

Pack 316 Cub Scouts camp in at EcoTarium

WORCESTER — On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Cub Scouts from St. Denis Pack 316 in Douglas spent the night at the EcoTarium in Worcester. The scouts and their parents had the entire facility to themselves. And, although it was blustery outside, the theme of the evening was "Sea and Shore."

The night began with a hands-on exploration of a tide pool in which they

got to handle sea stars and sand dollars. In addition, they learned about gastropods, bivalve mollusks, and cephalopods. One cephalopod that they focused on was the squid. After learning about the squid's anatomy, the scouts proceeded to a classroom where they had the opportunity to perform their own squid dissections. Following this, the scouts learned about whales by going

inside an inflatable fin whale and then got to recreate a shoreline using KEVA Planks.

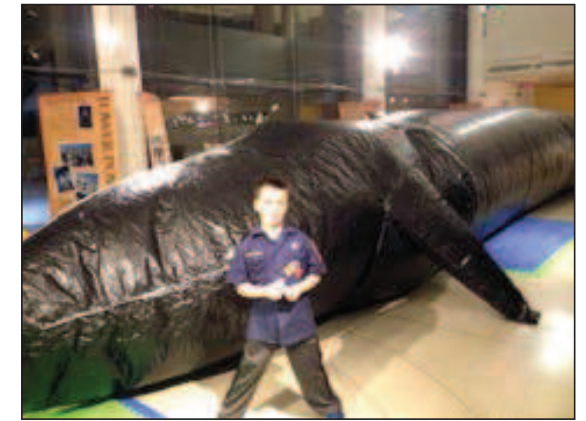
Before getting into their sleeping bags, which were scattered throughout the EcoTarium's exhibits, the scouts were treated to a show in the Alden Digital Planetarium. The planetarium program featured the night sky, popular constellations and galaxies beyond

the Milky Way. The next morning began bright and early. Scouts got to choose between participating in brisk walk throughout the grounds where they could learn about the museum's animals and sledding. It was a fun and educational weekend.

If you'd like more information about Cub Scouts, e-mail us at info@douglaspack316.com.

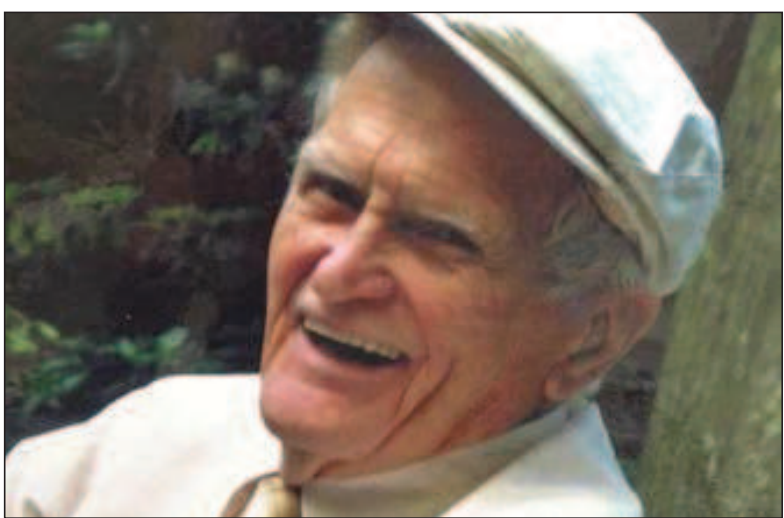


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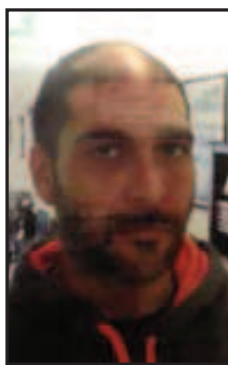
HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!



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Matthew R. Dykstra will turn 100 on Friday, March 13. He was born March 13, 1915, Washington County, Pa., to Clara (Vierstra) and Ralph Dykstra. He is predeceased by a sister, Dorothy and brother George. His wife Elizabeth (Lanting) from Workum, Netherlands, passed away in 2006. They had five children; Ralph, Louis, Claire Lajoie, Harvey and daughter, Janet Fairbanks. He has 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. There will be a celebration in his honor at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, on March 7, from 2-4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Suspects sought in Uxbridge breaking and entering



Peter Deleo

UXBRIDGE — On Thursday, Feb. 19, in the early evening, the Uxbridge Police Department was notified that a past residential breaking and entering had occurred in the Hazel

Street area of town.

Officers Thomas Stockwell, Benjamin Smoot and Steven Clinton were dispatched and initiated an investigation, as the perpetrators spent considerable time removing items from inside the domicile.

Detective Steven Prior was summoned to the scene to assist with the investigation. Police personnel processed the crime scene and collected evidence. Many distinguishable items

were taken from the home to include jewelry, coin collections, silver noted dollar bills and a large assortment of tools and family heirlooms.

Information was provided by a local business owner and additional evidence collected along the roadside by neighbors assisted Uxbridge Police with the investigation and a search warrant was obtained and executed at the suspect's home in Uxbridge on Sunday, Feb. 22. Evidence from the house break was recovered and the suspects were identified.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Ashley White, 27, and Peter Deleo, 34. The warrants are extraditable in all New England states.

Detective Prior, with the assistance of detectives from Worcester, Leominster and Cranston Rhode Island were able to identify and recover additional stolen property from pawnshops and businesses within their respective jurisdictions.

Anyone with any information concerning the crime or their whereabouts is asked to contact the Uxbridge Police Department at 508-278-7755.

MFSLA announces recent promotions

MILFORD — Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association is pleased to announce the promotions of Donna J. Desjardin and Melissa Mestre.

Donna J. Desjardin was promoted to the position of Vice President Loans. She first joined Milford Federal in September 1986 as a data entry clerk and has since held the positions of assistant branch manager in Whitinsville, assistant to the loan officer, lending/sales manager, and most recently assistant vice president of Loans. She resides in Uxbridge with her husband and two children.

Melissa Mestre was promoted to the position of assistant vice president of Finance. Mestre holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Worcester State College. Mestre first joined Milford Federal in June 1994 as a part time teller. She has since held the positions of assistant to the treasurer and most recently finance officer. She resides in Milford with her husband and two children.