



# The Brookfield Citizen

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## Cultural Council's Concerts on the Common Baking Contest Winners

by Kate Simpson

### Squares & Bars:

1st place: Monique Akeman (blueberry and raspberry cheesecake bars)

2nd place: three-way tie between Delaney Giguere (chocolate cherry bars), Maddie Swanson (tiramisu squares) and Ashlee Swanson (peanut butter and jelly squares)

### Quick Breads:

1st place: Carole Gamble (blueberry bread)

2nd place: Monique Akeman (orange poundcake bread with strawberry)

3rd place: Marlene Giguere (lemon bread with poppyseeds)

### Fruit Pies:

1st place: Janet Seery (blueberry pie)

2nd place: Jennifer Cipro (apple pie)

3rd place: Maddie Swanson (blueberry cheesecake pie)

### Cupcakes:

1st place: Kevin Giguere (raspberry cream cupcake)

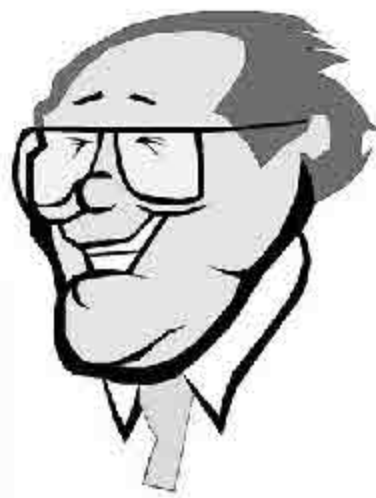
2nd place: Monique Akeman (chocolate cupcake)

3rd place: Tyler Afton (birthday cake surprise cupcake)

It sure sounds like a sweet time was had by all.

Congratulations to the winners.

Uncle  
Phil  
wants  
you



I know, you've never seen me so "up close and personal" before, but tough times demand tough measures. One of the Citizen's major funding sources has decided that it has to be more inclusive in it's distribution of scarce funds, and perhaps, rightfully so. I cannot argue with the decision. So, now, it is up to you. You know who you are. You are the ones that do not grace your "circular file" with the

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## Brookfield's Community First Chapter Number 2951

**Please note:** The Brookfield Chapter of Serve will be discontinued effective immediately, due to lack of participation.

Art and Linda would like to thank everyone who has participated, either in purchase of foods or helping out on a Saturday delivery day.

If you are still interested in Serve, you may contact the Spencer Chapter which operates out of the Spencer Knights of Columbus.

Thank you.  
Art and Linda

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## Box Tops for Education

I believe that most of us would bend over and pick up a dime. I know I would. This is even easier. Buy a product at a grocery store, club store or any store and clip off the Box Top coupon. Once a week or month bring the coupons to the schools drop off box and the school gets 10 cents for every box top.

Now, 10 cents might not sound like a lot, but it adds up so quickly you'd be very surprised. In times like we have now, schools need all the help they can get. The Box Top coupons are on so many products that we already purchase every week. If you don't cut them off and send them into the school, it's like literally throwing money away that our school can use!

Box Tops Marketplace is a free online shopping program. All you need to do is start your shopping trip at the marketplace on [btfe.com](http://btfe.com). Click on the retailer you wish to shop with and a percentage of all purchases will be automatically credited to our school. Barnes & Noble has joined the marketplace and will donate 6% of purchases on new books and 3% on all other products. Donations are electronic and automatic. Our school #203089 will need to be added prior to or at checkout.

Bonus Box Tops are everywhere, including double and triple box tops on select products each month and seasonally. At [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) click on the "bonus offer" and enter the "big clip" for a chance to win hundreds or thousands of bonus box tops for our school. Enter everyday!

Box Tops is not only for parents to clip, it something that the entire community can do to help the school. Seniors can bring them to their monthly meetings. Church groups can collect them. Boy scouts and Girl scouts can have box top drives or just collect them at their meetings. Box tops can be dropped off at the school any time during school hours. I hope to have a drop off box at the library also.

This is a great, easy and exciting program that helps our school. We can all participate, when we shop, clip and buy online, things that we do every day. For more information go to [btfe.com](http://btfe.com).

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*Visitors always welcome.*

## From: Quaboag 350<sup>th</sup> Committee Grand Ball Tickets now available

Ruth M. Lyon

Tickets for the Quaboag 350<sup>th</sup> grand ball are now available. The initial event in 2010, the Quaboag area's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, will be held Saturday, January 2 in the grand hall of West Brookfield's town hall, following a 5:00 p.m. dinner at Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield.

In order to accommodate those who wish to attend only the dance or the dinner, tickets will be sold for the dinner only, at \$40, the ball only, \$40, or both, at \$80 per person. Tickets may be obtained by sending a check, payable to Quaboag 350<sup>th</sup>, to Jean Tamm, 20 Shea Road, West Brookfield, MA 01585. Buyers are reminded to include name, address, phone number, and which event you wish to attend if you do not choose to attend both the dinner and the ball. Tickets are limited to those of age 21 or older. The hall is handicapped accessible.

The grand hall will be open at 7:00, where you may be photographed, if you wish, in your semiformal or period attire; a photo disc may be ordered then for \$10.

A colonial dance demonstration will be presented at 7:30, followed by the 8:00 march of the dignitaries to their seats of honor. Governor Deval Patrick and other state dignitaries and their spouses have been invited. Semi formal dress will be the order of the evening, but the committee encourages period costume.

For further information, call Ruth Lyon 508-867-7316, [ntiques@aol.com](mailto:ntiques@aol.com)

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Uncle Phil

Citizen the minute you see it. You read certain sections that you like, or that pique your interest. You read about things you can't find in the New Leader or the T&G, or the rest of the revenue-driven news sources in the area.

We do advertise, at rates that assist the local business community, not to generate profit, or to pay salaries, but to minimize our need to beg.

It is now time for begging. I think I've said it before, but if each person in Brookfield receiving this newsletter each month donated \$7.50 per year, (that's up \$2.50 from 1997), we could do all that was needed to keep this working. Of course, some would not *want* to do that, so the rest would have to make up the difference.

All I ask is that you give what you can afford, once a year. Take some pride in a community that offers so much in cultural activities, education, religious diversity, caring individuals who provide food, entertainment, reading materials, community events, help in times of need, and a means of letting you know all about all of these things: The Brookfield Citizen.

We are not a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are not tax deductible. Donate anyway. Box 411, Brookfield, MA 01506. I thank you, the staff thanks you, and Uncle Phil thanks you.

## Library News

Brenda Metterville



*If you have a garden  
and a library, you have  
everything you need. ~Cicero*



Characters welcome! Thursday, October 1 in the Town Hall Banquet Hall at 6:00 p.m. The Trial will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The District Attorney's office is committed to working with communities and schools to help protect our families and keep them safe. The idea is to make people aware, not afraid. They bring the realities of the criminal justice system to our community group teaching youth about the legal consequences of poor decision-making. Assistant District Attorney M. Julie Lesure with Acting Chief Chris Welsh, Attorney Robert George and Library Director Brenda Metterville will host a mock trial on a topic that impacts youth: cyber bullying. Students will play the roles of jurors, defendant, clerk, court officer, witnesses, and attorneys. Depending on the needs of the group, staff will give students an overview of the court system and prepare them prior to the mock trial.

Students and parents are invited to sign up at the library during the month of September, call 508 867 6339 or e-mail [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com).

**FALL schedule:** Funded by the Friends of the Library! The new Library Cat's Meow of the 125th anniversary edition is available at the library and Tip Top Country Store for \$20.00.

Thursday, September 3, 6:00 p.m. Friends of the Library meeting.

Fridays beginning September 4 at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Renee Coro's music and story time, with free snack. All ages welcome to attend. No sign-up necessary.

Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Art with Giovina Ferrante-George. This program is full, this is reminder to those who signed up.

Thursdays beginning September 17 at 2:00 p.m. Kid's Yoga with Ann Ramsey. (with free snack!) Yoga mats are available at the library. Mom's may join the fun, too! All ages welcome to attend. No sign-up necessary.

Friday, September 18, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Henna: Traditional Temporary Tattoos. Sangita Desai, a professional Henna artist will introduce the art of henna in Indian culture and will apply a long-lasting henna tattoo to each participant. This program is for ages 4 years to adult, both genders. Participation is limited, please sign-up at the library. Funded by the Friends of the Library. Sangita is also available for private parties, for more information call 508 347 2764.

Apple Country Fair Raffle tickets available during regular open hours.

Banister Book Group;

Shadow of the Dam by Elizabeth M. Sharpe. From Booklist.

Author visit! Elizabeth M. Sharpe author of (September Book) will attend and join our discussion!

On May 16, 1874, the Williamsburg reservoir dam broke, sending an avalanche of water from the Mill River over five villages that lined the valley in western Massachusetts. In 30 minutes, the villages and their brass and cotton factories were destroyed, leaving 139 people dead and 750 homeless; one-third of the victims were under the age of 10. Sharpe, who grew up a few miles from the disaster, spent many years researching the story. She chronicles the building of the dam, the tragedy itself, and its aftermath. Word of the flood traveled fast, bringing aid in the form of money, clothes, blankets, and search teams, as well as looters. Sharpe also documents the efforts to rebuild the towns with the help of hundreds of volunteers. She describes the inquest that followed and the resulting verdict, and what was done to prevent another such disaster. The author has done an incredible amount of research, drawing on newspapers, magazines, and journals of the time, along with manuscripts, maps, photographs, books, and interviews. George Cohen

New items available to borrow: Digital camera, telescope, TomTom GPS and the Wii. Call or ask for details at the library. Free faxing, printing and copies.

CLOSED Saturday, September 5 for Labor Day. Hours: Closed Sunday and Monday, Tuesday 1:00 to 8:00, Wednesday 11:00 to 5:00, Thursday 1:00 to 8:00, Friday 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 1:00.

### Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Walk

MitoAction is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides programs and resources centered on support, education, and advocacy for patients and families affected by mitochondrial disease. MitoAction will be holding its fifth annual Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Walk and Family FunFest in Cambridge, MA on September 13, 2009. This year, we will also be incorporating an Energy 5K run. It would be greatly appreciated if our event listing could be included in The Brookfield Citizen, as it would be a wonderful opportunity to get the word out, and hopefully get more people involved.

You are invited to check out our website, which has a special section dedicated to the event:

<http://www.mitoaction.org/walk>

