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COMMUNITY ISSUES IN THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2015

What were some of the issues in our community? Read on.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION SEASON:

The Busy Annual Town Meeting and Election season took place this quarter. Every town in the southern Berkshires schedules separate annual town meetings where town budgets and other articles relating to town issues are voted upon. Usually after, but sometime before the town meetings, each town also holds an annual election where town officers whose terms are expired are decided by a citizens voting process.

FOURTH TRIAL FOR WILLIAM DEMAGAL:

A day after a mistrial was declared in the murder case against William Demagall, a special prosecutor said he plans to bring the case for a fourth time. Demagall's indictment on the murder charge remains in place, meaning the case won't have to be resubmitted to a grand jury before proceeding to a new trial. Demagall, a former Berkshire County resident, was put on trial for the third time this month in the February 2006 beating and stabbing death of George Mancini, 56, in his Hillsdale, N.Y. home. The first two trials ended in convictions that were ultimately thrown out on appeal.

CLARKSBURG BRUSHFIRE BIGGEST IN RECENT MEMORY:

Fighting on land and in the air in Clarksburg State Forest, first responders successfully knocked down the largest fire in recent memory for many area residents late April/early May. The fire site had grown to cover 189 acres at its largest, according to officials. Clarksburg State Forest is roughly 3,000 acres. Officials believe the blaze, which started along the Appalachian Trail some two miles north of Massachusetts Avenue in North Adams, was sparked by a campfire.

CITY AND TOWN BUDGET CHALLENGES

Dr. Douglas Dias was hired as the new superintendent at the Williamstown-Lanesborough Public Schools. His start date was July 1st, 2015. Dias was formerly the Principal of Medway High School in Medway Ma and Canton High School in Canton Mass.

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NEWS

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NA 04-01-15

MCLA PRESIDENTIAL PICK STAYING IN WISCONSIN (NA)

MCLA's choice for its 12th president will not be accepting the position. Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts announced yesterday that Greg Summers has bowed out because of personal issues. Summers was the unanimous choice of the trustees on March 5th. Summers was one of three finalists selected from an initial 59 candidates after about a five-month search. Cynthia Farr Brown will continue as interim president, a post she's held since the departure of President Mary Grant last fall to her new job as chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

ADAMS APPROVES \$19 MILLION BUDGET (NA)

The Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee on Tuesday night approved 6-1 a budget of \$19,416,521 for fiscal 2016. IBerkshires.com reports that the spending plan includes an \$800,000 increase in assessments to the regional school district's two towns and the vote places the district's educational future squarely in voters' hands. Joshua DeMarsico-Birkland was the lone protest vote against the total budget, afterward saying that it's still not what's needed for the school system. School officials say up to 25 positions would be eliminated, including 10 teachers. The budget has already been trimmed as much as possible, they said, including cutting paraprofessionals, supplies, professional development and building maintenance.

POWNAI WOMAN ACCUSED OF MEDICAL CHILD ABUSE AND MORE (NA)

A Pownal woman is accused of having her child subjected to dozens of invasive, unwarranted medical tests, and lying about the child's health on Social Security Disability applications. 33 year old Tina Sbrega pleaded not guilty Monday in Vermont Superior Court to two misdemeanor counts of welfare fraud, two felony counts of false swearing, two misdemeanor counts of false pretenses or false tokens, cruelty to a child under 10, and reckless endangerment. She was released under the condition she abide by all Family Court orders in effect.

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH HOPEFUL OF SSCHOOL LEADER (NA)

Williamstown-Lanesborough school officials are optimistic about having a contract for their next superintendent in place by next week, even though their chosen candidate was interviewing in another district as well. IBerkshires.com reports that as scheduled, Medway High School Principal Douglas Dias reported to the West Springfield School District yesterday morning to take tours of the district's schools, and Dias was scheduled to be interviewed by the West Springfield School Committee last night, according to West Springfield Mayor Edward Sullivan.

NA 04-03-15

MIDDLE SCHOOLS SEND STUDENTS TO YOUTH CONFERENCE (All)

Nineteen public and private Berkshire County middle schools will send students to the Crowne Plaza, in Pittsfield, on Thursday, April 9th. The fourth annual STRIVE (Students Teaching Respect Integrity Values and Equality) Youth Leadership Conference, which is hosted by the District Attorney's Office Youth Advisory Board, will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The day-long conference is created by the high school Youth Advisory Board to educate their younger peers on social issues impacting teens. Featured presentations include: Growing Strong Roots for Leadership, Drug Awareness, LGBT Allyship, and Planting Seeds for Success in High School.

NORTH ADAMS CRASH SENDS FOUR TO HOSPITALS (NA)

Four people were taken to the hospital following a two-car crash at the intersection of Hodges Cross Road and Curran Memorial Highway (Route 8) yesterday afternoon. Shortly before 3 p.m., a Ford Focus hatchback with New York license plates traveling northbound on Route 8 near Walmart collided with a Chrysler 200 sedan that was turning from Hodges Cross Road. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to North Adams Police, it looked as if one of the cars did not stop for a red light. One of the Ford's three occupants was taken to Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield for injuries. Two other passengers and the Chrysler's single occupant were taken to BMC Northern Berkshire Campus in North Adams. The identities of both vehicles' occupants, along with extent of their injuries, were not available.

DIAS CHOOSES LANESBOROUGH-WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

It appears the Lanesborough-Williamstown schools' new superintendent will be current Medway High School Principal Douglas Dias. According to West Springfield Mayor Edward Sullivan, Dias withdrew his name yesterday from consideration for the superintendent position in West Springfield. MassLive.com reports that the West Springfield School Committee, which Sullivan chairs, reportedly offered its job to its interim Superintendent Michael Richard. Dias interviewed for the West Springfield post on Tuesday. He gave his notice to the Medway School District before interviewing for the Lanesborough-Williamstown post.

NEW EVENTS COORDINATOR IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The City of North Adams is switching up the tourism director post to focus on economic and cultural development. IBerkshires.com reports that the revamped job is being filled part time by Suzy Helme, who operated the Shima baby goods store on Main and Eagle streets. Helme and a co-owner ran the downtown storefront for nearly seven years before recently closing; the company is still online. She has been highly involved in the community through the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and organizing the Main Street merchants during past Solid Sound Festivals. Mayor Richard Alcombright said Helme is familiar with the city and its marketing needs.

NA 04-07-15

STAFF CUTS BEGIN AT ADAMS-CHESHIRE (NA)

The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District began preparing for staff reductions to accommodate its reduced budget. IBerkshires.com reports that Superintendent Kristen Gordon informed the School Committee last night that the 28 individuals who may be cut have been notified. The School Committee last week passed a \$19.4 million budget that increased Adams and Cheshire's regional assessments by \$800,000. Adams Board of Selectmen did not approve increasing the assessment budget at its last meeting, instead voting to keep the town administrator's proposed budget that would force the district to cut up to 28 positions. With Adams' levy capacity nearly breached, any movement to increase the district's budget at town meeting would trigger a Proposition 2 1/2 override.

NORTH ADAMS RINK MANAGER ADMITS STEALING FROM FACILITY, AVOIDS CONVICTION (NA)

The manager of the North Adams skating rink admitted yesterday to stealing more than \$2,200 from its coffers, according to court documents. Darin Lane admitted to sufficient facts for a finding of guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court to a charge of larceny over \$250. The charge was continued without a finding until April 13 and will be dismissed upon his payment of \$2,205.36 in restitution and \$490 in court fees. Lane told police that he had taken the money from the safe at the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink, where he is the only manager, in order to pay for heating oil in his home. It is unclear what effect yesterday's disposition — in which Lane avoided a conviction — will have on his future employment with the city of North Adams, which oversees the rink.

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH ELEMENTARIES OK SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT (NA)

Two-thirds of the Lanesborough-Williamstown public school "Tri-District" has approved the contract for the towns' next school superintendent. Yesterday morning, the elementary school committee members who compose the joint Superintendency Union 71 committee met and unanimously approved a three-year deal for Douglas Dias. The contract faces another vote for approval on Wednesday morning, when the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee meets at 9 a.m. at the junior-senior high school. Dias would be paid \$150,000 in the first year of the contract with increases to be negotiated by him and the school districts in succeeding years.

NORTH ADAMS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM CLOSING THIS MONTH (NA)

After three years, the New England Holocaust Institute has a critical decision to make: Move or close completely. IBerkshires.com reports that Darrell English, who's run the small museum on Eagle Street on a shoestring, said last week that he will have to pack up by the end of the month to make way for the adjacent Friendship Food Pantry, which needs bigger quarters. Still, English is keeping hope that the museum can find a new home: He is still in talks with Worcester State University to mount some kind of exhibit, possibly permanent, from his massive collection and planned to speak with Adams officials this week on opportunities in the Mother Town.

NA 04-09-15

**BERKSHIRE MAN FACING THIRD TRIAL IN SLAYING OF HILLSDALE, N.Y., MAN (All)
(DEM-uh-gal)**

Opening arguments in the third murder trial of a Berkshire County man are expected to begin this morning at the Columbia County Courthouse in Hudson. 31 year old William Demagall is charged with second-degree murder in the February 2006 slaying of 56 year old George Mancini of Hillsdale, N.Y. Demagall has twice been convicted of the murder — and an appeals court has twice struck down those convictions. Demagall remains in lock-up at the Green Meadows Correction Facility in Comestock, N.Y.

FIRST RESPONDERS TAKE PART IN TERROR EXERCISE (All)

U.S. Homeland Security wants to make sure that if a terrorist attack happens in Western Massachusetts, first responders know what to do. IBerkshires.com reports that officials spanning from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to local fire, police, and boards of health, sat down yesterday to discuss the various roles each will play in a scenario in what of the largest training exercises in recent years. The scenario pretended that an unidentified package, possibly a bomb, was reported at a rail yard. Other packages eventually are found and one explodes in a different part of the county. Local responders — police, fire, emergency medical services — from Great Barrington to North Adams attended the session. They were joined by representatives from the FBI, Homeland Security, the National Guard and the federal Department of Transportation.

ADAMS POLICE SEARCH FOR SUSPECT IN WEEKEND STABBING OUTSIDE BAR (NA)

Adams Police are looking for a suspect who they say repeatedly stabbed a North Adams man outside Rascal's Lounge early Saturday morning. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 23 year old Michael Fillion suffered heavy lacerations to his upper body in the attack, which occurred around 1:47 a.m. outside the still-packed Summer Street bar. The assailant was leaving the bar in a light-colored pickup truck when he nearly struck Fillion and another person while they were crossing Summer Street, according to Adams Police Chief Richard Tarsa Jr. The man then got out of the vehicle and confronted Fillion and the other person before attacking Fillion with a knife-like object. Fillion was transported to Berkshire Medical Center, where he underwent a surgical procedure and has since been released.

NORTH ADAMS MAN ALLEGEDLY HAD CRYSTAL METH SHIPPED BY MAIL (NA)

A North Adams man is being held on \$25,000 cash bail after allegedly attempting to pick up a package containing 13.6 grams of crystal methamphetamine at the North Adams post office on Tuesday. According to police, 36 year old Mark Ring, of Bradley Street, is suspected of distributing, throughout the North Adams area, crystal meth that he has been purchasing from a source on the West Coast. Ring pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court on Wednesday to one count of class B drug possession with intent to distribute, second offense. His next court appearance is scheduled for May 8th. According to the police report, Ring was convicted of at least four similar drug offenses while living in California.

NA 04-14-15

BERKSHIRE MAYORS SQUARE OFF IN SUPPORT OF FITNESS CHALLENGE (NA, P)

North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright and Pittsfield Mayor Dan Bianchi will be sweating it out on June 18th. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the Berkshires' only two mayors will compete in Pittsfield's Green Mile Road Race as part of the 10-week Mayors' Fitness Challenge, which aims to encourage healthy eating and exercise habits in city residents. Participants in the challenge, which kicks off in May, are awarded points — and prizes — based on their physical activity and how many servings of fruit, vegetables and water they consume. Bianchi, Alcombright and event organizers announced the 2015 Mayors' Fitness Challenge at North Adams City Hall on Monday. The Mayor's Fitness Challenge began in North Adams last summer, with more than 600 participants. Organizers believe they can more than double that number by including the city of Pittsfield.

NORTH ADAMS FINDS NEW PART-TIME EVENTS COORDINATOR IN SUZY HELME (NA)

After a series of interim directors of tourism and events, Mayor Richard Alcombright has tweaked the position and appointed Suzy Helme as a part-time events coordinator. Helme, appointed last month, will focus solely on coordinating city events during her 20-hour per week schedule. The "tourism" half of the position had never really materialized under its previous directors, Alcombright said, prompting him to change the job description. The position has been debated during previous year's budget meetings, with some city councilors questioning why a tourism position exists without an ample promotional budget. Others have suggested that events can be coordinated by local businesses.

ADAMS TO DECIDE SOLAR ARRAY PILOT FEE AT TOWN MEETING (NA)

Town Adams Town meeting will decide if the 217 East Road solar panel project will pay the town a fee instead of taxes. IBerkshires.com reports that Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco introduced the warrant article to the Selectmen on Wednesday of last week. Mazzucco said the PILOT, or payment in lieu of taxes, agreement is standard throughout the commonwealth. The proposed 1.5-megawatt array, which is being developed by Apis Energy Group LLC, will be placed on the 11-acre East Road property. The developer holds a lease agreement with the land owner. Mazzucco said the agreement will provide the town with a yearly fee of \$15,000 that the assessor felt was a fair price.

LANESBOROUGH OFFERS POLICE CHIEF JOB TO TIMOTHY SORRELL (NA, P)

The Lanesborough Board of Selectmen has unanimously voted to offer Timothy Sorrell the job as chief of police. Sorrell has been an officer in the department since 1987 and just 12 years ago, he was the runner up for the position. Current Chief Mark Bashara announced his upcoming retirement late last year and the town launched a process for finding his replacement.

NA 04-16-15

NORTH ADAMS FIRES MANAGER WHO TOOK \$2,200 FROM SKATING RINK (NA)

Darin Lane, who admitted to taking \$2,200 from the North Adams skating rink that he managed, has been fired. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Lane, who told police he took the money from the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in order to pay for heating oil at his home this winter, said he intended to replenish the funds when he got his tax refund. Lane admitted to sufficient facts for a finding of guilt on a charge of larceny over \$250 in Northern Berkshire District Court on April 6th. The charges were continued without a finding and dismissed upon his payment of just over \$2,200 in restitution the day of the disposition and \$490 in court fees on the following day. He was initially placed on paid administrative leave in March.

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO GATHER PUBLIC INPUT (NA)

Williamstown Residents of the Mount Greylock Regional School District will have their chance tonight to help shape the upcoming school building project. The district will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. at the high school to gather input as officials work to make a firm choice for the scope of the project. Among the issues to resolve: Whether to erect a new building or to renovate the existing high school at the Cold Spring Road campus. Residents of both towns have long sought solutions to the aging campus, built in 1960 and expanded in 1968. A feasibility study identified different paths the 550-student, Grade 7 to 12 district could take, from a renovation to a new building.

ADAMS TOWN MANAGERS RECOMMENDS OVERRIDE (NA)

Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco yesterday explained the consequences of shifting funds from the municipal budget to support the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District budget. Mazzucco recommended a Proposition 2 1/2 override as the most feasible way to supply the additional \$360,000 assessment voted by the School Committee two weeks ago.

EIGHT BERKSHIRE RESIDENTS FACE CHARGES TIED TO DRUG TRADE (P)

Eight Berkshire County residents are facing conspiracy charges after wiretaps of their cellphones and other surveillance linked them to suspected drug dealers operating between the Berkshires and Springfield. According to police 46 year old Cornell Griffin, 36 year old Thomas Hurley, 25 year old Alicia Brett-Lucaroni, 26 year old Nicole Serra, 28 year old James Scace, 57 year old Robin Garzone, and 25 year old Jacqueline Garzone, all of Pittsfield, and 40 year old Michael St. John, of Lanesborough, were arrested on warrants between Monday and Tuesday. The arrests are the result of a complex investigation by the Berkshire County Law Enforcement Task Force looking into the trafficking and sales of cocaine and heroin in the Berkshire and Springfield areas.

NA 04-21-15

WILLIAM DEMAGALL MURDER TRIAL: NY JURY WEIGHS DEFENDANT'S MINDSET (All)

Prosecutors contend William Demagall was aware he was acting immorally when he delivered the fatal blow to 56-year-old George Mancini, who was crawling on the floor, begging for his life saying, "Please don't kill me." The Berkshire Eagle reports that his defense attorney, however, said Demagall was in the depths of psychosis and thought he was acting as an, "agent of God," when he beat and stabbed Mancini to death in his Hillsdale, N.Y., home in February 2006. A Columbia County jury, after hearing those closing arguments on Monday, began deliberating in the case following an eight-day trial. The jury of eight women and six men — 12 who will deliberate and two alternates — received the case shortly after noon Monday.

NORTH ADAMS CRASH: 2ND DRIVER EXPECTED TO BE ID'D, CHARGED (NA)

The second driver in an apparent drag race on the Curran Highway that caused a multi-vehicle crash last week is expected to be identified and charged soon, according to North Adams police. The Berkshire Eagle reports that two of the four victims of the crash, including one of the drivers involved in the race on remain hospitalized. Just before 11 p.m. Thursday, one of the two cars racing north on the highway veered into oncoming traffic, striking two other cars. The second car participating in the race drove away from the scene, but North Adams say police they have spoken with several witnesses, and they expect to identify and charge the driver soon.

FOUR TOWNS TO CELEBRATE 250TH ANNIVERSARY TOGETHER (All)

A local celebration has gone international, as a world renowned Irish musician will play the Crowne Plaza at the most grand event commemorating the 250th anniversaries of Becket, Lanesborough, Richmond and Williamstown. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Stephanie Abrams, local radio host and regular traveler to Ireland, played a leading role in organizing a show by Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones to conclude the June 2nd event. All four towns turning 250 are also planning their own celebrations, but the Crowne Plaza dinner and show stand out as the lone event where planners from each are participating.

LENOX FRIENDLY'S CLOSSES ABRUPTLY (GB, P - Interest)

After 40 years of operation, the Friendly's on Pittsfield-Lenox Road closed for good at the conclusion of business Sunday night. The restaurant had been open since 1975. Signs placed on the front door, and entrance to the restaurant's walk-up ice cream stand read, "We thank you for your years of patronage, but this location has been permanently closed." The Lenox restaurant employed around 20 full- and part-time workers according to an employee. The Lenox Friendly's is the chain's third Berkshire store to close in the last three years. The North Adams Friendly's, which had been open for 50 years, closed abruptly last November.

NA 04-23-15

CHESHIRE ASSESSORS WORKING ON BUSINESS TAX 'NONCOMPLIANCE' (NA, P)

The Cheshire Board of Assessors says it hired an outside evaluator to ensure that there are no inequities in taxing personal property. IBerkshires.com reports that a statement from the board was read Tuesday night at the Selectmen's meeting in response to accusations last week by a resident of unfair taxation. The Selectmen had hoped to meet with the Board of Assessors, but the evaluation panel had a scheduling conflict. However, it did provide a statement saying it had collected \$80,000 in personal property taxes last year and had paid nearly \$5,000 for an outside assessment service to evaluate all businesses that are listed by the town clerk.

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTMEN CANDIDATES ADDRESS TOWN ISSUES (NA)

The four Williamstown candidates vying to fill one open seat on the Board of Selectmen introduced themselves to the town in a recent forum hosted by the League of Women Voters. IBerkshires.com reports that Martino Donati, Jack Nogueira, Anne O'Connor and Alison O'Grady talked about their own experience and what issues they see confronting the town. Unlike last year, when economic development dominated a similar forum, this year's panel discussed a wider range of issues in an event moderated by state Rep. Gailanne Cariddi, D-North Adams.

BCC, MCLA TO SHIFT INTERMODAL CENTER FACILITIES TO CONTE FEDERAL BUILDING (NA, P)

Berkshire Community College and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts are planning to consolidate all of their downtown Pittsfield classroom facilities at one central location. The Berkshire Eagle reports that both schools are pulling out of the Intermodal Transportation Center on Columbus Avenue and plan to expand their presence at the Silvio O. Conte Federal Building on Center Street just down the street. MCLA also will be leaving the Intermodal Center by June 30th, according to college spokeswoman Bernadette Alden. BCC's Office of Community Education & Workforce Development will move to the Education Center at Conte beginning in June. BCC maintains a third location in downtown Pittsfield at 1Berkshire's headquarters building on Allen Street, but classes are not held there. Those offices will remain open.

TOWN MEETING DATE SET IN ADAMS (NA)

Selectmen in Adams have set the town's annual town meeting date and opened the warrant. The Selectmen also suspended rules at the workshop meeting to vote on a town meeting date. Town in Adams meeting will be Tuesday, June 23rd, at 7 p.m. in the C.T. Plunkett School auditorium.

NA 04-28-15

BHS: NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BMC HEALTHNET FALLOUT (All)

Berkshire Health Systems is taking exception to Boston Medical Center HealthNet's implication that the two sides failing to renew insurance coverage is the health system's fault. IBerkshires.com reports that Senior Vice President Ruth Blodgett in an email said that BHS has tried to take the high road and focus on helping people get the coverage they need. She says that BMC HealthNet's spokespeople are trying to put the blame BHS. The BMC HealthNet program is a branch of insurance focused on providing Medicaid insurance coverage. In December, it ended coverage for patients with Baystate Health Systems and followed up this month with ending its relationship with Berkshire Health Systems.

NORTH ADAMS MAN HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN STABBING (NA)

A North Adams man is being held without bail in the stabbing of another man on Friday near Walnut Street. The Berkshire eagle reports that 19 year old Keith Larrabee, who is listed as being homeless, allegedly stabbed a man who was chasing him because he believed Larrabee had stolen items from the son of his girlfriend. The victim, 32 year old Joseph Filio, suffered a non-life-threatening stab wound to his abdomen. He was transported to BMC. Larabee was accompanied by another man, 21 year old Richard Perkins III. Larrabee pleaded not guilty to charges of assault to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery. He was held without the right to bail. Perkins pleaded not guilty to one count of assault and battery.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO APRIL 4 ADAMS STABBING (NA)

Adams police continue to investigate the April 4th slashing of a man outside of Rascal's Lounge on North Summer Street, and they are asking for the public's help. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to police the incident occurred about 1:45 a.m. after a motor vehicle altercation. 23 year old Michael Fillion, of North Adams, received slashes to his upper body and was taken to Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. He was released following his treatment. The suspect apparently fled the scene in a white Ford or Dodge extended cab pickup truck. Although police have a description of the suspect — a Hispanic or light-skinned African-American male, 20-30 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches, with a tall, muscular build — they asking for anyone with information to call.

FINAL JOCELYN LECLAIR 5K SET FOR SUNDAY (NA)

Jocelyn LeClair passed away at the young age of 15 from spinal meningitis in August of 2001. IBerkshires.com reports that the following spring, in 2002, her friend and Drury High School teammate Allison Holmes founded the Jocelyn E. Leclair Memorial Scholarship race to honor LeClair. Now, 14 years later, her parents Bob and Pat LeClair have decided that this year's Sunday, May 3rd, race will be the last run. Over the past 14 years, with the help of family, friends, and the community, the race has raised slightly more than \$120,000. The money raised has gone to scholarships for Drury seniors, McCann Tech seniors, the Northern Berkshire YMCA, and the North Adams Police Department's ROPES program.

NA 05-04-15

RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT TODAY (All)

A Red Flag Warning is in effect for all of Western Massachusetts, including all of Berkshire County from noon today until 8pm. According to the National Weather Service, a red flag warning means that dangerous fire weather conditions are expected due to the combination of gusty winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels. Any fires that develop may quickly get out of control and become difficult to contain.

CLARKSBURG BRUSH FIRE UNDER CONTROL AT LAST (All Interest)

A large brush fire that burned for three days in Clarksburg State Forest has been brought under control. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to local fire officials on Saturday. The blaze that covered 272 acres was contained late Friday afternoon, according to the Clarksburg Fire Chief. No additional acreage was reported burned on Saturday. He said that 52 firefighters from departments as far away as Arlington, Vt., spent Saturday walking through the rugged terrain looking for any areas that might still be smoldering. Firefighters received air support battling the blaze on Thursday, but helicopters were not involved on Saturday. No injuries or property damage have been reported. The blaze, which started along the Appalachian Trail, was first reported by a hiker around 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

BUSY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION SEASON GETS UNDERWAY (All)

The busy part of the Berkshires Annual Town Meeting and Election season gets underway today. The bulk of those meetings are in the southern Berkshires, including in the towns of Great Barrington and Sheffield, to name just a couple. Generally, with a few exceptions, towns hold their annual elections a week after their annual town meetings. One exception is the town of Adams which holds its annual election today. The town of Cheshire is also holding its annual election today at the Senior Center. The town meeting and election season will run through the month of May end even into June in some cases.

MCLA SELECTS THREE FOR BERKSHIRE COUNTY EDUCATOR RECOGNITION AWARDS (All)

Three local K-12 educators have been selected to receive Berkshire County Educator Recognition Awards in the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts-sponsored ceremony's fifth year. According to the Berkshire Eagle the 2015 recipients — chosen by MCLA and local superintendents — include Glendon Chamberlin, a first-grade teacher at Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School in Great Barrington, Jill Pompei, Title 1 director and literary coach at C.T. Plunkett Elementary School in Adams, and Liza Barrett, an English teacher at Mount Greylock Regional High School. This year's recipients, deemed exceptional teachers, will be recognized during a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the social hall at the MCLA Church Street Center.

NA 05-04-15

FUEL ASSISTANCE FROM BCAC EXTENDED TO MAY 15 (All)

Many residents in the Berkshires are still reeling from high fuel bills as a result of the harsh winter, but there is some good news for those looking for some help. Berkshire Community Action Council in Pittsfield has announced that they have extended the date to file for fuel assistance to May 15th. Fuel Assistance generally runs from November 1-April 30 so the extension will come in handy for many local residents who now have until May 15th to apply. BCAC maintains three offices in Berkshire County....1531 East Street in Pittsfield, 30 Stockbridge Road in Great Barrington and 85 Main Street in North Adams.

HUMANE RACE IN WILLIAMSTOWN DRAWS OUT PEOPLE AND POOCHES (NA)

Nearly 200 people, along with 103 dogs gathered in Williamstown on Saturday morning to take part in the 13th annual Humane Race, a fundraiser for the Berkshire Humane Society. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the total amount of money raised, which includes pledges collected by some participants, was unavailable, but more than \$120,000 has been raised for the Humane Society since this event began. Those who brought dogs were allowed to participate with their pets in one of two events: a 5K Fun Run, or a 1 mile walk. Those without animals competed solo. There were no official winners, and only a couple of requirements. Dogs had to be leashed to participate.

POWNAI SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS ADDITIONAL YEAR TO DEAL WITH BUS ISSUE (NA)

The Pownal school board will seek a temporary waiver that will allow them to continue to research ways to keep their own buses. The Bennington Banner reports that the board is acting in response to Act 153, which, in the name of keeping costs down across the state, requires the supervisory union to operate all transportation. Districts that want to operate their own buses, as Pownal does, can apply for a waiver to this law, which is only available if the state can be shown that a district operating independently is more cost-effective both for the district and for the SU as a whole.

NORTH ADAMS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITY'S TOURIST BOOTH (NA)

With the closing of the North Adams office of tourism on Main Street, volunteers are especially needed for the city's tourist booth located on Union Street at the Windsor Mill. The ideal candidates are knowledgeable about North Adams and the surrounding area and enjoy talking to people. Volunteers provide directions to known attractions and offer suggestions for places to eat, hike, walk, picnic, shop, and more.

NA 05-06-15

NORTH ADAMS ISSUES BURN WARNING (NA)

North Adams Fire Director Stephen Meranti is warning residents against outdoor burns after a simultaneous brush and structure fire along the Mohawk Trail last weekend. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to Meranti, roughly 20 firefighters knocked down a fire at 2416 Mohawk Trail in the vicinity of the Western Summit late Sunday afternoon. A resident's campfire spread to a wooded area behind the house and then spread to a garage next door. Burn season in Massachusetts ended last Thursday, and a red flag warning was issued by the National Weather Service in Albany on Monday for brush fire danger. A brush fire burned about 272 acres in Clarksburg State Forest last week.

NORTH ADAMS OFFICIALS PUSH FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPLETION (NA)

North Adams School officials are pushing to get Colegrove Park Elementary School "substantially complete" by the target date of July 22nd. IBerkshires.com reports that Mayor Richard Alcombright told the School Committee on Tuesday night that things are moving along well. But he cautioned the date had been "aggressive" and there could be a delay. The date's an important factor for teachers and staff who will be moving from Sullivan School into the newly renovated former middle school. Alcombright said the move wouldn't be last minute and officials should know within the next few weeks if the date could be kept. He vowed to "keep their feet to fire" to finish on time.

THREE EARN PARKS COMMISSION SEATS IN ADAMS (NA)

A wave of incumbents were victorious Monday in an annual town election that saw only one contested race — four candidates vying for three open seats on the Parks Commission. The Berkshire Eagle reports that James Fassell, Todd Shafer and Jason Sniezak won the three parks commission seats up for grabs, leaving out Michael Meczwyor. In other notable races, Selectmen John Duval and Arthur Harrington retained their seats after running unopposed, as did Town Clerk Haley Meczwyor. The selectmen serve two-year terms.

CHESHIRE WILL LOOK EXPANING ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN (NA, P)

A citizen's petition will ask town meeting to consider increasing the Board of Selectmen to five members. IBerkshires.com reports that resident Richard Scholz gave the board the citizen's petition yesterday with 31 signatures to request that an article be placed on this year's annual town meeting warrant that will see if the voters would put an item to expand the board from three members to five on next year's annual election. Selectman Paul Astorino said he felt Scholz was doing this because he failed to get elected as selectman last year.

NORTH ADAMS SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVES COLEGROVE REDISTRICTING MAP (NA)

The North Adams School Committee last night approved a redistricting plan for the new Colegrove Park Elementary School. The plan is expected to affect about 100 children. IBerkshires.com reports that the committee modified the plan slightly to include the downtown commercial area. The redistricting plan was done by Transfinder Corp. of Schenectady, N.Y., and used boundary lines, major landmarks and current school district lines to develop the new plan.

NA 05-11-15

ADAMS FIREFIGHTERS SAVE HOME, KNOCK DOWN GARAGE BLAZE (NA)

The Adams Fire Department saved a house on Saturday when they knocked down a fire that had engulfed the garage of a home on Bob's Hill, according to Fire Chief Paul Goyette. He told the Berkshire eagle that upon arrival the fire was intense enough where the siding was actually melting off the house. Goyette said he was the first on scene at roughly 2:09 p.m., followed by 20 fire department volunteers, Adams Police Department units and Adams Ambulance workers. Responders knocked the fire down by 2:30 p.m. and the department back in service by 3:40 p.m. The garage was destroyed by the fire and the home suffered siding damage and broken windows because of the heat. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined and remains under investigation.

BRTA MEETINGS TO HIGHLIGHT EFFICIENCIES (All)

The Berkshire regional Transit Authority will continue its series of public meetings today, highlighting its service efficiencies, to comply with a regional transportation study. The general public is invited to take part and to comment. Three meetings were scheduled in all – one each in central, southern, and northern Berkshire County. The first of the three meeting was held at North Adams City Hall last Thursday. The two remaining meetings will both be held today. The first of which will take place at the Great Barrington Fire Station from 11am to 1pm and the second at the BRTA Intermodal Transportation Center in Pittsfield from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

WILLIAMSTOWN'S CABLE MILLS PROJECT HEATS UP WITH SPRING THAW (NA)

When the thaw came, dozens of workers swarmed over the Williamstown Cable Mills site and began working full-bore on moving the 61-unit, \$26 million housing redevelopment project closer to the finish line. The Berkshire Eagle reports that it was a welcome sign for a project that has been in limbo off and on since its inception in 2004. Developers with Mitchell Properties now hope to have the first of up to 200-plus residents moving into their new living spaces in December.

WILLIAMSTOWN ELECTION FEATURES FOUR-WAY RACE FOR SELECTMAN SEAT (NA)

A four-way race for a selectman's seat highlights this year's Williamstown election. Polls will be open there from 7am to 8pm at Williamstown Elementary School tomorrow. The Berkshire Eagle reports that candidates for the three-year Board of Selectmen seat are Martino Donati, Jack Noguiera, Anne O'Connor and Alison O'Grady. Thomas Sheldon has held the seat since 2009 and is not seeking re-election. All four candidates spoke in favor of encouraging small business growth, attracting young families and keeping youth in town; and creating more affordable housing. And all expressed support for some type of building project at Mount Greylock Regional High School.

NA 05-13-15

POLICE CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LEADS TO LEWIS LENT KILLINGS AT GREYLOCK GLEN (All)

Law enforcement officials continue their search of the Greylock Glen in Adams today for leads related to the case of convicted child killer Lewis Lent Jr. The Berkshire eagle reports that after a second day at the site yesterday, officials would only say the effort will continue "on a smaller scale" today. Police have yet to reveal what precipitated the new activity related to the 20-plus year-old case. On Monday, state police officials would only say that "recently developed information suggested that area be searched."

NORTH ADAMS PLANNERS APPROVE SHARED ARTISAN SPACE (NA)

A new collaborative artist venture is expected to open on Main Street North Adams, by the end of June. IBerkshires.com reports that the Maker's Mill, a textile and paper shared-creative space, was approved on Monday night by the Planning Board to open at 73 Main Street, in the former I've Got Goodies chocolate shop, owned by Scarafoni & Associates. The Planning Board also approved the first steps in reorganizing the city's zoning ordinances, with a recommendation to the City Council. Once the board and City Council jointly approve that, the next phases will be actual modifications.

NORTH ADAMS MAN WHO CHASED BEAR WITH HATCHET IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY (NA)

A North Adams man was put into protective custody late Monday after he chased a bear through the woods with a dull hatchet near his home, according to North Adams Police. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to police, 60 year old Bradford Carpenter, of Park Avenue, apparently had a bit too much to drink before spotting the bear and giving chase. In a Facebook post that quickly went viral through the Berkshires on Monday night, the North Adams Police Department wrote that "the hatchet man" was safely in custody after he chased a bear through the woods. The post advised residents not to confront bears, but rather call the police for assistance.

SAVOY TO WEIGH BUDGET WITH \$17,415 HIKE IN SCHOOL FUNDING (NA)

Savoy Town officials will propose a fiscal 2016 budget that stays within the proposition 2 1/2 limits at Wednesday's annual town meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the Hilltown Hose Company. The \$1.74 million proposal includes few noteworthy increases other than a more than \$17,000 hike on local school funding, and a \$15,000 appropriation for veteran's services.

O'CONNOR ELECTED TO SELECT BOARD IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

Anne O'Connor received more than half the votes cast in the four-way race for a single three-year term on the Williamstown select board yesterday – as the town held its annual town election. IBerkshires.com reports that she received 440 votes to defeat Alison Roe O'Grady who received 141 votes. Martino Donati finished with 137 votes, and Jack Nogueira had 73. In a three-way race for two seats on the Williamstown Elementary School Committee, Catherine Keating and Joseph Johnson emerged victorious with 472 and 356 votes, respectively. Thomas Loughman was a close third with 341 votes.

NA 05-18-15

NORTH ADAMS ARTIST, BUSINESSMAN ERIC RUDD RUNNING FOR MAYOR (NA)

Now that he has officially announced his campaign to run for mayor OF North Adams, Eric Rudd is making it clear that he doesn't want to take sides. The Berkshire Eagle reports that he says he has nothing against current North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright, although he admits he would have done — and will do — a number of things differently. He says the same about former Mayor John Barrett III.

MCLA GRADUATES CLASS OF 2015 (NA)

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts awarded 417 degrees and certificates on Saturday at its 116th commencement. IBerkshires.com reports that the crowd in the Amsler Campus Center shouted and applauded as the graduates took to the stage to receive 366 bachelor's degrees, 26 masters of education, nine Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies and 16 Professional Masters of Business Administration degrees.

MOUNT GREYLOCK BUILDING COMMITTEE SEES POTENTIAL DESIGNS (NA)

The Mount Greylock Regional School Building Committee on Thursday looked at the pros and cons of nine different scenarios to create a more functional junior-senior high school. IBerkshires.com reports that as a June 4th deadline looms to submit a short list of finalists to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the committee heard a presentation from its architect and received feedback from members of the community who attended the session in Mount Greylock's meeting room.

CLARKSBURG SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT BUDGET (NA)

The School Committee on Thursday accepted the school budget of \$2,487,736 for fiscal 2016. IBerkshires.com reports that the budget reflects a 2.6 percent increase from this fiscal year. Both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee approved the budget and the number will go to town meeting.

BLUE MASS HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS (All)

Those dedicated to spiritual healing honored the police, fire and emergency medical technicians devoted to protecting the public's physical well-being yesterday evening. The Berkshire Eagle reports that area priests, led by Monsignor Michael Shershanovich, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Pittsfield, gathered at the North Street house of worship to conduct a Blue Mass. The Catholic service attended by dozens of Berkshire County law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMTs paid tribute to public safety personnel active, retired and who died in the line of duty.

BUFFIS TRIAL STARTS TODAY (GB-interest)

The federal case against former Lee police chief Joseph Buffis on extortion, money laundering and wire fraud charges gets underway today in U.S. District Court in Springfield. Buffis is accused of stealing more than \$100,000 from the Laliberte Toy Fund over a 12-year period for his personal use. A separate charge of mail fraud, alleging Buffis added personal cell phone lines to Lee's town account for his family and incurring charges of more than \$5,000 will be taken up in a separate trial.

NA 05-20-15

**NORTH COUNTY CARES COALITION ADDRESS NORTH ADAMS COUNCIL ON AGING (NA)
(Morning only)**

North County Cares Coalition members will be speaking at the North Adams Council on Aging/Mary Spitzer Senior Center this morning. The event comes as the debate continues over the need for and access to appropriate health care services to meet the needs of the residents of Northern Berkshire County following the closing of North Adams Regional Hospital. The event will feature a presentation by Nykole Roche, a researcher and associate director with the Massachusetts Nurses Association. The presentation will detail the findings of a comprehensive report on the disparities in health needs in Berkshire County, the impact of the closing of the hospital on meeting those needs and the data and rationale to support restoration of a full service hospital at Berkshire Medical Center North. The event begins at 10am at the center on Ashland Street.

BUFFIS CASE UNDERWAY YESTERDAY (GB)

The federal case against former Lee police chief Joseph Buffis on extortion, money laundering and wire fraud was scheduled to begin with jury selection yesterday. Buffis is accused of stealing more than \$100,000 from a holiday toy fund over a 12-year period for his personal use. Prosecutors say that between January 1999 and December 2012, Buffis removed about \$120,000 from the Edward J. Laliberte Toy Fund and later lied to investigators about it.

COLEGROVE PARK ELEMENTARY WON'T BE READY FOR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (NA)

The North Adams Colegrove Park Elementary School will not be completed in time for the first day of school. The Berkshire Eagle reports that construction delays have moved the "substantial completion" date from July 22nd to August 16th, and an opening date in the fall has yet to be determined, according to Mayor Richard Alcombright. The August date will not give enough time for crews to furnish and test the building's facilities before the school year starts on September 2nd. But the project remains on target financially, and a delayed opening won't delay a redistricting plan that school officials approved earlier this month, according to Alcombright.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE RUDD HAS CREATIVE VISION FOR NORTH ADAMS (NA)

Well-known North Adams artist and developer Eric Rudd says he has the solutions for the city's woes. IBerkshires.com reports that Rudd believes his experiences as an artist, traveler, author, real estate developer, teacher and nonprofit leader will gel well with the needs of the city. There is process and regulations, he said, but he's sure he can make dramatic changes in the way North Adams operates right out of the gate. He's already grabbed the web address of www.northadamsmayor.com for his campaign.

NA 05-20-15

DRUG CHARGES, THEFTS NET 2 1/2 YEARS IN JAIL FOR HINSDALE MAN (NA, P)

A Hinsdale man was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in jail yesterday for a series of theft and drug-related crimes committed in 2013 and 2014. 29 year old Jeffrey Paris of Washington Road, was arrested on April 30 after a major drug investigation, collaborated on by federal, state, and local authorities over a span of several months, turned up evidence that he was a frequent buyer of heroin and cocaine, according to police. Paris also pleaded out on four other open cases against him, all of which revolved around a larceny or theft between 2013 and 2014.

WILLIAMSTOWN PASSES PLASTIC BAG BAN BY-LAW (NA)

Town meeting in Williamstown has passed bylaws to ban the distribution of single-use plastic bags and polystyrene food containers at retail establishments. The Berkshire Eagle reports that vby a vote of 205-81, town voters passed Article 41 on the annual town meeting warrant that called for the ban on single-use bags and a mandatory fee of 10 cents per paper bag distributed by local retailers. Voters then passed a companion bylaw aimed at polystyrene packages by a voice vote. But first, town voters rejected a proposal by the Board of Selectmen to refer both of the proposed bylaws to committee.

SAVOY LINES UP MONEY FOR ROAD REPAIR (NA)

Hurricane Irene may be slowly fading from memory in many Berkshire communities, but not for the residents of Savoy. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the August 2011 storm, which dumped more than 9 inches of rain on the town, wiped out a section of Black Brook Road — a key route connecting Route 2 with Savoy center and neighboring areas. The road has been closed for nearly four years now, and officials say they've finally lined up enough funding to rebuild it.

POWER OUTAGE CAUSED BY RACCOON (NA)

A large portion of the northern Berkshires was hit by a power outage yesterday morning. National Grid says that a raccoon that made its way into a sub-station in Adams. National Grid Spokesperson, Danielle Williamson said the outage affected more than 18,000 customers across the northern Berkshires, including North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Cheshire, Florida and Hancock. The outage lasted longer than two hours.

NA 05-26-15

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED COUNTY-WIDE YESTERDAY (All)

The cities of Pittsfield and North Adams, and most towns around the Berkshires, north and south, held parades, ceremonies or both in observance of Memorial Day yesterday, in honor of all veterans who died defending America. The Memorial Day ceremonies were held throughout the county and country. The day also included the placing of flowers at memorials of war veterans. Memorial Day was started during the Civil War in 1868 to honor those who died during the nation's deadliest conflict.

BERKSHIRE BANK ACQUIRES BOSTON-AREA FINANCIAL FIRM (All)

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, the bank's holding company has announced that it has reached a definitive agreement to purchase privately held Firestone Financial Corp. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the longstanding commercial specialty finance company will become an operating subsidiary of Berkshire Bank. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions, which are expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2015.

CHESHIRE & SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREE TO BETTER COMMUNICATIONS (NA)

Selectmen, Adams Cheshire Regional School Committee members, and district administration agreed that the recent budget compromise was not handled properly and agreed to stronger communication in the future. IBerkshires.com reports that the Selectmen had said they felt as though the district was not communicating with them and keeping them out of last-minute budget negotiations with Adams after finding out that the certified school budget was altered after Adams moved \$93,000 from its municipal budget to the schools to avoid an override. Superintendent Kristen Gordon apologized to the Selectmen last week during a joint meeting with the School Committee and the Selectmen. She said things just moved too fast.

WILLIAMSTOWN CON COMM OKS RESTORATION PLAN FOR WAUBEKA (NA)

The Williamstown Conservation Commission has approved a restoration plan for a portion of denuded riverbank at Waubeeka Golf Links. IBerkshires.com reports that at its May 14th meeting, the commission reviewed a plan developed by a wetlands scientist from Guntlow & Associates and reviewed by officials at the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Guntlow's Megan Myers appeared at the meeting to represent Waubeeka owner Michael Deep, who also attended the session. Commissioner Henry Art had some specific concerns about details in the plan, but the commission voted to approve an enforcement order subject to further discussion between Art and Myers.

ADAMS FREE LIBRARY REDEDICATED (NA)

Library trustees, staff, friends and patrons celebrated the completion of renovations to the 116-year-old Adams Free Library with a rededication ceremony on Saturday. IBerkshires.com reports that Library Director Deborah Bruneau thanked all those involved in the eight years of exterior and interior renovation. Along with the various other speakers, Bruneau unveiled a plaque dedicated to Ron Bishop, a former trustee and library patron who helped make the library what it is today. Bishop passed away in 2006.

NA 05-28-15

CLARKSBURG TOWN MEETING OKS BUDGETS, BORROWING FOR ROAD WORK (NA)

Clarksburg Town meeting last night voted overwhelmingly to fund the reconstruction of Horrigan Road. Voters gave authority to the select board to borrow \$65,000 to address culvert issues and to take out \$235,000 next year for the road project. IBerkshires.com reports that the second article appropriating \$58,000 from free cash into a new Department of Public Works stabilization fund passed 35-0. The third, which transferred some \$230,000 passed 36-0. The meeting was sparsely attended. Only about three dozen voters were on hand to determine the 25 articles on the annual town meeting warrant. Also approved were the school budget of some \$2.4 Million, and a town budget of more roughly \$1,358,000, and an assessment of about \$296,000 to McCann Technical School.

LOCAL PILOTS PROVIDED AID DURING CLARKSBURG BRUSH FIRE (NA)

North Adams Airport Manager William Greenwald said because of the helpfulness of local pilots during the recent brush fire in Clarksburg, the city may purchase aviation handheld radios. IBerkshires.com reports that he told the airport commissioners recently that many pilots were able to fly police, firefighters and Mayor Richard Alcombright over last month's brush fire to give them a vantage point. Aviation radios would cut down on disturbances and background noise and allow the planes to better communicate to ground crews. Greenwald said there are many pilots who be more than willing to donate their time and fuel to aid the city whether it be an emergency or just observation.

NORTH ADAMS POLICE PERSONNEL COMMENDED FOR LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS (NA)

Three members of the Police Department were publicly commended at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. IBerkshires.com is reporting that officer's Ben Austin and acting Sgt. Jason Wood and dispatcher Arthur Filkins were recognized for their actions in saving the life of an 85-year-old woman. The two officers, guided by Filkins, responded to the scene ahead of the ambulance to find the elderly woman choking. They immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver and were continuing to remove the food blockage when ambulance personnel arrived. Police Director Michael Cozzaglio said their actions showed their "level of commitment to the community."

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS POINT (All)

The Berkshire County unemployment rate fell more than a full percentage point in April to drop under five percent for the first time in seven years. According to figures released on Tuesday by the state Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, the local rate fell 1.1 percent, from 6.0 percent in March to 4.9 percent. According to the Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, the last time Berkshire unemployment was as low as 4.9 percent was in October 2008. The previous local low since then had been 5.3 percent last October.

NA 06-02-15

ADAMS CRASH RESULTS IN OUI CHARGE (NA)

A North Adams man was cited for operating while under the influence following a two-vehicle crash yesterday on Howland Avenue in Adams. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 63 year old Daniel Demarco was cited for OUI and for failing to use care in starting and turning, after he allegedly drove out of the Bounti-Fare parking lot and struck a passing Jeep. There were no reported serious injuries as a result of the crash occurred just before 6:30pm. According to police, the crash resulted in damage to the front end of Demarco's Mazda hatchback and to the side of the Jeep. The name of the other driver was not immediately available.

VICTIM IDENTIFIED IN FLORIDA FATAL CRASH (NA)

The victim in Saturday's fatal car crash in the town of Florida has been identified as 65 year old Richard Bean, of Conway. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to the Greenfield Recorder, Bean is a former selectman in the town of Conway. He was pronounced dead at the scene after his car crashed into a flatbed trailer that was parked off Route 2 near Brown's Garage about 7:30am, according to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office. There were no passengers in the vehicle.

JOSEPH BUFFIS TRIAL UPDATE (GB – Interest)

Joseph Buffis' sister in-law admitted on the stand yesterday that a letter she wrote in Buffis' defense and statements she made before the grand jury were inaccurate. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Susan Wheeler testified for the defense in Buffis' trial on federal extortion, fraud and money laundering charges. Buffis, the former Lee police chief, is on trial for allegedly stealing about \$120,000 from the Edward J. Laliberte Toy Fund during the approximately 12 years he ran it, lying to investigators about it, and coercing a Lee couple into donating \$4,000 into it in exchange for pending charges against them being dropped. His attorney said that Buffis is only guilty of being an incompetent bookkeeper. The trial is continues today. Closing arguments are tentatively scheduled for tomorrow.

PRICE OF GAS REMAINS UNCHANGED (All)

The price of a gallon of gasoline in the state remains unchanged, and is still well below the national average. AAA reports self-serve, regular remains unchanged from last week at an average of \$2.66 per gallon, 9 cents per gallon lower than the national average.

STEEPLE CATS WILL OPEN SEASON A WEEK FROM THURSDAY (NA)

The North Adams Steeplecats are getting set to get their 2015 season underway, and they'll be playing for first-year manager Mike Armstrong. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the team has already had their opener postponed – having supposed to play at Laconia on Thursday night, but the game was moved to Thursday, July 9th. The local high school is in the New Hampshire playoffs and has a home game that night. The SteepleCats will open there season now on Friday night at Keene and play its home opener against the Valley Blue Sox on Sunday afternoon.

NA 06-04-15

\$25,000 BAIL SET FOR MAN HELD IN BERKSHIRES ON VERMONT FUGITIVE CHARGES (NA)

A Vermont man wanted in his home state for aggravated domestic assault and drug charges will remain held on \$25,000 bail after his charges in Berkshire Superior Court are dropped by prosecutors. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Evan Cox, of Springfield, was arrested in March 2014 during a raid at a Pittsfield apartment by members of the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Pittsfield Police Department, Berkshire County Drug Task Force and the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Squad.

CDR PRESENTS TREE CITY USA AWARDS TO FOUR BERKSHIRE COMMUNITIES (All)

Department of Conservation and Recreation Deputy Commissioner, Matthew Sisk, presented the Arbor Day Foundation's 2014 Tree City USA Award to 83 Massachusetts communities yesterday for their dedication to urban forestry management. The presentation was held at Hampshire College in Amherst. The City of Pittsfield – and the towns of Great Barrington, Sheffield, and Lanesborough were among the more than 60 cities and towns that were given the award. A Tree Line USA Award was given to utility provider National Grid in recognition of the company's practices in utility arboriculture. Both programs are sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation.

MCCANN GRADUATES CLASS OF 2015 (NA)

The graduating class of McCann Technical School was encouraged to remember its roots and dream big last night. The graduation was held at the Amsler Campus Center at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. IBerkshires.com reports that 114 students of the class of 2015 marched across the stage to be presented diplomas by School Committee Chairman Thomas Mahar and Superintendent James Brosnan.

SPORTS CARAVAN AWARDS WINNERS (All)

AM1420 WBEC in Pittsfield held its annual Sport Caravan Awards Dinner last night at the Crown Plaza in Pittsfield. The evening recognized the achievements of Berkshire County high school athletes and coaches. Several awards were given out deserving recipients. The Female Athlete of the Year Award went to Lucy Barrett from Mount Greylock High School. The Male Athlete of the Year Award went to Chad Shade of Pittsfield High School. Both Athletes of the year were also presented with scholarships from Pittsfield Cooperative Bank. Eryn Brewer, swimming coach at St. Joseph High School, was named the Coach of the Year in a Female Sport, and Don Disbrow, Wahconah High's hockey coach, was named Coach of the Year in a Male Sport. Also given out last night were MVP Awards for each individual male and female sport. Finally, the John Codey Official's Award was presented to Ed Ladley.

MASSACHUSETTS TAX COLLECTIONS UP MORE THAN 13 PERCENT IN MAY (All)

Massachusetts collected more than \$1.8 billion in taxes in May, a jump of \$214 million — or 13.2 percent — compared with last May. Department of Revenue Commissioner Mark Nunnally said a surge in withholding collections is largely responsible for the increase in revenues along with greater than expected income tax payments with returns and bills. With one month to go in the 2015 fiscal year, total year-to-date collections of more than \$22 billion are \$1.2 billion — or 5.9 percent — above that of a year ago and \$389 million above predictions.

NA 06-09-15

EXTORTION CHARGE HAS JURORS AT ODDS (GB- INTEREST)

Jurors returned with a question, but no verdict, in their second full day of deliberations yesterday in the trial of former Lee Police Chief Joseph Buffis, who stands accused of stealing roughly \$120,000 from the Edward J. Laliberte Toy Fund over an approximately 12-year span, lying to investigators about it and coercing a Lee couple into making a \$4,000 donation to it in exchange for charges against them being dropped. Shortly before 2 p.m., jurors notified the Judge that they had not reached a decision on the first charge — extortion — and asked for guidance on how to proceed. They were told that they could move on to the other charges against Buffis and afterward, come back to the disputed charges. Buffis faces a total of 11 counts; one of extortion, three of wire fraud and seven of money laundering.

CHAIR AUCTION TO BE BIGGER THIS YEAR (NA)

This year the Youth Center's Chair Auction in Adams will expand this year and will include different kinds of furniture and an artist walk down Park Street, where the chairs will be displayed. IBerkshires.com reports that Executive Director Youth Center Sonia DiSanti said the Youth Center has teamed up with Pro Adams to create a fundraising event that envelops the community even more than years prior.

CONGRESSMAN SAYS ELECTRICS RATES THREATEN BERKSHIRE COUNTY (GB, All)

Rising electric rates could threaten the local economy and federal and state lawmakers are seeking a long-term strategy to reel those costs in. So says U.S. Rep. Richard Neal. IBerkshires.com reports that Neal and the 4th District's U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III visited Onyx Specialty Papers in Lee yesterday morning to see how those rates are impacting area businesses. Neal said Onyx could hire for an additional 70 jobs if energy costs were lower.

CONCERTS AT WINDSOR LAKE KICKS OFF ON JUNE 10 (NA)

The concerts at Windsor Lake in North Adams are back again for another summer of music and family fun. This year's extended season series kicks off tomorrow and runs every Wednesday at 6:30pm through Sept 2nd (excluding August 12 for the Downtown Celebration). The concerts combine great music vibes with the beautiful natural backdrop of Windsor Lake. Concert goers should bring blankets or chairs. Concessions will be available, but people are welcome to bring their own food. Limited quantities of beer and wine are also allowed. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are allowed at the lake. Rev Tor kicks off the concerts tomorrow night. The music will begin at 6:30pm.

GAS PRICES UNCHANGED FROM LAST WEEK (All)

Gas prices have leveled off, remaining unchanged from last week. AAA says self-serve, regular is selling for an average of \$2.66 per gallon. That's 9 cents lower than the national average and 98 cents lower than the in-state, per-gallon average from a year ago, but still 2 cents higher than a month ago.

NA 06-11-15

TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATES TO INTERVIEW AND MEET AND GREET (NA)

The public is invited to meet the two finalists for the Williamstown Town Manager position at a social hour from 5:30 to 7pm this evening at the Williams Inn. Jason Hoch has been the Town Administrator for Litchfield, New Hampshire since 2010. He was previously Town Manager in Plaistow and Littleton, New Hampshire. Angus Jennings currently owns and operates A.G. Jennings, a planning, zoning and real estate consulting firm in Concord, Massachusetts. He has previous experience in town government including being the Town Planner for Marshfield and Director of Land Use Management for Westford. The Selectmen will then interview the candidates individually tomorrow at 9:00am and at 12:00pm. The process will be broadcast live from Williamstown Town Hall on WilliNet-TV.

NORTH ADAMS FISCAL 2016 SPENDING PLAN VOIDS USING RESERVE FUNDS (NA)

A proposed fiscal 2016 spending plan in North Adams won't use any of the city's reserve funds and only eliminates one position. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Mayor Richard Alcombright on Tuesday presented the draft \$38.59 million budget to the City Council. The budget represents an increase of \$840,453, or 2.23 percent, over the current year. It calls for elimination of a part-time job in the city clerk's office. The council referred the budget and the compensation and classification plan to the Finance Committee, which will review both at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16th. The council would the vote on the budget at its June 23rd meeting.

NORTH ADAMS MAN FACING FOURTH OUI CHARGE AFTER MISHAP (NA)

A North Adams man is facing a fourth operating under the influence charge after allegedly knocking down a street sign last week on the traffic island near Marshall Street and St. Anthony's Drive. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 62 year old Walter Karl, of Yale Street, was driving erratically about 10 a.m. on June 2nd when he attempted to turn at the intersection, striking down a sign in the process, according to police. Karl was held on \$1,000 cash bail after pleading not guilty to charges of operating under the influence of liquor, fourth offense, and leaving the scene of property damage.

NEARLY \$11K RAISED FOR NOAH'S FAMILY (NA - interest)

A day after 8-year-old Noah Brown of Adams was struck and killed by a vehicle in front of his house, the details about the accident remain few, but support for the boy's family has been plentiful from the Northern Berkshire community and beyond. The Berkshire Eagle was reporting that a GoFundMe.com web page set up by former classmates of the boy's mother, Kayla Pierce, generated nearly \$11,000 in the first 19 hours of the campaign. That figure has risen to more than \$14,000 now. Noah and another child were trying to cross East Road to go to Noah's home around 3 p.m. on Tuesday when Noah was struck by a motor vehicle. The other child was not injured. Authorities have declined to identify the driver, who stopped at the scene.

LANESBOROUGH TOWN MEETING APPROVES BUDGETS, REJECTS PIPELINE, DOCKS BYLAWS (NA, P)

A total of 277 residents attended town meeting in Lanesborough this year. IBerkshires.com reports that the annual town meeting on Tuesday adopted the town's \$10.4 million budget nearly as proposed, including the Mount Greylock Regional School assessment. Voters also adopted a resolution to oppose the proposed natural gas pipeline and rejected new docks bylaws.

NA 06-15-15

WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN PICKS NEXT TOWN MANAGER (NA)

It took the Williamstown Board of Selectmen months to find the right person to be the next town manager. IBerkshires.com reports that the Selectmen on Friday voted unanimously to offer the job to Jason Hoch, currently the town administrator in Litchfield, N.H., south of Manchester. The Williamstown board picked Hoch after interviewing him and the other finalist for the position over the course of five hours. Pending successful negotiation of a contract with the town, Hoch is in line to succeed the highly regarded Peter Fohlin, who has served the town as its manager for 15. Fohlin announced his intention to retire this winter.

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL RAISES \$12,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITY (All)

The First Annual Berkshire Craft Beer Festival and Charity Chug Run 5K, held on June 6th in Pittsfield, was apparently a great success. Event founders Jim Bronson and Matt Mottor said that the event was able to raise \$12,000 for the Fenn Street Community Development Corporation in Pittsfield, which aids the less fortunate of the city with meals and a food pantry. The non-profit also helps those in transition – and operates the HuB Youth Center on North Street in Pittsfield. Many local businesses helped to support the festival, and the local media including Gamma Broadcasting radio stations, Live 95, WBEC, WUPE, WNAW, and WSBS helped to spread the word. Over 1,200 people attended the event, and organizers counted 220 runners that took part in the Charity Chug Run.

EXCELSIOR PRINTING DIVISIONS JOIN WITH CONNECTICUT COMPANY (NA)

Excelsior Printing North Adams is shifting two of its operations to Integrity Graphics in Windsor, Conn. IBerkshires.com reports that Excelsior Printing and Seed-Print will be joining Integrity as of today, according to CEO and owner David Crane. The deal has been in the works for several weeks and employees had been notified there were changes coming. Sales and services will remain in North Adams and the company's other two divisions under Excelsior Integrated — Fulfillment and the Oatmeal Studios Greeting Cards — will continue at the Valley Mill in Lee.

BOARD OF HEALTH WARY OF PLASTIC AND STYROFOAM BAN ARTICLES (NA)

The Adams Board of Health will urge town meeting members to reject a plastic bag and Styrofoam ban articles because of lack of information. IBerkshires.com reports that Big Y representative David Smith met with the Board of Health to discuss Articles 32 and 33, which were placed on the warrant via citizen's petition and ban plastic bags and Styrofoam, and the impact it will have on business. He said the plastic bag ban, as written, will create problems for his store, which uses bags not considered reusable by the articles standards. He also said that the 25 cent charge for a bag in the article is too expensive compared to other communities that have adopted similar bans, and he thinks this extra amount will be difficult for many Adams residents to pay.

NA 06-17-15

ECU-HEALTH CARE CHIEF STEPPING DOWN IN SEPTEMBER (NA - INTEREST)

Charles Joffe-Halpern, executive director that Ecu-Health Care, is stepping down on September 1st. The Berkshire Eagle reports that he will be succeeded by Karen Baumbach, who is currently Ecu-Health Care's director of programs. The 65 year old Joffe-Halpern said he is leaving the company to explore other options. He says that after what he called an exciting 20 years, it was time for a transition and a fresh look. Joffe-Halpern has been the executive director of Ecu-HealthCare since the organization began in 1995. Ecu-Health Care was initially a volunteer physician program, but it became the Northern Berkshire's primary outreach and enrollment site, and a model program for the rest of the state.

FURTHER DELAYS TO COLEGROVE PARK SCHOOL PROJECT RAISE IRE (NA)

Already behind schedule, the \$30 million renovation of the former Silvio O. Conte Middle School could be delayed by at least another month, according to the general contractor in charge of the project. The Berkshire Eagle reports that city officials are not happy about it. A partner at PDS Engineering and Construction, told the School Building Committee on Monday that a recent partial wall collapse in the gymnasium will push back the completion date to the end of September. The school was scheduled to open this fall as Colegrove Park Elementary School, replacing the Sullivan Elementary School when it opens. The initial completion date of July 22nd already had been pushed back to August 31st, ending any hopes of it being ready for the first day of school.

BATTALION HOCKEY PRIMED FOR RETURN TO NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The owner of the Berkshire Battalion says the team is ready to come back for the 2015-16 Federal Hockey League season. IBerkshires.com reports that Bill Dadds, who purchased the franchise at the end of last season, said on Tuesday that he accepts the city of North Adams' restrictions on the number of Friday night games that will be available to the second-year semi-pro hockey franchise. The Battalion also has an opening for a Friday matinee on November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. Some of the Battalion's fans took to social media to accuse the city of pushing the team out of the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink.

SOLAR PROJECT CLEARED IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

The Conservation Commission in Williamstown on Thursday last week OK'd plans for a 1.9-megawatt solar project on the town's capped landfill. IBerkshires.com reports that the commission reviewed plans for the project with an engineer from Weston and Sampson of Peabody. The engineer said that the project will include about 6,000 solar photovoltaic panels on about 7 acres of the 12-acre site.

NA 06-20-15

BERKSHIRE LEGISLATORS GATHER TONIGHT FOR EDUCATION FORUM (All)

The Annual MASC Berkshire County Legislator Forum is being held tonight at Lee Middle & High School. The forum will include discussion and conversation focused on the future of education in the Berkshires, as well as FY16 legislation having critical impacts on Berkshire school districts. More specific topics to be discussed include: Sustaining strong educational opportunities in light of constantly increasing costs, low-state reimbursement for school choice, transportation funding and declining school age population. Members of the Berkshire Legislative Delegation will be on hand including Senator Ben Downing, and State Representatives Gailanne Cariddi, Paul Mark, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Smitty Pignatelli. The forum begins at 6pm.

PAVING ON TWO NORTH ADAMS STREETS TODAY (NA)

Motorists in North Adams should be aware of a paving project taking place beginning today. North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright says that paving of both Brown Street and Demond Avenue starts this morning and should be completed by the end of the week. There may be possible road closures on the two streets until 4:30pm for the duration of the project. People are encouraged to find alternate routes of travel during the work hours throughout the week.

NORTH ADAMS CITY COUNCILOR RAISING LOCAL AWARENESS OF APPALACHIAN TRAIL (NA)

Hundreds of hikers pass through the city of North Adams while hiking the Appalachian Trail every year, but many residents don't even realize it's here. The Berkshire Eagle reports that City Councilor Joshua Moran is hoping to increase awareness of the historic trail, promote its use and foster a more welcoming community for hikers. He has spearheaded an initiative to have the city recognized as an Appalachian Trail Community, a status from nonprofit Appalachian Trail Conservancy designed to recognize communities that promote and protect the 2,180-mile trail. Great Barrington has held the status since 2010. Some 90 miles of the trail pass through Berkshire County, entering the state in Sheffield and ultimately passing over Mount Greylock. About five miles pass through North Adams.

WORK SET TO BEGIN ON BERKSHIRE SCENIC RAILWAY IN NORTHERN BERKSHIRE (NA)

Work on the Berkshire Scenic Railway is set to begin. All that is need now is permission to begin the work on rehabilitation of the railroad. And that word is expected any day now. The Berkshire Eagle reports that purchase agreements are expected to be finalized any time now that will transfer ownership from Pan Am Railways to the state Department of Transportation. The money for the purchase of the rail line and the work — \$4.5 million — was released in late March. The Berkshire Scenic Railway will run an 8-mile round trip from just behind the Brien Center on American Legion Drive in North Adams to the old Renfrew Station in Adams. Estimates show that the scenic rail line could initially attract as many as 10,000 riders annually.

NA 06-20-15

NORTH ADAMS KICKS OFF ANNUAL FIREWORKS DONATION DRIVE (NA)

The city of North Adams is calling on local businesses and members of the community to help support this year's fireworks display, which is again scheduled to take place at Noel Field Athletic Complex after the SteepleCats' home game on Saturday, July 4th. The show in North Adams is one of the largest in Berkshire County, drawing thousands of viewers from the capital region of New York State, southern Vermont and all of Berkshire County. Contributions are tax-deductible and all donors – large and small – will be acknowledged by iBerkshires.com and The Berkshire Eagle.

POWNAI SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSES SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (NA)

Pownal Elementary School's maintenance director, Kevin Davis, on Wednesday outlined several maintenance projects he hoped the board would fund over the summer. The Bennington Banner reports that Davis said the first project on his list was a blacktopping project, which would cost about \$12,000. However, he said, it could be done in two sections, to space out the expense, but doing it all at once would save the school about \$850.

RESTORED AND RENOVATED MOHAWK TAVERN OPENING RIGHT ON TIME (NA)

After nearly a year of restoration and renovation, the Mohawk Tavern is set to open — just days before thousands of music fans flood North Adams for Solid Sound 2015. The Berkshire Eagle reports that first established in North Adams in the 1930s and shut down in 2013, the Mohawk Tavern was purchased by developer Moresi and Associates in 2014 along with the rest of the Mulcare Block at 30 Marshall St. The Tavern is set to begin business on Monday, while adjacent Italian restaurant Grazie and six residential rental units upstairs will open in the fall.

NA 06-29-15

NORTH ADAMS' COLEGROVE SCHOOL MAY OPEN IN NEW YEAR (NA)

It could be the start of the New Year before the new elementary school open. IBerkshires.com reports that a date for Colegrove Park Elementary School's completion is unknown at this point. Construction delays led the general contractor to put the "substantial completion" date of the \$29.7 million project nearly a month later than scheduled. That date is also uncertain at this point. Architect Margo Jones said there's more work beyond a "substantially complete" date before the school can be occupied. The School Committee has already decided to move forward with redistricting for the beginning of the school year.

BATALLION LEAVING NORTH ADAMS ANYWAY (NA)

Less than two weeks after saying the Berkshire Battalion would return to North Adams for the 2015-16 season, the club's new owner said on Friday that he is taking it to Connecticut or New York. IBERKSHIRES.COM reports that Owner, Bill Dadds says he will provide bus service for several games, however It is unknown whether the North Adams fan base will enjoy a bus ride to Danbury, Conn., or Brewster, N.Y., the two towns Battalion owner Bill Dadds identified in a text on Friday - answering a request for comment.

WILLIAMSTOWN ECONOMIC PANEL HEARS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES (NA)

Williamstown's Economic Development Committee got an earful from the business community on Thursday. IBerkshires.com reports that parking for brick-and-mortar businesses, better Internet service for companies that want to do business online and less red tape for all were some of the common concerns at a forum hosted by the committee. Committee member Stephen Sheppard says it's a serious problem and a constraint to business.

HEMOCARE WORKERS AGREE TO \$15 GOAL BY 2018 (All)

Home care workers in the state from Boston to the Berkshires say a newly agreed upon contract extension with the state will make them the first in the nation to receive a \$15 an hour starting wage. According to 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, which represents 35,000 home care workers, the personal care attendants planned a picket Tuesday to protest their contract terms but instead will hold a celebration outside the State House in Boston Tuesday afternoon. According to the Baker administration, the agreement will deliver a 30 cent per hour raise on July 1st with the "mutual goal" of establishing a \$15 per hour wage in 2018. The one-year agreement calls for parties to restart contract talks by January 1st, 2016, according to state officials, who cited a new "pathway" to the \$15 an hour goal.

SOLID SOUND ATTENDED WELL (NA)

The Solid Sound Festival was held over the weekend bringing a lot of traffic into the city of North Adams. The Berkshire eagle reports that despite the rain and chilly temperatures, attendance at the final day of the band Wilco's Solid Sound Festival topped 7,000, which is a greater number than was counted in 2013, the last time the festival was held at Mass MoCA.

NA 06-23-15

BRIEN CENTER UNION VOTES TO STRIKE ON JULY 6 (NA, P)

Some 350 union workers at the Brien Center have voted to go on strike on July 6th if contract negotiations fail to resolve pay and benefits issues. IBerkshires.com reports that center officials say they will be meeting with a federal mediator on June 30th and plan to continue operations at the mental health and substance abuse agency should the strike occur. Service Employees International Union 509 and Brien Center management have been at a stand-off since last September. Workers held informational pickets outside the Brien Center's offices in North Adams and Pittsfield in March. SEIU representatives say the strike could result in the closure of the nonprofit agency, affecting the health care of thousands of county residents.

BIG Y RECALLS BOTTLED SPRING WATER FOLLOWING POSSIBLE E. COLI CONTAMINATION (All)

Big Y is one of several companies voluntarily recalling bottled spring water products produced by Niagara Bottled Water at its Pennsylvania manufacturing facilities between June 10th and 18th. According to the recall notice issued by Big Y, the recall is due to the possible presence of E. coli. No complaints of injury or illness have been associated with this recall at this time.

ADAMS TO WEIGH \$14.3 MILLION BUDGET, 6 PERCENT HIKE FOR SCHOOLS (NA)

Adams Officials hope to pass a \$14.3 million budget, including the full funding requested by the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District, at Tuesday's annual town meeting. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the town spending plan, an increase of about \$323,000 over last year's budget, calls for the elimination of the town health inspector position and two additional staff reductions through attrition. The budget still includes a 6 percent increase in assessment to the school district, even after the Cheshire voters last week rejected a Proposition 2 1/2 override on the school funding.

NORTH ADAMS MAN ALLEGEDLY TOOK MEDS LEFT BEHIND AT BIG Y (NA)

A North Adams man has been accused of taking a bagful of prescription medications that were accidentally left behind at a Big Y checkout by the caretaker of a mentally ill man. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to a probable cause report filed by North Adams Police Officer Brad Vivori, 28 year old Francis Albis Jr. was allegedly captured in store security footage looking into a bag of prescription medication left near the bagging station by a previous customer before adding it to his own groceries on June 8th. Albis was released on personal recognizance yesterday after his arraignment in Northern Berkshire District Court on charges of class E drug possession and larceny over \$250. He is due to reappear in court on July 3 for a pretrial hearing.

WILLIAMSTOWN PIZZA SHOP CLOSED BY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (NA)

The new proprietor of Colonial Pizza in Williamstown said on Friday that he is not sure when the business will be able to reopen. IBerkshires.com reports that according to Steven Peltier, the pizza shop in Main Street's Colonial Plaza was closed last Thursday when its equipment was seized by the state Department of Revenue because taxes not paid by the shop's former proprietor, Constantine Anagnos. A member of the Anagnos family said over the weekend that the family is working to get a payment plan in place with the state.

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ISSUES AND NEEDS REPORT



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Public Service Locally Produced Programs

WNAW PRODUCES TWO 30 MIN WEEKLY PROGRAMS CALLED “COMMUNITY INSIGHT” AND “SPOTLIGHT” ALLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEADERS TO CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION WE PRESENT “INFO-TRAK” , A WEEKLY SYNDICATED PROGRAM WHICH INFORMS OUR AUDIENCE OF NATIONAL ISSUES OF CONCERN.

“WNAW SPOTLIGHT”, Airing Mondays 8:30-9 AM.
Interviews with local newsmakers on topics of interest to the community.

- 4/6: UCP Berkshire County; Christine Singer and 2 cast members from Berkshire Olde Tyme Review.
- 4/13: Amanda Chilson, Mass in Motion; Mayor’s Fitness Challenge
- 4/20: MS Support Foundation Gala; Judy Bombardier
- 4/27: 2015 Northern Berkshire Relay for Life—Sharon DeMyer Nemser & Stephanie Bosley
- 5/4: North Adams Steeplecats—Dan Bosley & Jonah Bayliss
- 5/5: Letter Carriers Food Drive—(Al Nelson, Valerie Schwarz & Gary Ghidotti)
- 5/8: Berkshire Chamber of Commerce Expo—Danielle Thomas
- 5/11: Goodwill Industries (North Adams)—Recycling & Employment programs
- 5/12: Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum; Colleen Janz, Exec. Dir.
- 5/15: Berkshire Craft Beer Festival; Jim Bronson / Matt Mottor;
- 5/19: Ecu-Health Exec. Dir. Chip Joffe-Halpern
- 5/25: MEMORIAL DAY
- 5/26: Sweetbrook Open House
- 6/1: Berkshire Craft Beer Festival; Jim Bronson / Matt Mottor
- 6/8: Amanda Chilson, Mass in Motion; Mayor’s Fitness Challenge Midway Update
- 6/16: Cheryl Truskowski, Berkshire Humane Society; “Woofstock”
- 6/22: North Adams Public Library Director Mindy Hackner & Youth Services Director Kim DiLego; Summer Reading Programs
- 6/29: Sharon DeMyer-Nemser, Stephanie Bosley & Pat Decker; ACS Northern Berkshire Relay for Life Recap

WNAW COMMUNITY INSIGHT Interviews with local officials and representatives. Thursdays 8:30-9 AM; rebroadcast Sundays at 8 AM

- 4/16: Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire District State Rep.
- 4/23: Krista Abel, The Humane Race, fundraiser for Berkshire Humane Soc'y.
- 4/30: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright
- 5/7: Mass MOCA's Summer Season; Jodi Joseph
- 5/14: Adams Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco
- 5/21: Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire District State Rep.
- 6/4: Suzy Helme, North Adams Dir. Of Community Events—Summer Events
- 6/11: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright
- 6/18: Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire District State Rep.
- 6/25: Williamstown Chamber of Commerce Interim director Sandra Thomas; Summer activities in Williamstown

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, APRIL-JUNE, 2015

Show # 2015-14 4-5-15
Date aired: 4-5-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Elizabeth Dunn, PhD, behavioral scientist, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia, co-author of *"Happy Money: The Science of Smarter Spending"*

Dr. Dunn's research found that people can significantly improve their happiness if they change the way they spend money. She said material things like luxurious homes or new gadgets provide much less happiness than experiential purchases like trips or concerts. She said spending money on other people provides a bigger happiness boost than almost any other expenditure.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Mental Health

Length: 8:07

Eric Caine, MD, John Romano Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Professor of Neurology, co-director of the Center for the Study of Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester Medical Center

Suicides among middle-aged Americans have increased dramatically in the past decade. Dr. Caine said the rate among white men and women in that age group jumped 40 percent, while it was essentially unchanged for most other racial groups. He said the recession and mortgage crisis may be an important factor in the increase. He added that Baby Boomers seem to have higher levels of depression than other demographic groups. He talked about potential warning signs for those at risk of suicide.

Issues covered:
Suicide
Mental Health
Substance Abuse

Length: 9:07

Adam Barry, PhD, Assistant Professor of Health Education, University of Florida

Dr. Barry conducted a study that found that two in five designated drivers had been drinking before getting behind the wheel and that 18% had blood-alcohol levels high enough to impair their driving skills. He outlined the potential reasons that designated driver education campaigns have been less than successful.

Issues covered:
Drunk Driving

Length: 4:56

Show # 2015-15, 4-12-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM
Date aired:

Kevin Carey, PhD, education researcher and writer, Director of the Education Policy Program at the New America Foundation, co-author of *The End of College: Creating the Future of Learning and the University of Everywhere*

The cost of college has exploded in recent years, and whole generations are sinking deeper into college debt. Mr. Carey discussed recent innovations in digital learning and why he believes that the current methods of higher education are woefully outdated. He said, more than ever, a college degree is required to secure even a middle class income for those entering the workforce, but he believes universities much be willing to adapt to online learning and other new technologies.

Issues covered:
Education
Government Policies

Length: 8:30

George King, MD, Research Director and Chief Science Officer, Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School, author of *The Diabetes Reset: Avoid It. Control It. Even Reverse It. A Doctor's Scientific Program*

Dr. King discussed the effect of diabetes on the nation's health. He said it's possible to prevent and even reverse type 2 diabetes, through appropriate lifestyle changes. He outlined the importance of diet, exercise and sleep in the prevention of diabetes.

Issues covered:
Diabetes
Personal Health

Length: 8:38

Christopher Ferguson, PhD, psychology professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Texas A&M International University

Dr. Ferguson led a study into the effects of fast food advertising on children. His research found that while advertising target at children is highly effective, parental influence can lessen the impact of commercials and help young kids make healthier food decisions. He offered advice for parents.

Issues covered:
Children's Health
Nutrition

Length: 4:53

Show # 2015-16, 4-19-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM
Date aired:

Scott Sampson, PhD, dinosaur paleontologist, Vice President of Research and Collections at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, host of the PBS Kids' television series, *Dinosaur Train*, author of *How to Raise a Wild Child: The Art and Science of Falling in Love with Nature*

Today's American children spend 4 to 7 minutes a day playing outdoors. Dr. Sampson explained why this disconnect between kids and nature is a problem that should concern parents. He offered tips for parents to help kids fall in love with nature, by enlisting technology as an ally and encouraging outdoor activities like the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Environment

Length: 10:22

David Ernst, PhD, Chief Information Officer at the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development, creator of the Open Textbook Library

The cost of college textbooks has skyrocketed in recent years, but a new trend of free or low-cost "open source" textbooks is gaining momentum. Dr. Ernst said college students could save an average of \$128 a course if traditional textbooks were replaced with the new electronic versions. He explained why this new generation of textbooks is often of equal academic value compared to traditional printed textbooks.

Issues covered:
Education
Consumer Matters

Length: 6:57

Linda Gordon Howard, attorney, author of "*The Sexual Harassment Handbook*"

Ms. Howard talked about progress in the battle against sexual harassment. She discussed how sexually inappropriate behavior in the workplace has evolved since attention was first focused on it. She believes many situations involving sexual harassment can be prevented or resolved if victims recognize what's happening and know what to do.

Issues covered:
Sexual Harassment
Workplace Matters
Women's Issues

Length: 5:13

Show # 2015-17

Date aired: 4-26-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Laurence Kotlikoff, PhD, William Fairfield Warren Professor at Boston University, Professor of Economics at Boston University, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, President of Economic Security Planning, Inc., a company specializing in financial planning software, co-author of '*Get What's Yours: The Secrets to Maxing Out Your Social Security*'

The Social Security system has more than 2,700 core rules, and ill-informed choices of how and when to sign up can cost senior citizens literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in benefits. Dr. Kotlikoff said delaying retirement is often helpful, but he also outlined several little-known Social Security benefits that frequently are unclaimed.

Issues covered:
Social Security
Senior Citizen
Government Policies

Length: 10:57

Huntington Potter, PhD, Professor, Department of Neurology and Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Potter explained why Alzheimer's disease is such an expensive disease for the nation's healthcare system. He discussed who may be most likely to develop the disease, whether things like crossword puzzles can really keep the brain healthy, and where current research is headed.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 6:14

Leigh Thomas, *"An Ordinary Journey: A User's Guide to Healing from the Abuses of Sex, Drugs, Rock 'N Roll And Attempted Murder"*

Ms. Thomas discussed her personal experience as a victim of domestic violence, including incest, rape and physical abuse. She has dealt with her trauma through hope and a sense of humor. She offered advice to others who are going trying to escape domestic violence.

Issues covered:
Domestic Violence

Length: 4:44

Show # 2015-18

Date aired: 5-3-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Jaron Lanier, computer and digital network pioneer, author of *"Who Owns the Future?"*

Mr. Lanier explained why he thinks the rise of digital networks has led our economy into recession and decimated the middle class. He said people should be compensated for sharing their personal data with massive digital networks, such as Google, Facebook, Instagram, and in some cases, even the government. He said he is most concerned about the younger generations of Americans who have grown up with reduced expectations of privacy and success.

Issues covered:
Economy
Consumer Matters

Length: 10:25

Nate Cardozo, staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which champions privacy rights in the digital world

Many Americans might be surprised to learn that the vast majority of new cars today contain a device that continuously monitors the driver's behavior and vehicle performance. Mr. Cardozo said his biggest concern is that consumers have no way to know what data their car is recording or how long it retains it. He explained why loss of privacy is becoming a greater issue today, and how the problem could be addressed.

Issues covered:
Privacy
Consumer Matters
Government Regulation

Length: 6:45

Rand Ghayad, visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Ph.D. candidate at Northeastern University

Mr. Ghayad led a study that found that employers frequently screen out job candidates who have been unemployed for more than six months. He found that employers showed about four times more interest in applicants out of work for six months or less, even if they had less experience and fewer qualifications than candidates unemployed for longer periods. He said job seekers must be willing to take any kind of work after a few months of unemployment, to avoid large gaps in their resume that will damage future prospects.

Issues covered:
Unemployment
Career

Length: 4:49

Show # 2015-19

Date aired: 5-10-15 Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Bruce Schneier, data security expert, author of "*Data and Goliath: The Hidden Battles to Collect Your Data and Control Your World*"

Americans' personal identity, interests and behavior are being monitored more than ever before. How concerned should we be about the loss of privacy? Mr. Schneier explained what can be done to reform government surveillance programs and shake up surveillance-based business models. He also outlined simple steps that consumers can take to protect their personal privacy.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:42

Privacy
Government Policies
Consumer Matters

Matthew Drayton, motivational speaker, author of "*Succeeding While Black: A Blueprint for Success*"

Many African-American young men find themselves in prison, in gangs, and on the streets without opportunities to succeed. Mr. Drayton shared his personal story out of poverty. He talked about the importance of mentoring, education and leadership for kids who otherwise face grim futures in the inner cities of America.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:32

Minority Concerns
Youth at Risk
Poverty

Peter Polos, MD, PhD, specialist in sleep medicine at the Sleep Disorder Center of JFK Medical Center in Edison, NJ

Dr. Polos was the lead researcher in a study that examined how electronic media affects the sleep of teenagers. He found that teens lose a significant amount of sleep by sending an average of 34 texts after bedtime each night. He offered advice to parents, on how to take control of bedtime and set limits on their child's access to digital devices.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:01

Personal Health
Youth Issues

Show # 2015-20

Date aired: 5-17-15 Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Norman Bates, attorney, expert on the prevention of sexual violence against children, co-author of "*Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth-Serving Organizations: Guidelines for Managers and Parents*"

Many parents will soon send their children off to summer camp, scouting events and sports activities. But without proper safeguards in place, these environments can provide opportunities for sexual misconduct and abuse to occur. Mr. Bates outlined the abuse prevention policies that youth-serving organizations need to implement, and the questions parents must ask to ensure that they are.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:12

Sexual Abuse
Youth At Risk
Parenting

Paul Sullivan, NY Times financial columnist, author of "*The Thin Green Line: The Money Secrets of the Super Wealthy*"

Mr. Sullivan explained why some people, even "rich" people, never find true wealth, and why other people, even those who have far less are much wealthier. He offered tips on how middle-class consumers can make better financial decisions, and come to terms with what money truly means. He said changing how Americans think about wealth can lead to more secure and less stressful lives.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:02

Maggie Cary, National Board Certified Teacher, teacher with more than 20 years of experience, founder of ClassroomTalk.com

Ms. Cary said parents of high school students can save thousands of dollars in college costs if their child takes Advanced Placement courses in high school. She explained who is eligible for the classes and how prospective students can determine if a college accepts the credits. She also outlined other benefits for students who have completed AP courses.

Issues covered:
Education
Personal Finance

Length: 5:03

Show # 2015-21-

Date aired: 5-24-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Seth Godin, workplace expert and marketing guru, author of "*Linchpin: Are You Indispensable?*"

Mr. Godin outlined the biggest reasons that employment security and the workplace have changed so dramatically in the past few years. He suggested ways for employees to increase their value to their company through creativity, innovation and risk taking. He also offered advice for bosses who must find remarkable people to give their company a competitive edge.

Issues covered:
Employment
Workplace Matters

Length: 9:28

James Goodwin, MD, a geriatrician and researcher at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston

Current medical guidelines recommend that people over the age of 50 get a colonoscopy once every ten years. Dr. Goodwin said a surprising number of patients have them more frequently. He explained why this is a risky practice, and why as seniors get older, their need for colon cancer screening actually goes down.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Senior Citizens
Government Spending

Length: 7:42

Joe Watson, management consultant who specializes in diversity, author of *"Without Excuses"*

Mr. Watson talked about the importance of diversity in corporate America and why it has been such an elusive goal. He offered advice for minority job-seekers on how to demand fair opportunities in the workplace.

Issues covered:

Diversity
Minority Issues
Workplace

Length: 4:52

Show # 2015-22

Date aired: 5-31-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Michael Schmidt, Vice Chair of Cozen O'Connor's Labor & Employment Department in New York, publisher and editor of a blog devoted to the interplay between social media and employment law

Social media blunders can cost people their jobs. Mr. Schmidt talked about 1st Amendment rights in the workplace. He explained how to decide if a social media posting may be permissible. He said it's important for employers to formulate clear rules and policies regarding social media, to protect the interests of the company while not infringing on the rights of the employee.

Issues covered:

1st Amendment
Employment

Length: 7:39

Daniel Leffler, MD, Director of Clinical Research at the Celiac Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston

Gluten-free diets are popular today, but how many people should be concerned? Dr. Leffler discussed gluten sensitivity and its close cousin, Celiac disease. He said there is no benefit if a healthy person avoids gluten and, in fact, gluten free-diets may cause nutritional deficiencies. He outlined the symptoms of gluten sensitivity and explained how it can be diagnosed and treated.

Issues covered:

Personal Health

Length: 9:20

Eric Finkelstein, PhD, health economist, co-author of *"The Fattening of America"*

Over two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese. Dr. Finkelstein believes that America's growing waistline is a by-product of our long-term economic and technological success. He said that business and policy makers need to devise strategies to make it cheaper and easier to be thin.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Government Policies

Length: 5:00

Show # 2015-23

Date aired: 6-7-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Donald Edmondson, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center in New York

Dr. Edmondson's research has discovered that nearly one in four people who suffer a stroke also experiences symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder afterwards. He discussed other life-threatening illnesses that can also result in PTSD. He said the younger a person is who experiences a

life-threatening event, the more likely they are to experience PTSD. He also talked about the potential treatments for the disorder.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Mental Health
Senior Citizens**

Length: 8:31

Kathryn Zickuhr, Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

Ms. Zickuhr led a surprising study that found that Americans ages 16 to 29 are actually more likely than older Americans to have read a printed book in the past year and are more likely than their elders to use a library. She discussed the rapidly changing landscape of technology and literacy, and how libraries have adapted.

Issues covered:

**Literacy
Youth Concerns
Technology**

Length: 8:44

Guillermo Payet, Founder and President of LocalHarvest.org, a non-profit organization that maintains a nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets and other local food sources.

Mr. Payet explained Community Supported Agriculture, where small farmers sell shares of their annual harvest to local families. The families then receive weekly deliveries of vegetables or fruit. He talked about the positive social and environmental impact of the "buy local" movement.

Issues covered:

**Agriculture
Environment
Consumer Matters**

Length: 5:02

Show # 2015-24

Date aired: 6-14-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Jon D. Miller, PhD, Research Scientist, Director of the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy at the University of Michigan

Dr. Smith's research found that 48 percent of Generation X (ages 37-48) are enrolled in continuing education courses or other job training. He explained why technology and the changing job market have made it necessary for midcareer professionals to pursue lifelong learning opportunities. He believes this is the new norm, particularly in technical fields, such as medicine, auto mechanics or information technology, and that workers will routinely return to school to stay up to date with changing technology and trends.

Issues covered:

**Education
Career**

Length: 7:26

Paul Offit, MD, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, author of book called "*Do You Believe in Magic? The Sense and Nonsense of Alternative Medicine*"

From visits to acupuncturists, chiropractors and naturopaths to the use of vitamins and supplements, half of the US population uses some form of alternative medicine. Dr. Offit said he believes that alternative medicine can be dangerous because it is an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks. He explained why alternative medicine's popularity has grown so rapidly. He said he thinks some alternative treatments do work as a result of the placebo effect, enabled by the healing powers of the human mind.

Issues covered:
Community Health
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:41

Meghan Busse, PhD, Associate Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University

Dr. Busse was the co-author of a study that found women frequently are quoted higher prices for car repairs than men. The research also found that consumers (of any gender) who do their homework about the cost of repairs usually pay less. She offered advice on how to avoid being ripped off.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:50

Show # 2015-25

Date aired 6.21-15 Time Aired: 1:30 PM

Jamin Brahmhatt, MD, Urologist, co-director of the Personalized Urology & Robotics Clinic at South Lake Hospital, in affiliation with Orlando Health

Dr. Brahmhatt's organization commissioned a survey that found that far more men can remember their first car than those who can remember when they had their most recent health checkup. He discussed the reasons why an annual checkup is so important and the reasons that men avoid trips to the doctor. He also offered advice to wives who want to encourage their husbands to make health a greater priority.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Men's Issues

Length: 7:26

Lori LaCivita, PhD, industrial and organizational psychologist

Thanks in part to older workers working past the traditional retirement age, four generations of workers are in the workforce at once for the first time. Dr. LaCivita said each generation prefers different leadership and communication styles, which can trigger challenges in the workplace. She outlined strategies for managers to build strong and effective teams with a diverse pool of employees.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Senior Citizens

Length: 9:47

Ted Labuza, PhD, Ph.D., expert in food safety, Professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota

Professor Labuza discussed how to interpret the expiration dates on food labels. Many of the dates don't mean what consumers think they do. He explained how to determine whether a package of food with a past expiration date is safe to eat.

Issues covered:
Food Safety
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:09

Show # 2015-26

Date aired: 6-28-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Michael Oswald, author of "*Your Guide to the National Parks: The Complete Guide to all 58 National Parks*"

In researching his book, Mr. Oswald visited and camped in 48 of our national parks over the course of several years. He shared his thoughts on the importance of the national parks system, and offered advice for visitors regarding some of the lesser-known attractions. Based on his observations as a frequent visitor, he believes that the national park system is being managed and funded in a responsible way.

Issues covered:
National Parks
Tourism
Government Spending

Length: 8:08

Stanton A. Glantz, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Glantz published a comprehensive study of the effect of laws that ban smoking in public places. He found that the restrictions result in a rapid decrease in hospitalizations for heart attack, stroke, respiratory diseases, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He said he favors even stronger legislation to restrict smoking, because he found that the strictest laws resulted in the highest health benefits.

Issues covered:
Public Health
Government Regulation

Length: 8:57

Roxana Soto, journalist, co-founder of SpanglishBaby.com, co-author of "*Bilingual Is Better: Two Latina Moms on How the Bilingual Parenting Revolution is Changing the Face of America*"

Since the founding of the US, immigrants traditionally expected their children to embrace the American melting pot by leaving behind their heritage language and speaking only English. However, Mrs. Soto is part of a growing movement of Latino parents who want to maintain their language and cultural heritage, by encouraging their children to be bilingual. She talked about the obstacles faced by bilingual families and the benefits of speaking more than one language.

Issues covered:
Latino Concerns
Language
Parenting

Length: 4:58

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PSA KILL 4/4

As part of its 150th Anniversary Civil War Series, the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Surrender at Appomattox & Reconstruction" on Saturday, April 4th at 3pm. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/4

Clarksburg VFW Post 9144's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday at 10 AM at Clarksburg Town Field. All children up to age 12 are welcome. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/10

On Friday, April 10th from Noon-5 there will be a Red Cross blood drive at BART Charter Public School, 1 Commercial Place, Adams. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly recommended in order to ensure a shorter wait time. Donors should be 18 or older; however donors can be as young as 16 if they have completed a parental consent form, available in the main office at BART. Complimentary baked goods and other refreshments will be provided by the event organizers, BART's Class of 2016. To make your appl., go online to www.redcrossblood.org or call 743-7311, Ext. 172. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/7

Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, in collaboration with Adams Community Bank, will be hosting "College Savings Night" at the school's library on Tuesday April 7th from 6-7 PM. Families will learn how to save for your child's future. Representatives from the Bank will

have information about the 529 College Savings Plan and other savings opportunities. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/7

The Williams College Department of Music presents the Gryphon Trio on Tuesday, April 7 at 8 p.m. in Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall on the Williams College campus. One of the world's preeminent trios, The Gryphon Trio is strongly dedicated to pushing the boundaries of chamber music. Master classes featuring talented Williams music students under the guidance of the Gryphon Trio take place at 4:15 p.m. on April 7 in Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, Chapin Hall, and room 30 of the Bernhard Music Center. These free events are open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/11

Berkshire Olde Tyme Review will present "Vegas in the Berkshires" at the Robert Boland Theatre at BCC to support underfunded adult and children's programming at UCP of Berkshire County. The first show is Saturday, April 11th at 7pm followed by a matinee on Sunday, April 12th at 2pm. General Admission tickets are \$15 or 2 for \$25 and can be purchased at UCP's Pittsfield and North Adams offices, or Lapiante Appliance in Williamstown. For more info visit www.ucpberkshire.org or call Kristen Baker at 413-442-1562, ext. 24. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/14

Culinary expert Anne Willian will present "The Cookbook Tree of Life: An Overview of the History of Cookbooks Through Four Centuries and Half a Dozen Languages" at Williams College on Tuesday, April 14. This event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Griffin Hall, room 7. It is free and open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/10

On Friday April 10th, the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's monthly forum will focus on creating an age friendly county. The forum will be held from 10am to Noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams (please use the Eagle Street entrance). The organizers of the Friendship Center Food Party on Eagle Street ask you to please

bring a healthy non-perishable food item for donation to the party. For more information on this forum, please contact Amber Besaw, at 663-7598, or e-mail abesaw@nhbccallton.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/14

The Adams Town Election is coming up on May 4th and the deadline for voter registration is 8 PM Tuesday April 14. The Town Clerk's office at Town Hall is open Mon-Fri 8:30-4 and will be open until 8 PM on April 14th. Residents may also enroll at the Registry of Motor Vehicles office. To register to vote in the town you must be 18 by Election Day, an Adams resident and a U.S. citizen. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/14

Composer David Lang will give a lecture titled "The Secret History of "the little match girl passion", a Pulitzer Prize winning work that he composed in Williamstown, and its connection to Williams College. It'll be on Tuesday, April 14, at 4:15 p.m. in Room 30 of Bernhard Music Center on the Williams College campus. This lecture is free and open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/16

Want to know how to train your brain—and why it needs it? Come to the North Adams Public Library on Thursday April 16 at 6 PM for "Megathinking for 21st Century Success" with Mary Fennessey Ferron, PhD. For more info call the Library at 662-3133, check out www.napllibrary.com or find them on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/18

PopCares will hold a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale and 50/50 raffle on Sat, April 18th from 4-7 PM at the Eagles Hall, 515 Curran Highway, North Adams. Tickets are \$5/person and take-outs are available. Dinner is FREE for those who have battled cancer and for children 5 and under. For tickets and info call 413-281-1094, check out www.popcares.org or find them on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/10

Berkshire County Kids' Place hosts its 10th annual 5K race and 2nd annual 1 Mile Color Fun Run this Saturday April 11 in Pittsfield. Registration 8:30 - 10 AM. 5K Race starts at 10 AM, the Color Run at 11. Help support the fight against child abuse. For more info contact Laura at 413-499-2800 Ext. 14 or email lbaran@kidsplaceonline.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/9

MCLA will continue its spring semester Green Living Seminar series on climate change at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday, April 9, with a lecture by bird expert Dr. Jennifer Stirk, manager of the Citizen Science program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She will speak on "Citizen Science and Climate Change" in the Sammer Dennis Room (218) in Murdock Hall. This event is free and open to the public. Green Living Seminars will continue on Thursdays through April 30. For more info, visit www.mcla.edu/greenliving or contact Dr. Dan Shustack, 662-5301. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/11

The BOUTIQUE will be open this Saturday, April 11 at Stamford Community Church, 9-Noon. This month it will feature gently used spring clothing, small household items. Proceeds go to benefit the missions; everyone welcome! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/19

Dr. Matthew McConnell will unveil his new, German built harpsichord in a recital at First Baptist Church, 131 Main St., North Adams. It'll take place on Sunday April 19th at 7 PM. Suggested donation is \$5. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/11

As part of its 150th Anniversary Civil War Series, the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present "The Nation's Tribute to Abraham Lincoln" on Saturday, April 11th at 3pm. Published only a few months after Lincoln's assassination, it is an illuminating portrait of the outrage, concern and grief of those who lived through the ordeal.

Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Info: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/18

The Williams College Dept. of Music presents the Williams Percussion Ensemble on Saturday, April 18. There will be a pre-concert talk at 7:15 PM in Room 30 of the Bernhard Music Center, and a concert titled "Transients" at 8:00 p.m. in Chapin Hall on the Williams campus. These free events are open to the public. For info go online to www.music.williams.edu or call their concert hotline: 413-597-3146. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/17

The Friday, April 17, meeting of the Northern Berkshire Interfaith Action Initiative will feature a discussion about preparations for the upcoming Letter Carrier Food Drive, which will be held on Saturday, May 9. The meeting will be held at 10 AM at the First Baptist Church of North Adams. (Please use Eagle Street entrance). Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mark at 664-0130 or email northernberkshireinterfaith@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/28

Applications are now being accepted for Williamstown Elementary School's Side By Side preschool program for the 2015-16 school year. Openings are anticipated for 3 and 4 year olds in the morning, afternoon and full-day sessions. Children need to be 3 on or before Aug. 31 of this year to be eligible. If more people apply than there are available slots, a lottery will be held on April 29th. For more info or to apply, please contact Williamstown Elementary School at 458-5707. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/24

Online registration is now open for the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation's annual Park Serve Day, Saturday April 25 at parks across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including Mt. Greylock State

Reservation. Volunteers will help DCR to spruce up park facilities, clean and maintain trails, plant flowers, and more! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/30

Drury High School invites current and prospective students, staff, parents and community members to celebrate the successes of the 2015 school year on Thursday April 30th from 6-8pm at Drury High School. Come to "Destination Drury: The Doorway to Your Future" and see student work, including the world premiere of the 2015 Drury Lip Dub, and get to know the school community. Light refreshments will be available and transportation provided from several locations. For more information, email mmecznyer@napsk12.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/11

Registration is now closed for the BART school's fundraiser, "Get BART Smart". But even if you won't be there Saturday night you can still bid on some incredible silent auction packages. Go online to www.bartcharter.org, click on "News and Events" and look for the "Get BART Smart" tab for item descriptions and bidding info. E-mail bids must be in by Noon this Saturday. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/16

Northern Berkshire Youth Hockey League invites kids age 4-16 to the Peter W. Frotee Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams, to "Skate Up!" and try hockey for free! "Skate Up!" with the Northern Berkshire Black Bears on Sunday, April 12 from 5-7 PM, Tuesday, April 14 from 7:30-9:30, and Thursday, April 16 from 7-9 PM. No registration is necessary. Helmets and skates are required. Skates are available for rent at the rink. Early registrations for the 2015-16 Northern Berkshire Black Bears hockey season will also be accepted during the Skate Up! sessions. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/13

On Monday April 13th between 4-7 PM, when you visit McDonalds on Union St., North Adams, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Josh Bressette Commit to Save a Life, Inc. This is a non-profit organization committed to helping people right here in our community

recover from heroin addiction. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/11

Sullivan School's 7th grade Boston Trip Spaghetti Supper fundraiser is this Sat. 4-7 at the North Adams American Legion. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and kids under 13. They're available from Sullivan School students and staff, and at the door. There will also be a bake sale and 50-50. All proceeds go to support the 7th Grade's educational trip to Boston. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/22

North Adams Public Library will host a program on Spring Planting with Jennifer Munoz, on Wednesday, April 22, at 10:30 AM in the NAPL Youth Services Department, 2nd floor. Kids will be able to decorate pots and plant Impatiens seedlings to be replanted in the warmer weather. The program is suitable for ages 3 to 12—the little ones 3 to 6 must have adult assistance. For more info call Kim at the Library: 662-3133 Ext. 14. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/3 **NOTE: Correction on final session date**

Elder Services of Berkshire County's Money Management program presents: "AARP Foundation Finances 50+", a free financial literacy program. It'll be at the Harper Center in Williamstown from 2:30-4 PM on May 4, 11, and 18, with the final session June 1. They are open to everyone age 50 or older, but you must attend all four sessions. Pre-registration is required by calling Bonny at 499-0524 or 1-800-544-5242. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/20

As a result of a friendly football wager between the Clark and the Seattle Art Museum, Albert Bierstadt's epic painting "Puget Sound on the Pacific Coast" has come to the Berkshires for a special presentation. The nearly 5-by-7 foot painting will be unveiled in the Clark's galleries at 1 pm on Friday, April 17 and will remain on view through July 19. To celebrate its arrival and to commemorate Patriots Day, the Clark will offer free admission to all visitors sporting New England Patriots or Seattle Seahawks gear on Monday, April 20. If it's

happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/23

Williams College will host a 90-minute panel discussion on "Women in Africa", on Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM in Hopkins Hall Room 002, on the Williams campus. The discussion is aimed at celebrating African women and the role they play as catalysts of positive change within and outside of Africa. For more information contact Nicole at (413) 346-3041, or email ns6@williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/19

There will be an All U Can Eat Breakfast sponsored by Naomi Chapter #17, this Sunday April 19 from 8-11:30 AM at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. Priced at \$7 for adults and \$4 for Children under 10, the menu lists Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon Sausage, French Toast, and Pancakes, with their Special Pancake of the Month - Peach Melba! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/20

A reminder for Patriots Day, Monday: All BRTA fixed route bus service will be running on their regular schedules Monday April 20. However, the Administrative Offices will be closed that day. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/1

The season's series of interpretive programs and events at Mt. Greylock State Reservation has begun. Each Thursday this month at 11 AM there will be a Bradley Farm hike, a nice and easy 1.8 miles. And on Saturday at 2 PM you can explore the balance of nature while custom crafting your own puzzle, with Nature's Balance. Meet at Visitor's Center for both events. For more info call Jude at 413-499-4262. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/4

The North Adams Public Library will offer genealogy classes with Alan Dwyer Horbal, Genealogist. Classes will be at 10 AM each Thursday in May in the 3rd floor community room. You need to be computer literate with a valid e-mail address, and register by Monday May 4. To sign up or for more info call the Library at 662-3133 Ext. 13 or go to www.naplibrary.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/23

On Thursday, April 23, playwright, performer, feminist, and activist Eve Ensler will present a talk titled "Ending Violence Against Women: The Next Rising Years" at Williams College. The event will take place on the Mainstage of the '62 Center at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For tickets, call the box office at (413) 597-2425, Tuesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., or reserve them online at www.62center.williams.edu/box-office. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/25

Join DCR park staff and other volunteers for Park Serve Day at Mt. Greylock, Saturday, April 25, from 10-1. Meet at 10am at Mount Greylock State Reservation Visitor Center on Rockwell Rd. to work on the spring cleanup and the freshening up of trails, leaf raking and removal of invasive species. Some hiking may be involved. Bring a lunch, water, gloves and wear appropriate work clothes and footwear. Hand tools are provided. Recommended for ages 10 and up. For more info call (413) 499-4262. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/25

The Friends of Milne Public Library will hold its 27th annual Book Sale Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, at the Williamstown Elementary School gym, 115 Church St. Hours are Friday, 9-6 and Saturday, 9-4. Plenty of books for everyone starting at 50 cents, a new Bergain Vintage table, silent auction, and of course the Friends Café and Bake Sale, offering coffee, lunch and home baked goods. There's also a "Winner's Choice Raffle" of an iPad Air, iPad mini 3 or Samsung Galaxy Tablet S10.5. Tickets are available now at the library and at MountainOne Bank, which is sponsoring the raffle. Volunteer workers or bakers can still sign up at the Library at 1095 Main St., Williamstown, by calling 458-4639, or by emailing

yois.boocksale@milnelibraryfriends.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/22 ("Say-KOO' Sun-dee-AH-tah")

For the 5th time, MCLA Presents! will present the Sekou Sundiata Evening of Spoken Word and Poetry at 6 PM Wednesday, April 22, at MCLA Gallery 51, 51 Main St., North Adams. Hosted by jazz musician Craig Harris, the evening will feature the work of local high school students, MCLA students and alumni and spoken-word artists in the community. Suggested general admission is \$5. Admission is free for MCLA students and "MCLA Presents" members. Tickets may be reserved by calling 662-5204. For more info call 664-8718 or visit www.mcla.edu/presents. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/5

Williams College's "Tuesday Teas" series is back. On three consecutive Tuesdays from April 21-May 5, faculty authors will discuss their most recent publications and reflect on the writing, creating, and publishing processes. Each tea will consist of a 20-minute presentation followed by a Q&A session, and will take place at 4 PM in the Class of 1987 Forum, Sawyer Library, level 1. All of the events are free and open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/21

The North Adams Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held Sunday April 26th at Boston Seafoods. Luncheon at 1PM; for reservations please contact the Museum at 664-4700 by April 21st. Meeting at 2; program at 2:15, both free and open to the public. To insure seating please call or email nahs@bn.net. Guest Speaker Josh Colon on the "Art & History of North Adams Banknotes". If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/28

A spaghetti dinner to benefit Drury H-S Baseball will be held on Tuesday April 28 from 4-7 at Bounti-Fare, Route 8 Adams. Enjoy spaghetti with sauce, meatballs, salad and garlic bread. Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door, eat in or take out. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/29

North Adams Kindergarten and Pre-K registration and screening will take place on April 30 and May 1st at the Johnson School Building, 21 Williams St. by appointment. To schedule an appointment for kindergarten call 664-7512. Must be 5 by August 31st to register for kindergarten. To schedule an appointment for Pre-K for any North Adams child who will be 4 by August 31st, call 664-4159. Parents with three year olds with a suspected disability or concern can call Linda Hurbut at 664-4159 for screening. **During April school vacation, 4/20-24, call 776-1666. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/26

Peter A. Cook VFW Post 9144, Clarksburg will hold a pancake/French toast breakfast on Sunday April 26 from 7-11. It'll be at the Post, 144 River Road with parking at Town Hall across the street. The breakfast will benefit the Town of Clarksburg Town Hall Façade Fund. The veterans Honor Roll memorial is located there. Cost is \$7 per person. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/25

The Friends of Milne Library are holding their annual used book sale April 24 (9am-6pm) and 25 (9am-4pm) at the Williamstown Elementary School. There will be thousands of books and media items, a silent auction of special books, a vintage book table, and a Winner's Choice raffle of an iPad or Samsung tablet. You can eat breakfast or lunch at the Friends' cafe, or purchase tasty snacks at the bake sale. For more information, call 458-4639, 458-2276, or visit www.milnelibraryfriends.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/25

On April 25, the Pittsfield Family YMCA and the Northern Berkshire YMCA are celebrating Healthy Kids Day with a free community event for kids and families in the surrounding area. In North Adams, the Northern Berkshire Y's event will take place from 10-Noon Saturday and will feature the MCLA Dance Company, open swim, basketball, an obstacle course and parachute games. Pittsfield's event runs from Noon-3. For more information, contact Northern Berkshire YMCA at

663-6529 or www.ymcamb.org. Pittsfield Family YMCA's number is 413-499-7650, online at www.pittsfieldfamilyymca.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/27

Take a minute and sign up now for the 2015 Mayor's Fitness Challenge, North Adams versus Pittsfield. If you live or work in North Adams or Pittsfield you can register at www.naffitnesschallenge.com. Visit the North Adams Mayor's Fitness Challenge page on Facebook for more information. The first 150 people will receive free drawstring bags donated by the rehabilitation department at BMC and if you register by April 27th you'll receive a free MFC t-shirt. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/1

C.T. Plunkett Elementary School will be holding Kindergarten registration for incoming children Friday, May 1 from 8:30-2:30 in the school's office, 14 Commercial St. Adams. Incoming children must be five years old by August 31 of this year. Parents registering their children must bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence. Please call the office at 743-0876 with any questions. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/7

Northern Berkshire Relay for Life team Soul's Sisters will host a Vendors Fair May 2 and 9 from 11 AM-2 PM at the Adams Ale House, 8 East Hoosac Street, Adams. Many product vendors will be on hand, there will be lunch available and raffles and more to benefit the Relay and the fight against cancer. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/7

There will be a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Saturday May 9th at 5:30, in the Eagle St. room at the First Baptist Church, Main St. North Adams. Dinner will include appetizers, baked stuffed chicken with all the trimmings and dessert, plus entertainment by "The Chaik Lady" Jenn Madigan. Tickets are \$12/adult, \$7 for children 6-12 and free for those 5 and under. Available at the Church office or following Sunday worship. Please call Peg at 413-652-7469 or Dale at 664-6351 with

any questions. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/9

Mill City Productions presents "A Bright New Boise" by Samuel D. Hunter. Showtimes are Fridays, May 1st & 8th at 8pm, Saturdays, May 2nd & 9th at 8pm, and Sundays, May 3rd & 10th at 2pm. Performances will be held at the Mill City Theatre in Building 4N (next to the Visitor's Center) of the Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by visiting www.millcityproductions.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/31

The North Adams SteepleCats of the NECBL will be playing ball at Joe Wolfe Field starting in early June and the team is looking for host families. For more information call 413-822-0167 or e-mail steeplecats@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/2

The annual meeting of the Adams Historical Society will be held this Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall of the Adams Free Library. All members of the historical society, as well as the general public, are invited to attend. Eugene Michalenko, local historian and president of the society, will present the program "Reminiscing Adams." A brief business meeting for the election of directors and reports on recent accomplishments and future plans will precede the program. Refreshments will be served. Memorial Hall, on the Library's 2nd floor, is handicap accessible by the elevator entrance on Maple Street. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/2

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present: "Long Live the ..." - Life Spans in Nature on Saturday May 2nd at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will investigate the long and the short life spans in nature. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in

building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/2

The BOUTIQUE will be open this Sat., May 2 at Stamford Community Church from 9-Noon. Spring and summer clothing and toys will be featured this month. Proceeds go to benefit the missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/4

Adams voters will be able to get a free ride to the polls on Election Day, Monday May 4 through the Adams Council on Aging van service. Rides can be arranged by calling the Adams COA between 10am-2pm, at 743-8333. Voting hours in Adams Monday will be from 7 AM-7 PM at the DPW Garage, 92 North Summer St. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/15

On Friday, May 15th at 6pm there will be a Paint & Sip Fundraiser to benefit Josh Bressette Commit To Save A Life, Inc. It'll be at the North Adams American Legion, with art instruction by Michelle Iglesias of Berkshire Paint & Sip. Cost is \$35; all painting materials included. Proceeds will be used for Commit To Save A Life - Kids Summer Camp Scholarships. To reserve your seat go to www.berkshirpaintandsip.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/7

The BRTA will host 3 public meetings to highlight service efficiencies to comply with the Regional Transportation Study. One of those will be in North Adams, on Thurs., May 7 from 11AM-1PM in the 2nd floor conference room at North Adams City Hall. The others will be in Pittsfield and Great Barrington on May 11. The general public is invited to attend and provide comments. For more info call the BRTA at 1-800-292-2782. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/9

The Williams Percussion Ensemble presents Alaskan composer John Luther Adams' "Strange and Sacred Noise", a 70-minute immersion in the deep resonance of drums, gongs, marimbas and sirens, on Saturday, May 9 at 4 pm at the Clark Art Institute. The performance will be held outdoors around the reflecting pool. In the event of rain, the event will take place Sunday, May 10 at 3 pm. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/7

The Rosary Society/Catholic Daughters of the Americas May Banquet will be on May 17 at 1 pm at Boston Seafoods. Your choice of Turkey with stuffing and mashed potatoes, Eggplant parmigiana linguine or Baked scrod with pasta. \$18 per person, reservations must be paid for by May 7. New members welcome. Please call 663-6202. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/12

St. Elizabeth Rosary Society will meet on May 12 at 6pm in the Parish Center in North Adams. New members welcome. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/12

Stanford Preschool registration for the 2015-16 school year will be held on Tuesday May 12 from 5:30-6:30 PM at the Stamford School. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/13

Relay for Life BANK NIGHT is coming up Wednesday, May 13th from 6-7PM at Greylock Federal Credit Union, North Adams. Teams can drop off donations, get Relay information and pick up your T-Shirts. The Northern Berkshire Relay for Life is May 29-30" at Noel Field in North Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/30

MCLA will present the Spring semester's final Green Living Seminar on climate change this Thursday, April 30, with a lecture about "ISO New England" by Eric Wilkinson. It'll be at 5:30 p.m. in the Summer

Dennis Room (218) in Murdock Hall. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.mcla.edu/greenliving or contact Dr. Dan Shustack, 662-5301. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/30

MCLA Gallery 51 will present the Senior Art Project student exhibition, "Future Echoes," beginning this Thursday, April 30. The exhibition will include drawing, painting, collage and digital illustration. You are invited to join the artists at a free opening reception from 5 to 7 PM Thursday in MCLA Gallery 51, 51 Main St., North Adams. "Future Echoes" will run through May 24. Gallery 51 is open from 10-6, 7 days a week, with no admission charge. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/3

The 5th Annual Dancing in the Street, "Zumba for a Cure", is HERE! This Sunday from 2-6 on Main St., North Adams, the big event to help support the Northern Berkshire Relay for Life will have some new twists this year. There will be Food and Craft Vendors, a Beer Tent, a Hot Dog eating contest and Dancing to LIVE MUSIC from The BreZieastman band. There is a \$15 donation to participate in the Zumba portion of the event, but the day is open to everyone to enjoy. Be sure to check Zumba in the Berkshires Facebook page for details and updates. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/7

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday May 7th at the Greylock Community Club in North Adams. Dan Bosley will be the speaker at this month's meeting and will be talking about the 2015 Steeple Cats baseball team, their roster and their prospects for this season. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Any questions call 743-9476 or 663-9263. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/8

On Saturday, May 9 at 11 AM there will be a Photo Preservation Workshop at the Williamstown Historical Museum. Collections curator Laura Downey Stanerf will discuss different types of photographic processes and how they deteriorate as they age, and how photographs

should be displayed and stored. Plus, you'll receive an acid-free protective sleeve to help preserve one of your own photos. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/12

Join Dr. William Goodman for a discussion of how Multiple Sclerosis impacts the workplace and how the workplace affects MS. This free seminar, sponsored by the MS Support Foundation, will be hosted at the Williams Inn on Weds. May 13. It is open to patients, families, co-workers, employers and employees of those who are affected by MS. Registration begins at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served. To register call 664-2011. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

The Clark Art Institute celebrates local and regional authors with a book sale and series of author and artist talks. The sale takes place Thursday, May 7 through Sunday, May 17 (closed Monday, May 11) from 10 am-5 pm in the Clark Center, West Pavilion. A wide selection of approximately 2,000 titles will be discounted by up to 80% off list price. Six local artists and authors will discuss their work in a series of free public talks on May 7-8 and May 12-15, starting at 3 pm in the Clark Center, West Pavilion. For more details, visit www.clarkart.edu/booksale. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/29

As part of the Northern Berkshire Relay for Life, Progressive Palette will conduct a FREE 1-hour painting class for Relay registered survivors on Saturday, May 30th from 10-11AM in the Main tent at Noel Field. Preregistration is required to paint, so please call Sharon at 413-822-1087.

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PSA KILL 5/7

The Fuel Assistance application deadline has been extended! If you qualify for fuel assistance you now have until May 15th to sign up and receive a discounted rate of up to 25%. You could save a significant amount on your cooling costs this summer. An Open House will be held on May 7 from 8-6 at the BCAC North Adams office, 85 Main St., 2nd Floor. Contact BCAC for more info on the Fuel Assistance program at 663-3014. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/8

The next Northern Berkshire Community Coalition Forum will be on Friday, May 8. This forum will discuss plans for opening a teen center in North Adams. The forum will be held from 10am to Noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams (please use the Eagle Street entrance). The organizers of the Friendship Center Food Pantry on Eagle Street ask you to please bring a healthy non-perishable food item for donation to the pantry. Call 663-7588 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

Berkshire Community Action Council's Spring Gala will be Monday May 18th hosted by the Williams Inn. Starting at 5 PM, you'll enjoy great food and drinks from some of Berkshire County's finest establishments, along with jazzy musical entertainment. Tickets are \$50 per person with proceeds benefiting BCAC's Emergency Services Fund and Northern Berkshire United Way. For tickets and info call BCAC North at 663-3014. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/10

The Berkshire Lodge of Masons, 62 Center Street in Adams, will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 10 from 8-11:30. All Mothers will receive a free carnation. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for Seniors, \$6 for children under 12, and Free for Children 5 and under.

Breakfast includes pancakes, waffles, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice and much more. For more info go to www.facebook.com/berkshirelodge or you can email Berkshire Lodge at events@berkshirelodge.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/9

There will be a Tupperware Party at American Legion Post 90, Route 7, Pownal VT this Sat. May 9 from 10:30-12:30. You're invited for coffee, tea or light brunch, there will be a 2015 Summer catalog with lots of new items. And hostess Colleen Demarco-Carr will have a lot of great offers and customer specials in this fund raiser for the Auxiliary to help support our veteran. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/9

The Friends of the Florida Council on Aging will hold a Mothers Day weekend "rain or shine" Giant Craft/White Elephant/Bake Sale this Sat. May 9 from 9-4 at the Florida Senior Center. Great items for sale plus 3 special raffle items: A handmade quilt, a never-used Brother sewing machine with case, and an antique handmade wash basin. Local vendors can still participate by calling the Center at 662-2811. The Florida Senior Center is just 15 minutes from downtown North Adams, on the Mohawk Trail opposite the Baptist Church. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

Dog licenses for 2015 are now available at the Cheshire town clerk's office. Fees are \$20 for unaltered animals, \$10 for those spayed or neutered. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be shown. Office hours are Tuesdays from 8:30 to 8:30, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 3. Questions: 743-1690, Ext. 22, or email: townclerk@cheshire-ma.gov. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

Volunteers are needed for the city's tourist booth located on Union Street at the Windsor Mill. The ideal candidates are knowledgeable about North Adams and the surrounding area and enjoy talking to people. Volunteers provide directions to known attractions and offer suggestions for places to eat, hike, walk, picnic, shop, and more. If

you're interested in volunteering, call Kathy Keiser at 664-4006 or email: KathyKeiser@gmail.com . If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/9

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture "If it ain't broke..." - Living Fossils in Nature on Saturday May 9th at 3pm. The program will investigate the "living fossils" in nature - creatures which have changed very little over millions of years. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/9

The National Association of Letter Carriers and Postal Workers, in conjunction with Berkshire United Way, Berkshire Youth United and Berkshire Community Action Council, will be running a Food Drive on Saturday, May 9. Letter carriers will be collecting food and personal care items for distribution to several local food pantries. Please place your non-perishable food donation in bags or boxes by your mailbox for Saturday pick up. Non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice are welcome and appreciated. NO GLASS containers, please! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/10

Hopkins Memorial Forest will host a spring wildflower and botany walk on Sunday, May 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. It will be led by Williams College Biology Professor Hank Art. The spring botany program is free and open to the public. It will begin outside the Rosenburg Center, near the entrance to Hopkins Forest, and continue along some forested trails; so good footwear and outdoor gear are recommended. Hopkins Forest, owned and operated by Williams College, is located near the Junction of Bulkeley Street and Northwest Hill Road in Williamstown. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/13

The regular monthly meeting of Court Margaret, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Weds. May 13th at 6 PM, in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center in North Adams. Guest speaker is Judy Williams from New Directions Pregnancy Support Services. A social will follow the program. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/15

The Williamstown Historical Museum is sponsoring a Historical House Tour on Sunday, May 17th from 12:30-4:30. Tickets for this year's tour are available online and at several locations in Williamstown. For tickets and info go to www.williamstownhistoricalmuseum.org . If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

St. John Paul II Parish in Adams will hold a Recycling Day fundraiser on Sat. May 16th from 9-1 in the Notre Dame Church parking lot. Electronics and air conditioners will be accepted for a minimal fee. Items with tube technology like older TVs and monitors will be charged a slightly higher fee. They will also accept small appliances, but no refrigerators, large appliances or furniture. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

There will be a car wash to benefit the Darksburg Elementary School 5th and 6th Grade trip to Nature's Classroom. It'll run from 10-1 on Saturday May 16 at Carr Hardware on State Rd., North Adams. Just \$5 per car, and there will also be a mini bake sale. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/24

Now through May 24, MCLA Gallery 51 presents the Senior Art Project student exhibition, "Future Echoes". The exhibition includes drawing, painting, collage and digital illustration. MCLA Gallery 51, 51 Main St., North Adams, is open from 10-6, 7 days a week, with no admission charge. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/29

The Town Hall Gallery in the Adams Town Hall on Park St. is hosting an art exhibit by Adams artist Donna Mae Lonetto. The exhibit will run through June 29. Adams Town Hall Gallery hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30-4. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/13

Co-sponsored by the Adams Council on Aging, BerkshireWorks Career Center will host a Job Fair on Wednesday, May 13th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Adams Visitors Center. More than 20 employers are scheduled to be represented at this event, which is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.berkshireworks.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/15

The Williams College Museum of Art presents "Plead the Fifth: Senior Studio Art Exhibition", featuring the work of five Williams College studio art majors. It opens with a free, public reception on Friday, May 15 beginning at 7 PM and it will run through June 7. WCGMA is free and open to all. The museum is located on Main Street in Williamstown and is open from 10 am-5 pm, closed Wednesdays. Beginning in June the museum will be open every day from 10- 5 and Thursdays 10- 8. For more information, call 413-597-2429 or visit www.wcgma.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/18

The Friends of the North Adams Library, will meet Monday May 18th at 3:30 pm in the community room of the Library. All those interested are encouraged to attend. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

Local Historian Paul W. Martino will lead his first historical walk of the season, a walking tour of Hillside Cemetery on Saturday, May 16. This walk will also be one of three for participants in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge. The Walk starts at the top of the hill off Brown Street at 2:30pm. Be sure to dress for the weather, wear sunblock, a good pair of walking shoes and a hat with a wide brim, carry a canteen or bottle of water and "be prepared to have your ears talked off". And feel free

to bring the kids. Rain or high wind normally cancels, but for the benefit of the M-F-C this walk will be rescheduled to Sunday the 17th in the event of inclement weather. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/14

Show off your sports trivia knowledge and help a great cause this Thursday. It's a Sports Trivia Night at the Hot Dog Ranch in North Adams, to benefit Caleb's Pitch/Caleb Jacobbe Foundation. For \$5 per player or \$20 for a team of 4, you'll play 5 rounds of sports trivia, with prizes going to the top teams. The fun starts at 8 this Thursday night. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/14

The administration, faculty and staff of Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, along with the class of 2016, are pleased to announce that the annual Junior Prize Speaking competition will be held this Thurs. at 6 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free, but donations will be graciously accepted. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

This Saturday, enjoy a spaghetti and meatballs dinner with tossed salad, Italian bread, beverage and Red Velvet cake for dessert. It's to benefit the Relay for Life team Wesley Walkers and it will be served from 5-6 PM this Saturday May 16 at Cheshire United Methodist Church, 197 Church St. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Please call Karen at 664-4851 by 7 PM Thursday to reserve your dinner. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

This Saturday, May 16 at 3pm at the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, author Harriet Isacke ("IS-key") will present her book "Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton". This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome; there will be free gifts for children. Refreshments will be served and there will be a book signing after the presentation. The museum is at 67 East Rd., Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/16

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday from 4:30-7 PM at the 1st Baptist Church, Main St. North Adams. It's to benefit the Walk to Defeat A-L-S, in memory of Mitchell Braman. Dinner is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children payable at the door. Please use the Eagle St. door. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/21

The Williamstown Water Department will continue flushing water mains from Monday, May 18 to Thursday, May 21, from 8 p.m. to midnight, weather permitting. Customers may experience cloudy water and lower than normal pressure. The Dept. apologizes for any inconvenience during this semi-annual procedure to remove sediment in the mains and check the operation of fire hydrants. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/17

The Hoosac Valley baseball team will conduct a bottle drive in Adams on Sunday, May 17 from 9am – 1pm. Players will go door-to-door to collect bottles and cans and donations are always welcome! All proceeds directly support the team. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/17

"A World of Song", music from the folk tradition, will be performed by the Berkshire Concert Choir this Sunday, May 17, at 4 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 74 First Street, Pittsfield. Guest artist David Grover will bring his unique talent and style to the concert with a set of songs from Latin America. Tickets are available from choir members and at the door for \$15; seniors and students \$12; age 12 and under free. A reception to meet the performers and artists will follow the concert. For information: www.berkshireconcertchoir.org or phone 413-442-6120. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/24

Relay for Life of Northern Berkshire Team "Sarah's Smile" will hold a fundraising event: "Tipsy Artist painting: Tree of Hope." It'll be on Sunday, May 24th from 6-9PM at Freight Yard Pub, North Adams. \$40

Cash Only the night of the event OR you may pay by check made out to Angela Macdonald before the event. Contact Angela, 413-652-2305 or email angscott@verizon.net. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/21

North Adams Public Library will be hosting a new LEGO Group, for Ages 8 and up. It will meet on Thursdays May 21 and 28 from 6-7 PM in the Library's 3rd floor meeting room. For more info contact Kim in the North Adams Public Library Youth Services Dept.: 662-3133 Ext. 14 or email: naalib@yahoo.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/23

The Cheshire Garden Club is having their annual plant sale to support a Hoosac Valley High School scholarship. It's this Sat., May 23rd, from 9-2 at Sheds 'n Stuff on Rte. 8 in Cheshire. There will be annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs for sale at reasonable prices. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/23

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "The Anthropology of War" on Saturday May 23rd at 3pm. This Memorial Day Weekend illustrated lecture will investigate why humans have always been prone to wage war by rooting out its origins in the distant past. The Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/24

There will be an All U Can Eat Breakfast, sponsored by Naomi Chapter No. 17, Order of Eastern Star, this Sunday May 24 from 8-11:30 at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids under 10 will get you Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast & Pancakes including their Special Pancake of the Month-Pumpkin/Chocolate Chip! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/24

The Trustees and Friends of the Adams Free Library will hold an Open House and Re-dedication Ceremony on Saturday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to mark the completion of renovations to the 116-year-old memorial library building. There will be a brief program at 11:00, tours will be given, there will be mini-magic shows, children's activities for those accompanied by an adult, light refreshments and yes, there will be cake. Everyone's invited. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/24

Peter A. Cook VFW Post 9144 of Clarksburg will be holding a Panckke/French Toast breakfast Sunday May 24 from 7-11 at the Post Home, 144 River Rd., Clarksburg. Donation is \$6 per person. All proceeds benefit youth activities. Parking is available across the street at Town Hall. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/25

Peter A. Cook VFW Post 9144 will be holding Memorial Day ceremonies at Clarksburg Town Hall on Monday May 25th at 9:30 AM. Coffee and donuts will be served after the event. All veterans and the public are invited. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/25

BRTA regular bus service will not be running on Memorial Day, Monday May 25. Service will resume at 5:45 am Tuesday May 26. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/23

The Meditation Group of Northern Berkshire is offering a basic meditation training session. This session is open to anybody who is interested and will be offered on Saturday, May 23 from 9:30-11AM at 85 Main Street on the third floor. There is no charge for people participating in the Mayor's challenge, and a suggested donation of \$10 for anyone else. For more info, contact John Godwin at tarbaker@yahoo.com or (413) 625-9495. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/28

On Thursday May 28, MCLA Gallery 51 will open "Two Natures: Talking," a text/image exhibition that pairs up visual artists Wilma Rifkin and Ellen Joffe-Halpern with poets Stephen Rifkin and Annie Rasikin. You are invited to join the artists and poets at a free, opening reception for this exhibition on Thursday from 6 to 8 PM in MCLA Gallery 51, 51 Main St. in North Adams. "Two Natures Talking" will run through June 21. The Gallery is open 7 days a week from 10-6. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/15

FREE morning and evening classes to prepare for the new High School Equivalency Exam (GED) are being offered through June at the Northern Berkshire Adult Basic Education program at MCLA. For more info or to enroll call 662-5314 or 662-5310. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/15

College and Career Readiness classes are being offered at the Northern Berkshire Adult Basic Education Program through the month of June. Plan your next steps: For more info or to enroll, call 662-5314 or 662-5310. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

The Williams College Museum of Art welcomes the summer season with a packed lineup of exhibitions and programs. Among them, "Warhol by the Book", the first US exhibition of Andy Warhol's book work, is on view through August 16. WICMA is on Main Street in Williamstown, open 10-5, closed Wednesdays. Starting in June (through August) the museum is open every day from 10-5 and Thursdays until 8 pm. It's wheelchair accessible and always FREE. For more information, call 413-597-2429 or visit www.wicma.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/25

American Legion Post #90's Memorial Day Service will be on Monday at 6 PM, at the American Legion on Route 7 in Pownall VT. If it's

happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/26

Williamstown Fire District will hold its annual election and meeting on Tuesday, May 26, at the Fire Station on Water Street. Polls will be open from 6 PM to 8 PM. The annual meeting to consider the District budget and other warrant articles will follow at 8:00 p.m. The Fire District is an independent government body with its own governance, budget, and taxing authority separate from the Town. All Williamstown registered voters are eligible to cast ballots and vote on the warrant. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

Storey Publishing and Hoosac Harvest are teaming up to present the fourth annual Seedling Swap on Saturday, May 30, 11am-1pm, at Storey Publishing on the MASS MoCA campus. This event will offer gardeners, both experienced and beginners, the opportunity to acquire extra seedlings for their summer gardens. To make a donation (seedlings or other) or for more information, contact Darlene at (413) 346-4471 or dandn33@msn.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

The teens of nbCC's UNITY Youth Leadership Program will host a fundraiser on Saturday, May 30 from 6-9 PM at the Elks Lodge, 100 Eagle St. in North Adams. It's to support the creation of a future new teen center. The event will include a raffle, art bar, art activities, food and live music. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students/seniors. They can be purchased from the Community Coalition office at 61 Main Street, Suite 218 in North Adams, or by contacting Adam or Jessica at 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/25

The Adams Memorial Day parade will step off at 10 AM from Valley and Columbia Streets, and will proceed along Hoosac, Summer, Center and Park Streets, concluding with the traditional ceremony at the Maple Street Cemetery. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/25

The City of North Adams will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade and ceremony on Monday. All veterans are invited to march in the parade which starts at 9:30 AM at the American Legion Post. Marchers should meet at the Legion by 9:00. Coffee and doughnuts will be served starting at 8:30. The parade will make its way from the Post on American Legion Drive to Main St. and Eagle St. before arriving at the Veterans Memorial for ceremonies. In case of rain, ceremonies will be held at the American Legion. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/28

Sweet Brook Rehabilitation & Nursing Center is holding a public open house on Thursday, May 28th from 3 to 7 PM, highlighting recent upgrades to the facility at 1561 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown. Food and refreshments will be provided by Mezza Catering. RSVPs are suggested, but not necessary. For more information, or to RSVP, call 458-8127. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

Pine Cobble School will host its 4th annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30, from 8:00 AM to Noon (or 1pm if there are still plants left). Plants are priced from \$2-\$8. Baked goods and coffee will be for sale, as well as a raffle for potted annuals. Members of the Pine Cobble community will even help carry selections to your car! All proceeds will directly benefit students at Pine Cobble School which is at 163 Gale Road in Williamstown. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

The Women's Fellowship of the North Adams First Congregational Church will hold a plant and fabric sale, Saturday, May 30, from 9 to 1 at the church, 134 Main Street. You'll find a variety of perennials, herbs, ornamental bushes, small trees, house plants and garden decorations. There will also be a wide selection of fabric for sale in a variety of materials, colors, and patterns, all at very reasonable prices. For more information call the church at 663-9940. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present "A Seedy Story" on Saturday May 30th at 3pm. This illustrated lecture takes us inside the fascinating world of how seeds work and why our survival depends on them. The Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/31

The non-profit Sand Springs Recreational Center, will host its Inaugural Big Splash Carnival on Sunday, May 31, from Noon-4 at 158 Sand Springs Road in Williamstown. The event will have an old-fashioned carnival-theme, with a dunking booth, pie-eating contest, a bouncy house, magic performances and more for kids and adults. Plus live music, and great food from local vendors. Tickets are: \$10 each or \$35 per family, available at the door or in advance online at www.sandspringspool.org. Proceeds will be used to support summer programming at the pool. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/20

Fresh Air volunteers need your help to create another fun-filled Berkshires summer for children from New York City. First-time Fresh Air visitors are 6 to 12 years old, and Fresh Air hosts range from young families to grandparents. All it takes is the willingness to welcome a New York City child to your community. For more information please contact Rachel Louis at 458-1678 or visit The Fresh Air Fund online at www.freshair.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/26

The Williamstown Farmers Market is open for the season every Saturday from 9AM-1 PM at the base of Spring Street. 26 farmers, chefs, artisans, and bakers, including some new vendors, will be offering a changing array of items to purchase this season. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

The competition team of Karen's School of Dance will hold a car wash/bake sale this Saturday from 10-1 at McAndrews King on Rte. 8, Adams. The cost is \$5 per car, and proceeds will go towards the team's trip to Nationals. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/30

POPCARES "5K IN MAY" 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk is this Saturday, May 30. Registration from 8:45 - 9:45 AM; 5K Run will start at 10:00 am and the 1 Mile Walk will begin shortly thereafter from 59 Water Street, Williamstown. Entry Fee is \$20 pre-registered, \$25 day of Run. There will be awards and refreshments, with professional timing by Berkshire Running Center. Any participant raising \$100 or more will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Gas Card. All proceeds will benefit local cancer patients and/or their caregivers in Northern Berkshire County. For more info: contact Megan at megansherman@roadrunner.com or go online to www.popcares.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 5/31

There will be a pancake breakfast to support Boy Scout Troop 88 North Adams on Sunday, May 31 from 10-2 at the Eagles on Curran Highway. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children and senior citizens. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/4

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday June 4th at the Greylock Community Club. Speaker will be Steven Roy from the North Adams Veterans Benefits Office. All veterans and/or their spouses are invited. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Any questions call 743-9476 or 663-9263. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/5

Friends of the North Adams Public Library present "Music at the Mansion", a series of free summer concerts on the lawn of the library. On Friday June 5th at 6 PM, enjoy the sounds of Colour '9. Bring a chair or blanket, maybe a picnic dinner or your dancing shoes and enjoy the show! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

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PSA KILL 6/30

Sign-ups start June 15th for "Every Hero Has a Story", the Summer Reading Program at the North Adams Public Library. Suitable for ages 3-14, the weekly programs will be every Thursday at 6:30 PM from July 2nd to August 6th, in the NAPL Youth Services Department. For more information, please call 662-3133, Ext. 14. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/13

Celebrate Frederick and Anna Douglass, their legacy and their friendship with Susan B Anthony, when the Susan B Anthony Birthplace Museum hosts author and historian, Rose O'Keefe on June 13th from 3:00 to 4:30. Refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. Children's activities are available outside in the new "Just Like Susan: Growing Young Minds" area, with care provided during the event. Ms. O'Keefe will be available for book signings at the end of her presentation. The Museum is located at 67 East Rd., Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/14

On Sunday June 14, MCLA Gallery 51 will host a poetry reading with Stephen Rifkin and Annie Raskin, from 2 to 3 PM. This event is free and open to the public—as is MCLA Gallery 51, at 51 Main St. in North Adams. Open 7 days a week from 10-6. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

The new LEGO Group for Ages 8 and up meets at the North Adams Public Library, every Thursday from 6 to 7PM in the 3rd floor meeting room at the library, 74 Church Street. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/6

The Annual Community Tag Sale and BOUTIQUE at Stamford Community Church will be this Sat., June 6 from 9-1. You'll find baked goods, a hot dog cart, lemonade stand, animals and a Chinese Auction. The BOUTIQUE will be open, rain or shine, in the pavilion. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/6

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present the illustrated lecture "Spiders!" on Saturday June 6th at 3pm. The program will crawl into the world of one of humanity's most unnecessarily feared and spine chilling creatures. Come and hear and lose the fear! The Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Info: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/6

Local historian Paul W. Marino will lead a walking tour of Hill Side Cemetery on Saturday, June 6. Covering the north section only, this particular walk was designed with children in mind and ends with a treasure hunt. It starts at 2:30 at the top of the hill off Brown Street. Dress for the weather, wear sun block, a good pair of walking shoes and a hat with a wide brim, carry some water and be prepared to have your ears talked off. Due to the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, if the walk is canceled due to rain or high winds it will take place on Sunday the 7th. For information, Marino can be reached at 413-207-1344. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/10

The regular monthly meeting of Court Margaret #629, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Weds. June 10 in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center in North Adams. A covered dish supper is planned for the evening by the officers. Guest speaker will be Judy Williams of New Direction Pregnancy Support. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/21

Now through June 21, the "PRESS: LetterPRESS as a Public Art Project" gallery is hosting "Amalgam". This show features limited edition artwork by printer and PRESS intern Jonas A. McCaffery, as well as photographs by students in Drury High School's E3 Academy program. PRESS is at 49 Main St., North Adams and is open most days 10 AM-6 PM. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/21

The Berkshire Festival of Women Writers will hold a week-long Leadership Institute for teen girls and young women ages 13-18, on July 20-24 from 1-5 PM at The Mount in Lenox. It will be led by the Festival's founding director Jennifer Browdy, Ph.D., and college senior Grace Rossman. The application deadline is June 21. For more information, visit www.berkshirerewomenwriters.org or email info@berkshirerewomenwriters.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/6

Williams College Dept. of Music invites you to the Senior Class Day Recital, Sat. June 6 at Brooks Rogers Recital Hall on campus. Doors open at 10 AM, the recital begins at 11. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/7

The Upton Lodge of Masons will hold their monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet this Sunday June 7 from 8-11:30 at the Lodge, 120 Church St., Cheshire. Donation is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children. Take out will be available. The breakfast buffets are held on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more info call Vern at 743-3874. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/10

Berkshire Diva's Quarter Auction will be on June 10th at 6pm, at The Eagles, 515 Curran Hwy, North Adams. It's a night of fun, giveaways, raffles & more! Also, a 50/50 to benefit Eva & Emma's Lemonade Stand. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/13

The North Adams Farmers' Market is gearing up for its June 13th opening market date, welcoming over 20 vendors offering a variety of local foods, plants, handmade goods, and more. Opening day will feature live music by Sandy & Sandy, a free seedling giveaway, and free health screenings provided by Berkshire Health Systems. Food trucks from Desperado's and Guys & Dogs will be there too. The Market will be open on Saturdays through October from 9 AM-Noon at St. Anthony's Municipal Parking Lot (on the corner of Marshall St and Saint Anthony Dr.). It will accept EBT cards, WIC & Senior coupons, as well as debit and credit cards. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/15

Adams Lassic League will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Monday, June 15 from 4:30-7:30 at Bounti-Fare Restaurant, Route 8, Adams. There will also be a Bake Sale, Chinese Auction and Lottery Tree raffle. Dinners are \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors & children under 10. Tickets are available through players or at the door, and take-out will be available. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/21

The State Line Car Club invites you to their Annual Father's Day Car Show at the Vermont Veterans' Home, 325 North Street, Bennington VT. It will take place on Sunday June 21st from 10-2. Admission is free. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/27

The Northern Berkshire YMCA is holding open registrations for summer Sports Camps which include the SteepleCats Baseball Camp, All Sports Camp and Swim Camp for those ages 7-14 years old. Camps are 1-week sessions during July. To register, visit the Y at 22 Brickyard Court, North Adams or call Jeremy Levesque at 663-6529. For more info, go to www.ymcanb.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/20

The Northern Berkshire YMCA is taking registrations for Camp Abenaki, the Y's summer camp at Windsor Lake in North Adams. Camp Abenaki is available for children 5 to 12 years old. Scholarships are available to

those who qualify. To register, visit the Y at 22 Brickyard Court, North Adams. Contact: Kathy Mancini at 663-6529 or email kmancini@ymcab.org . More info online at www.ymcab.org . If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/19

The Concerts at Windsor Lake are back again for another summer of fantastic music and great family fun. This year's extended season series kicks off this Weds. June 10 with Rev Tor and runs every Wednesday at 6:30pm through Sept 2nd (except Aug. 12). Bring blankets or chairs. Concessions are available, but you're welcome to bring your own food. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are allowed at the lake. For more info call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov . If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/13

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present the illustrated lecture "Who Dung It?" on Saturday June 13th at 3pm. This program will investigate why "waste is a terrible thing to waste." The Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Info: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/13

There will be a Strawberry Festival sponsored by Naomi Chapter No. 17 Order of Eastern Star. It's this Saturday, June 13, from 5-7 at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. Adults \$10. Children under 10 \$5. Enjoy Grilled Chicken, salads and Strawberry Shortcake. For tickets call: Gloria-662-2832 or Theresa-663-8353. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/22

Are you caring for someone with a cognitive, medical, physical or mental condition or disability? Berkshire County Arc is offering a free information session about its Adult Family Care Program, which is available to individuals who need help or supervision with daily living skills. It will be held at Berkshire County Arc, 395 South Street,

pitfield, on Thursday, June 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more info or to register, contact Amy at 413-464-7262, Ext. 22 by Monday, June 22. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/17

The Concerts at Windsor Lake are back for another summer of fantastic music and great family fun. This year's concerts continue this Weds. June 17 at 6:30 with Bernice Lewis. The series runs every Wednesday at 6:30pm through Sept 2nd (except Aug. 12). Bring blankets or chairs. Concessions are available, but you're welcome to bring your own food. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are allowed at the lake. For more info call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov . If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/24

The North Adams Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 9AM-1PM, welcoming over 20 vendors offering a variety of local foods, plants, handmade goods, and more. The Market will be open on Saturdays through October at St. Anthony's Municipal Parking Lot (on the corner of Marshall St and Saint Anthony Dr). It accepts EBT cards, WIC & Senior coupons, as well as debit and credit cards. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/19

The film "James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket" will be shown in MASS MOCA's Club B-10 on Friday, June 19, at 8pm. It marks the kickoff of the Lift Every Voice Festival, a summer festival celebrating the rich traditions of African-American community, arts and culture, history, and heritage found within Berkshire County and across the nation. Tickets are \$9 for the general public and \$5 for Mass MOCA members and students. Tickets and more info at 662-2111 or www.massmoca.org . If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/20

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present a Summer Solstice Astronomy illustrated lecture: "Pluto and New Horizons" on Saturday

June 20th at 3pm. This July, the space probe New Horizons will arrive at Pluto after its long 9 year journey. This illustrated lecture will take a look at what the probe hopes to discover. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/21

There will be an All U Can Eat Breakfast, sponsored by Naomi Chapter No. 17, Order of Eastern Star, this Sunday June 21 from 8-11:30 at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids under 10 will get you Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast & Pancakes including their Special Pancake of the Month --Strawberry/Chocolate Chip! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

The Drury High School Jazz Band will hold a summer fundraiser at Mingo's Sports Bar and Grille, 41 Roberts Drive in North Adams, on June 25th from 6-8 PM. Mention the band and Mingo's will donate a percentage of the evenings proceeds to the Drury High School Band Scholarship Fund, which assists former band members in college and current band members attending college camps and private lessons. Call Tom for more info: 664-4932. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

Julie Collier of Wingmasters will present "North American Birds of Prey" Thursday, June 25th at 6pm at the Adams Free Library. The program will feature various live birds of prey. Children who attend must be at least 5 years old. Registration is not required. The program will kick off the Summer Reading program, "Every Hero Has a Story." For more info, call the library at 743-8345 or visit www.readsinma.org/adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/28

Mill City Productions presents the comedy, "The Ransom of Emily Jane" by Carolyn Lane. Curtain times will be Fridays June 19th and 26th at 7pm, Saturdays June 20th and 27th at 2 and 7pm, and

Sundays, June 21st and 28th at 2pm. Performances will be held at the Mill City Theatre in Building 4N (next to the Visitor's Center) of the Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students/seniors and are available at www.milcityproductions.org or at the door. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/24

The Class of 1966 Environmental Center at Williams College is offering the community a tour of the center at 5:30 PM Wednesday, June 24. Indoor and outdoor activities for children will be offered, along with light snacks. An RSVP for the tour is appreciated and can be emailed to Michael.A.Evans@williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

The LaFesta Baseball Exchange is celebrating 25 years of youth baseball competition between teams from North Berkshire and Boston. They'll be holding a pasta and meatball fundraising dinner on Thursday June 25 from 4-7 at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish center in North Adams. Tickets are \$8, available after weekend Masses or through the parish office. There will also be a bake sale with goodies priced at \$1 each. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

DownStreet Art, a program of the Berkshire Cultural Resource Center at MCLA, returns for the season on Thursday, June 25, with a kick-off celebration from 6 to 9 PM in downtown North Adams. The evening will include permanent and pop-up gallery exhibition openings, performances, community events, and a free concert on Main Street featuring Berkshire native "Fantastic Megrito". DownStreet Art will run through Thursday, Sept. 24. For more information on events, go to www.downstreetart.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/25

On Thursday, June 25 MCLA Gallery 51 will open Vermont native Valerie Hird's exhibition, "Origin of Birds," which will run through July 26. As part of this summer's first DownStreet Art celebration that night, an opening reception will be held from 6-9 pm, at MCLA Gallery

51, 51 Main St., North Adams. This event is free and open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/4

The City of North Adams is calling on local businesses and individuals to help support this year's fireworks display, scheduled for July 4th at Noel Field following the SteepleCats game. Checks can be mailed to Office of Community Events, 10 Main St. North Adams, MA 01247, and made out to the City of North Adams. Please write fireworks in the memo line. Online donations can be made by visiting the City of North Adams website, and following the donations link on the left menu bar. Contributions are tax-deductible. For more info call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/24

The Concerts at Windsor Lake are back for another summer of fantastic music and great family fun. This year's concerts continue this Weds. June 24 at 6:30 with Colour 9. The series runs every Wednesday at 6:30pm through Sept 2nd (except Aug. 12). Bring blankets or chairs; Concessions are available, but you're welcome to bring your own food. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are allowed at the lake. For more info call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/27

Local historian Paul W. Marino will lead a North Adams Main St. Walk this Saturday, June 27. It starts at 2:30 at the west end of the street, past Subway. Dress for the weather, wear sun block, a good pair of walking shoes and a hat with a wide brim, carry some water and be prepared to have your ears talked off. Due to the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, if the Walk is canceled due to rain or high winds it will take place on Sunday the 28th. For information, Marino can be reached at 413-207-1344. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/27

PopCares is sponsoring a CRUISE-IN for CANCER Car Show and Flea Market, this Sat. June 27th from 9-4 at North Adams Airport. Flea

Market and Vendor spaces as well as event sponsorships are still available. For more info please call 413-281-1094, email popcares@yahoo.com or go online to www.popcares.org. There will be free admission and parking for spectators. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/28

Peter A. Cook VFW Post 9144 of Clarksburg will be serving a Pancake/French Toast breakfast Sunday June 27 from 7-11 at the Post Home, 144 River Rd., Clarksburg. Donation is \$7 per person. All proceeds benefit the Clarksburg Town Library Funds. Parking is available across the street at Town Hall. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/27

Join Stephen Bosco for a detailed demonstration of bike safety and maintenance. A free program is scheduled for this Sunday from 11-1 on the Ashuwillitcook Bike Trail at the Farmam's Road intersection in Cheshire. All ages are welcome, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water, sunscreen, a helmet, and your bike. For more info, or in case of inclement weather, call Jude at 413-499-4262 or email Jude.stull@state.ma.us. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/27

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present "Biodiversity ... All for One & One for All" on Saturday June 27th at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will investigate what many scientists feel is the most important concept for our species to understand - Biodiversity. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 653-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/27

Due to this weekend's Wilco Solid Sound Festival, the North Adams Farmers market will be temporarily moving from the Municipal Parking Lot to Center Street between Marshall & Holden Sts., and there will be an artisan/craft market sharing the street for the duration of the Farmers Market. The hours are the same: 9am to 1pm Saturday. In

all there will be over 30 vendors representing both local food and handmade crafts. Residents are encouraged to use the Center Street parking lot behind Mountain One Bank or walk down. For more info call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 6/28

As North Adams gets ready for another Solid Sound Festival this weekend, June 26-28, local businesses will be offering up extended hours and Solid Sound Specials. Local restaurants and retailers have teamed up with the Office of Community Events and the North Adams Chamber of Commerce for various deals and discounts, special events, a street market, and late night entertainment. For a full listing of participants visit www.explorenorthadams.com/Solid-Sound-Info. Or call 664-6180 for information. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/2

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday July 2nd at the Greylock Community Club on State Rd., North Adams. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Tickets will be available for the August 20th picnic. The price of tickets will be \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Any questions please call 743-9476 or 663-9263. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/1

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