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DA Class of 2010 urged to serve others

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OLD DEERFIELD — Speakers urged the students in the 211th graduating class of Deerfield Academy to use their unique experience to serve their communities and the world.

"A life well-lived should be measured by service to the community

and world," Philip Greer, president of the Board of Trustees, told the 189 graduates, their friends and families gathered on the lawns of Deerfield Academy on Sunday. The Class of 2010 was the first to have spent all four years with the school's first female headmaster, Margarita O'Byrne Curtis.

"So much good can come as a

result of serving others," said keynote speaker Rush M. McCloy. "Service doesn't just build character, it reveals character."

McCloy graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1992 and since then has run marathons all around the world to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

The events of Sept. 11, 2001,

inspired him to join the Naval Reserves and on Sept. 11, 2007, he was called into active duty in Afghanistan, where he served for a year and helped develop counter-insurgency strategies and was awarded a Bronze Star.

McCloy got his bachelor of arts degree from University of Virginia and later a master's in business

administration in finance and entrepreneurial management from Wharton Business School and a master's in International Relations from University of Pennsylvania.

He worked at JP Morgan Chase Securities in the investment banking and derivatives department, founded

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A STORY OF TWO VETS



File photo

Troops landing on the Normandy beaches usually arrived in Higgins Boats like this one, known to the Navy as LCVPs, for Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel. Once down the ramp, soldiers like Sgt. Alex Kowalski, a Greenfield resident, had to wade ashore in the face of murderous fire from shore.

Sharing D-Day, much more

Alexander Kowalski, Robert Kiley of Franklin County were also POWs

By JO SHIPLEY
Special to The Recorder

D-Day ended early in the morning of June 6, 1944, for Robert Kiley of Turners Falls. Kiley, a paratrooper with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, was dropped behind Utah Beach, Normandy, France, at just about 2 a.m.

Veterans later recalled that the flight from England to France had been uneventful until their C-47 transports neared the drop zone. Then, dense cloud cover and heavy flak from German anti-aircraft guns caused the pilots to break formation and drop the paratroopers over a widely dispersed area.

Pfc Kiley landed in an apple tree and was unlucky enough to be spotted by a German patrol. One of them tossed a

grenade up into the tree, severely wounding Kiley in the face and leg and blinding him in his right eye.

Just a few hours later, Alex Kowalski of 75 Washington St., Greenfield, was aboard a landing craft approaching Omaha Beach, a few miles to the east of Utah.

Kowalski, a staff sergeant with the 7th Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division, was a seasoned veteran of World War II. He was one of the few who participated in — and survived — three amphibious invasions. He had gone ashore in North Africa, Sicily and Normandy.

Retired Lt. Col. Al Alvarez, who was a green private at Normandy, later recalled Kowalski as "a strong, firm, yet likeable NCO" and credited the veteran with not only teaching him the skills necessary to

Memorial Day closings

Today is Memorial Day, a federal holiday.

All federal, state, regional and town government offices, public schools, post offices and libraries are closed. There is no mail delivery or trash pickup.

Liquor stores are closed.

Some retail stores may be open.

Banks and most service agencies are closed.

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survive the war but also giving him the impetus to pursue a military career that lasted 32 years.

After the Sicily campaign, Alvarez

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Nothing's working

No end in sight for Gulf oil spill

By TED ANTHONY and MARY FOSTER
Associated Press

BOOTHVILLE, La. — There is still a hole in the Earth, crude oil is still spewing from it and there is still, excruciatingly, no end in sight. After trying and trying again, one of the world's largest corporations, backed and pushed by the world's most powerful government, can't stop the runaway gusher.

As desperation grows and ecological misery spreads, the operative word on the ground now is, incredibly, August — the earliest moment that a real resolution could be at hand. And even then, there's no guarantee of success. For the United States and the people of its beleaguered Gulf Coast, a dispiriting summer of oil and anger lies dead ahead.

Oh ... and the Atlantic hurricane season begins Tuesday. The latest attempt — using a remote robotic arm to stuff golf balls and assorted debris into the gash in the seafloor — didn't work. On Sunday, as churches echoed with prayers for a solution, BP PLC said it would focus on containment

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Emergency lifted locally

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The aftermath of Wednesday night's thunderstorms is still visible, but now that power is mostly back in Montague and Greenfield, both towns have lifted the official state of emergency declarations.

"The utility crews and the fire departments did a great job," Montague Emergency Management Director Robert Escott. "They were working day and night."

Power in both towns was mostly back on line by Saturday night. Western Massachusetts Electric Co. deployed 130 line crews and 62 tree crews to help with those efforts, according to a press release from the Greenfield Fire Department.

As of Sunday, two customers were without power in

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The utility crews and the fire departments did a great job.

Robert Escott
Montague Emergency Management director

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Hilltowns getting mosaic touch

450 students lend a hand

By DIANE BRONCACCIO
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BUCKLAND — If you glanced into the old "Ace of Clubs" room this week at Mohawk Trail High School, you might have thought the ninth-graders were working intently on giant jigsaw puzzles. But what they were putting together was much better: glass tile mosaics of the 10 hilltowns around Shelburne Falls. If all goes as planned, visitors to Shelburne Falls will soon see these colorful mosaic landscapes on buildings throughout the village sometime in the fall.

Mosaic artist Cynthia Fisher of Buckland has been creating mosaic murals in public buildings for at least a decade, through her business, "Big Bang Mosaics."

Among her works is a mosaic of sailboats on the Charles River for the

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Children's Hospital of Boston and the "Taj Mahal" bench (in honor of the hometown musician), which sits in the Springfield Quadrangle. Her New England landscape mosaic is prominent in the UMass Medical Center, and a mosaic with famous quotes about the stars hangs in the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord, N.H.

"Why not do the same thing for my hometown?" Fisher asked herself. Last spring, Fisher started plan-

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Cindy Fisher, center, is the lead artist on the Shelburne Falls Mosaic Mural Project, making murals for hilltowns. Students at Mohawk from left are Nick Doneilo, Nat Sherman, Jamie Hoynoski and Alma Crawford-Mendoza.