



THE BEACON

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**“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.
If you love what you are doing, you will be successful”. --Albert Schweitzer**

This Saturday, April 29th @ 7 pm

Mt. Greylock Auditorium

Mt. Greylock HS and Williams College once again team-up to present a night of acapella and dance. Our special guest this year is the Brayton Hill Step Team from North Adams. Please join us in an energetic evening for the whole family! Tickets are \$3.00 with a family cap of \$10 and will be sold at the door. **Questions? Contact Kaatje White 458-2258. All proceeds benefit the MGRHS PTO.**

Writing Contest Extended

The deadline for the fourth annual Hoosic River Writing Contest has been extended from **April 22 to May 1**. Participants may submit an entry in prose or poetry related to experiences with rivers or water, especially the Hoosic River and its tributaries. Essays or narratives should be five hundred words or less, and poems should be thirty lines or less. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: junior student (grades 7-9), senior student (grades 10-12), and adult. Prizes will include cash awards of up to \$100.

Entries should be sent to the Hoosic River Watershed Association, PO Box 667, Williamstown, MA, 01267, or submitted online to hoorwa@berkshire.net, by **May 1**. Entries will be judged by staff of the Advocate Weekly or designated writers from Inkberry. Winners will be invited to read their entries at the award ceremony in late May.

The contest is hosted by the Hoosic River Watershed Association, and co-sponsored by Inkberry, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the literary arts, the Advocate newspaper, the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation, and the Massachusetts Environmental Trust. **Please contact HoorWA (413-458-2742) to obtain full details of contest rules.**

CELEBRATE THE DUKE WITH JAZZ!

Saturday, April 29th, is the birthday of jazz icon Duke Ellington! Come mark the occasion with an hour of great jazz performed by members of the Williams College Jazz ensembles, directed by Andy Jaffe. Hear the music of Charlie Parker, Jerome Kern, Charles Mingus, and more. The fun starts at **7:00 pm** in the WES auditorium and is **FREE**.

Contact Karen Lartin at 458-1714 or klartin@earthlink.net for more information.

Second MCAS testing begins in May.

Students in grades 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 will be participating in the second session of MCAS Testing **May 23, 2006 through June 1, 2006**. Parents are asked to make every effort not to schedule appointments during this time, to ensure that students do not experience the added stress associated with missing additional class time to attend make-up sessions.

-Students in **grades 7, 8 and 10** will take the first session of the MCAS math exam on **Tuesday, May 23**, and the second session on **Wednesday, May 24**.

-Students in **grades 8, 9 and 10** will take the first session of the MCAS science exam on **Tuesday, May 30**, and the second session on **Wednesday, May 31**.

-Students in **grades 7 and 11** will take the MCAS history exam on **Thursday, June 1**.

We are confident that our students are well prepared to meet the educational expectations of MCAS testing. To bolster their readiness, we ask that parents encourage their sons and daughters to get a good night's sleep and begin the day with a nutritious breakfast. **Parents with questions related to the MCAS testing are encouraged to call Ellen Kaiser, Co-Principal at 458-9582 extension 102.**

Hill's Pet Nutrition Presents The 4th Annual Humane Race

Run or walk, with or without your dog at the 4th Annual Humane Race and Dog Jog presented by Hill's Pet Nutrition. The race will take place on **Saturday, April 29th, 2006 at Mt. Greylock Regional High School, 1781 Cold Spring Road (Route 7) in Williamstown, MA.** Benefiting the Berkshire Humane Society, Hill's Humane Race offers both a 5K-trail run as well as a 1 mile fun run for kids 12 and under. Dogs are welcome to participate in either distance. Race day check-in and registration is from **8:30 – 9:30 am**. The 1 mile fun run begins at **9:30 am** and the 5K starts at **10:00 am** Hill's Humane Race will also feature post-race food, live music by the "Acoustic Cats", and homemade dog treats by The Daily Drool Bakery.

Registration forms and "dog jog" rules are available on our website: www.HumaneRace.org or at the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road in Pittsfield, The Mountain Goat at 130 Water Street in Williamstown, Greylock Animal Hospital at 1028 State Road (Rte. 2), Sports Corner at 61 Main Street, and Curves at 45 Eagle Street in North Adams, and The Arcadian Shop, 91 Pittsfield Road in Lenox. You may also register on-line at www.active.com. Pre-registration costs \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 21 and under (**pre-registration forms must be received no later than April 27th to qualify for lower fees**), and race-day registration fees are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for ages 21 and under. The first 100 people to register receive a Humane Race T-shirt, and all dogs will receive a doggie bandana. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each age category.

Hill's Humane Race is also asking participants to raise additional funds through pledges. Pledge sheets are available with the registration forms at the previously mentioned locations, as well as on the Humane Race website. The person who collects the highest dollar amount through pledges will win a fabulous "cat suite" package from the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA. The package is valued at approximately \$400 and includes: "Overnight accommodations for two in an antique-filled suite featuring luxurious Italian bedding, and the warmth of our resident cat. Also included is a full country breakfast for two".

All proceeds from the 4th Annual Humane Race go to support the Berkshire Humane Society and its many vital programs. **For more information, please contact Race Director, Alix Cabral at info@humanerace.org or (413) 441-3677, or visit our website: www.HumaneRace.org.**



SPORTS

Track and Field

Tues. May 2 at 4 pm at Monument Mountain
Fri. May 5 at 4 pm vs. Lenox-HOME
Mon. May 8 at 4 pm vs. Hoosac Valley-HOME

Baseball

Mon. May 1 at 4 pm-Sci Tech
Tues. May 2 at 4 pm-St. Joe
Thurs. May 4 at 4:30 pm vs. Mt. Everett-HOME
Sat. May 6 at 3 pm vs. Lee-HOME
Tues. May 9 at 4 pm-Drury

Softball

Mon. May 1 at 4 pm-Pittsfield
Thurs. May 4 at 4 pm-Monument
Fri. May 5 at 4 pm-Wahconah-HOME
Mon. May 8 at 4 pm-St. Joe-HOME

Tennis

Mon. May 1 at 4 pm-Mt. Everett
Wed. May 3 at 4 pm-Drury-HOME
Fri. May 5 at 4 pm-Lee-HOME
Mon. May 8 at 4 pm-Pittsfield-HOME

GOINGS ON

Tues. May 2-School committee meeting at **7 pm** in library
Fri. & Sat. May 2/3- Spring Drama at **8 pm** in auditorium
Fri. Apr. 28- National Arbor Day
Fri. May 5-Cinco de Mayo

Please send items for the next issue of THE BEACON by **noon, Tuesday, May 2** to:
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Lizcostley@adelphia.net / 458-5894