The Captain Job Knapp Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Douglas presented their 2019 Good Citizen Awards to four area students at their Good Citizens Awards Recognition Ceremony.

This award is given by the Chapter to honor high school seniors who possess good citizenship qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. This year's Good Citizens are Ashley Bloem from Northbridge High School, Michaela Cannistraci from Whitinsville Christian School, Natalie Champagne from Douglas High School, and Kelly Muanya from Blackstone Valley Technical High School. Each of these four outstanding young citizens received a DAR Good Citizen pin, a certificate, and a \$200 award from the Chapter.

The DAR Good Citizen Award and scholarship contest was created in 1934, and is intended to encourage and reward the

qualities of good citizenship. It is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. It also recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. It is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization. Any woman who has an ancestor who fought in or rendered aid in the American Revolution may be eligible for membership in DAR. For information, contact Regent Anne Marie Safaee at 508-949-0926.

OBITUARIES

Allen Eric Ottoson, 74



SUTTON- Allen Eric Ottoson, 74, passed away peacefully at his home in Sutton on Thursday April 4th after an illness.

Allen is survived by his wife of 52 years, Christine (Coughlin) Ottoson and their children: Jennifer and husband Daniel Wren of Sutton, Neil and wife Maggie Ottoson of Scarborough Maine, and Elizabeth and husband Benjamin Harris of Sutton. He will be greatly missed by his five grandchildren: Abigail and Ethan Wren, Vivian Ottoson, Liam and Molly Harris. Allen is also survived by his brother, Stephen Ottoson and wife Anne of Shrewsbury; sister-in-law Bonnie and husband Paul Steer of Anchorage, Alaska; several nieces and a nephew.

Allen is the son of Eric and Jane (Allen) Ottoson and was raised in Shrewsbury. He graduated from Northeastern University in 1968. He and his wife then moved to Westborough, where he worked at Vee-Arc Corp for several years.

Allen had a strong work ethic and prided himself on being a provider for his family. In 1983, he started a company called AC Technology out of his home. He later moved the company to Uxbridge. Allen was awarded Massachusetts Small Businessman of the Year in 1992. In 1999, Allen sold AC Tech to Lenze Corporation. After retiring from Lenze/AC Technology,

Allen started a home building company, ARRO Development in Sarasota, Florida, where he and Christine enjoyed their winters.

Allen deeply loved his wife, Christine. Together they loved to travel to places near and far. Their favorite destination was the Donegal region of Ireland where Allen particularly enjoyed listening to the rebel Irish music. Whether Allen was spending time with his family in Massachusetts, a summer evening on the coast of Maine or the winter in Florida there were three things you could count on from Allen: He was always coming up with a new project, he would never say no to the perfect pint and his family meant everything to him.

Family and friends honored and remembered Allen's life by gathering for a time of visitation at Carr Funeral Home at 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA on Friday, April 12th from 10-11am and a memorial service at 11am. There will be a graveside service following at New Howard Cemetery on Armsby Road in Sutton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Brigham & Women's Hospital, Development Office, 116 Huntington Ave. 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02116-please note for the Pulmonary Research Fund (www.bwhgiving.org), or VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 99 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923-4539. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Ruth A. Powers, 76



WHITINSVILLE- Ruth A. (Schenker) Powers, 76, formerly of Colonial Dr. died Tues. April 9, 2019 at UMass University Campus in Worcester, after a long battle with dementia. Her loving family was by her side.

She is survived by her 3 children, Geoffrey D. Powers of Coventry, RI, Donna J. Duda and her husband Jerry of Uxbridge, and Joanne L. Powers of Worcester; 7 grandchildren, Geoffrey Powers Jr., Nicole Powers, Kathryn Powers, and Michelle Powers, David Powers, Samantha Devine, and Kati Clouette; 3 great-grandchildren Aden Gould, Joseph Green, and Nathan Devine; a sister Beverly Picard and her husband Richard of Ormond Beach FL, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her companion Peter Green and was sister of the late Carla Schenker, Paula Hochard, Muriel "Sue" Roche, and Jackie Hall. Born in Worcester, MA on Dec. 4, 1942 she lived

in Whitinsville, Grafton and Uxbridge. She had been a resident at Beaumont in Northborough the past 4 years.

Mrs. Powers worked for the former GE-Timex Co. in Ashland, the Johnson and Johnson Co. in Northborough and for McNeil Engineering Co. in Sutton many years. A graduate of Northbridge High School, Class of 1959, she was good with her hands and liked making jewelry. Ruth was raised on a farm and she loved horses, gardening, and planting flowers, and country music. She was a longtime member of the Country Music Assoc.

Her Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sat. April 20, 2019 at 11 am in Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. Whitinsville. Cremation burial in Pine Grove Cemetery in Grafton will be at the family's convenience. A calling hour at the funeral home will be held Sat. April 20 from 10 to 11 am. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02472. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

William "Ashu" Casey Goddard III 71



SOUTHBRIDGE: William "Ashu" Casey Goddard III 71, of High Street died Monday, March 18.

He leaves 3 sons William Casey Goddard IV, and his wife Elizabeth of Southbridge, Shawn Patrick Goddard of Winchendon, Tommie-Lee Jacob Goddard of Brimfield, 2 daughters Billie-Jo Goddard of Northbridge, Doreen Smick of Northbridge, a sister Ginger Goddard Alicea and her husband Pedro "Kike" of Holliston, 17 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and nieces.

William lost his leg in an automobile accident, in Sturbridge at the age of 17. He was determined not to let his dis-

ability interfere with his life. He could fix and build almost anything including customizing Harley Trike motorcycles. He has won many trophies for his own custom trike bike.

He loved his Mom, his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed Rock and Roll music from the 50's to the 90's

His funeral was held at NOON on Tuesday, March 26, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge. Burial will follow in Brimfield Cemetery.

Calling hours were 10 to NOON prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, or online at www.stjude.org

Doris M. Guioi, 82

MILLBURY- Doris M. (Paquette) Guioi age 82 passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Univ. of MA Healthcare Center Worcester. She leaves her husband of 64 years Freeman B. Guioi. She is also survived by a son Kevin Guioi of Webster, two daughters, Cynthia Paradise and her husband Paul of Southbridge, Donna Guioi of Southbridge and three grandchildren. She also leaves two brothers, Leo Paquette of Whitinsville and Wilfred Paquette of Webster, two sisters Theresa Lawrence of Whitinsville

and Cecile Greene of Warren. Doris had a sister that predeceased her, Jeanette Moore of Millbury. She was born in Manchaug, MA daughter of the late John Paquette and Rosealma (Merchant) Paquette and lived in Millbury for the past 49 year prior to that living in Manchaug. There are no calling hours. All services are private. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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Janice Dresser, 77



WHITINSVILLE- Janice (Hobbs) Dresser, 77, died Monday, April 8 at Saint Camillus Health Center, after a period of declining health. She leaves a son, David Dresser, and his wife Debora, of Worcester; a daughter, Pamela Allen, of Uxbridge; a brother, Roger Hobbs, Jr., of Falmouth and 7 grandchildren.

Janice was born in Whitinsville, October 5, 1941, daughter of Roger and Evelyn (Kearman) Hobbs, Sr. She was a graduate of Northbridge High School and worked as a secretary, first for

WPI and later, Holy Cross College, retiring in 2009. In 1985, she moved to the Southbridge/Sturbridge area, where she remained, until moving to Worcester in 2007. She had been a resident of St. Camillus for just over a year.

A graveside service will be at 10AM, Thursday, April 18, at Lakeview Cemetery, Upton. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is directing arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Reliant Foundation, Inc., 311 Main St., Suite 202, Worcester, MA 01608 re Oncology Wellness Fund. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Sandra B Johnson, 57



OXFORD- Sandra B Johnson 57, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 13, 2019 following an eight month battle with brain cancer. She was pre-

ceased by her father William W Johnson in 1998 and brother William R Johnson in 2019. She leaves behind mother and her husband Richard and Carol Calvert of Collegeville, PA, a daughter Kristin Shurek of Quincy, MA, and siblings Cathy Johnson Young and Deborah Johnson of Worcester. A graduate of Sutton, Jennifer Johnson of Millbury a twin sister Susan Kirpatrick of Douglas, 4 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Also her life companion of 28 years Frank Zayonc which whom she lived with and her beloved black lab Sophie. Sandy was raised in Sutton. Sandy was employed for the last 18 years as a CNA at The Meadows nursing home in Rochdale and worked the day before she was admitted to the

hospital. Sandy was a super strong and very active person as part of her every day regardless of weather conditions, then served as a caretaker for her lifelong elderly friend Shirley Nelson of Sutton along with excelling as an artist, gardener, carpenter and cook but especially enjoyed her craft "projects" as she was artistically gifted and made countless creations that she gave to friends and family. Special thanks to her twin sister Susan for putting a hold on her life for the last 8 months to be by her sister's side, a true expression of the bond between twins, her mother, brother Joel, Angie Congdon and Tracy Clockner for their unrelenting support during her illness. There are no calling hours. Internment will be private and any donations made be made in her name to Second Chance Animal Shelter in West Brookfield, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Elizabeth A. Aldrich, 82



WHITINSVILLE-- Elizabeth A. Aldrich, 82, died Saturday, April 13, at home surrounded by her family and friends. Betsy leaves her three nieces: Melissa C. Aldrich, of Oxford, Rebecca A. E. Aldrich, of Cambridge; her grand-nephew Nathaniel S. Grondin, of Long Beach, CA, grand-niece Natalie Grondin, of Uxbridge, her sister-in-law, Norma E. Aldrich, and her only friend, Beverly R. Keeler, both of Whitinsville. She is predeceased by her brother, Spaulding R. Aldrich, in 2009.

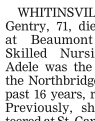
Born January 5, 1937 to Clarence E. and Sylvia A. (McGilvray) Aldrich, she lived her entire life in Whitinsville. After graduating from Northbridge High School in 1954 and Mt. Ida College in 1956, Betsy began a long career in banking with Old Colony Bank. She retired in 1997 from what became Bank of America after more than 30 years as a customer service representative and ultimately branch manager.

Betsy loved animals, was an avid professional and collegiate sports fan and enjoyed playing games such as Mahjong. She was a corporator for the Whitinsville Social Library, member of the Northbridge Historical Society,

and Friends of Northbridge Elders. For many years she served Northbridge as the Precinct 1 clerk for town, state and national elections. She was a former member of the Northbridge Republican Committee and was recognized for her committee work to elect former Senator Edward Brooke.

Betsy enjoyed traveling and spending time with friends and family in Florida, Vermont or the Canadian Maritimes. She had a special place in her heart for Squam lake and Ogunquit, ME. She was a trend setter, fashion forward and stayed current with pop culture regardless of her age. She carried herself with elegance and grace. Her home was an open, welcoming place for all friends and family. She will be remembered as an example of how to treat people with dignity, kindness, love and respect. A Memorial Service will be Tuesday, April 23, at 11AM, at the Village Congregational Church, where she was a life-long member. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, to honor Betsy's memory, donations may be made to Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center at Milford Regional Medical Center, 20 Prospect St., Milford, MA 01757, Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., is assisting the family. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Adele V. (Fortin) Gentry, 71



WHITINSVILLE- Adele V. (Fortin) Gentry, 71, died Saturday, March 30 at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing in Westborough. Adele was the Outreach Director for the Northbridge Senior Center for the past 16 years, retiring in August 2018. Previously, she worked and volunteered at St. Camillus, worked part time as a bookkeeper, was an office manager at Duvals Sheet Metal, in Leominster, and was office manager for Ford dealership on Nantucket. While living on Nantucket, she developed a love for the seashore and outdoors. Adele enjoyed cycling, hiking in all seasons and camping with her husband. When she set her mind to do something, she stuck with it.

A leap year baby, Adele was born February 29, 1948 in Peterborough, New Hampshire, a daughter of Omer

and Laurianna (Roy) Fortin. She was a graduate of Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, NH. Adele leaves her loving husband of 36 years, Ralph M. Gentry and four siblings: Marguerite Vaillancourt, of Greenville, NH, Elaine Leger, of Gardner, NH, Olive Thibault, of Rindge, NH, and Paul and Phyllis Fortin, of Fitzwilliam, NH; and eleven nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Adele's life was held at 2:00PM, Saturday, April 13, at the Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter, 685 Canton St., Suite 103, Norwood, MA 02062. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

SCOUTS

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Massachusetts Senate.

Pack 316 would like to congratulate all of its scouts and wish the Arrow of Light recipients the best as they start their Boy Scouting journey with Troop 316! The Pack would like to thank Steve and Mandy Yorke, who were the leaders for the Arrow of Light den up through their Webelos year, for their time spent volunteering with the Pack and the

leadership they provided to the den throughout the years. The Pack would also like to thank Dave and Rebecca Berchem, who were the leaders for the Arrow of Light den for their final year. The Pack would like to extend a special thank you to Troop 316 Scout Jason Michalski, who was the den chief for our Arrow of Light den.

For information about Douglas Cub Scout Pack 316, please visit www.douglaspack316.com or find us on Facebook.