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COMMUNITY ISSUES IN THE 4TH QUARTER OF 2015

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

DISPATCHERS FIGHTING PLAN (NA)

Adams' emergency dispatchers pushed back against the town's plans to eliminate their positions. Two out of three were eventually saved. Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco introduced a proposal last month to move the town's independent emergency dispatch services out of the Adams Police Station and into the Berkshire County Sheriff's Communications Center in Pittsfield. The full details were explained in a public question and answer session.

ADAMS MAN GETS LIFE IN PRISON FOR RAPE OF WOMAN IN 2012

An Adams man has been sentenced to life in prison for the 2012 rape of a woman whose young child was sleeping in a crib a few feet away. 42 year old Jeffrey Vigiard was found guilty in Berkshire Superior Court on multiple charges associated with the attack in a Pittsfield home. Jurors deliberated for about 7 1/2 hours over the course of two days in the nearly two-week trial, which began Nov. 4th.

\$815 MILLION INVESTED IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY SINCE 2012 (ALL)

There has been at least \$235 million in public monies and \$580 million in private investment in the county over the past three years in ongoing or completed projects – But those figures haven't translated to employment or wage increases. IBerkshires.com reports that the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission approved yesterday the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy performance report.

ALCOMBRIGHT AND BARRET BATTLE IT OUT

Mayor Richard J. Alcombright has been re-elected for a fourth term. Alcombright bested former longtime Mayor John Barrett III, winning 2,430 votes, compared to Barrett's 2,054. Of the city's total 8,689 registered voters, 4,513 turned out for the mayoral election, representing a turnout of roughly 52 percent.

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NA 10-02-15

STATE BREAKS GROUND ON WAR MEMORIAL TOWER RENOVATIONS (All – interest)

The nearly two-year restoration of the Massachusetts Veterans War Memorial Tower at the summit of Mount Greylock in Adams has begun. IBerkshires.com reports that yesterday, state officials recognized the renovation that will repair water damage and upgrade the interior spaces with a ceremony. Department of Veterans Services Secretary Francisco Urena said the \$2.3 million project restores honor to the tower. The 93-foot tall tower was constructed in 1932, opening the next year, to memorialize the state's casualties in World War I, and, later, those killed in other conflicts. It was renovated in the 1973 after being closed for 11 years, and more repairs were done in the 1990s.

WILLIAMSTOWN MAN GETS 2 YEARS IN JAIL FOR ASSAULTING WOMAN (NA)

A Williamstown man has been sentenced to two years in jail for an alcohol-fueled assault that left the victim with injuries the judge called "frightening." The Berkshire Eagle reports that 54 year old James Colbert admitted that he beat a 31-year-old woman and smashed a 40-ounce beer bottle over her head after a night of drinking in March. Colbert pleaded guilty to one count each of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery. He was given credit for 196 days of time already served in custody.

60th ANNIVERSARY FALL FOLIAGE PARADE ON SUNDAY (NA – interest)

The Northern Berkshire Fall Foliage Parade takes place on Sunday in North Adams, and this year, it's a special one. It's the 60 Anniversary edition of the parade this year and besides celebrating the rich history of the parade, Danielle Thomas from the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce says that all the Grand Marshall's from past parades are invited back this time around...

: 24 Thomas - Cue: others as well

Residents from all over the Berkshire make their way to this annual tradition. Remember, the parade itself steps off Sunday at 1PM in North Adams. You can get all the information you need on the parade at <http://www.fallfoliageparade.com>.

MASS MOCA OFFERS FREE ADMISSION AFTER FALL FOLIAGE PARADE (NA)

The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Arts is opening its galleries to the general public, free of admission, after the city's Fall Foliage Parade on Sunday — and serving free hot dogs its main courtyard. It will be the first of the museum's free days for local residents which will occur on the fourth of every month from October to June 2016.

MEDIATION PROGRAM OK'S AT ADAMS-CHESHIRE (NA)

The Adams School Committee has approved a pilot program to mediate between students, the school, and parents. IBerkshires.com reports that William Ballen, of the superintendents' roundtable and former superintendent of Mount Greylock School Union 69, explained to the committee on Monday the new program he is spearheading. He told the committee that the program has been made available through a grant received by Berkshire Housing and Mediation Services. Ballen says that he will be training independent mediators around school climate and working with staff and administration.

NA 10-06-15

NORTH ADAMS PLANNERS OK EVENTS AT GREYLOCK MILL (NA)

The North Adams planning Board has approved a special permit for interim use of the Greylock Mill, which is being renovated into food production, hotel and residential space. IBerkshires.com reports that Salvatore Perry, the development director of architectural firm Latent Productions and principal in Greylock Mill LLC, told the board on Monday that the plan was to use the 34,000 square foot "sawtooth" part of the mill's Weave Shed. The 65,000 square-foot Weave Shed from the old cotton mill runs along Route 2 for about 700 feet and will eventually hold the food production, retail and event spaces.

WILLIAMS SHARES PLANS FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION (NA)

Williams College last week laid out its plans to dramatically change its campus and heard feedback from downtown merchants concerned about the growing pains those changes might create. IBerkshires.com reports that the school's executive director for design and construction gave an hour long presentation at Images Cinema. Rita Coppola-Wallace gave an update on the status of the college's current project and a look at what's to come, including a new bookstore on Spring Street, a new science center and a new Williams Inn.

LONGTIME VILLAGE AMBULANCE LEADER TAKES SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE POST (NA)

Shawn Godfrey, who has guided the nonprofit Village Ambulance service in Williamstown through a string of crises and successes since 2002, has resigned his position as general manager and taken a field paramedic post with the Southern Berkshire Ambulance Service in Great Barrington. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Godfrey said he was offered the position in Great Barrington, and after careful consideration of what was best for himself and his family, decided he would rather be delivering emergency medical aid first hand, rather than administrating its delivery.

ADAMS: FIRE DEPARTMENT PLANS OPEN HOUSE (NA)

The Adams Fire Department and Alert Hose Company will host its annual Fire Prevention Week open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, at the fire house on Columbia Street. The event will feature a live Jaws of Life demonstration, hands-on activities, handouts, and more. This year's theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep," promotes working smoke alarms in every bedroom.

ADAMS-CHESHIRE TRIP FUNDRAISING HALTED (NA)

The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District requested that all fundraising efforts for a high school trip stop. IBerkshires.com reports that committee member Stephen Vigna requested Monday night that Superintendent Kristen Gordon ask that any fundraising for the proposed high school 2017 Costa Rica trip halt because it has not yet been approved. Teacher Tammie Shafer came before the board last week asking for official permission for the trip. Hoosac Valley Principal Jeremiah Ames said he had yet to review the trip and could not endorse it. Shafer said some of the 25 students interested have started payments and fundraising efforts have been planned.

NA 10-09-15

WILLIAMS COLLEGE SETS FUNDRAISING GOAL OF \$650 MILLION BY 2019 (NA)

Williams College has raised the bar on its fundraising efforts, announcing this week that it hopes to raise \$650 million by June 30, 2019. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the college, which has quietly raised \$374 million toward that goal since 2012, on Saturday kicked off the public portion of its campaign. The \$650 million goal is the highest in the college's 222-year history. Williams College holds an endowment totaling roughly \$2.3 billion and has already embarked on a multi-year construction and renovation effort estimated to cost more than \$278 million.

ADAMS-CHESHIRE DISTRICT PLEDGES BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CHESHIRE (NA)

The Adams-Cheshire Regional school-district School Committee is promising stronger communications with Cheshire during the upcoming and likely challenging budget cycle. IBerkshires.com reports that Selectmen met Tuesday with Advisory Board and Cheshire representatives from the School Committee to discuss the upcoming budget and challenges facing the district and town Tuesday. Selectmen Chairwoman Carol Francesconi said she wished there were stronger communications in regards to the budget and the decision to attempt to bring Lanesborough into the district.

CLARKSBURG VOTERS TO DECIDE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY FUNDING (NA)

Voters in Clarksburg will decide this month on whether to spend up to \$250,000 on a feasibility study of school options. IBerkshires.com reports that a special town meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at Clarksburg School. The last day to register to vote is Saturday, Oct. 10, by 8 p.m. \$100,000 of the funds would come from the school's stabilization account and \$150,000 from the town's stabilization account. The money would be used to hire a company to conduct a study of renovation and building options for Clarksburg School.

WILLIAMSTOWN ELEMENTARY REMAINS CLOSED (NA)

Williamstown Elementary School remains closed today to address a malfunction in the school's heating system. IBerkshires.com reports that school officials discovered an ethylene glycol spill in the school's gymnasium yesterday. Superintendent Douglas Dias emphasized that the ethylene glycol, a common component of antifreeze, was a liquid, not a gas, and that students and staff were not exposed to the chemical Wednesday. The school will reopen on Tuesday.

NA 10-15-15

POLL TIMES EXTENDED IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

City officials in North Adams have extended by two hours the window to cast a ballot during the Nov. 3 general election. The move comes after complaints from residents about short polling hours during the September preliminary election. The City Council has unanimously approved a proposal to have the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Clerk Marilyn Gomeau says that Federal elections require that the polls remain open for 13 hours, but state law only requires 10 hours for a city election. During the preliminary mayoral election, the polls were open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WOMAN IN UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS GANG-RAPE CASE FILES MULTIPLE SUITS (All)

The woman who has testified in three trials that she was gang-raped in her dorm room at the University of Massachusetts in 2012 has filed lawsuits against the four men she accused, as well as against the university and the people she says were responsible for Pierpont Hall security on the night in question. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the lawsuits were filed Tuesday – the last day she could file them under the three-year statute of limitations. In both suits, the woman demands a jury trial and that the court award her a "reasonable amount" of money, plus interest and costs.

MOUNT GREYLOCK COMMITTEE SENDS APPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL TO TOWNS (NA)

The Mount Greylock Regional School Committee has finalized a proposed change to the regional agreement that alters the way capital expenses are apportioned to member towns. IBerkshires.com reports that the committee also got the strongest indication to date that there will continue to be a Mount Greylock Regional School District. The future of the two-town district has been in question since Lanesborough town officials earlier this year began entertaining overtures from the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District.

ADAMS CONTINUES PUSH TO REDEVELOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL (NA)

Selectmen in Adams have reaffirmed their support for efforts to redevelop the former Adams Memorial Middle School as a community center and housing. IBerkshires.com reports that Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco discussed the future of the Memorial building with Director of Community Development Dona Cesan and the Board of Selectmen during a workshop meeting yesterday. After the former school was closed, the town was able to capture state funds to replace the roof. However, before the building can find permanent full use the building needs a new HVAC system.

APPLICATION DATE SET FOR GAS PIPELINE (All)

Kinder Morgan's Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. has set a date to formally file an application with federal regulators for the 412-mile, \$3.3 billion Northeast Energy Direct natural gas pipeline. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the official, 7,000-page document slated to be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on November 20th will include a 20 percent increase in the pipeline's volume capacity, a slight reversal of its move in mid-July to scale back the project. The company plans to seek approval for 1.2 billion cubic feet per day along a 30-inch pipeline, an increase from 1 billion in recent preliminary filings.

NA 10-19-15

NORTH ADAMS BLAZE LEAVES FAMILIES WITHOUT HOMES, PETS (NA)

At least four people were left homeless Saturday night after a 2-alarm fire destroyed a four-unit residence on 222-224 Furnace Street in North Adams. IBerkshires.com reports that an officer on patrol downtown first noticed the smoke billowing above Furnace Street, flames were already coming through the roof when the first firefighters arrived on scene. The building was a total loss and was demolished Sunday as a precautionary measure. The state fire marshal's office is investigating the cause. Fire Director Stephan Meranti said it appears to have begun on the exterior in the back and moved quickly up into a porch roof and into the attic.

FATALITY REPORTED IN TWO-VEHICLE CRASH IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

A head-on collision in North Adams resulted in a fatality on Friday afternoon shortly before 3:30pm near 541 Massachusetts Avenue, on Mass Avenue Extension. The Berkshire Eagle reports that police have identified the victim in the crash as 62 year old Anthony Corsi, of North Adams. Corsi was eastbound when his vehicle collided with a truck driven by 29 year old Matthew Reynolds, also of North Adams. Reynolds and three minor children who were passengers in the truck were taken by North Adams Ambulance to the Berkshire Medical Center Emergency Facility in North Adams. Their condition was not known.

WINTRY CONDITIONS DON'T CHILL FUN AT BERKSHIRE FOOD FESTIVAL (NA)

Local eateries served up a variety of cuisine on Sunday for hundreds of visitors to the Berkshire Food Festival in downtown North Adams. The previous 13 Berkshire Food Festivals had been city-sponsored events, organized this year by local radio stations: WNAW-AM in North Adams and WUPE-FM in Pittsfield. WNAW Station Manager Bob Heck was pleased with the turnout given the weather and the event being held in the fall, rather than late summer.

BERKSHIRE SCENIC'S MAIDEN VOYAGE DEEMED SUCCESS FOR ADAMS (NA)

Adams Town officials said the maiden voyage of the Berkshire Scenic Rail, launched last weekend, was deemed a success for Adams and North Adams. IBerkshires.com reports that more than 750 tickets were purchased for Hoosac Valley Service's soft opening Columbus Day weekend. The partnership between the towns and the train museum was announced in 2013 but there were delays caused by legal and operational issues. Although the track is not yet complete, Cesan said all the materials are purchased to finish the last 7/10 of a mile to Hoosac Street.

PITTSFIELD STUDEBT BRINGS GUN TO SCHOOL (All)

A small-caliber pistol and a magazine of ammunition were discovered in a Herberg Middle School locker on Friday morning, according to city officials. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the staff initiated the school's "shelter in place" protocol Friday morning after a student notified a teacher of the weapon's presence. The protocol calls for students to be held in "safe zones" — smaller-sized classrooms — with the blinds drawn. School administrators and the School Resource Officer David Orsi located the weapon, which was not loaded, and immediately turned it over to the Pittsfield Police Department.

NA 10-22-15

CRASH SENDS MAN TO HOSPITAL (NA)

Police say they are investigating what caused a Pownal man to lose control of his vehicle Tuesday on Route 7 and strike a utility pole. The Bennington Banner is reporting that according to the Bennington County Sheriff's Department, the crash occurred at 8:15 a.m. near Pownal Self Storage. The vehicle involved was a Ford Focus being driven by 33 year old John Russell. He was traveling north when he lost control of the vehicle and it went into a spin and hit the pole. Russell was treated by both Pownal and Bennington Rescue Squads and taken to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. He was then moved to Albany Medical Center. His condition was not released. The crash remains under investigation.

CLARKSBURG APPROVES FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (NA)

A special town meeting in Clarksburg on Wednesday overwhelmingly voted to fund a feasibility study of the aged elementary school. IBerkshires.com reports that the vote of 113-2 to spend up to \$250,000 to study a renovation or new building was met with applause after nearly an hour of discussion, most of it focused on assurances that the Massachusetts School Building Authority would reimburse its portion. Some voters however questioned if the town should be investing in property instead of academics and in light of talks of regionalization.

RETIRED TEACHER CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY (NA)

Retired Cheshire School teacher, Rose Graziani, celebrated her 100th birthday yesterday. And out of that century of life, more than half had been spent teaching. Graziani had spent nearly 40 years teaching in the Cheshire schools, returning to her post when her only child was ready for school. She later spent 21 years as a Lanesborough substitute teacher, retiring again at 87.

AG URGING PIPELINE REVIEW (All)

State Attorney General Maura Healey has doubled down on her doubts about Kinder Morgan's proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline project that would cut through parts of seven Berkshire communities. The Berkshire Eagle reports that on the last day of the extended public comment period for the \$3.3 billion, 412-mile pipeline, Healey urged the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to rigorously review the impact of the mammoth project before deciding whether to approve it. Her statement was filed with regulators last Friday, as she expanded on her previous demands for close scrutiny of the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline.

NA 10-28-15

WNAW NORTH ADAMS MAYORAL DEBATE YESTERDAY (NA)

The North Adams Mayoral candidates sparred in a Berkshire News Network Debate on (our sister station) WNAW yesterday. Incumbent Mayor Richard Alcombright and former long-time Mayor, John Barrett III answered questions from a panel of local media, including representatives from IBerkshires.com, The Berkshire Eagle and The Berkshire News Network. The debate seemed to focus primarily on the city's finances... and things did get contentious at times.

:20 Acombright-Barrett#1 – Cue: Sure you can...ok.

:15 Alcombright-Barrett#2 – Cue: No I'm not.

:14 Alcombright-Barrett#3 – Cue: In the Moulton debate.

This race is shaping up to be a tightly contested election night battle. Make sure you take part and vote on November 3rd. That's this coming Tuesday. The polls will be open in North Adams from 7am to 7pm.

NORTH ADAMS CUMBERLAND FARMS THIEF GETS 5 1/2 YEARS (NA, P)

The Pittsfield man who robbed a North Adams Cumberland Farms store at gunpoint last year has been sentenced to up to 5 1/2 years in prison. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 26 year old Geraldo Martell, of New Bedford, said through his attorney he robbed the store to get cash to purchase diapers and other child care supplies for his then-2-year-old son. Martell admitted he entered the store just before midnight September 10th, of last year, pointed a handgun at the clerk and demanded the cash in the register. He reached into the till and walked out of the store with about \$220 cash. Martell pleaded guilty to one charge of armed robbery with a dangerous weapon and assault with a dangerous weapon. Martell will serve his sentence at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Ceder Junction.

WILLIAMSTOWN DRUG DEALER CHARGED IN ESCAPE TRY, THREATS (NA)

A Williamstown man serving up to 17 years in prison on drug and weapons charges is facing additional time for allegedly trying to escape custody and threatening authorities. 39 year old Ernest Harvin incurred the new charges on November 10th and 14th, just days before he pleaded guilty to 13 charges including possession of heroin with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in commission of a felony. He pleaded not guilty in Berkshire Superior Court on Monday to one count of escape from a penal institution, two counts of threatening to commit a crime (murder), three counts of threatening to commit a crime (assault and battery with a dangerous weapon) and two counts of intimidation of a witness.

NA 10-28-15

GREYLOCK MILL DEVELOPERS, OFFICIALS CELEBRATE \$173,900 IN USDA GRANTS (NA)

A massive event space and a dairy production facility are coming to North Adams — all in the same building. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the developers of the Greylock Mill on Route 2 were joined by federal and local officials yesterday to celebrate two U.S. Department of Agriculture grants to the project. The total of the two grants, revised upward from an announcement last week, is \$173,900. New York City-based Latent Productions, which bought the former Cariddi Mill earlier this year, has unveiled an ambitious renovation plan for the date mill facility that includes hotel, residential, retail, food production and event spaces.

WINDS AND SOAKING RAIN FROM HURRICANE (All)

A storm drawing on leftover tropical moisture from the remnants of Hurricane Patricia is expected to dump at least two inches of rain on the Berkshires and southern Vermont starting this morning as twin storm centers from the Great Lakes approach and merge. The Berkshire Eagle reports that a wind advisory for central and North Berkshire was issued by the National Weather Service, effective from noon to midnight on Wednesday for southeast winds 20-30 mph, gusting to 50 mph. Potential hazards include scattered damage from downed trees and utility lines, which could cause power failures.

ENROLLMENT DIPS SLIGHTLY AT MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC COLLEGES (All)

Public colleges in Massachusetts reported an overall 1.8 percent decrease in enrollment this year, largely fueled by a downswing at the state's community colleges. The state's fall enrollment report showed a 1.7 percent increase at the four undergraduate campuses of the University of Massachusetts, and a drop of less than 1 percent at the nine state universities. But numbers fell by 4.3 percent at community colleges, a loss of more than 4,000 students. State officials blame a shrinking pool of high school students across the state, part of what they called a natural enrollment cycle.

STUDY KNOCKS PARCC, RECOMMENDS KEEPING MCAS AND IMPROVING IT (All)

The Board of Elementary and Education is slated to vote next month on whether the state should switch to the PARCC exam, developed by a national consortium of which Massachusetts is a member, or continue to use the MCAS test in place since the 1990s. After Gov. Charlie Baker said this month he wanted an assessment system adopted that would let Massachusetts control its own destiny, Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester and Education Secretary Jim Peyser floated the concept of new, state-developed "MCAS 2.0." The Pioneer Institute, a critic of both PARCC and the Common Core curriculum standards on which the test is based, is recommending an updated version of the MCAS system as the test of choice.

NA 11-02-15

THE BERKSHIRES TWO CITIES GO TO THE POLLS TOMORROW (NA, P)

The cities of North Adams and Pittsfield will be going to the polls tomorrow. Each city will be electing a mayor – and members of their respective city councils, and school committees. The marquee races in each city are the Mayoral races. North Adams will either re-elect Richard Alcombright or elect long-time former mayor, John Barrett III, who served the city for 26 years. In Pittsfield, voters will either elect the incumbent Mayor, Dan Bianchi or current City Clerk, Linda Tyer. The major change this election in Pittsfield is that for the very first time, voters will be electing a Mayor to a four-year term.

MASS WORKS GRANTS ANNOUNCED IN GREAT BARRINGTON FRIDAY (WNAW)

Massachusetts Assistant Secretary for Communities and Programs, Juan Vega, was in Great Barrington on Friday to announce “Mass Works” grants for 10 Berkshire towns. Vega announced the grants from the steps of the Great Barrington Town Hall, and the Berkshire News Network was there to find out what specific amounts each town would be getting. The town of Florida is among communities receiving grant money...

: 23 Vega-Florida – Cue: Florida and Savoy

This was the 6th announcement throughout the state, and it consisted of 8.6 Million dollars to 10 communities for 10 infrastructure projects. The town of New Ashford is also among towns receiving grant money.

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING BOARD SAYS KEEP WORKING ON LINKS (NA)

The Williamstown Planning Board continues to encourage the owner of Waubeeka Golf Links to work with town officials on a proposal for a zoning change that would allow an inn at the course. IBerkshires.com reports that at its most recent meeting, three members of the five-member board told Michael Deep and his attorney to sit down with Town Planner Andrew Groff and board member Ann McCallum to develop draft proposals for the board to consider at its November meeting. The board could put a bylaw before May's annual town meeting that would allow the additional use at Deep's property in South Williamstown.

MCLA PRESIDENT FINALISTS NAMED (NA)

The Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Presidential Search Committee have identified five finalists for the next president of the college. The five finalists are: Mary Alexander, Ph.D., dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Western Connecticut State University; James Birge, Ph.D., interim president at Marygrove College; Scott Furlong, Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; S. Alan Ray, Ph.D. and visiting scholar at Harvard Law School; and Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Sonoma State University.

NA 11-04-15

ALCOMBRIGHT ELECTED TO FOURTH TERM (NA)

The City of North Adams has re-elected Mayor Richard Alcombright to a fourth consecutive two-year term. The incumbent bested former long-time mayor John Barrett III by 376 votes. Alcombright collected a total of 2,430 votes, while Barrett received 2,054 total votes. The victory was a complete reversal of the preliminary election, where Barrett swept all five city wards. This time around it was Alcombright that swept the wards. Voter turnout was fairly high, and during our election night discussion with Alcombright, he thanked the voters for coming out to vote...

: 28 Alcombright- Cue: pull together

The North Adams City Clerk's office reported last night that there was a 52 percent turnout, or 4,485 out of the city's 8,691 registered voters.

2016 CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TAKES SHAPE IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

Seven incumbents and two others won seats on the North Adams City Council. Incumbent Kate Hanley Merrigan was the top vote getter with 2,738 votes. Also re-elected were incumbents Lisa Blackmer, Keith Bona, Eric Buddington, Nancy Bullett, Joshua Moran and Benjamin Lamb. Ronald Boucher and Robert Moulton Jr. also won seats on the council. Meanwhile the North Adams school Committee has three new members. Winning election last night were Karen Bond, Nicholas Fahey, and Tara Jacobs.

THREE ARRESTED IN DRUG RAID AT NORTH ADAMS APARTMENT (NA)

Three have been arrested on drug charges, following an early morning raid of a Bracewell Avenue apartment in North Adams. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Fantasia Segar and Naim Moore, both of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Merredith Futrell, of North Adams, were taken into custody following the 2:40 a.m. execution of a search warrant, according to North Adams Police. All three have been charged with possession of a Class B drug (crack cocaine) with intent to distribute, trafficking in a Class B substance and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

POWNAL MAN HELD FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT (NA)

A Pownal man was held without bail Monday after being accused of assaulting another. 27 year old James Brown pleaded not guilty to a felony count of aggravated assault, two misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment, and disorderly conduct. He'll be held until a bail hearing.

NA 11-16-15

WILLIAMSTOWN VOTERS TO DECIDE CHANGES TO TAXES FOR MOUNT GREYLOCK (NA)

In response to Lanesborough citizen concerns over a possible bond issue to finance a construction slash renovation project at Mount Greylock Regional — and with data showing a decline in Lanesborough enrollment figures over the past few years — The Berkshire Eagle reports that some in the town wanted assurances if enrollment continues to decline. One concern is... would they be locked into paying a higher share of the construction cost when they have a shrinking number of students attending the school? At a special town meeting set for tomorrow, Williamstown voters will be asked to approve a change in the way the town tax burdens for the Mount Greylock Regional School District are calculated.

DEAL MADE TO CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY BERKSHIRE SCENIC RAILWAY PLATFORM (NA)

Landmark Federal Credit Union and the city of North Adams have reached a lease agreement for the land that will become the Berkshire Scenic Railway's northern platform. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the agreement will allow for construction of a temporary platform that abuts the rail line and sits behind the Brien Center's parking lot accessed via American Legion Drive. The Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum will be on the hook for the \$3,000 payment of the lease. According to Mayor Richard Alcombright, the city will construct the platform using its Department of Public Works and material leftover from renovating the rail line and other construction.

ST. STAN'S CLASS CONNECTING WITH ADAMS POLICE OFFICERS (NA)

Sixth-graders at St. Stan's in Adams got a visit from the police on Friday. IBerkshires.com reports that Officers Gregory Onorato and Travis Cunningham stopped the classroom to answer questions about their job and to view the student's "Hall of Heroes." Teacher Jessica Jennings said when looking for a service project for her pupils, she noted that they had born after the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. She thought it would be a good way for her students to learn about the heroics of New York City's emergency services and connect it to Adam's own public safety personnel.

SHELTERS AGAIN READY TO SERVE HOMELESS (GB, NA, P)

There have been a few changes since last winter's grip finally loosened, but the local response to homelessness has new funding in place to meet the expected level for need this season. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Brad Gordon, executive director at Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority, said county shelters and other programs have again received \$150,000 in state funding to deal with emergency housing issues. State funding will be provided to the Louison House in Adams and to Construct Inc. in Great Barrington. The regional housing authority received funding for its several programs aimed at preventing homelessness and attacking the root causes of the problem.

WINTER PARKING BANS ROLLING OUT (NA)

Winter Parking Bans are starting to roll out across the Berkshires. Among communities issuing early bans is the town of Adams. Adams Police have announced that the town's overnight parking ban is now in effect. Vehicles are not to be parked on any public way or Town parking lot between 12:00 am and 7:00 am. Those violating the parking ban will be fined \$25.00 and could have their vehicle towed at their expense. This ban will remain in effect until further notice.

NA 11-20-15

GIRL WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED OVER TWO-YEAR PERIOD (P, NA)

Opening statements were heard yesterday in the sexual assault of a teenage girl over a two-year period. According to the prosecution, George Shurtleff took the trust of a teenage girl he'd known since she was young and turned it into a "broken heart," and "betrayal," by sexually assaulting her over the course of two years. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Shurtleff's attorney, Nathaniel Green, said much of the evidence in the case is disputed and suggested the girl may have had other motivations for making the accusations. The 54 year old Shurtleff, of Adams, has pleaded not guilty to charges of rape and abuse of a child aggravated by an age difference, three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 and two counts of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older. Assistant Berkshire District Attorney Rachael Eramo said the abuse of the victim began in February 2011 when the girl was 13 and continued "month after month," until November 2013.

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION IS WINDING DOWN (NA)

Contractors making renovations to the airport in North Adams will shut work down for the winter. IBerkshires.com reports that Nick Ippolito of Gale Associates, the engineering firm representing the airport during renovations, told the airport commissioners on Tuesday that by next meeting, they will have to vote on the contractors request to shut down construction until spring. He said contractors still have to apply markings, take aerial photos, and properly seal new paving. Phase 2 of the airport's apron project should also begin in the spring.

\$815 MILLION INVESTED IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY SINCE 2012 (ALL)

There has been at least \$235 million in public monies and \$580 million in private investment in the county over the past three years in ongoing or completed projects – But those figures haven't translated to employment or wage increases. IBerkshires.com reports that the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission approved yesterday the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy performance report. The report outlines the status of an array of economic development projects — including improvements to the Pittsfield Municipal Airport, renovations at Williams College, and the Hoosac Wind Farm.

CAPELESS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STATE DA'S ASSOCIATION (All)

Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless has been elected President of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, which is comprised of the Commonwealth's eleven elected District Attorneys. Capeless was elected President at the MDAA office in Boston on Wednesday during the Association's monthly meeting. The long-tike District Attorney says his top priority as President of the association will be to ensure that action to combat the present opioid abuse crisis will result in effective reforms of present medical prescribing practices, insurance provisions for treatment, and support for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute drug traffickers and dealers.

NA 11-23-15

ADAMS SELECTMEN CONSIDER REGIONALIZING EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICE (NA)

The town of Adams will consider regionalizing its emergency dispatch service, the Board of Selectmen agreed on Wednesday. The Berkshire Eagle reports that a consultant's study of the issue recommends that Adams use the Berkshire County Sheriff's Communications Center to dispatch emergency and non-emergency communications for the town's police, fire and ambulance services. The Communications Center, located at the county's jail facility on Cheshire Road in Pittsfield, provides around-the-clock dispatching services for at least 26 communities in Berkshire and Hampden counties.

NORTH ADAMS EMPLOYEES COLLECT 816 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR PANTRY (NA)

North Adams's annual holiday food drive resulted in more than 800 pounds of food delivered to the Friendship Center Food Pantry on Friday morning. |Berkshires.com reports that the collection, coordinated by Ellen Sutherland, assistant to the superintendent, included all city departments and City Hall, and the schools. Sutherland said one class at Johnson School made it part of their community service project.

WILLIAMSTOWN FIRE OFFICIALS WANT ANOTHER LOOK A REPAIR PLAN (NA)

The Prudential Committee in Williamstown last week voted to put a hold on a repair project to the town's fire station. |Berkshires.com reports that the committee, which oversees the fire district, has for months been trying to address cracks that have developed in the wall at the front of the Water Street building. A contractor was set to come as early as Thursday last week to begin work on reinforcing the wall, but the committee members questioned the fact that the project's nature had changed since the contract was signed. The committee asked Fire Chief Craig Pedercini to arrange for the contractor and the engineer who originally studied the building to come and explain the new solution to the problem. Pedercini said he would try to set up such a meeting as early as today.

MCLA TO HOST TERRORISM DISCUSSION (NA)

Three professors and an international policy expert — and anyone else interested in joining them — will convene this evening for a discussion of terrorism and recent events at the MCLA Feigenbaum Center for Science and Innovation. On the panel will be political science faculty members David Cupery, Robert Bence, and J. Benjamin Taylor. Adam Hinds, a locally based international policy expert who worked for the United Nations in the Middle East for 10 years, also will be on the panel. Recent terror attacks across the globe also will be topics of interest. The panel convenes at 7pm in the Feigenbaum Center for Science and Innovation Auditorium on Blackinton Street in North Adams, room 121.

HOLIDAY WEATHER HOPEFUL FOR TRAVELERS NEXT WEEK (All)

While gearing up to travel for Thanksgiving, weather and modes of transportation becomes a main concern. Fortunately, for New England, a weekend cold front should lead to a warmer day on Thursday. Dan Goodman, manager of public affairs of AAA Northern New England, says this holiday will mark the seventh consecutive year with the highest number of travelers since 2007.

NA 11-25-15

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT TICKS UP SLIGHTLY (All)

Following two months below the 5 percent mark, the Berkshire County unemployment rate has reached that threshold again in October. According to statistics released by the state Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development on Tuesday, the county's jobless rate ticked up slightly from 4.8 to 5.0 percent last month. October's local rate is slightly higher than the state unemployment rate of 4.5 percent. Unemployment in the Pittsfield and North Adams labor market areas rose slightly last month to 5.1 and 6.0 percent, respectively. Unemployment in the Great Barrington labor market area remained at 3.5 percent. In the Berkshire's two cities, the jobless rate rose slightly in both North Adams and Pittsfield to 7.0 percent and 5.2 percent, respectively.

FORMER NORTH ADAMS TREASURER APPOINTED AS SVC CFO (NA)

Southern Vermont College has announced the hiring of Jennifer Macksey as the college's new chief financial officer and chief administrative officer. The Bennington Banner reports that Macksey has over 20 years of experience working with financial systems in both higher education and local government. Since 2008, she worked as the director of student accounts and bursar at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, and previously worked for the city of North Adams as treasurer and tax collector for eight years, and director of finance and chief procurement officer for five years.

BOARD OF NORTH ADAMS HOUSING PROGRAM VOTES TO DISSOLVE (NA)

After three years of effort, the board of nonprofit Housing Opportunities, Inc., voted Monday to dissolve and have its assets absorbed into the city's community development office. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the move, approved by a 3-to-1 vote, will be finalized pending approval from Attorney General's Office. Established in the 1980s under the auspices of the North Adams Housing Authority to administer Community Development Block Grants for first-time home buyers, HOI has not acquired new property in more than a decade.

MCLA ANNOUNCES NEW OPTION FOR NY TRANSFER STUDENTS (NA)

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has announced a new opportunity for New York state residents who wish to transfer to the campus. The New York Transfer Program provides guaranteed admission, as well as a reduced cost of attendance for students looking to enroll at MCLA. Officials at the school say that students with an Associate's degree from a State University of New York institution may have their credits transferred directly to MCLA. The benefits include the satisfaction of most of MCLA's core curriculum requirements, for a potential 60 transfer credits. In addition, these students are guaranteed admission to the major of their choice, as well as a New York Tuition Reduction, which provides an 85 percent tuition reduction for New York students.

NA 11-30-15

FINAL DEFENDANTS TRIAL IN UMASS RAPE CASE STARTS TODAY (All)

The trial for the last of four defendants, accused of raping a UMass Amherst student in 2012, is set to begin today. 20 year old Caleb Womack was found competent to stand trial after an examination from a board-certified forensic psychologist, according to the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The trial get underway today with jury selection. Womack, formerly of Pittsfield but who now lives in Enfield, Conn., faces three counts of aggravated rape.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALEXANDER CICCOLO'S DETENTION MAY BE USED IN TRIAL (NA)

Letters and phone calls from Alexander Ciccolo while in custody may be used as evidence in his upcoming trial, according to court documents. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Ciccolo was living in Adams and under investigation for allegedly concocting a plot to attack a college campus using firearms and homemade explosives, but so far he hasn't been arraigned on any specific terrorism-related charges since his July 4th arrest. He has pleaded not guilty to charges of illegal weapons possession and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Ciccolo remains held without bail while awaiting trial. A status hearing will be held in the case on December 9th.

LANESBOROUGH FIRE ON THANKSGIVING CAUSES \$100,000 IN DAMAGE (NA)

An apparently accidental Thanksgiving evening fire in Lanesborough left no one injured but caused about \$100,000 in damage. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to Lanesborough Fire Chief Charlie Durfee, the fire at 14 Alice Avenue began in the basement just before 7pm. A preliminary report from the state Fire Marshal's office said the fire was unintentional, but a final cause hadn't yet been determined.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WILLIAMSTOWN TO DIVEST \$2.3M ENDOWMENT (NA)

The Church Council of the First Congregational Church in Williamstown has elected to divest its \$2.3 million endowment from the fossil fuel industry. The Berkshire Eagle reports that located in the center of the Williams College campus, the church's action comes two months after the college's board of trustees — in a much-debated decision among students, staff and alumni — elected not to divest its \$2.3 billion endowment, but rather to invest \$50 million in energy conservation and renewable energy sources.

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT LOOKS AT COLLABORATION (NA)

The Tri-District school superintendent told the Williamstown Elementary School Committee that he is looking at ways to better collaborate among the three districts. IBerkshires.com reports that Douglas Dias, who serves as superintendent for Williamstown, Lanesborough Elementary and Mount Greylock Regional, said a recent incident involving a boiler replacement in Williamstown pointed to the need for the three schools to share services. Dias' remarks came up in the context of the committee's annual update on technology at the elementary school.

NA 12-01-15

ADAMS MAN GETS UP TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RAPE OF TEEN GIRL (NA)

An Adams man was given a hefty prison sentence yesterday. George Shurtleff was led away in shackles to begin a 10- to 12-year prison sentence for sexually abusing a teenage girl. According to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office, the 54 year old Shurtleff, of Adams, was sentenced in Berkshire Superior Court on rape and assault charges, following his Nov. 23rd conviction by a jury. He will serve his sentence at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Cedar Junction.

LAST OF FOUR DEFENDENTS PLEADS GUILTY IN RAPE CASE (All)

The last of four co-defendants accused of raping a former University of Massachusetts Amherst student pleaded guilty to reduced charges yesterday in Hampshire Superior Court and was sentenced to five years in county jail as jury selection in his trial was set to begin. The Berkshire Eagle reports that in a plea deal reached with prosecutors, 20 year old Caleb Womack pleaded guilty to one count of rape and two counts of assault and battery on a person 14 years or older after earlier being indicted and pleading not guilty to three counts of aggravated rape. The former Pittsfield resident was sentenced to 2½ years in jail on each of the assault and battery charges, waiving his right to parole, and 10-years of probation on the rape charge. The charges to which he pleaded guilty carry a combined maximum prison sentence of 30 years. Womack's three co-defendants— Emmanuel Bile Jr., Justin King and Adam Liccardi, all 21 and from Pittsfield were each sent to state prison after separate trials. Bile was sentenced to eight to 10 years, while King and Liccardi were each sentenced to 10 to 12 years.

WILLIAMSTOWN ELEMENTARY AGAIN CLOSED BY HEATING ISSUE (NA)

For the second time this fall, Williamstown Elementary School was closed for the day due to an issue with the heating system. IBerkshires.com reports that shortly before 7 a.m. yesterday, the district used its "robo-call" notification system to inform families of the closure. Superintendent Douglas Dias said later in the morning that a leak in the school's primary boiler caused it to shut down over the weekend.

NORTH ADAMS HOUSING AUTHORITY SELLS FLOOD HOUSE (NA)

The North Adams Housing Authority has transferred the Flood House property to the Louison House agency. IBerkshires.com reports that the board unanimously voted last week to sell Church Street property to Family Life Support Center Inc., a non-profit family shelter, for one-dollar. The board also voted to expand Section 8 local preference to surrounding communities.

FORMER HOOSAC HOSE CO. TREASURER ADMITS TO STEALING \$32,000 (NA)

The former treasurer of the Hoosac Hose Company has been ordered to complete 100 hours of community service for stealing more than \$32,000 from the organization. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 80 year old Everett Martin, of Windsor Road, Cheshire, admitted Nov. 20th to sufficient facts for a finding of guilt on a charge that he pilfered funds from the organization's bank account on multiple occasions dating back to 2011. The Hoosac Hose Company is the fundraising arm of the Cheshire Fire Department.

NA 12-07-15

PEARL HARBOR ATTACK REMEMBERED TODAY (All)

Today is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Events are being held today across the country today to commemorate the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The Dec. 7, 1941, surprise attack by Japan on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii claimed about 2,400 American lives and pushed the United States into World War II.

REVITALIZATION PLANS UNVEILED (NA)

What began a few years ago with a prototype in a basement may one day become an extreme model railroad museum. The Berkshire Eagle reports that on Saturday, Mass MoCA visionary Thomas Krens was flanked by city officials and former Massachusetts Governors William Weld and Michael Dukakis as he proposed transforming a section of Western Gateway Heritage State Park into a massive, multimillion dollar extreme model railroad and architecture museum. That proposal is part of a three-pronged development plan that also includes the renovation of the city's Mohawk Theater on Main Street and his previously announced vision for a 160,000-square-foot contemporary art museum on the city's Harriman-West Airport grounds.

MCLA PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH NARROWED TO TWO (NA - interest)

The field of candidates for the position of president at MCLA has been narrowed to two. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the Executive Committee of the MCLA board of trustees voted on Thursday to focus on the final two candidates: Jaimie Birge and Alan Ray. The unanimous vote followed a discussion and review of the search, which began in July, according to board Chairman Tyler Fairbank. The board will meet again at 5 p.m. Thursday in Murdock Hall to further discuss the candidates and to vote on which finalist to recommend to the Board of Higher Education as the next president of MCLA. The meeting will be open to the public. Board Vice Chairman James Clemmer is serving as interim president.

NORTH ADAMS SAYS GOODBYE TO THREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS (NA)

The city on North Adams bid farewell to three School Committee members last week who had a combined quarter-century of service. |Berkshires.com reports that Mary Lou Acetta, Lawrence Taft and David Lamarre were treated to a small party and tokens of appreciation at what was likely their last meeting. Mayor Richard Alcombright, chairman of the committee, praised their dedication as "strong leaders and strong professionals" during their tenures. Acetta, the committee secretary, had been on the committee the longest, being elected in 2003. Taft joined the committee in 2005 and Lamarre in 2011.

NA 12-10-15

TERROR INCIDENTS RAISE FAIR TRIAL CONCERNS (NA – Interest)

The attorney for terrorism suspect Alexander Ciccolo said yesterday that recent ISIS-inspired attacks in Paris and California raise concerns about the ability to give his client a fair trial if he ends up before a jury. |Berkshires.com reports that thus far, the Adams resident is only facing only charges of weapons possession and assault on a nurse during his initial incarceration in July. A government affidavit filed for a bail hearing this summer however, alleged that Ciccolo sympathizes with the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and that he was planning an act of domestic terrorism when he was arrested by the FBI on July 4th.

ADAMS OFFICIALS REASSURE RESIDENTS ON DISPATCHING SWITCH (NA)

Public safety officials in Adams last night tried to reassure residents that using the Berkshire County Sheriff's Communications Center for dispatch was not a safety concern. |Berkshires.com reports that residents have been reluctant to eliminate the town's dispatch services — and its three dispatchers — despite the potential cost savings. Many of those in the crowd at the Visitors Center felt the voters should decide the issue, not the Board of Selectmen. Police Chief Richard Tarsa explained the logistics of the switch that would save the town more than \$150,000 annually.

CRANE SPLITS OFF STATIONERY DIVISION (NA)

The popular stationery sold under the name "Crane" will be able to keep its name, but will no longer be affiliated with the Crane Company. Crane CEO Stephen DeFalco told the Berkshire Eagle yesterday at the company's Dalton headquarters that it is turning over its stationery division to employees to run as a separate company so that it can concentrate solely on its more lucrative global currency operations. The new entity will be known as "Crane Stationery" and will remain in the Crane stationery division's current production facility on Curran Highway in North Adams. The same management team that is already in place will run the entity, but it will be owned by the employees.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY'S TEEN BIRTH RATE FALLS BY MORE THAN HALF (All)

The birth rate among teenagers in Berkshire County declined by more than half between 2009 and 2014, according to figures released by the Massachusetts Department of Health. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the birth rate among 15- to 19-year-old females in 2014 was 12.4 births per 1,000 — a more than 54 percent reduction. The rates in Pittsfield (57 percent) and North Adams (63 percent) showed the most dramatic decreases. As for the state-wide birth-rate for teens — Massachusetts saw a 46 percent during the same period. Both the state and Berkshire County rates are below the national rate of 26.5 percent.

GREYLOCK MILL OWNERS PLAN NEW YEAR'S PARTY FEATURING DINNER, DANCING (NA)

Owners of the Greylock Mill in North Adams want a New Year's Eve dinner and dance party at the mill to open up interest in its redevelopment plan. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the party is called "Unlock" and will be hosted in the mill's former weave shed. The mill's owners have accelerated renovation efforts to make the space event-ready.

NA 12-22-15

NORTH ADAMS MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY TOSSED DOG FACES CRUELTY (NA)

A North Adams man was held on \$500 cash bail yesterday for allegedly possessing a sawed-off shotgun without a license and injuring his girlfriend's Chihuahua during a domestic dispute. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to police – 36 year old Bobby Ewing, of Bracewell Avenue, allegedly threw one of his girlfriend's two dogs after it bit him, early Saturday. While retrieving the dog, officers spotted a sawed-off shotgun in plain view on the living room couch. The 12-gauge shotgun was fully loaded with five rounds of buckshot. Ewing pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court on Monday to charges of possession of a sawed-off shotgun, possession of a firearm without an FID card, possession of ammunition without an FID card, and cruelty to an animal.

CHESHIRE SELECTMEN CONCERNED OVER DOG WASTE (NA)

Selectmen in Cheshire are fed up with dogs fouling the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and town property but do not know how deal with violators. IBerkshires.com reports that the board members last week read a letter from a concerned citizen urging them to contact the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and demand it place more dog-waste cleanup signs on all Cheshire entrances of the rail trail. Department of Public Works Director told the board Tuesday that the DPW actually provided the signs that cost \$30 a piece and they are scattered throughout town. He thinks the signs do little to help the situation.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS PLAN TO REUSE WILLIAMSTOWN MILL (NA)

A group of architects in Williamstown are looking to build an affordable housing project on town-owned property at 330 Cole Ave. IBerkshires.com reports that in spring 2014, the Board of Selectmen voted to choose a group led by Pittsfield's Berkshire Housing Development Corp. to build up to 46 units of subsidized housing on the site. Developers' early projections called for the removal of what is left of the former mill, referred to as "the cube." But last week, in a presentation in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, BHDC President Elton Ogden and architects from Springfield's Dietz & Co. explained that the current plan calls for reusing the structure.

\$40,000 GRANT TO HELP STRUGGLING STUDENTS (NA)

The Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has received a \$40,000 grant to identify and assist students that are falling behind. The Berkshire Eagle reports that aimed at improving student retention and improving the academic standing of students, the two-year grant from Davis Educational Foundation establishes a system for school faculty to intervene when a student is struggling. "Blazing a Trail for Student Success" will utilize the school's existing online course management system to identify a student in need of help, allowing relevant faculty and advisers to step in and improving communication between the parties. The grant will allow for the testing of appropriate intervention strategies and also for a system for recording those interventions.

NA 12-29-15

FIRST WINTER STORM OF SEASON (ALL)

The first winter storm of the season in the Berkshires, and the latest snow debut on record has deposited less snow and more sleet and freezing rain across the county. The National Weather Service told the Berkshire Eagle that the "springtime in December" party is definitely over. Driving could be messy this morning, so be sure to give yourself some extra time for your commute. Motorists will face a challenging ride to work with potentially hazardous conditions until temperatures rise above freezing by noon. With the snowfall today, the region sets a new record for the latest arrival of the season's first snowfall. The previous record was Dec. 24, 1912.

POLICE ARREST TWO FOR BREAK-IN AT GREEN MOUNTAIN RACETRACK (NA)

Two people were arrested in connection with a break-in at the Green Mountain Racetrack Saturday, according to Vermont State Police. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 20 year old Joshua Eriksen, of Pownal, and a 16-year-old juvenile were both arrested just before 2 a.m. on December 26th. Eriksen was released on conditions and ordered to appear in Vermont Superior Court on January 4th, according to state police. Police did not identify the juvenile.

NEW MESSAGE BUSINESS IN ADAMS (NA)

New business Tranquil Touch Healing aims to help area residents relax. IBerkshires.com reports that the owner of the 56 Columbia Street business in Adams, Amber Chalmers, said people simply need to indulge a little more. She says people need to treat themselves and relax once in a while. And Chalmers looks to help people do that with a plethora of different massages and therapeutic practices such as Swedish, deep tissue, hot stone, prenatal, foot, chair, bamboo fusion and cup massage. She also offers paraffin wax treatments, cold stone therapy and the locally unfamiliar "Halo-therapy."

CLARKSBURG MAN FACES OUI CHARGE (NA)

A Clarksburg man was allegedly intoxicated when he crashed his motorcycle in September, leaving his passenger with serious injuries. The Berkshire eagle reports that 25 year old William Valotta, of North Houghton Street, had a "very strong" odor of alcohol on his breath when police found him with his leg pinned beneath his motorcycle on East Main Street in the early morning hours of Sept. 3rd, according to a criminal complaint. His passenger was laying in the roadway and was later taken to Bay State Medical Center, where she was treated for a brain hemorrhage and was forced to undergo several procedures, according to police. Valotta was transported to Berkshire Medical Center for his injuries. He told responders he believed he had broken his collar bone.

NA 12-31-15

NORTH ADAMS SWEARING-IN SET FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY (NA)

North Adams city will enter the new year with a new City Council and the swearing in of Mayor Richard Alcombright for his fourth two-year term. IBerkshires.com reports that the Organization of Government takes place beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday in the City Council Chambers. The event will be telecast by Northern Berkshire Community Television. Councilor Benjamin Lamb, re-elected to his second term in November, is expected to be elected as president of this council's two-year term. Lamb said he was confident he had the five votes necessary to be elected to the post and no other candidate has so far come forward.

NORTH ADAMS WEIGHS OPTIONS FOR DECOMMISSIONED SCHOOL (NA)

The future of Sullivan Elementary School on Kemp Avenue in North Adams remains up in the air, as it is set to be replaced by the newly renovated Colegrove Park Elementary School on Monday. The Berkshire Eagle reports that as a result of a \$30 million update to the former Silvio O. Conte Middle School, Colegrove Park, will inherit Sullivan's 330 students. The project reached substantial completion this month and school staff members have been moving in to prepare the new environment. Sullivan is in the process of closing for good and the building will maintain a low-running heat to preserve the plumbing while city officials work to build a future for the school parcel. According to North Adams Public Schools Superintendent James Montepare, maintenance crews are transferring the last of the appropriate materials into Colegrove this week.

CHESHIRE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO INCREASE SELECT BOARD SIZE (NA)

The Cheshire Selectmen brought into question the legality of an article approved at town meeting to increase the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. IBerkshires.com reports that Selectwoman Carol Francesconi says that the article, which was placed on the warrant via citizen's petition, was flagged by the attorney general after the review of this summer's Cheshire town meeting results. The Selectmen had no comment on the legal determination of the article or next steps at the meeting. The next special town meeting will be held February 23rd.

ADAMS MAY INCREASE BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S SALARY (NA)

With the quick turnover of building commissioners over the past 15 years, the town of Adams will look to increase the position's salary by more than \$10,000. IBerkshires.com reports that Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco told the Selectmen yesterday that with Building Commissioner Jeff Clemons leaving last month, the town needs to look at increasing the salary to a more competitive amount. Currently the inspection post pays between \$48,000 and \$55,000 a year. Mazzucco suggested increasing this to the \$62,000 to \$67,000 range. He added this would be more in line with the salary of full-time building inspectors in towns of the same size as Adams, which run about \$70,000.

GREYLOCK FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BRANCH ROBBED AT KNIFEPOINT (P - interest)

The Greylock Federal Credit Union branch on Route 7 was robbed at knife point yesterday, according to Greylock CEO John Bissell. The Berkshire Eagle reports that just before 6pm, a suspect displayed a knife and demanded money. Bissell declined to say how much was stolen. No one was injured in the robbery. Several police cars were seen at the branch, which is across from Pontoosuc Lake near the Lanesborough border. The branch will be closed today and will reopen Monday.

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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.**

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

10/1: Cheryl Truskowski, Berkshire Humane Soc'y. Shelter Mgr.; Spay/neuter grant program for North County

10/8: Adams Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco

10/15: Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire District State Rep.

10/27: North Adams Mayoral Debate; Mayor Richard Alcombright and candidate John Barrett III. Aired live 9-10 AM & replayed 8-9 AM 11/1

11/12: Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire District State Rep.

11/19: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright

12/3: Adams Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco

12/10: Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire District State Rep

12/17: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright

12/24: A Visit from Santa (children call in to talk to Santa)

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

10/6: Andrea Stump, Pro-Adams; annual Columbus Day Weekend Ramblefest & Mt. Greylock Ramble

10/16: Colleen Janz; Berkshire Business and Professional Women

10/19, 20, 22,23,26,27: Conversations with the Candidates running for North Adams City Council. 2 per half-hour show.

11/2: Danielle Thomas, Berkshire Chamber of Commerce; Berkshire Leadership Program

11/10: Suzy Helme, North Adams Dir. Of Community Events & Jen Crowell, Exec. Dir. of Berkshire Community Resource Center at MCLA—Upcoming Holiday Events

11/16: Emily Watts, Exec Dir., Williamstown Chamber of Commerce—Annual Holiday Walk

11/23: Goodwill; Brenden Farrell, NA Store Mgr.

11/30: Jen Civello & Deb Dane; WilliNet Board of Directors

12/7: Christine Hoyt & Julia Dixon; Berkshire Leadership Program

12/15: Jerrid & Diane Burdick, BerkshireBride.com . Berkshire Bridal Expo

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a sample of public service announcements presented on WNAW during the 4RTH Quarter of 2015. Announcement are rotated twice hourly throughout the day from 6am - 7pm. On WNAW

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Public Service Programs

WNAW presents a public information half-hour program every Sunday called INFO Trak from 7:30- 8:00 am.

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2015

Show # 2015-27

Date aired: 10-4-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

John R. Baker, PhD, Professor of Political Science at Wittenberg University, author of "*Government in the Twilight Zone: Volunteers to Small-City Boards and Commissions*"

97 percent of all American cities have a population fewer than 50,000 and Dr. Baker studies the workings of these smaller local governments. He discussed how local board systems operate, who the board members are and what motivates them to serve. He explained why it is important for citizens to understand how government functions, even in small towns.

Issues covered:

Length: 6:54

Citizenship
Government Policies

Lennard J. Davis, PhD, Professor in the English Department in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Professor of Disability and Human Development in the School of Applied Health Sciences of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Professor of Medical Education in the College of Medicine, author of "*Enabling Acts: The Hidden Story of How the Americans with Disabilities Act Gave the Largest US Minority Its Rights*"

Disabled Americans are the largest minority group in the country. Dr. Davis believes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is the widest-ranging and most comprehensive piece of civil rights legislation in history. He explained the unusual path the law took to passage, some of the challenges in implementing it and the enormous impact of the ADA, 25 years after its adoption. He also outlined several potential reforms which he believes could improve it.

Issues covered:

Length: 10:21

Disabilities
Civil Rights
Government Policies

Michael A. Fischer, MD, MS, Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Associate Physician at the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston

Dr. Fischer led a study that found that many people whose doctors start them on medications for conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure may never fill those prescriptions. He explained the reasons behind this problem and how doctors and patients can improve communication.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:00

Personal Health
Medical Issues

Show # 2015-41

Date aired: 10-11-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Michelle Garcia, Director of the Stalking Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime

Nearly 3.5 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States. Ms. Garcia talked about the most common stalker scenarios, and why the crime is so difficult to define. She also explained why new developments such as GPS and social networking sites have made it much easier for stalkers to target their victims.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:43

Stalking
Crime
Women's Issues

John Izzo, PhD, business consultant, author of "*Stepping Up: How Taking Responsibility Changes Everything*"

Mr. Izzo said that almost every problem, from personal and business challenges to social issues, can be solved if Americans looked to themselves to create change rather than expecting others to do it. He offered advice to employees who are afraid to speak up at work and how to encourage children to step up and improve problems they see in their community.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:33

Workplace Matters
Community Involvement
Parenting

Ron Shevlin, Senior Analyst with Aite Group, an independent research and advisory firm serving the financial services industry

Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook have empowered consumers in many new ways. Mr. Shevlin explained how these new tools have made it much easier to complain about a problem or to influence corporate policies. He offered advice for the best ways for consumers to use social media to interact with companies.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:55

Consumer Matters
Technology

Show # 2015-42

Date aired: 10-18-15 Time Aired: 7:30

Phil Gaddis, President, Executive Search at the Addison Group, a Chicago-based provider of professional staffing and search services

Recent statistics show that the average American changes careers seven times. Mr. Gaddis explained why the turnover has increased so rapidly in recent decades, and offered advice for people who are considering a career change.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:04

Employment

Lance LoRusso, Atlanta-based attorney, former law enforcement officer, author of *"When Cops Kill: The Aftermath of a Critical Incident"*

Mr. LoRusso said police officers are well-trained on when and how to use their weapons, but are ill-prepared for what to do in the aftermath. He explained how the investigation of a police shooting differs significantly from one involving a civilian. He estimated that 75% of officers involved in a deadly force incident are the target of a civil lawsuit, whether the shooting was justified or not.

Issues covered:
Police & Crime
Violence
Legal Matters

Length: 9:10

Jonathan T. Jefferson, PhD, school administrator, author of *"Mugamore: Succeeding without Labels—Lessons for Educators"*

Dr. Jefferson said he believes that today's education system needs to change the way it handles problem students. He said zero tolerance policies and the application of labels to students who have behavioral or learning disorders causes many of them to be left behind. He believes that schools personnel need to exercise more patience with immature students to give them time to grow into productive students.

Issues covered:
Education
Youth at Risk

Length: 5:07

Show # 2015-43

Date aired: 10-25-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Cary Funk, Associate Director of Research at Pew Research Center

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center found that Americans' grasp of common science topics could be better. She outlined the results of the survey, including differences between genders, ages and education levels. She explained why a basic understanding of scientific principles is important for Americans to understand many of today's civic issues.

Issues covered:
Education
Science
Citizenship

Length: 7:07

Julie Lythcott-Haims, former Dean of Freshmen and Undergraduate Advising at Stanford University, author of *"How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success"*

Ms. Lythcott-Haims believes that overparenting is out of control in America, and that it harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. She explained how parents can allow children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and inner determination necessary for success.

Issues covered:
Parenting

Length: 10:11

Karina Davidson, PhD, researcher and clinical psychologist at Columbia University Medical Center in New York

Dr. Davidson recently led a 10-year study that found that happiness may prevent a heart attack. She explained the science behind this finding and suggested ways that people can improve their outlook to improve their health.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Mental Health

Length: 4:30

Show # 2015-44

Date aired: 11-1-15 Time Aired: 7:30

Denise Pope, Senior Lecturer, Co-Founder, Challenge Success at Stanford University Graduate, co-author of "Overloaded and Underprepared"

Dr. Pope explained why parents and teachers should be concerned that many America's students are stressed out or have given up. She outlined steps that schools can take to provide kids with academic, social and emotional skills needed to succeed in school now and as adults later. She talked about the Challenge Success program at Stanford and how the program is customized for each school in which it is applied.

Issues covered:
Education
Parenting

Length: 9:53

Brooks Palmer, professional organizer, author of "Clutter Busting: Letting Go of What's Holding You Back" and "Clutter Busting Your Life: Clearing Physical and Emotional Clutter to Reconnect with Yourself and Others"

Most Americans struggle with clutter and disorganization. Mr. Palmer talked about the emotionally suffocating effects of clutter and why people have problems letting go of items they no longer need or use. He offered suggestions for how to get started and how to look at items in a different way to assess whether they are worth keeping.

Issues covered:
Personal Productivity
Workplace Matters
Mental Health

Length: 7:27

Kevin Haley, Director of Product Management for Symantec Security Response

Today's smartphones hold a wealth of personal, financial and work-related data that thieves would love to get their hands on. So what happens when a phone is lost or stolen? Mr. Haley led a research project that intentionally lost 50 phones to see what data was accessed by the finder and whether the phones would be returned to their owners. The results were Showoncerting. Mr. Haley offered advice for phone owners to protect their data.

Issues covered:
Crime
Privacy
Workplace Matters

Length: 5:04

Show # 2015-45

Date aired: 11-8-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Barry Schwartz, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Swarthmore College, author of *"Why We Work"*

Dr. Schwartz discussed his research that examined why Americans work. He said the reasons are surprising and complex, but that the need for a paycheck is not the primary factor. He discussed the most common trends and patterns that lead to happiness in the workplace, and how employers can try to improve productivity and employee satisfaction.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:27

Workplace Matters
Mental Health

William MacAskill, PhD, Associate Professor in Philosophy at Oxford University, cofounder of the nonprofit organizations Giving What We Can and 80,000 Hours, author of *"Doing Good Better: How Effective Altruism Can Help You Make a Difference"*

Dr. MacAskill said Americans often base their decisions on where to donate money and what career to pursue on emotions and false assumptions. He outlined five key questions that may help consumers make wiser altruistic decisions. He explained how to use evidence and careful reasoning to chart the best course to help others.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:58

Charitable Giving
Consumer Matters
Career

Katie Liljenquist, Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership and Strategy at Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management, expert in behavior and decision making

Prof. Liljenquist led a study that found that the smell of cleaning products can make people act more virtuous. She explained the reasons behind the behavioral changes. She also talked about potential ways to smells could be used to reduce societal problems such as crime or vandalism.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:57

Health
Parenting Issues

Show # 2015-46

Date aired: 11-15-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Dara Feldman, award-winning teacher, Director of Educational Initiatives for The Virtues Project, author of *"The Heart of Education"*

Ms. Feldman noted that 50 percent of new teachers get burned out in their first five years on the job and end up leaving the profession. She explained why this is such a costly problem and how it damages our nation's education system. She offered suggestions for concerned parents who would like to help and encourage stressed-out teachers.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:57

Education
Parenting

Sheldon Krantz, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, former dean of the University of San Diego Law School, former law professor at the Boston University Law School, former federal prosecutor, author of *"The Legal Profession: What Is Wrong and How to Fix It"*

Mr. Krantz said legal services should be available to every American, whether they can afford it or not. He said attorneys do not provide nearly enough pro bono services. He said many of today's law students would be willing to work in the public interest, but are often mired down in student debt. He would like to see loan forgiveness programs or other new initiatives that would enable young lawyers to help lower-income litigants.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:09

Legal Matters
Poverty
Government Policies

Brenda Shields, M.S., research coordinator, Center for Injury Research and Policy, Columbus Children's Hospital in Ohio

Ms. Shields discussed a recent study into the increasing dangers for young people involved in cheerleading. Her research found that emergency room visits are becoming much more common as cheerleading routines have added complex gymnastic moves. She outlined the questions that parents should ask, to be sure coaches are properly qualified.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:45

Personal Health
Children
Parenting

Show # 2015-47

Date aired: 11-22-15 **Time Aired:** 7:30

Yasmin Hurd, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York

Dr. Hurd's research found that teenagers who smoke marijuana may make their future offspring more vulnerable to substance abuse problems. She believes that marijuana use causes structural changes in DNA that may last for generations. Dr. Hurd said much more research into the health effects of marijuana is needed. She also explained how parents can deal with the mixed messages society is conveying to young people about marijuana.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:22

Substance Abuse
Government Regulations
Parenting

Chris Malone, Managing Partner of Fidelum Partners, a research-based consulting and professional services firm, author of *"THE HUMAN BRAND: How We Relate to People, Products and Companies"*

Mr. Malone explained why upstart businesses have surged in popularity while many traditionally dominant companies and brands have been falling behind. He outlined the reasons that social media has become such a valuable tool for both consumers and the companies they do business with. He said business schools fail to teach students how to nurture relationships with customers, causing much less loyalty to brands and products.

Issues covered:
Consumer Issues
Education

Length: 7:52

Janet Larson, Director of Research, the Earth Policy Institute

The US is the world's largest consumer of bottled water. Ms. Larson talked about the huge environmental impact of bottled water, both in its manufacture and disposal. She also explained how consumers can wisely decide whether to use bottled water.

Issues covered:
Environmental Issues
Consumer Issues

Length: 4:54

Show # 2015-48

Date aired: 11-25-15 **Time Aired:** 7:30 AM

Karl Pillemer, PhD, Hazel E. Reed Professor in the Department of Human Development and Professor of Gerontology in Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College, Founder and Director of the Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging, author of *"30 Lessons On Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans"*

Dr. Pillemer interviewed more than 1,000 Americans over the age of 65 to seek their counsel on all of life's big issues: children, marriage, money, career and aging. He explained why younger people should take advantage of this rich resource of older Americans' wisdom. He recommends that young people talk to older members of their own family before it is too late.

Issues covered:
Senior Citizens
Personal Health
Career

Length: 9:17

Scott Bittle, policy analyst, Senior Fellow and Founding Editor of PublicAgenda.org, a non-partisan public opinion research organization, author of *"Where Did the Jobs Go And How Do We Get Them Back?"*

The subject of unemployment remains the public's top concern in polls and is continually marked as the most damaging result of the Great Recession. Mr. Bittle explained why the issue is so complex and why the nation needs to take a long-term approach to resolving it. He also analyzed various solutions proposed by each side of the political spectrum.

Issues covered:
Unemployment
Government Policies
Economy

Length: 7:57

John Hayes, PhD, Assistant Professor of Food Science and Director of the Sensory Evaluation Center at Penn State University

Nine out of 10 Americans get too much sodium in their diets. Dr. Hayes discussed a recent government report that found that just 10 foods are responsible for 44 percent of the sodium in the average diet. He outlined steps to cut sodium intake and the reasons why everyone should do it.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 4:54

Show # 2015-49

Date aired: 12-10-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Lisa J. Servon, PhD, Professor and former dean at the Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy at The New School in New York

Alternative financial providers such as check cashers and payday lenders are often accused of preying on the poor, with high fees and interest rates. Dr. Servon conducted a study that examined why many lower income residents make the conscious decision to use these services, rather than traditional banks. She was surprised to find that the choice actually makes sense for many people who live paycheck to paycheck.

Issues covered:

Length: 11:05

Poverty

Government Regulations

Personal Finance

Dan McCue, Research Manager, Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University

The cost of renting an apartment or house has jumped in the past decade, according to a study led by Mr. McCue. A rise in prices, combined with the drop in renter incomes, has made affordability a major concern. Much of the jump in prices is because of increased demand for rental homes as a result of the mortgage crisis. He said a quarter of all U.S. households are paying more than half of their income for housing, which is dangerously high.

Issues covered:

Length: 6:07

Affordable Housing

Poverty

Consumer Issues

Debbie Magids, PhD, psychologist, author of "*All the Good Ones Aren't Taken*"

Dr. Magids discussed the trend of serial dating and why dating is so difficult for women in particular. She explained the most common dating errors and suggested ways that a person can analyze their own patterns of behavior, to clear the way for more fulfilling relationships.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:48

Mental Health

Women's Issues

Show # 2015-50

Date aired: 12-13-15 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Alvin E. Roth, PhD, Craig and Susan McCaw Professor of Economics at Stanford University, Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration Emeritus at Harvard University, author of "*Who Gets What — and Why: The New Economics of Matchmaking and Market Design*"

Dr. Roth is one of the world's leading experts on matching markets, where "sellers" and "buyers" must choose each other, and price isn't the only factor that determines who gets what. He explained how market designs affect many less obvious aspects of life, such as the chances of getting a job or whether a university accepts a prospective student.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:17

Economics

Career

Education

Joel Kahn, MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine and Director of Cardiac Wellness, Michigan Healthcare Professionals PC, author of "The Whole Heart Solution"

According to Dr. Kahn, more than 75 percent of cases of heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular disease events are preventable. He explained how lifestyle choices can make a huge difference in the development of heart disease and he said changes in diet and exercise can often reverse the disease.

Issues covered:
Personal Health

Length: 8:01

Paul Tough, former editor at the New York Times Magazine, nationally recognized writer on poverty, education and the achievement gap

Mr. Tough discussed a groundbreaking anti-poverty initiative called the Harlem Children's Zone. The creator of the program theorized that in order for poor kids to compete with their middle-class peers, everything in their lives—their schools, neighborhoods, parenting practices—all must be changed at once.

Issues covered:
Poverty
Education
Minority Concerns
Parenting

Length: 5:00

Show # 2015-51

Date aired: 12-20-15 Time Aired: 7:30 Ad

Russell E. Johnson, PhD, Assistant Professor of Management in the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University.

Dr. Johnson's research has found that that people who check their work emails on smartphones at night could end up hurting their ability to work the following day. He found that smartphones appeared to have a greater effect on people's energy levels and sleeping abilities in comparison to other electronic screens. He offered several suggestions on how to control smartphone use at night.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Workplace Matters
Career

Length: 7:24

Daniel J. Siegel, MD, neuropsychiatrist, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine, Executive Director of the Mindsight Institute, author of "Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain"

Dr. Siegel said that between the ages of 12 and 24, the brain changes in dramatic and important ways. He believes this brain development is the explanation for sometimes erratic, unusual and creative behavior in teens. He said that if parents understand the science behind these changes, they can better help their teenagers navigate this challenging phase of life.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Personal Health

Length: 9:36

Kenneth Dautrich, PhD, Associate Professor of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

Dr. Dautrich recently conducted a survey of students to learn their attitudes toward the First Amendment. He found that schools are spending more class time on the First Amendment, but a sizeable number of students either do not view the First Amendment favorably or take its protections for granted.

Issues covered:
Citizenship
Education

Length: 4:52

Show # 2015-52

Date aired: 12-27-11 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

John M. Leventhal, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director of the Child Abuse and Child Abuse Prevention Program at Yale Medical School, expert in child abuse prevention

Dr. Leventhal has dedicated his career to the prevention of child abuse. He recently conducted a study that found that the first year of life is the most dangerous for children. He said that parents from any income, educational or social level can be the perpetrators of abuse, largely because they are unprepared to deal with infants' crying. He believes that educational programs for new parents could help reverse the trend.

Issues covered:
Child Abuse
Parenting

Length: 8:31

Erin Botsford, financial planning expert, author of *"The Big Retirement Risk: Running out of Money Before You Run Out of Time"*

For many baby boomers, the recession didn't wipe out their nest egg completely, but it did shrink it considerably. Ms. Botsford discussed the turbulence in today's economy and how it has changed retirement planning. She explained how people approaching their golden years can assess their financial needs and take steps to ensure a sound retirement.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens
Personal Finance

Length: 8:41

Aaron W. Smith, Senior Research Specialist with Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project

Mr. Smith surveyed 1,000 US adults and found that more half of consumers used cell phones in stores during the holidays. He outlined the most common ways that consumers use their phones as shopping tools. He also explained how brick-and-mortar stores may react to the trend by changing policies, products and prices.

Issues covered:
Economy
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:01

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PSA KILL 10/11

On Sunday Oct. 11th it's time for the Saint John Paul II Parish Fall Fest Bazaar and Kids Fair. The fun runs from 9 AM-4 PM at the Notre Dame School in Adams, with 2 floors of enjoyment including Chinese auctions, silent auction, handmade and knitted goods, crafts, jewelry, books, baked goods and more for sale, plus the Fall Fest Cash Giveaway and more!. In the Gym Hall, kids will enjoy carnival games and the Fish Bowl table with fun prizes. And of course, lots of delicious food from the kitchen. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/14

Voter registration deadline for the Nov. 3 North Adams City Election is Wednesday Oct. 14. This will be the last day to register to vote or make changes to the voter's lists. The City Clerk's office in City Hall will be open from 8 AM to 8PM on that day. To be eligible to vote a person must be 18 years of age or older on or before Election Day (Nov. 3, 2015), a citizen of the United States and a resident of North Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/25

Williamstown Water Dept. will be flushing water mains Tuesday, October 13, to Monday, October 26, from 8 PM to midnight, weather permitting. Flushing will not be done on Friday evenings. Customers may experience turbid water and lower than normal pressure. They apologize 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 10/30

Applications are now being accepted to fill vacancies on the Berkshire County Commission on the Status of Women (BCCSW). The Commission, comprised of nine members from throughout Berkshire County, exists to provide a positive and effective voice for women and girls within the region. Applications and further information may be requested by calling the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, at 617-626-6520 or emailing: mcsw@state.ma.us. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

Williamstown's Holiday Walk is being planned for the weekend of December 5th! The Williamstown Chamber of Commerce always has room for more volunteers. And they are looking for donations to the Penny Social, which benefits the Williamstown Community Chest. For more info, email info@williamstownchamber.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/2

The North Adams Police Dept. is kicking off a new "Coffee with a Cop" program at Linda's Cafe on Union Street from 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow (FR) in an effort to communicate with and listen to residents. The department plans to hold five such programs at five different restaurants throughout the city. There is another one set for Oct. 9 at Renee's Diner on Massachusetts Avenue, also from 10 to 11 AM. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/9

The North Adams Police Dept. has started a new "Coffee with a Cop" series of conversations, in an effort to communicate with and listen to residents. The next one is coming up Friday Oct. 9 from 10-11 AM at Renee's Diner on Massachusetts Avenue. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/14

The regular monthly meeting of Court Margaret #629, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Weds. Oct. 14 at 6 PM, in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center in North Adams. A guest speaker will concentrate on safety issues for seniors. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/14

There will be a Harvest Supper on Sat. Oct. 17th at the Second Congregational Church, on Route 43 (Hancock Road), Williamstown. On the menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Beets, Coo Slaw, Rolls and Butter, Apple and Pumpkin Pie, Punch and Coffee. \$12 Adults, \$5 Children under 12, free for Preschoolers. There will be one seating at 5:30 PM and reservations are required. Call Mickey at 458-4947. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/10

Hoosac River Revival will lead a family-friendly walk along the Hoosic River in North Adams from 11-Noon this Saturday. Learn about the history of North Adams, the role of the river, and the future plans for its restoration as an asset for the City. Meet at MASS MoCA near the entrance to the Museum's parking lot on Marshall Street. Brochures are also available for a self-guided tour at tourism venues throughout Northern Berkshire County. Questions? Go online to www.HoosicRiverRevival.org, email HoosicRiverRevival@gmail.com or call 413-212-2996. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/10

As part of Massachusetts Archaeology Month, the DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Star Crossed Civilizations" this Saturday at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will travel the world to investigate how some ancient civilizations tried to mimic the heavens in their architecture. 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 10/31

The City of North Adams is looking for 2 large Christmas trees, 25 to 35 feet tall, to decorate the downtown for the Holiday Season. The search is on until about the 1st week of November. Anyone wishing to donate a tree is asked to contact Steve Meranti at 662-3103 or 662-3155. That 2nd number is available 24 hours a day. Please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. If it's

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

PSA KILL 10/30

Hopkins Memorial Forest in Williamstown will be open to deer hunting by special permit during the 12-day shotgun season Nov. 30 to Dec. 12, excluding Sunday, Dec. 6. A limited number of complimentary permits will be issued to hunters from local communities. Applications, which can be obtained from the Center for Environmental Studies at Williams College, are due back to the Center by Nov. 1. They will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis. You can call the Center at (413) 597-2346, or e-mail: ajones@williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual Christmas Tree Showcase at the First Congregational Church in Williamstown as part of the town's annual Holiday Walk. Members of the community, schools, churches, local businesses and community organizations are invited to purchase miniature artificial trees for \$7 each to decorate and contribute to the showcase and raffle, or for personal use. Trees may be purchased at several locations, including the First Congregational Church, 906 Main Street, Williamstown and the First Baptist Church, 131 Main Street, North Adams. Also, at the Habitat office, 61 Main Street, North Adams, Mon-Fri 9 until noon. If you have questions, please call the Habitat office at 664-4440. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/17

Berkshire Humane Society is hosting a Dog and Cat Microchip Clinic on Saturday Oct. 17 from 11-2 at their Barker Road headquarters and at Greylock Animal Hospital on State Rd., North Adams. Your cost is just \$20, which includes the microchip and registration with "24 Pet Watch". For more info call 413-447-7878 Ext. 124. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/10

This Saturday, local historian Paul W. Manno will lead the last in his series of Walks for 2015, a walking tour of Main Street, North Adams. The Walk starts at 2:30pm at the west end of the street, past SudWay. Be sure to dress for the weather, wear a good pair of walking shoes,

sun-block and a hat with a wide brim. A canteen or bottle of water might be a good idea, and by all means bring the kids and be prepared to "have your ears taked off". Rain or high wind cancels. For information, Marino can be reached at 1-413-207-1344. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/11

Get ready for Ramblefest, a free celebration in downtown Adams this Sunday from Noon-5 (rain or shine). Bring the whole family to the Adams Visitors Center on Hoosac St. to enjoy food, games, an apple harvest, craft beers, a campfire, kids activities, food demos, horsedrawn trolley rides and more! There'll be music from The Hot Shot Hillbillies and the Arthur Holmes Blues Band. Find out more on Facebook: "Ramblefest 2015". Remember: "Adams IS Columbus Day Weekend!" (The annual Mt. Greylock Ramble is Monday from 8-4). If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

The annual Mt. Greylock Ramble, along Cheshire Harbor Trail to the Summit of Mount Greylock takes place Monday, Columbus Day from 8-4. A free shuttle will take you from the Adams Free Library on Park Street, to the trail-head from 8 am to 1 pm with return shuttles until 4 pm. No parking will be available near the trail head, so use of the shuttle is strongly recommended. First 2000 hikers will receive certificates of accomplishment. Awards will be given to the first, the youngest and the oldest hiker to reach the summit, and to the hiker who has traveled the greatest distance to participate. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

Williams College's Zilkha Center for Environmental Initiatives is seeking homeowners in Northern Berkshire County, as well as Pownal and Bennington, Vermont, who would like their homes weatherized for the upcoming winter. The weatherization efforts will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7, during the college's eighth annual Winter Blitz day. Trained student leaders lead student teams and all materials are paid for by the Zilkha Center. Please call (413) 547-1787 or send an email to williamswinterblitz@gmail.com before Nov. 1. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/9

The next Northern Berkshire Community Coalition monthly forum is this Friday, from 10am to noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams (Eagle St. entrance). The goal of this month's forum is to understand the challenges individuals face in entering the workforce and the challenges employers face in accessing workers, particularly those disconnected from the workforce. The organizers of the Friendship Center Food Partry at 43 Eagle Street ask you to please bring along a non-perishable food item for donation to the pantry. For more info, please call 663-7588, or e-mail blhlds@nbcoalition.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

Mt. Greylock is a spectacular fall foliage viewing location, but on Columbus Day Weekend MA's highest peak can be subject to "Greylock Gridlock." Jude Stull, Visitor Services Supervisor at Mount Greylock State Reservation advises there are many other great "leaf-peeping" spots, some free of charge. A partial listing is online at www.sefca.org/dl. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

Absentee ballots for the November 3rd North Adams City Election are now available at the City Clerk's Office. If you are unable to vote on Election Day you may stop by the office and vote any time during office hours. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4:30pm. Absentee ballots are available until noon the day before the election. If you cannot physically come in then you can send a request to have a ballot mailed to you. Please keep in mind that they must be mailed to you, so please allow ample time. Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office before the close of the polls Tuesday Nov.3. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/10

You're invited to "Paint and Sip with the Ponies", a fundraiser for Kumar the Adams K9's program, the Berkshire Humane Soc'y., Berkshire Carousel and Got Spots Etc. Its this Sat., 4-6:30 at the Adams Ale House. \$40 per person includes all painting supplies, with

guidance by the Berkshire Carousel Artists. Call 413-499-0457 for reservations. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/28

Mill City Productions, in collaboration with Berkshire County Head Start, will line the walkways of Western Gateway Heritage State Park with jack-o-lanterns on Oct. 29-31. Everyone will be able to see them free of charge from 5:30-8:30 on those nights for three nights for the community's viewing pleasure. MCP is seeking donations of carved and/or decorated pumpkins from individuals and organizations. Email contactmillcity@gmail.com for more information and join the fun! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

BRTA offices will be closed and regular bus service will not be running on Columbus Day, Monday Oct. 12. Regularly scheduled bus service will resume at 5:45 AM Tuesday. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/19

The Clarksburg School Annual Haunted Hayride will be on Saturday (Oct 17) from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. The spooky fun takes place at Clarksburg State Park on Middle Road, Clarksburg. Adults \$7, Children \$5, to benefit Clarksburg School's 8th grade class and Ski Club. A concession stand and glow sticks will be available. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/20

Williams College will host a conversation with bestselling author Michael Pollan on issues about the intersection of nature and culture. The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. on the MainStage in the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance. Audience questions and a book signing will follow. The event is open to the public and tickets are free but required. They are available online at www.62center.williams.edu/box-office or by calling the box office at 413-597-2425, Tues-Sat, 1-5 PM. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/16

The next meeting of the Northern Berkshire Interfaith Action Initiative will be held this Friday at 10 AM at the First Baptist Church of North Adams (use Eagle Street entrance). All are welcome to attend. Diane Morris, the Youth Mentoring Program coordinator at Child Care of the Berkshires will speak. For more info, email northernberkshireinterfaith@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/17

You're invited to attend a free screening of the powerful short film "Sing a Little Louder", with personal testimony from Pro-Life activist Penny Lea. It's this Saturday at 5 PM at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center, just off Marshall St., North Adams. Food and refreshments will be served. To find out more go online to www.singloudemovie.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

There will be an All U Can Eat Breakfast, sponsored by Naomi Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, this Sunday from 8-11:30 at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. \$8 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, and more! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/22

Whitney Girls Basketball program is holding registration on October 20th and 22nd from 6 - 7:30 PM at the Northern Berkshire YMCA. Sign-ups are accepted anytime at the Y. This program is open to girls in 1st - 8th grade. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

Residents at the Eclipse Mill Artist Lofts are pleased to open their doors once again for the 11th Annual North Adams Open Studios. This two-day event will take place this Saturday and Sunday at 243 Union Street (Route 2), from 10am to 5pm both days. Open Studios is free and open to the public. Visit www.eclipsemill.com for more

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

PSA KILL 10/24

Noelies Belles, the Walk to Cure Diabetes team of local fourth-grader Noelle Dravis, is teaming up with The Progressive Palette to offer a fun Halloween painting party for both children and adults. The party will be held Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 4 PM at Sts. Patrick and Raphael parish center in Williamstown. The cost is \$37, which includes all supplies, instruction and snacks. No painting experience is needed. Seating is limited and advance registration is required online at www.progressivepalette.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/24

There will be a Vendor/Craft/Bake Sale on Sat. Oct. 24th from 11-3 at the Adams Ale House on E. Hoosic St. Proceeds will go to the Relay for Life Team Soul Sisters and Brothers. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/27

The Northern Berkshire Relay for Life Team Soul Sisters and Brothers, with the help of Progressive Palette and Adams Ale House, will host "Autumn Magic", a Paint and Dine to Donate fundraiser. It will be on Weds. October 28th. Pre-registration and payment required if you'd like to paint. Please go to www.progressivepalette.com or call 413-588-2864. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/31

Parents are their children's first teachers. The Parent Child Home Program can help you to help your child grow. They will bring FREE books and toys into your home and show you how to use them to help your child to get ready for school. They are now enrolling 2-3 year old children for free home visits. For more information call 664-4821. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/19

MCLA will present a North Adams City Council Candidate Forum on Monday, Oct. 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the MCLA Church Street Center's Eleanor Furst Roberts Auditorium. Students from Dr. J. Benjamin Taylor's "State and Local Politics" class are organizing this event, which 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 10/20

The Rainbow Seniors of Berkshire County, a program for the county's LGBT senior citizens and their friends, will hold the first of its monthly potluck-and-program meetings from Noon to 2 on Tuesday, October 20 at the First Congregational Church of Williamstown, 906 Main Street. The potluck lunches will continue on the third Tuesday of each month at the Church. They are handicap accessible, and there is convenient parking next to the church. For more info, email ed@rainbowseniors.com or call 413-441-6006. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/23

Celebrated American pianist Simone Dinnerstein will join the Berkshire Symphony Orchestra in concert on Friday, Oct. 23, in Chapin Hall at Williams College. This will be the first event in Chapin Hall since extensive renovations began last May. The concert begins at 8 p.m., and is free and open to the public. For more about musical performances at Williams this year go to www.music.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/26

The second annual Williams College German/Austrian Film Festival will take place on consecutive Mondays, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, and Nov. 9 at Images Cinema located at 50 Spring St. in Williamstown. Films will be shown at 7 PM. This year, the festival has a focus on silence and silencing. All films are in German with English subtitles. The screenings 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 11/5

The Drury High School Band is currently holding its annual citrus fruit fundraiser. Oranges, pink grapefruit, tangelos and combo packages are available in various quantities and prices. The fruit will be delivered direct from Florida in early December and will be delivered to all customers by hand members. Satisfaction is guaranteed. The sale continues until Nov. 6. For more info or to place your order please contact Tom Bernard at 664-4932 or email dnurybandadmins@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/16

Applications are now being accepted for BCAC's Warm Clothing Program, for children up to age 12. You can apply at the Community Action office at 85 Main St., Suite 201, North Adams, Mon-Fri, 9-11:30 AM and 1-3:30 PM. Applications will be taken until Nov. 16th. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/18

The Northern Berkshire YMCA welcomes youth and teens ages 8-14 years for a night of fun, active play at Kids' Night Out, every Friday night from 5:30-8:30 until Dec. 18. Parents can enjoy a night out while their youngsters have fun in a safe, secure environment. Youth and teens enjoy an evening of fun and games, gym time and pool time. A movie with a snack will finish the evening. Cost: \$5 for each night. For more info, contact Jeremy at 663-6529. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/7

The Annual "Up Front for DeMar 5k Run and 1 mile Walk", an event to raise money for the Specialist Michael R. Demarisco Scholarship Fund, is coming up. This year there will be a spaghetti dinner at the American Legion on Sat., Nov. 7 with the 5k race and 1 mile walk the following day. The dinner will run from 4to 7, and tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children or seniors. For race registration, pick up a mail-in form from Olympia, Planet Fitness or the YMCA in North Adams, contact race director Eileen Monahan at (413)212-0445, or email upfrontfordemar5k@gmail.com. Dinner tickets are also available online or from Eileen. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/24

The Adams-Cheshire Youth Football and Cheerleading programs will hold their annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 24 from 4:30-7:30 PM. It'll be at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 159 Church St., Cheshire. There will also be a dessert table, raffle items and a 50/50. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased in advance from any Adams-Cheshire Youth Football player or cheerleader, or at the door. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/25

The annual Stamford VT Senior Group Craft Fair will be held Sat. and Sun. Oct 24-25 from 10-4 at the Stamford Elementary School on Main Rd. Vendors will have many handmade crafts, gifts and jewelry for sale. There will be a Chinese auction, themed baskets, restaurant and 50/50 raffles, as well as a raffle for a Barbecue grill sponsored by the Stamford Vol. Fire Dept. Lunch will be available too! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/24

Blackinton Union Church's Annual Holiday Bazaar is this Saturday! From 10AM - 2PM you'll find Homemade Baked Goods (Pies, Fudge, Brownies, Cookies, & more), a Chinese Auction, Food Basket Raffle, Crafts, Gifts and Hand Knit Items. Lunch will be available too. Blackinton Union Church is at 1373 Mass. Ave, North Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/25

The Adams Lions Club will host their annual Halloween Parade this Sunday. Meet at 3:45 in the parking lot of Adams Community Bank on Center St (next to Big Y). The parade will start at 4:00, winding up at the Depot St/Adams Visitors Center parking lot, where cider donuts, refreshments and Halloween gift bags will be given to all the children who participate. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/8

Northern Berkshire Relay for Life Team Soul Sisters and Brothers will hold a Breakfast Dine To Donate at the Freight Yard Pub in North

Adams, November 1 and 8 from 9:00-1:00. You dine, they donate! Don't forget to mention Relay For Life when you order. Raffles and 50/50 on site during breakfast, too. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/4

"A Taste of Local Flavors" by Freight Yard Pub & Furnace Brook Winery at Hilltop Orchards will take place on November 5th to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life team Soul Sisters and Brothers. \$50 per person includes a 5:30pm cider tasting and at 6pm, a sit down 4 course meal, each course paired with a local wine. There will also be Raffles and 50/50. Presale only at PYP or call 413-822-1087. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/24

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture Anatomy of a Ghost this Saturday at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will cover everything you want to know about a ghost but are afraid to ask ... and see. The history of ghosts is full of apparitions, hunting and hoaxes that will make you see right through the realities and myths. The Park is located just 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 10/24

MCLA, the North Adams Chamber of Commerce and the City of North Adams will hold a "Day of Service - Fall Edition" this Saturday from 9-Noon. Volunteers will gather in the Sullivan Lounge in the Amsler Campus Center on the MCLA campus at 9 AM to enjoy a light breakfast snack. Work at various sites to clean up and improve the community will begin at 9:30 and continue until noon. The event will wrap up at 12:30 with pizza and drinks for the volunteers at the Sullivan Lounge. Everyone in the community is welcome to join in and help out. For more information, contact Christopher Handman by email: christopher.handman@mcla.edu, or call 662-5384. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/25

Over the last 2 weeks two house fires took place in North Adams. Four apartments suffered a complete loss leaving their residents little to nothing. You can help two young mothers and their daughters, a single woman and a single man get back on their feet, establishing new homes. Donations of cash and gift cards to supermarkets and Walmart can be brought to the First Baptist Church of North Adams at 131 Main St. Gently used furniture including kitchen tables and chairs, bureaus, beds and living room furniture are also being accepted, but please CALL the church first to share possible donations of furniture....do not deliver furniture at this time. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

United Cerebral Palsy of Berkshire County will host a Halloween party for families at the UCP Pittsfield office, 208 West St, on Friday, October 30 starting at 4:30 pm and ending just in time for the Pittsfield Halloween Parade at 6:30. Kids are encouraged to dress-up in their best costumes and come with their trick or treat bags for indoor trick or treating. There will also be Halloween crafts and snacks for the entire family. For more info visit www.ucpbberkshire.org or contact Kristen Baker at 413-442-1562, ext. 24 or email kbaker@ucpbberkshire.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/5

Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School will host its 6th annual Fall Breakfast on Friday, November 6 from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, with optional student-led tours to take place following the program. A continental breakfast will be served. Any community members who would like to attend should contact Leah Thompson at 743-7311, Ext. 168 or via e-mail at leah.thompson@batccharter.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/6

There will be a Spaghetto Dinner to benefit the Furnace Street Fire Fund, Friday November 6th from 4-8pm at the North Adams Eagles. Tickets are \$7 and available at the Eagles. There will also be a Bake sale, Auction, Raffle & 50/50. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/28

The Residence Area Advisory Boards and the Center for Service and Citizenship at MCLA will host the 21st Annual "Boo Bash" for children and their parents on Weds., Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Berkshire Towers on the MCLA campus. This event is free and open to area children between the ages of 6 and 11, when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Berkshire Towers, on Church Street, across the street from Murdock Hall, will feature a decorated entrance, trick or treating and a costume party. For more info, please contact Jess Montecalvo at the college: 662-5249. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

The North Adams Eagles are throwing a Halloween bash on Friday Oct. 30th at 8 PM. There is no cover charge and there will be cash prizes for the best dressed, as well as giveaways and a DJ. This is an 18-and-over event. For more info, contact the Eagles on Curran Highway, North Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/31

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated reading of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" this Saturday at 3pm. 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 10/31

"Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future" is the theme of First Church Williamstown's 250th anniversary to be celebrated November 1st, with a special worship service followed by a celebratory luncheon. Rev. Mark Longhurst will preach on the theme of past and future. A historical slideshow will also be shown. Former pastors and representatives of the church's community partners will be recognized at the luncheon. First Church is a progressive Christian community. The church is located at 906 Main St. Williamstown. All are welcome. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/7

White Oaks Congregational Church at 480 White Oaks Rd., Williamstown, will hold its Church Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 7 from 9-2. It will feature a Chinese auction, basket raffles, 50-50, a food and bake table, handmade crafts table, tag sale tables and a used tools table. Lunch will be served from 11-1 with take-out available. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/31

The Williamstown Fire Dept. at 34 Water St. will be hosting their annual Fire Prevention Week Open House this Saturday from 10-2. This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep". Joining the Fire Dept. will be the Williamstown Forest Warden, Village Ambulance and Sparky the Fire Dog. There will be demonstrations, free balloons, stickers, refreshments and fun and games for the family. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/5

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday November 5th at the Greylock Community Club in North Adams. Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon will be available at this meeting. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday December 9th at 12:00 noon at the Boston Seafood restaurant. The cost for the tickets has not yet been determined. Members and guests are invited. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at the meeting. 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 10/31

You're invited to join the Northern Berkshire Relay for Life Team "Remission Accomplished" for a "Spooktacular" evening of food and "frightful" fun! This Saturday from 7PM- Midnight at the Freight Yard Pub, North Adams. Come in costume, as prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. First prize is a brand new TV! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/13

Relay for Life Team Soul Sisters and Brothers will host a series of Friday night Celebrity Bartender Nights at Freight Yard Pub in North

Adams. Your tips on those nights will benefit the Relay. Many prizes will be awarded too. Oct. 30 from 6-10 PM it's Bill Bryce, Drury Dean of Students, Nov. 6 from 6-10 PM it's Michael Haddad, and Nov. 13's celebrity bartender will be Buffy Lord. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

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PSA KILL 11/13

Berkshire County Arc will hold its 61st Annual Meeting on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 AM at the ITAM Lodge in Pittsfield. Awards will be presented to individuals who have made significant contributions during the past year. Featured guests will speak about the highlights of the agency over the past year. The event includes a breakfast, and a donation of \$20 per person is requested. For more information or to register, call 413-499-4241, Ext. 200. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/3

There will be a public flu vaccination clinic, at no out-of-pocket charge to you! It'll be Tuesday Nov. 3 from 3-6 PM at the Northern Berkshire YMCA in North Adams. The flu clinic is presented by the Berkshire Public Health Alliance through a public health nursing contract with the City of North Adams. Everyone 6 months of age or older is welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have insurance, remember to bring your card. Any questions please call 413-442-1521 Ext.37 or email kimbball@berkshirereplanning.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/4

This Wednesday from 6-8pm, the North Adams Public Schools and the Family Center of Northern Berkshire County will sponsor the free parent workshop, "Dealing with Behavior Issues at Home". The workshop will be held in the Brayton Elementary School Library and led by renowned behavioral specialist, Polly Bath. Please call 664-4821 to register for childcare or transportation. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/7

The BOUTIQUE at Stamford Community Church will be open this Saturday from 9-Noon. This month featuring gently used clothing and holiday items! Proceeds benefit the Church missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/7

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Native American Heritage Month - The Road to Independence" this Saturday at 3pm. 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 11/12

North Adams Public Library and Williams College invite youngsters age 8-14 to join the Stargazers Club. It meets 6-7:30 PM Thursday, November 5, 19 and Thurs., December 3 at the Library. On Friday, November 13, the Club will meet 6:45-8:30PM at Williams College. Children under 10 must bring an adult. This program is free, but pre-registration is required. Please sign up at the MAPL Youth Services Department, or by calling 662-3133, Ext. 14. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/9

A panel discussion on the legacy and leadership of President Barack Obama is taking place on Monday, Nov. 9 at Williams College. "Obama: Leadership, Legacy, Lessons," part of the James MacGregor Burns Distinguished Speaker Series, begins at 7 p.m. in Griffin Hall, room 3. The 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 11/10

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Berkshire County is seeking veterans who are interested in leading NAMI Connection Support Groups for veterans. The organization will hold a two-day facilitator training in Pittsfield on November 14 and 15. Individuals who are interested in attending and becoming a facilitator should call 413-443-1666 or email namibc@namibc.org by Wednesday, Nov. 11. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/11

The BRTA offices will be closed and regular bus service will not be running on Weds. Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Bus service will resume Thursday morning, and the BRTA office will open at 8 AM.

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

PSA KILL 11/13

The next Northern Berkshire Community Coalition monthly forum is Friday Nov. 13, from 10am to noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams (Eagle St. entrance). This month's forum will discuss the Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant, focusing on "Community Needs". A 2nd session in Jan. will focus on "Community Solutions". The organizers of the Friendship Center Food Pantry at 43 Eagle Street ask you to please bring along a non-perishable food item for donation to the pantry. For more info, please call 663-7588, or e-mail ahinds@nbccoalition.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/14

The 20th annual Community Baby Shower will be held on Saturday, November 14th, from 10-Noon at the Berkshire Mall Center Court. This FREE event, co-hosted by Child Care of the Berkshires and Berkshire North WIC, is for pregnant women and their partners, parents, and grandparents of young children. Agencies from throughout Berkshire County will be there with information. There will also be blood pressure screening, craft activities for children and parents and a raffle. For more info call 664-6104. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

A Holiday Gift Shopping Extravaganza to benefit The Northern Berkshire Santa Fund will take place Sat., Nov. 21st from 10-3 at the Eagles, 515 Curran Hwy., N. Adams. Lunch will be served from Noon-2. Over 20 vendors are expected featuring home decor, food, jewelry, beauty products, candles, crafts and more! All proceeds will be donated to the Santa Fund. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/31

Tickets for United Cerebral Palsy of Berkshire County's "Life without Limits" Benefit Concert featuring the band KANSAS have officially gone on-sale for the March 26 7:30pm concert at the Colonial Theatre in

Pittsfield. Tickets start at \$45 for this major fundraiser, which was created to take the place of the annual UCP Telethon. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For tickets, call the Box Office directly at 413-997-4444 or go online to www.berkshiretheatre.org. For more info about UCP's "Life without Limits" Benefit Concert, call Kristen Baker, 413-442-1562, email kbaker@ucpberkshire.org or visit www.ucpberkshire.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

The Hoosac Valley Leo Club will hold its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8-11:30 on Sunday Nov. 15, at Hoosac Valley Middle and High School, Rt.116, Cheshire. It features all you can eat pancakes, sausage and a beverage, cooked and served by Leo Club members. Breakfasts are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for kids under 12. Tickets are available from Leo Club members or at the door. Funds raised will help with the Create a Dream project run by the club at Christmas. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/17

ST. Elizabeth Rosary Society will meet on Nov. 17 at 6pm in the parish center. Members will be voting on a new bylaw, so all are encouraged to attend. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

Now through Dec. 15, the Hoosac Valley Leo Club is conducting their annual fund raising project for Create a Dream. Working together with the North Adams Salvation Army, the program identifies area families in need and provides gifts for the Christmas season. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated to help them buy, wrap and distribute the gifts. Please send them to Hoosac Valley Leo Club, 125 Savoy Rd., Cheshire MA 01225. Checks should be made payable to the Hoosac Valley Leo Club. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/11

The American Red Cross and North Adams Fire Department are teaming up to install FREE smoke detectors for North Adams homeowners. You are eligible if: you own your home, your home was

built before 1975, and your current smoke alarms are 10 years or older (or non-existent). Representatives from the Red Cross and MAFD will be installing the smoke detectors on Nov. 18. Please call the North Adams Fire Department by Nov. 11 for an appointment: 664-4923. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/14

St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish in North Adams will hold their annual bazaar this Friday and Saturday from 10 AM-7 PM in the Parish Center. Plenty of raffles and fun, with the fish bowl, Chinese and silent auctions and a special Children's Room. Also, sewn and knitted goods, plants, jewelry, a white elephant sale, candy booth, desserts and more. Lots of great food from the kitchen too, including ziti and meatballs and eggplant parm dinners on Friday, and chicken parm or ziti and meatballs on Saturday, plus soups and sandwiches and beverages anytime. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/11

North Adams will observe Veterans Day on Wednesday with a parade and ceremony. The parade will begin at the American Legion at approximately 10:40 a.m. and end at the Veterans Memorial Park with a ceremony honoring our veterans. Everyone is welcome. All veterans are invited to participate. You do not have to be a member of any organization. All parade participants are requested to be at the American Legion parking lot by 10 am. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony 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 11/14

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture marking Native American Heritage Month: "The Last Great Indian Council", this Saturday at 3pm. The program explores what took place over a century ago, when many Native American chiefs assembled for one last Council. 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 11/15

The A-Y-J Fund will be hosting a Wine and Chocolate Tasting this Sunday from 3-6PM at the Freight Yard Pub in North Adams. You'll sample wine, chocolates and chocolate desserts from the Freight Yard Pub, Balderdash Cellars, Gimme Some Sugar and Chocolate Springs. There will be music, a silent auction, wine pull and more. Your \$25 donation will support the A-Y-J Fund's Children's cancer programs and children's cancer research. Contact Kathy at 662-2903 for info. Tickets are available from Freight Yard Pub in advance or at the door. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/17

The Rainbow Seniors of Berkshire County, a program for the county's LGBT senior citizens and their friends, will celebrate Veterans Day at their potluck-and-program on Tuesday, November 17, from Noon to 2 at the First Congregational Church of Williamstown, 906 Main Street (on the north campus of Williams College). For more info, contact Ed at ed@rainbowseniors.com or by phone at 413-441-6006. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/1

Josh Bressette Commit To Save A Life Inc. cordially invites you to their "GivingTuesday" Holiday Food Drive and Chinese Auction. It'll be on Dec 1st from 10 AM-7 PM at 67 Main St., North Adams. Please bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win a Holiday gift basket. To donate to the auction please call 802-681-8758. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

Naomi Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, is sponsoring a Fall Bazaar, this Saturday from 9-1 at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. You'll find craft and bake tables, White Elephant, and a Chinese Auction. Luncheon will also be served. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

Check out the Farmers and Artisans Harvest Market at the Adams Memorial Middle School, 30 Columbia St., this Sunday from 9-3. Along

with the many goods that are grown, raised, or produced locally. Live entertainment will be featured. Come see what the Harvest Market has to offer! For more information look for Adams Farmers Market on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/23

All Saints Episcopal Church will deliver a hot dinner on Thanksgiving Day to seniors 60 and older, living in North Adams, Adams, Clarksburg, Cheshire, Florida and Williamstown. Those who would otherwise not have a meal should call the Church at 664-9656, Mon-Fri 1:30-5:30 PM by November 23rd. Leave a message with your name, address and phone number and All Saints will confirm with you. The program is sponsored by Northern Berkshire United Way. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/25

Here's a chance for you to support ACE (Adams-Cheshire Education Fund), and raise money to support many programs in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. Eat at McDonalds on Commercial St. in Adams on Weds. Nov 25 between 4-7 PM, when 20% of their sales will go directly to ACE. You'll also see several members of the ACRSD community working alongside McDonald's employees! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/30

Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Committee is seeking nominations for the 2016 Peacemaker Award. The Peacemaker Award recognizes persons who have a history of working with people and/or neighborhoods and communities to provide for greater tolerance, understanding, and caring. To nominate a Peacemaker, pick up a form at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition office at 61 Main Street, Suite 218, North Adams or call Liz Boland at 663-7588, Ext. 19. Nominations must be received by November 30. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/30

The Northern Berkshire YMCA is taking open registrations in its School-Age program. Care is offered before and after school and includes

school cancellation days, half days and many holidays. The State-licensed program is for children in grades K-through 6. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Children enrolled in elementary before- and after-school care receive a free youth membership to the Y! For more info, go to www.ymcab.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

1st Annual Hot Chocolate 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Walk to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is scheduled for Saturday December 5 starting at Noon on Center Street, North Adams. Go to www.berkshirerunningcenter.com to register or pick up a form at Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's office at 61 Main Street, Suite 218, North Adams. If you have any questions, please Email stephanie.bosley@cancer.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/25

The Drury High School Band will hold its annual fundraiser Nov. 25 from 4-9pm at Papa Gino's, 36 American Legion Dr., North Adams. Papa Gino's will donate 20% of the total pre-tax sales from all guests who submit a DHS Band flyer with their order (dine-in, carry-out, or delivery). Flyers are available from all band members and at the North Adams Christmas Tree lighting ceremony that evening on Main St. This year's fundraiser is specifically to raise funds for the band trip to Washington DC for the July 4, 2016 parade. For more info or to get a flyer please contact Tom Bernard at 664-4942 or email dhrurybandparents@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/14

First Baptist Church, Main St. North Adams, will hold its Fall Harvest Fair this Saturday from 9-3. You'll find craft items, attic treasures, handmade and quilted items, candles and baked goods, plus a Chinese auction, kids fishbowl, and lunch with Santas! Soup, sandwiches and beverages will be sold for lunch from 11-1:30. Everyone is welcome. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

The Maple Grove Civic Club holds its next meeting this Sunday at 3PM in the PNA Hall on Victory St., Adams. Guest speaker will be School Superintendent Kristen Gordon, talking about the school budget. A turkey dinner will follow the meeting. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/17

The Family Center invites your family to join them for A Thankful Storytime at the Town of Florida Library on Tuesday November 17th at 6:30 pm. Snuggle up with your family and listen to some enjoyable children books with a theme of being thankful. They will have some fun children's art activities too. Just drop in, it's free for ALL Families. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/17

A "Get Cuffed" class is being offered for free on Tuesday, November 17th, 2-3 PM at Adams Town Hall. This class is an opportunity for people at risk of -- or that currently have--high blood pressure. Get Cuffed provides education about controlling your blood pressure as well as free blood pressure cuffs to take home to monitor blood pressure. To register or receive more information, please call 664-5057. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Stealing from the Sun" this Saturday at 3pm. It will explore the history of humankind's attempt to light up the night. 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 11/21

The annual Great Pie Palooza will be held at 11:15am this Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 906 Main St. in Williamstown. Participants are asked to bring in or drop off two pies which DO NOT require refrigeration at the church Community Hall Sunday morning between 9 and 11. One pie will be sent on to the Berkshire Food Project

for their Thanksgiving feast at the First Congregational Church in North Adams. The 2nd pie will be used for sampling and voting at Sunday's Great Pie Palooza. More info from Carolyn at 458-5557 or carolyn@berh@yahoo.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/26

White Oaks Congregational Church at 480 White Oaks Rd., Williamstown will hold a Thanksgiving Day worship service on Thurs. Nov. 26 at 9 AM. A free-will offering of cash or food will be accepted and given to the Berkshire Food Project. All are welcome. (Also, Thanksgiving choir rehearsal will be this Saturday at 1:00.) If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/28

A Holiday Craft Bazaar is coming up on Saturday Nov. 28th from 9-3 at the Eagles Hall, 515 Curran Highway, North Adams. Vendors will be in both the large and small halls. There will also be a Chinese auction, 50-50 and a door prize raffle, and great food from the kitchen. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/21/16

The Northern Berkshire Neighbors program of the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition is seeking community-minded individuals to take part in a free Community Outreach and Civic Engagement training program. The training will take place over a 5-month period and meet every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 8pm beginning February 16, 2016. A letter of interest is required no later than Jan. 22nd to register. For more information, call Annie or Jess at 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/22

Berkshire Grown will host the very popular Holiday Farmers' Markets from 10-2 this Sunday and again on December 20 at Williams College's Towne Field House on Latham Street in Williamstown. They feature the freshest locally grown and produced foods and gifts. Admission is free and the markets will be equipped to process EBT cards/ SNAP benefits on site. There will also be music by the MoCA Jam band and face painting and seasonal craft activities for children

plus hot lunch fare available. For more info, go to www.berkshiregown.org or call 413-528-0041. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

First Congregational Church, on Main St., North Adams will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar this Saturday from 9-2. The sale will feature handmade items, fresh boxwood decorations, table ornaments and wreaths, homemade baked goods, a special children's corner, tag sale items, and attic treasures. Lunch will be available too. Proceeds from the bazaar help fund church maintenance projects. For more info please call the church at 663-9940. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

St. Stanislaus Kostka School's annual Christmas Bazaar is this Saturday from 9 to 4 in Kolbe Hall, beneath the church on Hoosac Street, Adams. Lots of fun including gift basket drawings, Chinese auction, raffles and Polish food. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/23

All farmers, local food producers and friends are invited to join Hoosac Harvest and Berkshire Grown for a pot luck, Monday Nov. 23 from 5:30-8:30 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church, 59 Summer St., North Adams. It's Free, just bring a dish to share and enjoy catching up with old friends or making some new ones. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/23

MCLA will present a panel discussion, "Making Sense of the Senseless," that will focus on topics including the recent attacks in France and Lebanon, the Islamic State, and potential responses, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, in the Feigenbaum Center for Science and Innovation Auditorium, room 121. This event is being hosted by MCLA's Department of History, Political Science and Public Policy. 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 11/25

Join hundreds of your neighbors in celebrating the holiday season at North Adams' Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! At 6 PM Weds, Nov. 25, Main Street will be transformed into a twinkling wonderland of thousands of lights, illuminating the tree-lined street and decorating the two holiday trees at the ends of Main Street. Once the lights go up be on the lookout for Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will make a special appearance to bring goody bags to the children! Then stick around and see what holiday gifts are to be found in the downtown shops! For more info visit www.exploretheadams.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

On Sat. Dec 5, Boy Scout Troop 38 will hold a Holiday Fair at the United Cerebral Palsy of the Berkshires' building next to the Eagles Hall on Curran Highway, North Adams. The event will feature a huge Chinese auction, crafts, gifts, baked goods and more. Interested vendors can call 743-0445. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/28

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "A New York City Christmas ... A History" this Saturday at 3pm. From the Thanksgiving Day parade to the big ball descending at Times Square - this illustrated tour explores the holiday history of a city that represents the icon of Christmas celebration. 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 12/7

Berkshire Community Action in North Adams is still looking for sponsors and donations of cash or checks to help make the holidays bright for over 100 children. Please stop by their office at 85 Main St., Suite 201, North Adams or call 663-3014 if you can help. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/26

There will be no BRTA fixed bus route service on Thanksgiving Day and their administrative offices will be closed. Buses will roll once again on Friday morning starting at 5:45. However, the office will remain closed until 8 AM Monday Nov. 30. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/15/16

A local drive for supplies for Homeless Veterans is going on now through January 15. Washed and clean twin or full fitted sheets, blankets, towels and face cloths are welcome. Hats, socks and underwear will also be accepted. Also, items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, shower shoes and disposable razors for both men and women are needed. NO mouthwash or hand sanitizers please. You may also donate phone calling cards so that the vets may call home. Please call Jeff at 743-5175 to arrange details on pickup or you can drop off your items at the Adams Town Hall or the Registry of Deeds office, both on Park St., Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/3

Williams College will host a screening of the documentary film "Dear Mandela" on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Paresky Auditorium. It's the final installment in this year's Global Studies Film Series. 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 4/30/16

The City of North Adams Winter parking ban is in effect. The City ordinance says that no person shall park any vehicle, except in an emergency, on any street or highway longer than one-hour between the hours of 1am and 6am of any day. Violators will be subject to a fine, and vehicle will be subject to tow. The ban will remain in effect through April 30th. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 4/30/16

The Town of Adams reminds drivers that the Town's Winter parking ban is in effect. Vehicles are not to be parked on any public way or town parking lot between Midnight and 7 AM. Violators will be fined \$25 and could have their vehicle towed at the owner's expense. If it's

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

PSA KILL 12/15

North Adams Triad will get together for a Christmas Party on Friday Dec. 18 at 11 AM at Boston Seafoods Restaurant. Each member or guest is asked to bring \$10 as their share of the meal that day, which is your choice of chicken, turkey, roast beef or baked stuffed scrod. If you'd like to attend please call Pearl at 664-4673 or Alice at 664-4636. There will be no Triad meetings in Jan., Feb. or March of 2016. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/2

The Mount Greylock Regional School PTO and the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition are teaming up to convene a community discussion about preventing youth substance abuse at 6PM this Wednesday at Mt Greylock. A panel of experts will speak and be available to answer questions. This event is free and open to the public and appropriate for students grades 4 and up. Pizzas will be provided at 6, followed by the presentation and discussion. Childcare is available upon request. Registration requested, but not required. Call 663-7488 Ext. 14. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

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PSA KILL 12/3

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM this Thursday at the Greylock Community Club. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Tickets for next Wednesday's Christmas Luncheon will be available at this meeting. Members and guests are invited. 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 12/5

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Shadows of Hanukkah" this Saturday at 3pm. The program will explore the history of Hanukkah and the origins of its symbols. 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 12/10

The North Adams Public Library invites you to a felt ornament workshop on Thursday Dec. 10 from 6-7:30 PM. They'll provide instruction and materials, you provide the artistry and conversation! The workshop is designed for adults, but teens are welcome to join in too. Pre-registration is requested at the Main Circulation desk or by calling 662-3133. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/13

Mill City Productions presents "Fireside Yuletide", dramatic readings of classic Christmas stories for the whole family read by Mill City actors. Performances will take place on Friday, December 11th at 7pm, and Sat-Sun., December 12-13th at 4pm. The production also includes singing of classic holiday songs. Festive holiday refreshments will be

served. Performances are in Mill City's Theatre at Building 4N (next to the Visitor's Center) in the Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams. Admission is just \$2 for everyone! Tickets are available at the door. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/3

For the second straight year, MCLA Gallery 51 will partner with Frog Pond Creative to bring "Unsilent Night", a "mobile sound sculpture," to the streets of North Adams. Starting at 5:15 PM this Thursday, "Unsilent Night" composer and creator Phil Kline will lead an expansive chorus of boomboxes from the MASS MOCa courtyard, through surrounding streets and ending with hot chocolate at the opening of "Spectacle 99" at Gallery 51 on Main St. The public is encouraged to participate. Find out more at www.northadams.unsilentnight.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/3

MCLA Gallery 51 announces that "Spectacle 99: The Affordable Art Show," will open this Thursday, with a free opening reception from 5 to 8 PM in the gallery at 51 Main St., North Adams. Just in time for the holiday season, all art will be priced between 99 cents and \$99.99. All artwork will be sold on a "cash and carry" basis. "Spectacle 99" will run in MCLA's Gallery 51 through Sunday, Dec 27. Open Mon-Sat 10-6 and Sunday Noon-4. For more info call 662-5320 or visit www.mclaredu/gallery51. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

Williamstown's 32nd Annual Holiday Walk is this Saturday and many new events have been added! There's a "Run with the Reindeer!" Fun Run at 9:30 AM, a chili and soup cook off and an ice carving demonstration. Of course, there's the Remdog Parade at 3pm, music, hayrides and a visit with Santa, who will light the tree on Spring St. at 5:30pm. Be sure to visit the Penny Social and Nonprofit Fair at Lassel Gym, and the Habitat for Humanity Tree Showcase and ABC Jewelry sale at the 1st Congregational Church, just across Main St. A schedule and more info can be found at www.williamstownchamber.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

This Saturday at 9 PM, Williams Jazz Ensemble performs "bebop big band" compositions and arrangements by jazz giants like Dizzy Gillespie, Mary Lou Williams, and Thelonious Monk. The ensemble will feature veteran jazz and salsa great Ray Vega on trumpet. They'll perform in Chapin Hall on the Williams campus. It's free and open to all. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

Sweet Brook Care Centers, Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, holds its annual Holiday Bazaar this Saturday from 10 to 3 with vendors selling jewelry, wreaths, candy and baby supplies, among other craft and gift items. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

Wrap up Holiday Walk weekend in Williamstown with a visit to the Williamstown Elementary School Craft Fair and Cape Cod Cafe from 9am-4pm Sunday. Around 50 crafters and artists are expected on hand. A pancake breakfast will be available from 9 to noon, and light lunch afterward. All proceeds benefit the 6th graders' trip to Cape Cod. Admission is free. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/12

The Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington invites you to attend their Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 12th at Noon, at the Veteran Cemetery located behind the main building of the campus. On that day, wreath laying ceremonies are coordinated at Arlington National Cemetery as well as Veterans' Cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. To learn more please visit: www.wreathscrossamerica.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, or nearby Southern VT, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/15

The Rainbow Seniors of Berkshire County, a program for the county's LGBT senior citizens and their friends, will celebrate the holidays at its December potluck-and-program. It'll be on Tuesday, December 15, from 11-2 at the First Congregational Church of Williamstown, 906.

Main Street. The group will hold its community conversation at 11, and the Noon potluck is open to the entire community who may contribute a lunch dish or a beverage. The meeting is handicap accessible, and there is convenient parking next to the church. For more info, email ed@rainbowseniors.com or call 413-441-6006. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

It's BOUTIQUE and ROCKET BOOKS this Saturday from 9-Noon at Stamford Community Church. This month's event features gently used clothing. Proceeds always go to benefit the Church's missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

"Hometown Holidays" continues this Saturday in North Adams, with a FREE Screening of "EF" at 11am at the North Adams Movieplex. Donations to the Friendship center food pantry are encouraged, but not required to attend. Also, the Relay for Life's 1st annual Hot Chocolate 5K Road Race and Walk will take place downtown from 11-3. Call 664-6180 for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

The Town of Cheshire's tree lighting ceremony is this Sunday. There will be hayrides from the senior center at 6:30 taking you to Town Hall for the lighting, and then back to the Center to visit with Santa. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/12

The Eagles on the Curran Highway in North Adams invite you to have Breakfast with Santa on Sat, Dec 12 from 9-11:30. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, home fries, sausage, coffee, milk or chocolate milk for just \$6 per person. There will also be a fun Chinese auction and face painting for the kids. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/20

The 1753 House Committee invites you to the 42nd annual 1753 House Carol Sing at 7 pm on Sunday, December 20. (Rain/snow date: Tuesday 12/22.) The Carol Sing is a free, ecumenical event for all ages. Deborah Burns and members of her OK Chorale will lead a cappella singing beside a roaring blaze in the fireplace. Carol books and hot mulled cider are provided. There is no heat or electricity in the 1753 House, so dress warmly and bring a candle to see by. It's at Field Park in between the Williams Inn and the Milne Public Library at the intersection of Routes 2 and 7. Parking is available at the Inn and the Library. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/11

The next Northern Berkshire Community Coalition monthly forum is Friday Dec 11, from 10am to noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams (Eagle St. entrance). This month's forum will discuss Community Asset Mapping. The organizers of the Friendship Center Food Pantry at 43 Eagle Street ask you to please bring along a non-perishable food item for donation to the pantry. For more info, please call Annie Rodgers, at 663-7598, or e-mail anrodgers@nbcccoalition.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/12

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol" on Saturday December 12th at 3pm. This illustrated dramatic reading will use the copy that Dickens read from for his own performances. The illustrations are the woodcuts that were used in many of the early editions. 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 12/13

The annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols at Williams College will be held at 4 p.m. on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 12 and 13 in Thompson Memorial Chapel. They feature choral music by the Williams Concert and Chamber Choirs, congregational singing of carols, and the traditional reading of the biblical Christmas story. There is no admission charge for the services, but all are encouraged to bring an

item of non-perishable canned or packaged food for local emergency food pantries. A free-will offering will also be collected at the conclusion of the service, for the benefit of local and international humanitarian efforts initiated or supported by Williams students. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/13

The North County Chorale presents its annual North County Christmas concert. This year, along with traditional carols and candle lighting, the concert will feature "Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration" and special music provided by the Srs. Raphael and Patrick Bell Choir. The performance is Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 PM at First Congregational Church, North Adams. There is no admission charge but good-will donations will be accepted to benefit the Berkshire Food Project. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/13

First Baptist Church, 131 Main St., North Adams will once again host a Live Nativity. It may be seen Friday and Saturday Dec 11-12 from 5-8 PM and Sunday Dec 13 from 1-4. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/13

Goodwill is running a Do You Know program. Every time a donation comes into Goodwill the donor has a chance to sign up for a chance to win a prize from local restaurants all over Berkshire County and Southern Vermont. Also, Santa will be at Goodwill's Dalton Avenue Store Sat/Sun Dec 12-13 from 1to 3pm. Every child will receive a stuffed toy, a book and a candy. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/18

A talented and varied group of musicians from the Williamstown SongCircle will come together to create Home for the Holidays, a benefit concert on Friday, December 18, at 6 pm at The Tavern at the Williams Inn. Proceeds will benefit Higher Ground, the non-profit that supports community members displaced by Tropical Storm Irene and advocates for affordable housing. Donations of \$10-\$20, offered on a sliding scale, will be collected at the door. Dinner and a full bar menu

PSA KILL 12/20

The Adams Elks will be having a Holiday Breakfast Buffet this Sunday from 8-11 at the lodge on Center St. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee, just 6 dollars. Call the lodge for more info 743-1335. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/20

Berkshire Grown will host the very popular Holiday Farmers' Market from 10-2 this Sunday at Williams College's Towne Field House on Latham Street in Williamstown. Close to 50 vendors are expected, featuring the freshest locally grown and produced foods and gifts. Admission is free and the markets will be equipped to process EBT cards/ SNAP benefits on site. There will also be live music, hot lunch fare, and face painting and seasonal craft activities for children. For more info, go to www.berkshiregrown.org or call 413-528-0041. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/19

North Adams continues its Saturday "Hometown Holidays" celebration this week with Local Artist Works in Progress. From 1-3pm Saturday you're invited to come see 15183 artists work their craft and join in the fun! It'll be at the Express Gallery, 49 Main St., North Adams. Enjoy your holidays and remember to Shop Local! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/28/16

The North Adams Museum of History and Science has installed a new temporary exhibit which takes a snapshot look at Main Street using maps, photographs, and postcards dating back to 1853. The exhibit is in the Museum's first floor temporary gallery and is on view through the end of January. It's located in Western Gateway Heritage State Park. Winter hours are Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 1-4.

(Also: Their gift shop featuring many local items is a great place for last minute Christmas shopping this weekend! If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 2/17/16

The HomeBase Program is a new program designed to provide a housing solution to families who are at serious risk of homelessness, and provide an alternative to going to a family shelter or motel. The type of assistance is based on the individual needs of a family, and will be determined through an assessment. If you know of a family that's in a housing crisis and needs help, or to find out more about the HomeBase program, contact BCRHA toll-free: 1-800-248-9002. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/26

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Counting Backwards ... A History of Times Square" on Saturday December 26th at 3pm. It will explore the history of a location synonymous with New Year's Eve--Times Square, 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 1/31/16

The UNO Community Center in North Adams is now available to be rented out for your next birthday party or baby shower! Priority will be given to UNO residents; however, all community members are welcome to rent the space. For costs and other details please call Annie at 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/24

BRTA buses will operate on their regular schedules on Dec. 24th, but there will be no service on Christmas Day. Fixed route service resumes at 6 AM Saturday Dec. 26. The BRTA Offices will be closed on Dec 24th until 8 AM Monday Dec. 28. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/31

Freight Yard Pub is sponsoring a New Year's Eve celebration to benefit Relay for Life Team Soul Sisters and Brothers. It'll be Upstairs at FYP from 9:00-1:00. Includes light snacks, party favors, Mark Denning DJ, and a midnight champagne toast for only \$15.00 per person in advance and \$20.00 per person at the door. Tickets available from

Colleen at FYP or any team member. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/31

You can get FREE dessert through 12/31/16 at Freight Yard Pub with the purchase of a dessert card from Colleen at FYP or any Relay for Life team member of Soul Sisters and Brothers. A portion of the \$35 purchase price is being donated to Relay for Life. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/9/16

The Clark Art Institute presents "Out of the Box," a free performance by the I/O Ensemble of Williams College, on Saturday, January 9 at 2 pm. The one-hour concert, which is part of the Williams College Department of Music's I/O Fest '16, will be held on the lower level of the Clark Center. For more information visit www.music.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/31/16

Williams College is seeking volunteers for its fifth annual Human Library, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Paresky student center. Volunteers act as "books" that can be "checked out" by "readers" for a 30-minute conversation about their story. To volunteer, go to www.sites.williams.edu/humanlibrary before Feb. 1. If you need more info, please contact Lois Banta at 413-597-4330 or email lbanta@williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/31

The North Adams Public Library will be closed Dec. 24-27 for the Christmas weekend, reopening Monday the 28th at 9 AM.

It will also be closed Dec. 31-Jan 3 for New Year's weekend, reopening Monday Jan. 4 at 9 AM. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/29

The Clark Art Institute will be closed on Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day and on Friday, January 1, New Year's Day. A Free Family Film Festival will be held Tuesday, Dec. 29 through

Thursday, Dec. 31, featuring the children's films Babe, Inside Out, and Lemmy Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events. Films will be shown at 2:30 pm. For more info, visit www.clarkart.edu or call 458-2303. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/1/16

BRTA buses will operate on their regular schedules on Dec. 31st, but there will be no service on New Year's Day. Fixed route service resumes at 6 AM Saturday Jan. 2. The BRTA Offices will be closed from Jan 1st until 8 AM Monday Jan. 4. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/2/16

The DCR's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Invisible", on Saturday January 2nd at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will explore our fascination with the concept of the unseen, which has been both mysterious and frightening through time. 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.