

Hot-chilly? Survey finds class temps from 54 to 82 degrees

By The Echo Staff

When it comes to the temperature, does Mount Greylock really "bring the heat?" With constant complaints from both students and teachers, the insufficient heating of the school has become a major issue. "Why is our school so cold?"

It has been quite easy lately to overhear these words from students of various ages all around the school. This particular instance took place in the caf-

eteria, one of the warmer areas of Mount Greylock. Over the course of Thursday, February 8th, Friday the 9th, and Monday the 12th, Echo editors tested the temperatures of various rooms around the school. While asking teachers for permission to place thermometers on the walls of their classrooms, we were met with extreme enthusiasm from curious teachers. Even the lucky few with comparably toasty rooms displayed a positive attitude about our informal study.

We proceeded to place thermometers as evenly around the school as possible, and the results are displayed in the chart to the right. The variety in temperatures surprised some students and faculty, while confirming the predictions of others. "One classroom is freezing, so you're wearing your winter jacket, and then you go next door and its practically eighty de-

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Voices from afar: Exchange students at MGRHS



For a school of less than 700 students, Mount Greylock RHS has a large number of international exchange students. Why come to the United States to go to school? The Echo asked three of them that question this month. Their answers appear below and to the right.

Suraya Hazrati

What is your name?

Suraya Hazrati

Where are you from?

Afghanistan

How did you win the opportunity to study in the United States?

After winning a competition in English language the exchange program offered me the opportunity.

What was your first reaction to Williamstown and Mount Greylock?

I wasn't surprised. I knew it would be like this. People were nice to me.

What's the biggest difference between the U.S. and your country?

Food is a big difference. Pizza and enchiladas are my favorite. Also, eating turkey and gravy at Thanksgiving was fun.

Do you have anything else you want people to know?

There is a big difference -- everything is different.

Khanifa Tyrkba

What is your name?

Khanifa Tyrkba, Khafa for short

Where are you from?

Abkhazia, a country that broke off from Georgia

How did you win the opportunity to study in the United States?

To come here I needed to pass a competition held by a program called FLEX for students from the former Soviet Union. The competition consisted of a bunch of tests and filling out forms.

What was your first reaction to Williamstown and Mount Greylock?

I first arrived in Washington and stayed there for a day. I thought that day "This year will be exciting!"

What's the biggest difference between the United States and your country?

The biggest difference is probably that teenagers are much more independent here. And I really like that!

Ilkin Akhundoff

What is your name?

Ilkin Akhundoff

Where are you from?

Azerbaijan

How did you win the opportunity to study in the United States?

It is an exchange program that consists of three levels. I succeeded and now I'm here.

What was your first reaction to Williamstown and Mount Greylock?

I was like "Damn, where the hell am I? This is like a...forest or something." But I love it now. But my impression about Mount Greylock was even better: "This is just like an abandoned hospital."

What's the biggest difference between the United States and your country?

I would say that people here become independent faster. I mean, already at the age of 15-16 they seem to be complete grown-ups.

Do you have anything else you want people to know?

Umm...I don't know. Everybody who knows me knows about all that stuff. And many people know me, so...

Jobshadowing

A day trip to radioland: automation

On Feb. 2 over one million students and 100,000 businesses participated in the 10th- annual national job shadow day. Echo staff member and junior Sean Peltier shadowed Local radio Host Mike Garland. He was among approximately 20 MGRHS students who took part. He recalls the experience below.

By Sean Peltier

I had discussed my career plans with Greylock job shadow day organizers Lynn Penna and P.J. Pannesco in the guidance department, they suggested they I contact Radio 1230 WNAW in North Adams to see if I could shadow one of their employees.

After a phone conversation with WNAW Program Director Dave Fierro, I arranged to shadow morning host Mike Garland. I arrived on a Friday morning and spent the rest of the day learning the ins and the outs of the radio business. Garland, a radio veteran, is on air from the time WNAW begins broadcasting weekday mornings until about noon.

WNAW, which plays "the best of the 80's 90's and today," has a specific target audience (mainly adults age 30 and older), to which they cater. They attempt to do this by not only offering diverse music, but also by mixing in news, weather, and sports at regular intervals to keep listeners informed as well as entertained.

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Budget team presents overview to school board

Administrators of the Mount Greylock Regional School District have developed a visual presentation of the regional school's budget picture for fiscal 2008 and they say they are making some progress in closing approximately a \$1 million gap between initial internal spending requests and what is likely to be available from state and local taxes.

MGRSD Business Manager Mark Amuso prepared a PowerPoint presentation which Supt. William Travis presented to the school board last week. One key feature of proposals on the table so far -- the phasing out of Amuso's job as business manager a ta savings of approximately \$100,000 in

salary and benefits. In March and April he will gradually transition to a new job as administrator of Sweetwood, the senior assisted living facility which neighbors Mount Greylock.

Amuso says he will continue to be available to the school board as it completes budget deliberations. He looks forward to involving Sweetwood residents in community roles at the school.

Discussing the proposals so far, Amuso said its not yet clear whether the school can avoid teacher layoffs. Enrollment is projected in the low 600s next year -- a drop of almost 200 students in five years -- and that reduces the amount of state aid the school dis-

trict can likely claim.

Among options: Sharing food services with Williams Elementary School or even Williams College, and sharing special-education administration with the elementary school.

To view the PowerPoint, click on the link below. Position your cursor in the middle of the page and left-click your mouse to progressively open each point and turn the page. All of the figures and ideas are tentative and without the superintendent's narrative it may be hard to follow, but it gives an idea of some of the options the board is looking at.

<http://www.mgrhs.org/site/common/files/budget.ppt>

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OPINION

A guest view: Taking a serious look at 'emo'

By Debora Cole-Duffy

On Friday, Jan. 19, moments after the Greylock Echo circulated through the school's corridors, several upset students crowded in my small office asking if I had read the 'Emo' article in the paper. I had not at the time of their arrival, so I quickly glanced through it while the students began to talk. As I was reading and trying to hear their concerns at the same time, I immediately struggled to understand the context of what appeared to be a stereotypic article about a fairly recent cultural characterization placed in the 'HUMOR' section of the paper. I couldn't imagine that Matt (Baker-White) intended for this article in any way to be malicious, but the students did think that the article made fun of a particular group at Mt. Greylock and said:

"Why would he (the reporter) stereotype a bunch of kids?"

"What makes him think that he knows who is and isn't emo?"

"Everyone is emo – 'emo—tional' that is; it isn't a group, it is a state."

"If this was supposed to be humorous, it was hard to feel the humor in these words."

"We want to write a retort."

After further reflection and discussions with some of my colleagues in guidance and administration, there was indeed an over-all unease about how students might view it. The following Tuesday, the group of concerned students met with me in the guidance conference room. They talked more about the issue of stereotyping and cliques - and their belief that some students and even some teachers do characterize students on the basis of stereotypes. The students not only wanted me to quote their particular points of view - but they wanted me to cite them by name. As the adjustment counselor, I expressed my concern that it could be detrimental to the students if I named my 'sources.'

Fortunately, an administrative directive took the decision out of my hands. As the correspondent for this group, I do hope I do justice to their views, which were articulated thoughtfully and without dramatic flair.

The students were particularly angered by the 4 listed stages of 'emo.' The attributions of not being loved; or worthy of being loved or helped - because of a look, a musical choice, a trend, a mood or a personal style, was the most difficult consideration for these students to understand. They found the characterization depressing, and one student likened it to the time the paper featured the discussion about the "Lanesboro and Williamstown kids," which in her view also led to stereotyping in this school.

"If this was supposed to be humorous, it was hard to feel the humor in these words."

Another wondered, "What kid does not have problems from time to time with his/her parents?"

Still another student said, "You can have just about a perfect life, but a personal problem can make others think that you are 'emo.' Is it fair to say that if you are upset about one problem, that it makes you 'emo'?" ... "Emo people do laugh; they do have a good time; they fall in and out of it." 'Emo' is a stereotype like being called this derogatory word or that derogatory word [sic]. Then you get a reputation, and I have even heard teachers say: Don't hang out with so and so [sic] because he/she will be a bad influence on you."

The students were seriously concerned about the issue of 'wrist slitting' and 'cutting' and agreed that music choices or personal appearance does not make someone cut him or herself. They recognized

that this is a serious issue for kids and a topic for another occasion. But they added: "some students cut themselves and would never be considered as 'emo' because they don't look 'emo.'" "People can't judge what someone will do based on how they look!" And on the subject of appearance, they agreed that "greasy ebony bangs covering ¾ of the face does not make a person 'emo'."

After hearing the students' views, I then referred to the Internet for information about 'Emo', which does generally reflect the image Matt conveyed in his article. And then I met with Matt: to learn about why he wrote the article and to discuss his feelings about the feedback he received. He said that he "never intended for this article to be taken seriously." He described it as a satire or parody of a cultural stereotype and at no time did he think that someone may seriously identify and/or struggle with "actually being 'emo'."

"It came to me as a satire - to joke about it, because I didn't realize that people could or would take it seriously. I didn't realize beforehand that these descriptions would be hurtful. Certainly after the article was published, I did hear around the school that kids were affected; and it was never my intention to insult anyone or put anyone down. I didn't anticipate the ripple effect; but I should have thought about it more. It was a satire about an expression, not about actual people."

I was impressed by how the affected students expressed their concerns about the article, and I was grateful to Matt for offering a heartfelt clarification that his well-written satire was not intended to evoke any hurtful reactions. I am pleased that the students gave me the opportunity to offer a voice of response and explanation on their behalf, and I would certainly be pleased to talk further with anyone about the issues that I raised.

The author is school-adjustment counselor at Mount Greylock Regional High School.

NEWS

Excerpts of four texts prepared for MLK day speeches



Photo by Gina Iannitelli

Chosen to read at Thursday's MLK Day are, from left, Suraya Hazrati, Naomi McCarthy, Amanda Burdick, Sean Peltier, David Rosenthal, and Anthony Bellmon.

By Shannon Young

The eighth-annual Martin Luther King Jr. Public Speaking Contest was scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 15, in the Mt. Greylock auditorium.

The students set to compete in the event, (Amanda Burdick, Anthony Bellmon, Soraya Hazrati, Naomi McCarthy, Sean Peltier, and David Rosenthal) were selected on Monday by faculty based upon a five-minute speech that had prepared and submitted to teacher Tom Ostheimer on the topic of a specific cause about which they felt strongly -- and how they would actively promote change. Faculty chose to speeches based upon their content, the causes the students selected, and how effectively the speech texts echo the values of Martin Luther King Jr.

The focus of the speeches ranged from the pledge of allegiance to disabilities such as blindness; "We didn't want to choose two speeches that were on the same topic," Ostheimer said. Excerpts from some of the speeches fol-

David Rosenthal: "The world cannot afford to remain silent any longer. We know what comes out of inaction. Eleven million died in the holocaust; three million in the Congolese Civil War; 800,000 in Rwanda. Over 400,000 have died in Darfur, and the death toll will continue to rise until the silence is broken."

Amanda Burdick: "Disabilities: Do They Really Hold You Down?" -- Imagine living your life in darkness or without sound. Just close your eyes and try to walk around your house. Hard, isn't it? Well, that is what it is like for many people living here in the United States, except they can't just open their eyes, or suddenly hear sound again; for them, it is permanent. The sudden loss of one of your senses can have a drastic effect on your life. Unfortunately, it can also affect the way people treat you.

Sean Peltier: "Progress is being made, however: as recently as last month the House voted to lift a ban on federal stem cell research. This holds promise for the millions of people living with potentially curable diseases. Stem cell

research is likely to be a hot topic as we become adults. When making your personal decision about this volatile issue, I ask that you think of my grandfather, and support embryonic stem cell research."

Anthony Bellmon: "Thinking about his speech and the Civil Rights Movement itself, I asked myself the question: "Has his dream become a reality?" After researching the issue and considering personal life experiences, I've come to the realization that Dr. King's dream can be now considered a dream deferred."

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ARTS

The world of Camelot is coming to MGRHS March 1-3; director Welch explains why

By Shannon Young

This year's musical, *Camelot*, is to be performed Thurs.-Sat., March 1-3 at 7 p.m. in the Mount Greylock auditorium. Billed as a classic love story of King Arthur, his knights and the ill fated love between Lancelot, his trusted friend, and Arthur's wife, Guenevere, the show will mark History teacher Jeffery Welch's eighth year directing the school musical.

His past shows have included classics such as *Gigi*, *Gypsy*, *The Sound of Music*, *Hello Dolly!*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Music Man*, and *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

Welch says he chose *Camelot* because "the style and substance of the show are reminiscent of Shakespeare, about which many drama students at Mount Greylock are passionate."

Mr. Welch also acknowledges the hearty enthusiasm for theater among his students, stating that nearly 80 percent "keep their hands in the performing arts either formally as a major [in college] or informally, after high school."

Being the director of the musical is no easy feat. Welch's first job to get this whole process underway is to first choose what play will be performed. With this in mind he must choose his leads as well as supporting actors and chorus parts from auditions that are held at the beginning of December. From that point there are weeks of rehearsals, as well as, set building, and dress rehearsal/tech week, which is the culminating event that brings the show together.

Mr. Welch brings his on-stage experience to his directing, having played the male lead in *Hello Dolly!* and the role of Sheridan Whiteside in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* in high school (shows that have both been recently performed at Mount Greylock). In addition to his directing duties, Welch teaches world history and A.P. European History in the high school: "Getting papers back in a timely fashion when all of my after-school time is consumed is sometimes a challenge," says Welch.

"People always complain about March: no breaks from school, dreary weather. It's my favorite month because I feel as if I'm on vacation after the play."

With only a few weeks left, the cast and crew of *Camelot* are putting the final touches on the musical, and soon Mr. Welch's efforts will pay off as he watches his cast and crew's months of hard work and preparation unfold in front of an eager audience. As they say in show business: "Break a leg!"

JavaJive under new management: ABC staging next event March 9 at Goodrich Hall

By Jonayah Jackson

Java Jive is an event, once a month, where students from all over Northern Berkshire County get together and either perform or watch their friends perform. It's a chance to hang out and do something fun that the whole family can enjoy.

Greylock's ABC is the Williamstown chapter of the national "A Better Chance" program that places inner city students in either public, private, or boarding schools that offer them more opportunities and the chance for a better education (hence the name). The Greylock ABC scholars need to keep a B- average to stay in the program and often participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, clubs, and/or community programs, like UNITY.

Deb Burns, the Java Jive coordinator, chose to hand over the reigns to ABC and, as of October 2006, ABC has been organizing Java Jive. The proceedings of each Java Jive event go to a charity, like the Freedman Center, or toward helping the ABC house. All types of performances are welcome. We've had dancers, sing-

ers, slam poets, and much more. The next Java Jive event is March 9th in Goodrich Hall at the top of Spring Street from 7 until around 9:30, depending on the acts' lengths. All age groups are welcome and we encourage anyone to come and perform. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$3 per student of any kind (college, high school, even elementary), and \$1 per performer. People who want to perform can contact me by email (azulmonkey221@yahoo.com) or at school. Like Anthony said, "come to the HOTTEST event in town."

Alcohol and minors -- facts from 'the law' -- Monday, 6:30 p.m.

The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition is presenting a pre-recorded discussion on use of alcohol by minors on Time-Warner Cable Channel 15 in Northern Berkshire County on Monday at 6:30 p.m. The program features the police chiefs of Adams, North Adams and Williamstown, as well as District Attorney David Capeless. The discussion will also be seen at 6:30 p.m. on Mon., March 5, on Channel 18.

Mr. 80% is 100% welcome

Reviewed by Shannon Young

On Feb. 1 and 2, Mariann Simon's senior project, "Mr. 80%," a sexy comedy written by James Sherman, was welcomed with warm enthusiasm by the Mount Greylock audience.

The play tells the story of two jaded friends, Sharon and Patricia, who decide to seek either a female or homosexual male roommate (only) to share their New York City apartment. Their plan is complicated by two heterosexual males, Sam and Jan, who are so desperate to find an affordable apartment that they pose as gay partners so they can stay with the women. Inevitably though, Sam and Jan find themselves to have fallen in love with their roommates and hard pressed in their attempts to convince the girls of their true sexuality.

For months, Simon had worked on directing the play and laments the fact that the "fun" part is over, and that now she must focus on the senior project paper. "It was honestly a dream come true. I wish this could be what I do for a living...I am so glad I had the chance to achieve this goal and dream of mine."



Photo courtesy of Hank & Karen Gold

Shilling for Shakespeare

Faith Shuker-Haines, left, as Bottom, and Petra Miijanovic as Titania, in an excerpt from "Food of Love," Feb. 9 at the Williams Inn. The celebration of chocolate and the Bard raises money for fall Shakespeare program.

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One of the most surprising things I learned shortly into my visit was that most of the time when you hear a DJ's voice on air on WNAW, it's actually taped. I was able to sit in the studio while Garland recorded his voice tracks 20 or 30 minutes ahead of time. This allowed Mike several tries to make sure everything was smooth and moved from song to song well.

Another one of Mike's duties was to make sure that all the songs, commercials and announcements fit together in the allotted time. Toward the end of every hour he would sit down at the computer that controls the radio programming and move things around making sure that everything was running smoothly, so that the national news would start on time at the top of the hour.

Mike was able to show me numerous things throughout the day. He explained how the station does mobile broadcasts for things like high-school sporting events. He also showed me some old studios no longer in use, and taught me a bit about the history of radio.

To wrap up my day I was interviewed by WNAW newsman Dave Devine, who coincidentally attended a college I'm interested in. This gave me an opportunity to discuss which colleges he thought had strong broadcasting programs. My interview was later played on WNAW's sister station WMNB.

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grees and humid," says junior Alexa Hiley.

Is our school actually cold? Many of our fellow students looking at the results we acquired pointed out that the classrooms, which varied from mid 50s to low 80s, were actually warmer than the temperatures of their homes. "I think the problem is, though, that the rooms may be warm, but the windows are broken and there is a huge draft," says one junior. "Especially classrooms in the science hallway."

Our results were expected in terms of times of the day: the temperatures were about two or three degrees colder on Friday morning than they were on Thursday, and by last period on Monday all of the areas we tested, except the cold corridor, were over 70 degrees. 70 degrees is a relatively high number; however, one must remember that the temperatures reached these heights only by the end of last period.

Examples of the effects of the chilly temperatures are found in AP biology, where a few hot plates serve as a source of heat daily, and in French IV, where the small class moves their desks around a space heater on particularly cold days. There is an abundance of puffy winter coats, which are shed according to the climate changes one experiences during the day.

Some doubt the existence of the "sub-arctic" temperatures that many students and faculty claim are

Temperatures samples, in Fahrenheit

Room Location	Thurs. noon	Fri. 7:45a	Mon. 2:20p
Mrs. Dupee	70.7	68.9	71.6
"Cold corridor"	41.0	42.8	50.0
Band room	68.0	66.2	71.6
Teachers' lounge	71.6	69.8	73.4
Mrs. Ames	69.8	69.8	82.4
Ms. Cece	72.5	69.8	73.4
Mr. Niemeyer	69.5	69.0	n/a
Mrs. Talbot	60.0	60.0	n/a
Computer Lab	57.0	54.5	68.0
Dr. Burdick	62.6	60.8	70.7

distracting and inconvenient. "I wear shorts all winter," remarks junior Nick Fogel. "Considering how big the school it is amazing how warm it always is." Fogel represents the small portion of the student population that is not freezing from the time they leave their house in the morning to when they arrive back at night. But looking at the temperatures, one must agree that most people wear shorts once it reaches the low 70s in late spring.

So what do we do about the temperature? Besides debating whether or not the school is, indeed, cold? Until we have an abundance of money, there is not much that can be done in terms of replacing windows or heaters. But as one teacher says, "I have never been denied a request to turn up the heat. There's no reason anyone should be cold."

Mountie boys XC skiers repeat as state champs

The Mount Greylock Boys dominated the competition Saturday winning a second straight Massachusetts State classical skiing championship. The always-dominant Mountie team flew over the 6.6 km course at Prospect Mountain ski area in Woodford, Vt. The boys defeated county foe 18 to 31 points, while Concord Carlisle finished third with a team score of 63.

The Mounties were lead by senior captain Evan Dethier, who captured the individual title in a spectacular time of 22:59. Following Dethier across the line were fellow Mounties Nick Fogel in 2nd place (23:12) and Patrick Joslin in 4th(24:13). Rounding out the Mounties "fab five" were Dylan Dethier in 11th (25:13) and Ben Ogden in 13th (25:38). Sophomore Cary White and Jordan Tuboly finished 25th and 26th respectively and 8th grader Greg Karibinos (34th) will be looked to for leadership in the years to come.

Girls' XC skiing: 2nd place in county

The girls' team managed a second place finish to perennial powerhouse Lenox, with a solid team effort. Sophomore Andrea Fisher came across the line within the top ten. Also in the top twenty for the lady Mounties were Cate Costley, Jackie Lemme, Amy Nolan and Samantha Beattie in 15 through 18th places in a span of thirty-two seconds. Perhaps the most impressive performance of the day was that of Amy Nolan. Nolan a home-schooled senior from Williamstown, who skis for the Mounties, finished a surprising 17th overall and 5th on the team. The girls also have a solid foundation for the future with middle schoolers like Costley, and Amy Santella who won the girls JV race by a slim four seconds over BCD's Meghan Ryan. Freestyle States, the most coveted Massachusetts title, which will feature powerhouse eastern schools, will take place March 1.



Photo by David Dethier

Boys cross-country skiers displaying a trophy after Saturday's meet are, from left, Evan Dethier, Patrick Joslin, Dylan Dethier, Ben Ogden, Nick Fogel, Jordan Tuboly and Greg Karibinos and Cary White.

Boys bball could still claim berth in Western Mass. regionals

Despite having an up and down season, the Mounties Boy's Basketball team has shown a lot of improvement in the past few weeks and is optimistic heading into its final games of the season, with the possibility of a Western Mass. berth looming in the air. "We should win our final games," remarked junior center, Rachid Ouedraogo when asked about the team's chances of making it to the Western Mass. tournament. "We are bigger and better, and we have improved a lot since the beginning of the season." The upcoming games will be played against Monument Mountain and Wahconah at Mt. Greylock. At the final home game on February 20th versus the Wahconah Warriors, seniors Preston Trites (center/forward) and captain Dylan Schultz (forward) will be commended for their years as a part of the Mt. Greylock Boy's Basketball Team.

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Hockey second in division so far

Competing outside of their league, the hockey team is second in our division to Taconic, with nine wins, six losses, and two ties. This year, there are three senior captains Joe Baisch, Ricky LaLonde, and Kyler Shelling. Center Joe Baisch, is the leading scorer with an average of two points per game. Joe has fifteen goals and twenty assists this season; Ricky, six goals and four assists; Kyler, 10 goals and eight assists; Ian Jones, seventeen goals and nine assists. Last Thursday's 7-0 win at Mount Everett put the guys in Western Mass. With three games left to go, there is much speculation that Greylock will beat Drury and St. Joe. The Greylock hockey

team has been "like a family" to Tim Russell and for Kristie Hamilton, their manager for two years, who said "[it] has been really great and a ton of fun, and I'm going to miss it next year!"

Alpine skiers carve through tough starts; both sport young talent

The speed demons of the winter world had a rough beginning to their ski season. The lack of snow led to multiple cancelled races and gateless practices. Although the girls' and boys' team are quite young, they both have surprising talent. The top racers for both teams are eighth graders Connor Krell and Kristina Chesney who both qualified for the State Championships at Berkshire East on Feb. 27.

The boys' team has finally begun their hike off the last place plateau, finishing mostly in fourth or fifth place. The team has improved tremendously, as on Monday, February 12th the boys' team took a gigantic leap into the third place position. The girls had a lack of numbers working against them, as they only had enough racers to fill the A team, but they have fought through it, placing fifth and sixth in this season's races. Both teams, only losing one senior each, have high expectations for the upcoming season.

Girl's basketball record improving

After a rough beginning to their season, the Mounties Girls' Basketball team has improved to a record of 6-11, winning their most recent game against the St Joe Crusaders. Despite their losing record the team remains positive as they continue to build for next year's season. The last home game for the girl's basketball team will be February 19th at 5:30pm versus the Hoosac Valley Hurricanes, where seniors Sarah Manners, Hannah Westall, and Alaina Sanderson will be honored for their career accomplishments.

Wrestling -- quietly -- boasts a near-perfect season

Wrestling, one of the lesser talked about sports teams, has once again had a near-perfect season, with its only county loss in years coming against...The team this year is headed by seniors: (Capt.) Ryan O'Connor, (Capt.) Jeff Brodeur, John LaCasse, Ryan Jackson, and Kurt Quagliano. With all the success from their regular season, the Mounties wrestling team dominated the Western Mass. Tournament held at the school on Feb.9 and 10, with Brodeur (160lbs) and LaCasse (189lbs) finishing first in their weight classes, Dylan Mallory (135lbs, a junior from Hoosac Valley) finishing third in his weight class, O'Connor (215lbs) finishing fourth in his weight class, and Quagliano (152lbs) finishing sixth in his weight class. With their high finishes in the Western Mass. Tournament, Brodeur, LaCasse, Mallory, and O'Connor will be advancing to the State Tournament with Quagliano qualifying as an alternative. The State Tournament will be held the weekend of February 16th in Wayland, Massachusetts. The wins in the Western Mass. Tournament were especially sweet for Jeff Brodeur, as the senior broke the state record for the winningest high school wrestler in Massachusetts's history; as he procured his 214th career win against Berkshire rival, Brendan McGonagle of Mount Everett.



Boys hoopsters at work