

'Blue Boat Home' sails on May 13, 20, 21

STURBRIDGE – Three remarkable multi-media performances will take place in local venues in May.

The 40-member community chorus Wings of Song, accompanied by a small band, will present "Blue Boat Home," a program of songs, texts, and images about the beauties of our planet and the challenges posed by climate change.

These concerts will be unlike anything people normally get to experience: both a celebration and a call to action.

While opinions on climate change vary within the chorus, there is universal agreement that the Earth, our only home, needs our careful stewardship. Some in the group like soprano Donna Dufresne, who wrote the concert's opening number, "Wake Up!" feel that the time has come for us all to take responsibility and to act.

"Blue Boat Home" is named after the concert's theme song, by Peter Mayer, which ends with the line "And the Earth is my blue boat home."

Other composers and songwriters represented include Leonard Bernstein, Pete Seeger, J. S. Bach, Neil Young, Paul Winter, John Lennon, Marvin Gaye, Jean Ritchie, and Elton John.

There will be readings of texts by Thich Nhat Hanh, Carl Sagan, Joy Harjo, Robert Weston, Meghan Sterling, and others. Along with 44 images of the Earth from space, of endangered and extinct species, of landscapes both polluted and pristine will be projected throughout each performance.

The opening concert is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., at the chorus's "home base," St. Joachim Chapel. St. Joachim is part of the St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish in Fiskdale,

which is located right up from the intersection of Routes 20 and 148.

A week later on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m., the chorus will sing for the audience it has developed in the Woodstock, Connecticut area, at the First Congregational Church (the "Hill Church") on Woodstock's beautiful common.

The final concert, on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m., will take place in the auditorium of the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley. A special feature of that concert will be some brief remarks delivered by Massachusetts's "Climate Chief," Melissa Hoffer, who was appointed to her newly created position by Gov. Maura Healey on the Governor's first day in office.

Admission to all the performances is free, and people are invited to make a freewill offering at intermission.

A portion of what is collected will be donated to a leading organization working to combat climate change, such as the Clean Air Task Force. After the concerts, the chorus will announce the amount of its donation, and the recipient, in local newspapers.

All concert venues are handicap accessible. Doors will open half an hour before each concert; in Fiskdale and Woodstock, people are advised to arrive early in order to be sure of a seat.

Anyone wishing for more information on these concerts or on joining Wings of Song, whose fall rehearsal season begins Monday, Sept. 11, is encouraged to email Music Director Nym Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com, or President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com.

'Sheryl Faye Presents' Eleanor Roosevelt on May 4

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 West Main St., is pleased to welcome the return of "Sheryl Faye Presents" with her portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt - The First Lady of the World on Thursday, May 4 at 4 p.m.

Please call the Library at 508-867-1410 to reserve your seat for this special performance, which is being generously co-sponsored by the West Brookfield Historical Commission and Quaboag Historical Society.

- legal notices -

LEGAL NOTICE Towns of North Brookfield and Brookfield Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY19 and FY 20 Public Performance Hearing

The town of North Brookfield will conduct a performance hearing regarding their ongoing FY19 and FY20 Community Development Block Grant Programs. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.** as part of the North Brookfield Board of Selectmen's meeting at the North Brookfield Police Department, 55 School Street, North Brookfield. These programs are being managed with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC).

North Brookfield's FY19 program is providing funds

for housing rehabilitation services to qualified North Brookfield households. The grant also provided funds for a planning project in the north-western portion of North Brookfield's center that evaluated the condition of infrastructure as part of the West Side Infrastructure Planning Study.

The FY20 program is a joint community program with the town of Brookfield. Activities include housing rehabilitation services to qualified households in both towns, and improvements at the North Brookfield Senior Center, which is focused on roof replacement.

Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning North Brookfield's CDBG programs and ongoing activities will have an opportunity to be heard. Written and verbal comments will be accepted

for one week preceding the hearing, at the hearing, and for one week following the hearing. Comments are to be directed to CMRPC's Christopher Dunphy cdunphy@cmrpc.org, or (508) 459-3333.

The North Brookfield Police Department building is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodation to attend the public meeting should contact the Office of the Board of Selectmen (508) 867-0200 at least two business days prior to the hearing.

These activities and programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development, Massachusetts CDBG program. 04/28/2023

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He or she will work alongside the owners to develop the department's overarching strategy and determine the direction the newsroom is headed both on a day-to-day basis as well as its long-term goals. While the editor works with the owners, the Executive Editor has a great deal of autonomy built into the position.

The perfect candidate will have strong, proven leadership qualities as well as editing, writing and coaching abilities. They will be able to mold coverage as they work with a great group of editors and writers.

The company is looking for a leader who will work in a collaborative manner while setting expectations and holding staff accountable.

It is imperative that the editor have creative problem-solving skills, a flair for innovation and a bent for adapting current practices when possible.

The right candidate would:

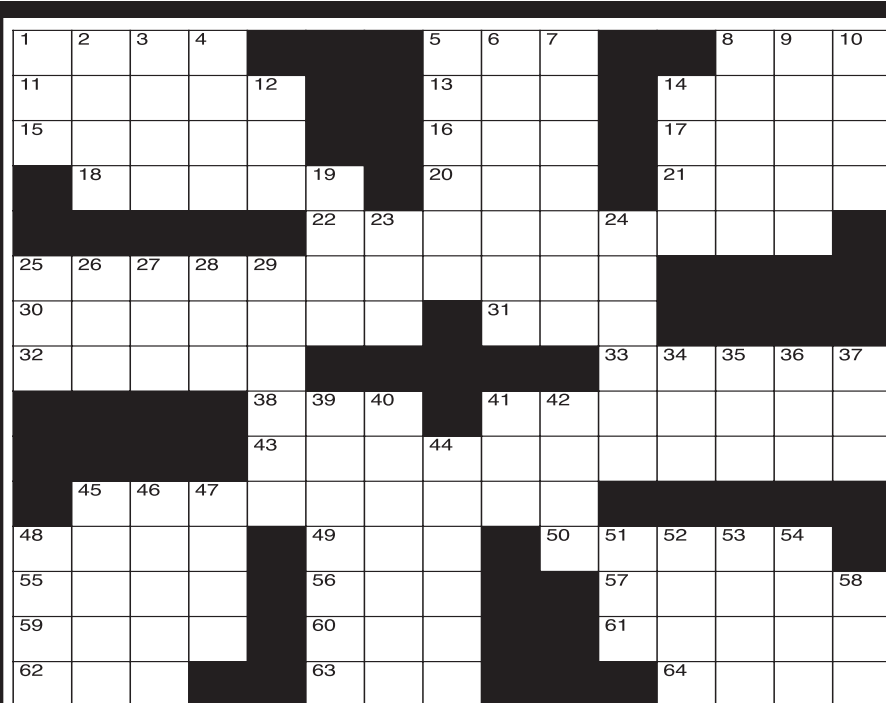
- Ensure the papers have a good balance of news stories.
- Be able to work with editors so they are able to provide readers with the best possible papers.
- Be a mentor to all new hires, but particularly to writers, with the goal of developing a bench of future editors.
- Be an editorial manager with a proven track record in leading newsrooms and have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent experience.
- Represent the company as the senior editorial staff member and would report to the owners, Keith and Patrick Turley.
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CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean

31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist
49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba ____, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer DiFranco
61. FL city
62. Naturally occurring solid
63. Language of indigenous Asian

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillsides
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of

27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human