

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations go to the following eight

students who have been invited to participate in the 2005 Western MA Junior District Music Festival at UMass in March, based on competitive auditions held in December:

Chris Densmore

Maria Dunlavey

Ashlyn Moors

Ian Nesbitt

David Rosenthal

Camille Robertson

Gwen Tunncliffe

Janelle Van Luling

What's Brewing at

JavaJive?

The next *JavaJive* will take place this **Friday, Jan 7, from 7—10 pm at the Williamstown First Congregational Church**. *The Accidentals*, a fabulous female a cappella group from Williams College will make a special appearance. This will launch a new feature of *JavaJive*: introducing a different group from a local college each month.

The next acoustic night will be on February 4 and will benefit the orchestra.

Ochestra members are specifically invited to perform that night.

Interested performers for this week's coffeehouse should contact Mollie at javajivech@yahoo.com by the end of today, Thursday, Jan 6.

Admission: \$1 performers; \$3 students; \$5 adults; \$10 families. Proceeds benefit the arts at Mt. Greylock.

Bring Canned Goods

To Winter Concert

The **Middle School Winter Concert** will be held **Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30pm** in the school auditorium. The Music Department sponsors an annual food drive and asks families to bring a canned good/dried food item to this concert. All donations will be given to Greylock families in need and to a local food pantry.

AN AFTERNOON IN SCOTLAND

Come spend a rowdy "afternoon in Scotland" on **Sunday, Jan. 23 at 3:00pm in the auditorium** to celebrate Robert Burn's 245th birthday and support theater arts at Mt. Greylock. Enjoy music, poetry, stories, dance and pageanty! Performers will include world-famous bagpiper Nancy Tunncliffe, Scottish raconteur Robert Tunncliffe; the musical group Wintergreen; Berkshire Highland Pipes and drums; Berkshire Highland School of Dance, and others. Festivities will

continue at the Tavern at the Williams Inn following the concert.

Admission: \$12 adults; \$8 students; children 5 and under-Free.

Williamstown Reads! *Endurance*: “Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage”

The Milne Public Library invites students and families, faculty and staff to participate in Williamstown Reads! (the Milne Library hopes all Lanesborough students will join in the fun as well)—it’s a program wherein the entire community reads the same book. The selected book is: *Endurance*: “Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage,” by Alfred Lansing; and for younger readers: *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong.

It’s time to start reading! Copies of *Endurance* are available at the Milne Library, Williamstown Town Hall, Wild Oats Coop, The Mountain Goat, Williamstown Savings Bank and Where’d You Get That?! Several films and audio books about Shackleton’s expedition will also be available at the Milne Library.

Endurance tells the story of Ernest Shackleton’s 1914 attempt to cross Antarctica, the loss of their ship that left them adrift on ice floes and a dhow, in the face of impossible odds, every man on the expedition survived.

Throughout February there will be a wide variety of events around town. Here are some highlights:

- Jennifer Armstrong, author of *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*, will speak at the Milne Public Library. Saturday, Feb. 5, 1pm.
- Arctic Paws Dog Sledding at Milne Public Library, Saturday, Feb 12, 10 am.
- Documentary film *Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure* at Images Cinema, Saturday, Feb 19, 2pm.
- “Looking Around Another Sky” planetarium show at Milham Planetarium, Sunday, Feb 20, 4:30pm
- Overnight at Snow Caves, with Dave Ackerson. Registration required (call 458-8445), Saturday, Feb 26, 7pm.

For all the details check out **Williamstown Reads!** website:
www.milnelibrary.org/shackletonmain.htm

SPORTS

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High School Boys Basketball:

Thu, Jan 6, 5:30 vs Lenox, away

Mon, Jan 10, 5:30 vs Pittsfield, HOME

High School Girls Basetball:

Fri, Jan 7, 5:30 vs St. Joseph's, HOME

Tue, Jan 11, 5:30 vs Wahconal, HOME

Wrestling:

Fri, Jan 7, 7:00 vs Hoosac, away

Sat, Jan 8, 10 vs Taconic Duals, away

Wed, Jan 12, 7 vs Taconic, away

Nordic Skiing:

Sat, Jan 8, 9:30 Freestyle at Cranwell

GOINGS ON

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Fri, Jan 7, 7-10pm: JavaJive at W'town First Congregational Church

Mon, Jan 10, 7pm: PTO meeting in school Library

Tue, Jan 11, 7pm: MGRHS School Committee Meeting in school library

Wed, Jan 12: EARLY RELEASE!!

Fri, Jan 14: Deadline for submission to next issue of *The Forum*

Fri, Jan 14, 4pm: MGRHS School Committee Meeting in room S-1

Sat, Jan 15, 9-5:00: MGRHS School Committee Meeting in Library, superintendent candidate interviews

Mon, Jan 17: Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL

Wed, Jan 19, 7pm: Middle School Winter Concert

Look for *The Beacon* on Mt. Greylock's website under MSNews at
www.mgrhs.org