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## AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE FOR ARTISTS AT GREYLOCK

### By KATELIN MARCHAND

In March, four giant fiberglass instruments arrived at Mt. Greylock. A fifth instrument was delivered in April. These oversized instruments came from the local music venue Tanglewood, located in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Tanglewood is the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and other notable musicians including James Taylor. These musical instruments were made to celebrate Tanglewood's 75th anniversary, and local high school art students and artists were then asked to paint and decorate them.

At Greylock, students painted the instruments in groups of two or three. The seven-foot clarinet was painted by sophomore Kayla Goodwin and freshman Emily Sabin. With a design that looked like stained glass, the black, pink and red clarinet was the most abstract of all five instruments. Seniors Wesley Davis and Melyssa Fortini decorated the French horn. The design they created and executed was a green, deep purple and azure galaxy. The mouth of the french horn was not open as it would be on a real instrument, so Davis and Fortini creatively painted a menacing eye. On one of the sides they also painted tiny pictures of various colorful animals that rested on the swirling galaxy filled with stars. A giant G-clef was painted by senior Marlana Whitcomb, junior Jamie Bondini and sophomore Paige Willis, with the assistance of sophomore Jake Brodeur. Sea life was the theme for this instrument. Whitcomb, Bondini and Willis painted many sea creatures including a turtle, a jellyfish. The finishing touch was a starfish made out of paper mache that popped off the instrument. Another instrument, the trumpet, was painted by sophomores Amalia Leamon and Katelin Marchand. The theme for the trumpet was a play on words: "Tangled-woods." Lush green vines, twisted neon yellow buds, blossoming flowers, and a paper mache bird's nest holding a red bird covered this sculpture. Finally, sophomores Rosemarie Mele and Alex Delano painted the violin. On the front of the violin was the famous hedge maze at Tanglewood, while the back had a little girl stepping out of the maze with her violin and bow in hand.

The creation of all these instruments

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## YOUNG ARTISANS INITIATIVE

### Calling All Crafters & Artists!

Are you a young artisan looking to turn your hobby into a profit? We are seeking artists looking for the opportunity to sell their crafts and paintings at the Young Artisans Initiative, a new craft fair specifically designed to give you the opportunity to sell your wares to the public.

The fair will be set up on the Where'd You Get That!? front lawn from 2 to 7 pm on July 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, to coincide with the Williamstown Summer Sundays street parties. To reserve your place, contact Michele at Where'd You Get That!?, either in person or at info@wygt.com.

## **2012: A CLASS ABOVE THE REST**

### By EVI MAHON

From the moment its students stepped through the doors of Mt. Greylock, the class of 2012 has aimed high. Known for their diversity, amazing spirit and leadership roles, the class of 2012 has members who participate in many extracurricular and community engagement positions, ranging from EMTs and firefighters to shepherds and singers.

However, the class of 2012 has not always been the driving force it is now. Students' years at Mt. Greylock have shaped the class, even if they can't wait to graduate and begin their next adventure. Senior and soon-to-be marine David Buell has mixed feelings about graduation. "I want to graduate, but at the same time I don't because I'm going to boot camp a month after graduation," says Buell. Many seniors are daunted by the path ahead of them, whereas others like James Graf are simply relieved to be finished with high school.

"I'm just happy to get out of here," says Graf. "I think that was my yearbook quote. Something along those lines."

"Also, our [class] government has changed a lot. We've had different class presidents, and now we get stuff done," adds Graf. Even in times of trouble within class government and school building issues, "The teachers have always been solid," says Senior Peter Nicholas. He jokes that "The education is solid, even if the building isn't." Mike Munzer, another senior, notes, "The teachers are really personal. They all know me by my first name." Nick Zimmerman adds, "The classes have always been really small. If you need help, a teacher can give it to you. You can also get to know them." They, like many seniors, find it strange that the end of high school is here. "You find it hard to wrap

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Photo: Katie Rathbun

There is no doubt about it—this year's seniors have proven themselves to be a thoroughly spirited bunch.

### FIRST ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

By ZAVI SHELDON



 $Students\ run\ around\ in\ a\ rousing\ game\ of\ two-hand\ touch\ football.$ 

Despite overcast skies and periods of light showers, students at Mount Greylock Regional High School enjoyed the school's first ever Spring Carnival on Friday, May 25th. Following an assembly during which students were recognized for athletic and academic accomplishments, middle and high school students spent the day participating in competi-

tive and noncompetitive activities on the school grounds. At the end of the day, the student body reconvened in the gymnasium for friendly, yet competitive games that pitted grades against each other.

Physical Education teacher Lynn Jordan, who was in charge of planning

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Find out exactly what each senior plans to do next year.

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### LOOKING BACK

Tom Dils recounts some of the most notable athletic achievements of the seniors' years at Greylock.

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# 2 in 650: An Interview with Rebekah Packer and Nick Carson

By EMILY KAEGI





As the class of 2012 arrives at the end of its time at Greylock, we decided to sit down with today's speakers. Nick Carson and Rebekah Packer offer their take on personal and class experiences during their six years at Mt. Greylock. Rebekah is the president of the Youth Environmental Squad and the student leader of the Garden Squad. She also is a member of countless school groups, including the National Honor Society, the Gay Straight Alliance, the Echo, Iris and the Logar School Project. She is a prominent cast member of Greylock's theater productions and also plays lacrosse. Nick transferred to Greylock from Mt. Anthony during the middle of his sophomore year. He found his place quickly as a two year member of Peer Team and also the first Co-President of the newly formed PEP Club. He has played soccer, basketball and lacrosse. He is also a member of the Gay Straight Alliance and has helped with the Logar School Project. Nick was chosen by his classmates and Rebekah by her teachers.

Q: How has your class changed since your first years at Greylock?

Rebekah: We've all grown up a lot and learned how to get along with each other. I think we've all taken on a lot of responsibilities. I'm always surprised to see how many people are willing to take on responsibility and be a good citizen.

Nick: The class has thinned out. I got to know the kids who stuck around to the end of senior year a lot better. I started to realize all the different interests everyone has and how broad they are. Even though it was a small group of students, there was a broad spectrum of all different kinds of people.

Q: When did you feel like the class started

to come together?

Rebekah: I'd say the pain of junior year and going into the panic of senior year helped us bond together. We always bond over doing things that the administration wouldn't necessarily like. For instance, bringing our pets to school.

Nick: I think at senior pep rally was when I saw the biggest change to the class. We really got the most family-like mentality.

Q: Throughout your whole Greylock experience, when have you been most proud of your grade and school?

Rebekah: Well actually, I was proud of my class when we went to Gettysburg in eighth grade. Our class was so obedient and such a well behaved class that we were the first class they brought to Gettysburg. Some classes didn't even get to go to Gettysburg, but our class was just so good that they had the faith in us to bring us. We all behaved and learned a lot. It was so much fun. I was also really proud of us on "Bring Your Pet to School Day" because I think it takes a lot of nerve as an individual to trust in the rest of the class to also be bringing a dog to school, or a chicken, or a cat. I think it's cool that we have the trust in each other and the individual courage to go for it!

Nick: I was very proud during the basketball game at the Cage versus Lee. I think it was a really good representation of the

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occurred under the tutelage of art teacher Jane Ellen DeSomma. "This project was an exciting and challenging experience. The Mount Greylock arts have always tackled public projects, but never have we taken on five projects at the same time." DeSomma commented. This sum-

mer, all of the instruments will be displayed outside on the beautiful Tanglewood grounds. Because of this, Ms. DeSomma put on several coats of polyurethane before the sculptures were sent back to Tanglewood on May 25th. These creative sculptures are stunning pieces of art that can proudly wear Mt. Greylock's name.

Photo courtesy of Katelin Marchand



Pictured above are four of the five instruments painted at Greylock, along with many of the students who contributed to painting them.

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and running the event, said she and others wanted an event in the spring that would bring students together, much like the school's Fall pep-rally. Members of the PEP Club assisted Jordan in preparing for and running the carnival.

Students and faculty played games such as baseball, soccer, croquet, frisbee, basketball, volleyball, and kickball. Others who were not interested in organized games could sit and relax with their friends. Teachers had coupons for free 'Sno Cones' and popcorn to give out as

rewards for participation.

Middle school guidance counselor PJ Pannesco said, "Carnival is a great idea. Its nice to see people participating, and I hope it's annual." Sophomore Mook Khajornchaisak agreed with Pannesco, saying, "I love it! It is so exciting because people are participating and getting to know one another better." Junior Blake Sherman, a member of the PEP Club who helped run the event, expressed the feelings of many when he reflected that although the weather was not ideal, it was still a nice day off at the end of the year.



Students line up to exchange their tickets for 'Sno Cones' and popcorn.

# Student Council Update

By EVI MAHON

On May 17, the Mt. Greylock Student Council held internal elections for officers. All candidates ran unopposed, and the results were as follows: Jonah Majumder for President, Alex White for Vice President, Nathan Majumder for Treasurer, Evelyn Mahon for Secretary, Caleb Raymond for Parliamentarian (the "rule book" position which informs the council on current policies of the council and how amendments can be made), and Hank

Barrett for Press Secretary. The office of Press Secretary is a new addition to the council this year, and its current duties are to update the website, bulletin board, and manage public relations of the council. All new officers are looking forward to a bright and productive new year. Student council meetings are held every thursday, during directed study three times per month and after school once a month. All meetings are open to the public.

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senior student body and Mt. Greylock as a whole. The turnout, school spirit and the pride was great.

Q: What was your favorite moment of your time at Greylock?

Rebekah: Fall Festival every year, all the time. Working with the Fall Festival of Shakespeare every year was the best experience ever.

Nick: Probably during pep rally. We played this game where you had to kick a football into a mini soccer goal and there was this one girl, I don't know her name, but she was a lot younger, maybe seventh or eighth grade, and for some reason, she could not get the ball into the goal. I just kept moving the goal closer and closer and everyone in the gym was backing her up. I thought that was a really good representation of the whole school backing someone up, no matter how many times it takes. We are going to support people until they succeed.

Q: What will you miss most about Mt. Greylock?

Rebekah: I think the teachers. Our teachers here have so much character and I love the variation in the faculty and I love talking to people like our custodians or Patsy in the office. I love how open of a school this is and how good of a relationship the faculty and the students have.

Nick: I guess I'm going to miss talking to everybody: adults, kids, everyone. Just having conversations with them because it's so nonchalant that you can just talk to everybody.

Q: If you could go back in time, what would you tell your seventh grade self?
Rebekah: DO LESS STUFF!!!

Nick: Well I'd tell him a lot of things, but I was at a different school back then. If I was here I would say don't worry about anybody else. Just be yourself and be confident in who you are, because I think when I was in seventh grade I worried too much about

what other people thought. I didn't realize that being yourself is the best way to go.

Q: As you and your class leave the school, what message would you pass onto to next year's seniors?

Rebekah: Don't sweat it. The college process will work out. Try not to attach yourself to a single, possible future because there are so many things that can make you happy and there is no reason to set yourself up for disappointment.

Nick: Don't take everything for granted. I think it's really easy to forget how much work goes into you developing as a teenager, especially in the public education system. So, when you get an opportunity to give back to somebody, even if it's not traditional, just talking to a younger kid or hanging out or maybe playing in gym class with someone you don't normally play with. Just try to reach out and be as broad as possible. Get as many interests as you can and if you ever get interested in anything pursue it until you are satisfied. Don't wait for anything.

Q: Finally, if you could have any superpower, what would it be and what would you do with it?

Rebekah: Teleportation, definitely! I would go everywhere and I would sleep so late in the morning and appear at school. If I wanted to visit my friend who's going to college in California I would just teleport there.

Nick: I think I'd want to be able to shapeshift into any kind of animal or object. I would want to have the experience of being all different types of things. I would want to be able to have a conversation with any type of animal just to see what's going on. I would want to be able to talk to anything on the planet to see how it's doing.

Interview has been edited and condensed. To nominate a student for 1 in 650, contact the editors at mountgreylockecho@gmail.com. III

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# **GRADUATION**



The Echo would like to congratulate the students of the class of 2012 on their many achievements. The Echo thanks the seniors for all they have contributed to the school and wishes them all the best of luck.



# POST GRADUATION PLANS

Editor's note: some students may be missing from this list due to insufficient forms or absences from school.

	Philips Exeter Academy (PG)		Bard College
Geoffrey Anderson			Earlham College
	Lasell College		Universal Technical Institute
	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Kaylene Lemme	Keene State College
*Matthew Belouin	Berkshire Community College	Michael Lennon	Berkshire Community College
Catherine Benoit	Babson College	Vanessa Lopez	Pace University
	Salem State University		Employment
Chad Bolotin	UMass-Amherst		
Aurora Brown	Williams College		Springfield College
	Rochester Institute of Technology	Angelina Mangiardi	Fashion Institute of Technology
	St. Michael's College		Berkshire Community College
	Montana State University		St. Michael's College
Nick Carson	University of Vermont		UMass-Dartmouth
Anthony Carvalho	Springfield Technical Community College	Leah Miller	University of Texas at Austin
Matthew Cheung	University of Chicago		Tulane University
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Wesley Davis	Champlain College	Sean O'Connor	UMass-Amherst
Chelsea Dean	St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Erin Ostheimer	Union College
*Thomas Dils	Middlebury College	*Rebekeh Packer	Barnard College
George Dilthey	Skidmore College	Hannah Paul	UMass-Amherst
Michaela DiNicola	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts		Buffalo University
Heather Duda	Endicott College	William Pulasky	Berkshire Community College
Dylan Fields	Berkshire Community College		Hudson Valley Community College
Annie Flynn	Keene State College	Katie Rathbun	Lasell College
Jesse Foehl	Wheaton College		Endicott College
	Berkshire Community College	Dakota Ross	Mount Holyoke College
Melyssa Fortini	Berkshire Community College	Thalia Rossiter	Scripps College
Cooper Gangemi	St. Michael's College	James Henry Sanford	Salem State University
Robert Glick	Elon University	Sophia Santore	Duke University
Kelsey Goodwin	Wheaton College	Kurt Schultheis II	Berkshire Community College
James Graf	SUNY Stony Brook	Susan Shanley	University of Connecticut
	Berkshire Community College		Princeton University
	Berkshire Community College	Charles Sutter	Drew University
Joshua Hadley	Springfield College		Williams College
Kent Hanson	Westfield State University		Williams College
	Williams College		Russell Sage College
Mackenzie Hitchcock	Colby College	Jonathan Vella	UMass-Amherst: Stockbridge School of Agriculture
	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts		Western New England University
John Karabinos		Reena Hallelujah Walker	Brown University
	Bryant University	Logan Wilson	Northeastern University
	Rhode Island College	Oona Wood	
			Ithaca College
	Pace University		Conege
		* indicates gap year	

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around your head that there's so little time left," says Nicholas.

Alothough the class is in its final days, it has had leaders and innovators to spare. "We have a lot of really productive students in our class who add a lot to the school and take on a lot of leadership," remarks senior Rebekah Packer. " I also think we have a lot of character.'

That's certainly true. The works of Senior Peter Nicholas' photoshop prowess range from his collection of "Tom-O puns" (including Mr. Ostheimer's face photoshopped onto a poster for a new movie: "Tom-inator") to the famed "Timona Lisa" or "Mona Payna." Other seniors are rumored to be behind the April Fool's edition of the Echo, writing under pen names such as "Rosalind Clarence" and "Nairobi LaFrance."

The most notable prank was certainly the marvelous "bring your pet to school" day. Seniors brought in their dog, cat, spider, pet rock or younger sibling and basked in the glory of being a senior. The pets were sent home around nine thirty, but the spirit of the prank, much like the spirit of the class, lives on and inspires the younger students at Mt.Greylock to put in one hundred and ten percent, just as the class of 2012 did. **Ⅲ** 

Throughout their time at Greylock, the seniors have built strong friendships and become unified as a class.





# <u>SPORTS</u>

### A PRIVILEGED FOUR YEARS

#### As an athlete and a veteran sportwriter, Tom Dils reflects on the athletic achievements of his time in at Greylock.

I have been writing for the Echo for nearly four years, three of which I was the the Sports Editor. As my final piece for our school's exceptional newspaper, I want to recap and remember all that I have experienced. Thankfully, as we have come to expect from Greylock athletics, there is no shortage of fond memories.

Everyone likes lists, especially sports fans, so what better way to highlight the best from the past four years than a "Top 9." (A Top 10 would just be unoriginal). Here are just a few of the amazing athletic feats accomplished by our sports teams.

# 9. Girls Soccer Beating Palmer in OT

With nearly a dozen seniors, the girls soccer squad captained by Sarah Brink, Siri Mason, and Kim Houston earned an eight seed heading into the Western Mass tournament. At home

but it capped off two years of unprecedented

### 6. Baseball Wins W. Mass (2009)

After achieving a three seed in the Western Mass tournament, Coach Messina's baseball team made a run past Palmer and rival Hoosac to reach the sectional finals. Led by Than Finan, Dylan Dethier, Dave Jones, and Chris Koch among others, the Mounties knocked off the number one seed Greenfield in the finals to capture the championship crown. Three days later, Greylock faced Auburn in the state semifinals. Junkball pitcher Detheir faced off against a 90 mph flamethrower, who was later drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays. The pitchers' duel reached Auburn 3 Greylock 0 before the game was suspended due to rain. The next day, the Mounties rallied to get to 3-2 but could not score a tying run. The win set up a string of



On the Mt. Greylock girls cross-country team are some of the best runners in the state, whose continued dominance Dils ranks at number four.

facing Palmer, Coach Ostheimer's team went up 1-0 in the middle of the second half. Clinging onto the lead, goalie Margot Besnard came up with several huge saves in the waning minutes. Palmer broke through with a late goal and seemed to have the momentum heading into overtime. Back and forth with both sides hitting the framework of the goal, a penalty shootout seemed eminent. But sophomore Miranda Bucky took advantage of a defensive mishap and scored the game winner. In the seniors' last game home at Mt. Greylock, the game was one of the most exciting and nerve wracking I have experienced.

### 8. Lax Moving to Varsity (2012)

In a decision that will change the makeup of spring sports at Greylock for many years to come, our administrators and school committee passed the proposition to make Boys and Girls Lax a varsity sport for the 2012 season. Both squads have proven that they deserve to be called varsity. The girls made the playoffs, and senior Annie Flynn led the county with a remarkable 76 goals scored during the regular season. The boys finished with only one regular season loss. Despite receiving a six seed because of strength-of-schedule, the boys have a chance to take home a title. Led by a core group of upperclassmen and freshman Michael McCormack, the Berkshire County champions hope for the same success in the playoffs.

#### 7. Boys Tennis Back-to-Back W. Mass Finalists (2008 and 2009)

Matt Vaughan, David Nolan, Taylor Foehl, and Rohan Shastri among others took Greylock tennis to new levels in 2008 with a Berkshire County title and a trip to the Western Mass finals. The tennis squad repeated their same success in 2009, again scorching the county. Their second trip to the finals also resulted in defeat, success for the baseball team, and again this season they have the three seed.

# 5. Dominance in Girls XC Running (2010

Over the past two seasons, the Mountie girls cross country runners came to expect two things each meet: a team and an individual win. Between Cate Costley, Mackenzie Hitchcock, Laura Nolan, and Emily Kaegi, the Mounties expected to place first in each meet. With their incredible depth, they expected to earn a team win each time, too. Coach Bell's squad did not lose a meet in Berkshire County and cruised to two straight Western Mass titles.

### 4. Boys Hoops Goes to the Cage (2012)

Four wins, sixteen losses. The record of the 10-'11 Greylock boys basketball team. Then Coach Thistle returned to the school to lead the team and create a new attitude in the building. Beginning with a one point win over Drury, the Mounties began to play with a confidence, a slight swagger, that carried through the regular season and into the playoffs. The talented team--with big man Tyler Picard, Avery Cunningham's three point shooting, the electric Hank Barrett, and one of the most skilled players in Greylock history, Tyrell Thomas--finished the season with a victory against Lee. And then came the home playoff game. Every seat in the Mountie Dome was filled to watch the victory. A dominant performance led to the upset over two seed New Leadership. Going to The Cage. Although Lee won by two points, the crowd and energy in the building was unprecedented for Mountie athletics. The tradition has begun.

#### 3. Boys Soccer Wins a State Championship (2008)

I am particularly biased towards this accom-

plishment, but I know that all who witnessed the boys soccer run to a state championship would say it was one of the most thrilling emotional rides a high school sports team can have. After losing thirteen seniors, the three captains Than Finan, Alvand Hajezadeh, and

and track and field athletes at Greylock. Still, going undefeated in league meets for six straight seasons and capturing four Western Mass crowns is more than rare--it is nearly unbelievable. A testament to the coaching and dedication of the athletes, the girls track

After being crowned 2008 Division 2 State Champions, Coach Blair Dils and Captains Nico Walker, Than Finan and Alvand Hajezadeh truimphantly hoist their trophy overhead.



Nico Walker willed the team to a tie for the North title and a top seed. Then it became the Tyler Grees show. Netting a hat trick in the opening round, Grees scored the only goal in the sectional semis. The Mounties captured the first Western Mass title under Coach Dils with a 1-0 win over South Hadley, but they were not done yet. In perhaps the best played game in Greylock soccer history, Grees again scored a hat trick to beat the Central Mass champions Hudson. Then came the state finals. In sub-freezing temperatures and twenty

team has reached perfection. The seniors of 2012--Kaylene Lemme, Oona Wood, Susie Shanley, Mackenzie Hitchcock and Elise Masson--will graduate without a blemish on their record in Berkshire County and four sectional titles to prove their dominance.

### 1. Football Goes 26-0 (2010 and 2011)

It began in 2008 when the Mounties were the victors in just one game. Four years later, Kent Hanson stood as a two-time Super Bowl winner and Berkshire County MVP. In a short



Dils considers the Mounties' back to back Super Bowl Championships to be the most impressive feat of the last four years.

mph winds, the Mounties faced Masconomet amount of time, Coach Flaherty and the talthe game before Sam Tifft netted a go-ahead goal. For 33 minutes Greylock clung to the lead. The final whistle was sweet music to the frozen ears of the players, coaches, and fans. Since that season the soccer team has won three more North titles, achieved three more top seeds, and never lost to a Berkshire County foe.

#### 2. Girls Track Seniors Have Undefeated Careers (2007-2012)

An undefeated season is rare, although we have become accustomed to that type of success from our cross country runners, skiers, squad into an offensive and defensive powerhouse. Blowing out opponents with Jason Pilot as running back, the 2010 team stormed to a 56-6 win in the county championship and then dominated Athol to win its first superbowl since 2000. Last season was a tough act to follow, but where the 2011 Mounties lost in offense, they gained in defense. Greylock staged two epic shutouts over Hoosac and then a 14-0 victory over Lee in the Super Bowl. Back-to-back titles, and 26-0 record over two years. The Mounties are tied for the longest running win streak in the state, and do not expect to lose any time soon.

