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COMMUNITY ISSUES IN THE 4TH QUARTER OF 2014

What were the issues in our community? Read on.

NORTH ADAMS REGIONAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Stroudwater report, a recommendation of what should be done with the former North Adams Regional Hospital, was released September 18th. Stroudwater then held two public meetings at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams with approximately 200 people in attendance. Most attendees were sorely disappointed that the report did not recommend reopening the former North Adams Regional Hospital as a full-service facility. Since then BMC dubbed the hospital a northern division of the Pittsfield hospital and restored many outpatient services that residents have had to do without since the hospital's abrupt closure in March of 2014.

KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE CHANGES ROUTE OPTION:

Kinder Morgan's effort's to build a new gas line has once again been a huge topic of debate over the final quarter of 2014. Several groups have come out in opposition to it, due primarily to environmental concerns. In response to fierce opposition from homeowners, town officials and political leaders, energy giant Kinder Morgan shifted northward its proposed gas pipeline route through Berkshire County. The change spares Pittsfield, but groups in other new communities affected have now started to make noise.

STATEWIDE ELECTION AND A NEW REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR:

The State of Massachusetts elected a new governor in November: Republican Charlie Baker. Baker's main opponent in the race was the now former Attorney General Martha Coakley, who is also a native of North Adams. Coakley did get strong support in the Berkshires, but the state saw things differently.

ADAMS TOWN MANAGER LEAVES FOR PITTSFIELD POST

Adams town manager Paul Butler left his job this quarter after many successful years at the helm there. He took a job as the President and CEO of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce in Pittsfield.

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This is a sample of news copy presented on the air on the air during a normal broadcast day.

The Berkshire News Network provides extensive and rounded coverage of stories throughout Berkshire County. Stories are shared between stations on a routine basis.

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NATIONAL GRID RATE HIKE SPARKS CRITISISM (All)

A sharp spike in winter season electricity charges announced last week by National Grid, which does not generate power but delivers it based on outside market prices, is drawing fire from Berkshire County customers. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the 37 percent increase over last winter's prices, based on expected tight supplies of natural gas that fuel electricity-generating plants, could increase a typical Berkshire homeowner's bill by as much as \$100 a month during January and February. The rate hike from November to May represents a 49 percent surge over current rates, according to National Grid spokesman Jake Navarro.

MOHAWK TRAIL CENTENNIAL DEDICATION SET FOR SATURDAY (NA)

The winding Mohawk Trail will be rededicated on Saturday, October 4th, at 1 p.m. at the Whitcomb Summit. IBerkshires.com reports that thought to be the nation's first scenic byway, the trail will be honored on its centennial with speaking program, displays and cake. It runs for 65 miles between Orange and Williamstown, reaching its highest elevation of 2,272 feet above sea level at the Whitcomb Summit, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

CLARKSBURG OFICIALS FRUSTRATED (NA)

The Selectmen in Clarksburg are planning more employee accountability after last Wednesday's special town meeting fiasco. IBerkshires.com reports that seven items related to spending had to be tabled when the town officials learned from a resident that morning that they could not use \$80,000 from the sewer enterprise fund. Using that money would have been illegal because the amount in the account has to be certified by the state before it can be spent in this fiscal year. Finance Committee member Lori-Anne Aubin attended Monday's meeting to discuss the events of the town meeting.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

A candlelight vigil was held yesterday in North Adams for those touched by drug addiction. The event, hosted by the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's nb21 program yesterday, drew more than 100 people. The vigil was held to raise community awareness about the opioid epidemic, according to Lois Daunis, nb21 coordinator and vigil organizer. It also was meant to provide support for those in recovery and those who have lost a loved one.

WINFREY AND BELAFONTE AMONG W.E.B. DU BOIS MEDAL WINNERS (All)

Oprah Winfrey and Harry Belafonte are among those that received a W.E.B Du Bois Medal from Harvard University. The ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the Ivy League school's Sanders Theatre. The Du Bois Medal is the schools highest honor in the field of African and African American Studies. It has been awarded since 2000 in recognition of contributions to African-American culture and the life of the mind. Steve McQueen, Harvey Weinstein and Maya Angelou, posthumously, were among a handful of others receiving one of the coveted metals yesterday. Governor Deval Patrick was among the presenters. Du Bois was born in Great Barrington.

NA 10-06-14

COAKLEY STRESSES COMMITMENT TO BERKSHIRES (All)

Martha Coakley ended a swing through the state on Saturday with a stop at the Freight Yard Pub North Adams. Coakley, a graduate of Drury High School, vowed on Saturday to a small group gathered at the pub, that she hasn't — and wouldn't — forget her home county. IBerkshires.com reports that in North County, most residents believe that means ensuring the former North Adams Regional Hospital reopens in some form — and Coakley noted her office is still investigating the actions of the former health-care system's board of trustees in its closure and the efforts by her office and local and state officials in restoring emergency services.

MOHAWK TRAIL CELEBRATION LOOKS BACK ON HISTORY (NA)

Mohawk Trail's centennial was marked at the Whitcomb Summit on Saturday. The Mohawk Trail opened a century ago, and on that day hundreds made their way up the mountain from North Adams to attend. A century later, more than 50 people this weekend stood under umbrellas in the pouring rain at the Whitcomb Summit to celebrate the centennial of one the nation's first scenic byways. Rep Gail Cariddi presented a resolution from the House of Representatives recognizing the centennial.

FALL FOLIAGE PARADE HELD SUNDAY (NA)

The 59th annual Fall Foliage Parade marched through downtown North Adams on Sunday to a large crowd of spectators. The line-of-march was filled with bands, local groups, politicians, and all kinds of floats celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Mohawk Trail. There was also a line of fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances. This year, in addition to a host of local dignitaries, Attorney General Martha Coakley marched in the parade.

NORTH ADAMA PRO HOCKEY TEAM SELLS TICKETS (NA)

The Berkshire Battalion of the Federal Hockey League says it is full steam ahead for the team's planned Friday, Oct. 17, home opener at the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink. IBerkshires.com reports that the team is putting together a roster. It is showing off its new uniforms. And it is selling tickets and apparel. But local hockey fans may want to hold onto their receipts from those purchases. The team is confident. But the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which manages the rink, said Friday that it still is in discussions with the city regarding the team's use of the Church Street facility.

LOTS EYED FOR SOLAR ARRAYS (NA)

A solar energy developer is eyeing two privately owned lots in North Adams for a pair of 650 kilowatt panel arrays. The Berkshire Eagle reports, Borrego Solar Systems, which has offices in New York and Boston, has proposed the solar arrays for atop West Shaft Road and on Reservoir Road. The installation of an array would include cutting down 10.8 acres of forest, according to the plans. The panels themselves would stretch 7.5 acres.

NA 10-10-14

MAYOR RICHARD ALCOMBRIGHT WILL RUN AGAIN (NA)

North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright says he "fully intends" to run for a fourth term in office, and will kick off fundraising efforts later this month. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to Alcombright, barring a family or health emergency, he wants to serve another two-year term in 2015. It would be his his fourth since defeating longtime Mayor John Barrett III in 2009.

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROGRESSING (NA)

The search committee for the next superintendent of Williamstown's and Lanesborough's schools is staying on track with its timetable to replace the retiring Rose Ellis. IBerkshires.com reports that the chairman of the Lanesborough School Committee on Tuesday reported to her colleagues at a meeting of Superintendency Union 71 that the search committee is scheduled to meet on October 15th to review applications for the post. SU-71, a union of Williamstown Elementary and Lanesborough Elementary schools, shares central administration staff, including the superintendent, with Mount Greylock Regional School in an arrangement referred to as the Tri-District. The deadline for applications is today.

MCCANN LOOKS TO BETTER MCAS SCORES (NA)

McCann Technical School is focusing on how to reach the top tier in MCAS scores. The McCann School Committee last night reviewed new strategies the school will adopt to better its chances of closing a proficiency gap and earning a Level 1 school status. Principal Justin Kratz said McCann is already a high-scoring school and it becomes increasingly difficult to score higher because it has already made large accomplishments.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE LOOMING (All)

The deadline to register to vote in the Tuesday, November 4th, state election is Wednesday October 15th, for residents here in the Berkshires and for all municipalities in the state. City and town clerks' offices will be open until 8 p.m. on that day. Some of the smaller towns in the Berkshires have varying hours. You should call ahead to your town hall or check your town's website. Voters can check their voter registration status on the secretary of commonwealth's website or contact their town or city clerk. Absentee ballots are also available in your local town clerks' office and on the secretary's website.

BCC BUDGET, A GOOD STORY OVERALL (All)

Berkshire Community College has a tight budget for the current school year, but one that presents "a good story" overall, according to college Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer John Law. Presenting the now-final budget figures for fiscal 2015 to college trustees on Tuesday, Law said a decline in enrollment -- a trend for community colleges statewide -- resulted in less revenue for BCC, but that it has been more than made up for through increases in state funding. He said an expected decrease in revenue from student fees of just more than \$400,000 from last year was offset by a more than \$876,000 increase in the state appropriation.

NA 10-15-14

NORTH ADAMS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A FULL HOSPITAL (NA)

The North Adams City Council yesterday unanimously approved a resolution supporting the reopening of the former North Adam Regional Hospital. |Berkshires.com reports that supporters of the resolution filled the City Council chambers last night in hopes that North Adams would join the list of surrounding municipalities that have supported and sent a resolution to the governor and other state representatives. The resolution, which was submitted by Councilor Benjamin Lamb, asks for the restoration of a full-service hospital and noted that Northern Berkshire residents are without needed inpatient services. Adams, Clarksburg, Great Barrington, Hancock and Egremont have already passed similar resolutions. The issue was also presented as a citizen's petition on yesterday to the Williamstown Selectmen, which delayed a decision because of absent board members.

OPERA MAY AGAIN SOUND IN BERKSHIRES (All)

The Berkshires may again ring out with the sound of locally produced opera. The Berkshire Eagle reports that there has been a void in the local music scene since the Berkshire Opera Company went quiet back in 2008. Two young professionals in the field are now organizing a new Berkshire Opera Festival, with summer performances slated to begin in 2016.

LONGTIME EAGLE JOURNALIST MILTON BASS DIES (All)

Author and critic Milton Bass, who served as The Berkshire Eagle's entertainment editor for more than 30 years, and as a columnist for 60 years has died. He passed away yesterday at the age of 91.

RESIDENTS NEED TO ACT QUICKLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE (All)

Massachusetts residents who need to register to vote should act quickly. Today is the final day to register before the November 4th election. Most city and town halls will be open until to 8pm to accommodate people wishing to register. Some smaller towns have varying hours. Anyone who is a United States citizen, a resident of Massachusetts, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, is eligible to register. Voters who have moved to a different community within the state must register again to be able to vote in their new community. Voters registering by mail should have their form hand-canceled to ensure it is postmarked before the deadline.

WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEET (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Selectmen met last night and OK'd a project schedule for the Highland Woods senior housing development. The developers promised to provide a schedule for the town's review when they received town funding for the project earlier this year. Town Manager Peter Fohlin also advised the board that 34 of the 66 households that remained in the Spruces Mobile Home Park earlier this year have moved out of the park. To date, seven residents have remained in the town. An additional six have identified their future housing.

NA 10-16-14

ECU-HEALTH CARE MOVING BACK TO FORMER NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL SITE (NA)

Ecu-Health Care, a nonprofit community organization that provides Northern Berkshire residents with information and application assistance to access state health insurance programs, has announced that it will relocate to the Northern Berkshire Campus of Berkshire Medical Center, effective October 24th. |Berkshires.com reports that Ecu-Health Care will occupy the second floor office it had used for many years prior to the closing of the former North Adams Regional Hospital at 71 Hospital Ave. The office is in the former Doctor's Building, located between the Ambulatory Care Center and the Clark House. Ecu-Health Care is currently located at 26 Union Street in North Adams. The office will be closed on October 23rd for the move and reopening on October 24th.

ADAMS SIGNS LEASE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GREYLOCK GLEN (NA-interest)

The Adams Board of Selectmen has signed a lease agreement to make the Greylock Glen "shovel ready." Interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan said yesterday that the complicated agreement with the state is a critical step in the project which is believed to revitalize Adams as well as add a new destination to the Northern Berkshires. The latest plan calls for campgrounds, hiking trails, conference center and an amphitheater. The town has already built utility infrastructure up to the property and is looking to build out the campgrounds next.

BERKSHIRE BATTALION READY TO HIT THE ICE (NA-interest)

Berkshire Battalion, the Berkshires new professional hockey team based in North Adams, will start its inaugural season tomorrow night. The team will take the ice at the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink for its first-ever game against the Southwest Pennsylvania Magic. Dan Farrell has been with the club as its head coach and director of hockey operations for about a month. He's making final preparations and getting his lines set for the team's debut tomorrow night at 7:30.

DISCUSSION SET ON NARH CLOSURE (NA)

Williams College students are hosting a community discussion on the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital at 7:30 tonight at the school's Dodd House at 64 Mission Park Drive. The event will include five speakers including a former nurse, doctor, an ambulance driver, the Williams College chaplain, and an economics professor. Community members will be invited to share their stories during an open mic.

BCC PARTNERS WITH UALBANY'S ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE PROGRAM (All)

Berkshire Community College has partnered with the University of Albany to support student wishing to study atmospheric science. College President Ellen Kennedy has signed an articulation agreement with U-Albany to create a seamless transition for students from the two-year atmospheric science study at BCC to finishing off a Bachelor's Degree at the Albany school. Previously, those from Berkshire County who knew they could pursue a career in atmospheric studies had to go to four-year institutions out of town.

NA 10-17-14

NORTH ADAMS COUNCIL OPPOSES TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE (NA)

The North Adams City Council has joined a growing group of municipalities opposing the proposed \$4 billion Tennessee Gas Pipeline through the state. IBerkshires.com reports that a cautious City Council previously delayed a resolution against the controversial Tennessee Gas Pipeline. However, after the Public Services Committee discussed the issue and unanimously agreed with the resolution the council followed suit. Although it passed the resolution did not go through unanimously, Councilors Keith Bona and Nancy Bullet voted against the resolution because they felt there was not enough information and that they were interfering with a process that does not affect the city. Councilor Lisa Blackmer abstained from voting and Jenifer Breen was absent from the meeting.

ADAMS GALLERY PUTTING ON PLAY BASED ON LOCAL MILL WORKERS (NA)

The 5 Hoosac Street gallery in Adams will feature the play "Maids in the Mills" this weekend. Author Peter Bergman said the play, originally showed in 2004 in Pittsfield, is based on the history of women immigrants who worked in Pittsfield's woolen mills. It follows the lives and mistreatment of Polish and Irish immigrant women in the mills and spans from 1870 to 1912. The one act play will show tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30.

CHESHIRE WOMAN ALLEGEDLY STOLE \$80K FROM FAMILY MEMBER'S SAFE (NA, P)

A Cheshire woman accused of stealing about \$80,000 from a family member remains free after pleading not guilty to four felonies. According to Dalton Police, 35 year old Kelly O'Laughlin, of Willow Cove, allegedly broke into the Dalton home of a family member on September 4th and stole the cash from a safe located inside the house. O'Laughlin pleaded not guilty in Berkshire Superior Court on Tuesday to two counts of felony receiving stolen property over \$250 and single counts of breaking and entering in the daytime for a felony and larceny from a building. She was released on personal recognizance with the condition she have no contact with the alleged victims. A pretrial hearing was scheduled for January 20th.

BERKSHIRE BATTALION KICK OFF SEASON TONIGHT (NA-interest)

Berkshire Battalion, the Berkshires new professional hockey team based in North Adams, will get its inaugural season underway tonight. The team will take the ice at the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink for its first-ever game against the Southwest Pennsylvania Magic at 7:30.

SCARECROWS ON THE MOHAWK TRAIL (NA)

More than 120 scarecrows will be popping up all along the 63 miles of Mohawk Trail from Williamstown east to Athol this weekend. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Chambers of commerce all along the trail have been collaborating on the Scarecrow Project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Mohawk Trail to motorists. Workshops have been set up to help folks make their scarecrows. Dozens of businesses have been making scarecrows to highlight their locations on or near the Mohawk Trail, and even some families are getting in on the fun. Nearly 130 businesses, clubs, or individuals have registered to make scarecrows and more are coming.

NA 10-22-14

V & V LICENSE TRANSFER ADOPTED (NA)

The North Adams License Commission yesterday approved a retail liquor license transfer to V&V, also known as Steeple City Spirits. Pending state approval, the transfer of the all-alcohol license from River Street Package Store brings to a close a contentious chapter in the city's business community.

PEDA CHIEF SAYS SPRINGFIELD RAIL CAR CONTRACT BENEFITS BERKSHIRES (All)

While PEDAs Executive Director Corydon Thurston is disappointed the William Stanley Business Park won't be the manufacturing site for the new Red and Orange Line cars, he says the plan to build them in Springfield will still be a benefit to the Berkshires. Governor Patrick announced this week that CNR Changchun was being recommended for the contract with the intentions to bring 250 jobs to a former Westinghouse plant. IBerkshires.com reports that CNR is proposing to build a brand-new 150,000 square-foot North American headquarters and make Springfield its permanent home. Thurston says it's a critical investment in the future of public transportation in Greater Boston and in the economic well-being of Western Massachusetts.

LIHEAP FUNDS TO AID BERKSHIRE RESIDENTS (All)

The recent release of nearly \$132 million of federal heating assistance funds will help thousands of Berkshire residents, but it likely won't keep pace with their rising fuel and electricity bills. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Massachusetts will receive \$8 million less than last year in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP. Overall, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has released \$3.05 billion in LIHEAP funding, compared to the total of \$3.5 billion a year ago. Berkshire Community Action Council says that reduction, coupled with the anticipated 30 to 40 percent spike in utility rates and a likely increase in natural gas and oil prices, isn't nearly sufficient for those lining up for LIHEAP money.

LOCAL JOBLESS RATE TICKS UP (All)

Berkshire County unemployment exceeded the 6 percent threshold in September for the first time in four months. The state Office of Labor and Workforce Development says the number of unemployed county workers increased slightly last month, but the county's total labor force decreased by more than 1,200 workers. According to the figures released yesterday, the local jobless rate ticked up from 5.7 percent in August to 6.1 percent in September. State unemployment is currently 6 percent, slightly higher than the national rate of 5.9 percent.

COAKLEY AND BAKER DEBATE ISSUES LAST NIGHT (All)

Democrat gubernatorial candidate Martha Coakley and her Republican challenger, Charlie Baker sparred on jobs, schools and services for families and children in a televised debate last night. Coakley says if elected, she would focus on building a sustainable economy from the ground up, while Baker says he would focus on strengthening local economies in struggling parts of the state. The Three independent candidates, Even Falchuck, Jeff McCormick and Scott Lively were not included in last night's debate.

NA 10-24-14

HADLEY OVERPASS SURPASSES ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES (NA)

The reconstruction of the Hadley Overpass in North Adams has exceeded its projected completion date as well as its initial cost estimate. Costs to repair to the span have surpassed the state's initial estimate of \$28.1 million by \$6.8 million. It was initially projected to be completed in 2012. The overhaul began in 2008.

BMC GETS \$3 MILLION GRANT (NA, P)

Berkshire Medical Center has received a \$3 million state grant to continue its expansion of health care services in the Northern Berkshires, which it will match with \$13 million of its own. The Berkshire Eagle reports, the funding will be used at its Northern Berkshires Campus to create a "Patient-Centered Medical Neighborhood," which hospital officials say will aim to empower patients to manage their own health and improve preventative care through an innovative network of health care providers. The expansion of these services, slated to begin in 2015, is designed to align with health care needs of North County identified in a recent state-commissioned report by Maine-based Stroudwater Associates.

FINANCIAL FIRM MOVING TO NORTH ADAMS (NA)

One of the nation's fastest growing financial firms is shifting its base of operations from Williamstown to North Adams. IBerkshires.com reports that Atlas Wealth Management, formerly Dion Money Management, is moving its 20 employees to the third-floor of the former Wall-Streeter Shoe Company building on Union Street owned by David Moresi. Atlas is an independent wealth management firm and part of Focus Financial Partners LLC. It offers wealth and investment management, financial planning and some tax services. Financial Advisor magazine ranked it 15th in its fastest growing firms list.

ADAMS SEEKS FIX TO VISITORS CENTER'S INEFFECTIVE GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM (NA)

The Adams Board of Selectmen is looking at a \$22,800 interim solution to fix the Visitors Center's troublesome geothermal heating and cooling system. IBerkshires.com reports that the board met with interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan, the building Commissioner, the Council on Aging Director and the project engineers during Wednesday night's workshop meeting to discuss possible remedies for the notoriously difficult HVAC system. The board didn't vote on the matter, but Chairman Arthur "Skip" Harrington said no matter what issues they find, they must make the building usable.

NORTH ADAMS TO WILLIAMSTOWN BIKE PATH PUBLIC MEETING SET (NA)

Plans are moving forward for a new bike path section between North Adams' center and the Williamstown town line. The city of North Adams and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission will host a public meeting on Wednesday next week from 6 to 8pm at Greylock Elementary School to discuss a draft route. There will be a brief presentation at 6:30pm. Mohawk Bicycle Pedestrian Trail will be designed by the BRPC and a community outreach committee will be established to keep affected property owners and other interested parties informed. The eventual goal is to link the Berkshires from border to border.

NA 10-28-14

PITTSFIELD MAN SENTENCED IN FED CHILD PORN CASE (P – All)

A Pittsfield man has been sentenced to 50 years in federal prison for recording himself raping three girls under age 13 and making sexually explicit photographs of a 2-year-old. Thirty-four-year-old Jason Gendron was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge William Young, who said he has never seen a case that descended to such "depths of depravity." Gendron pleaded guilty in July to 16 counts of sexual exploitation of minors by producing pornography and one count of possessing child pornography. Prosecutors said the girls in the 16 video clips were between the ages of 3 and 13. All the children were in his direct care. Gendron pleaded guilty this month to related state child rape and indecent assault charges. He is expected to be sentenced tomorrow to at least 25 years to be served concurrently with the federal sentence.

WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD ENDOSES HOSPITAL RESOLUTION (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Selectmen yesterday approved a resolution promoting the return of inpatient services at the former North Adams Regional Hospital. IBerkshires.com reports that a group representing activists who have been working to reopen the shuttered hospital since its closure in March attended the meeting yesterday, as did a representative of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, who told the board that inpatient facilities in North Adams would be economically sustainable. Individual members of the board expressed sympathy with the plight of residents who have been affected by the loss of services at the North Adams facility, and the board unanimously passed a resolution expressing the town's support the expansion of services currently offered by the former hospital's new owner, Berkshire Health Systems.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE GETS OK FOR SOLAR INSTALLATION (NA)

Williams College has the green light to use sunlight to produce electricity on Simonds Road. The Williamstown Zoning Board of Appeals this month gave its blessing to a 500-kilowatt photovoltaic installation near its library shelving facility, located a mile and a half north of campus near the intersection of Simonds Road and Sand Springs Road. The board's approval of the project was conditioned on a couple of accommodations to improve the view from the Cozy Corner Motel I, located across Route 7 to the east of the college's property.

NORTH ADAMS CUMBERLAND FARMS HOLDS GRAND OPENING (NA)

North Adams Cumberland Farms held its latest grand opening in the Berkshires yesterday afternoon and kicked off a fundraiser for the North Adams Youth Football League. IBerkshires.com reports that Robert Lemaire, president of the league, cut the bright green ribbon to officially open the doors on the 4,500 square foot store, which opened for business about a month ago on Curran Highway. The fundraiser runs through November 24th at the Curran Highway location only and applies to dispensed drinks — Chill Zone and coffees. The company typically holds its grand openings in conjunction with a local fundraiser.

NA 10-30-14

CHILD RAPE SUSPECT CAPTURED (All)

According to State Police, a child-rape suspect who committed crimes across the country after snipping off his court-ordered ankle bracelet had an "ultimate goal" of returning to Massachusetts to kill his 13-year-old accuser. That statement was released just hours after his capture. Police said 26 year old Gregory Lewis, of Southbridge, spent six weeks on the run after cutting off the GPS monitoring device ordered by a judge following his arraignment in August on charges that included statutory rape of a child. Lewis is suspected of committing a string of rapes, kidnappings and robberies of female escorts in North Carolina, Colorado and Oregon.

EDUCATION SECRETARY TOURS LANESBOROUGH, HANCOCK SCHOOLS (All)

Keeping up with the ever-changing technological world is something that even the county's top performing schools struggle with. IBerkshires.com is reporting that is what school officials from those districts told state Secretary of Education Matt Malone during his four-school trip to the Berkshires yesterday. After a stop at Lenox High School, Malone moved on to the 44-student Hancock Elementary School and then Lanesborough Elementary School before concluding his trip at Kittredge School in Hinsdale. Lanesborough was ranked a Level 1 this year based on standardized test scores.

2 YEARS FOR TRIPLE MURDER WITNESS (All)

A fellow inmate of David Chalue who testified against him at his triple murder trial has been sentenced to two years in jail on gun charges. 30 year old Christopher Letalien, of North Adams, pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court on Wednesday to four charges in connection with the theft of a .40 caliber pistol from his parents' North Adams home in June 2011. According to the Berkshire DA's Office, Letalien called police to report a break-in and theft at the house, claiming he had returned to his parents' home to find the safe open and the gun gone. It was later determined Letalien had been buying crack cocaine from Jeffrey Philpot Jr., who had asked Letalien about procuring a handgun. Philpot, a Bloods gang member, according to police, went to the house, broke into the safe, took the gun and paid Letalien for his help in drugs. Philpot was later sentenced to a two- to four-year state prison sentence for his role in the caper.

ADAMS PLANNERS APPROVE BOND, SCREENING FOR EAST ROAD ARRAY (NA)

The Adams Planning Board has approved financial surety and planting buffers for the controversial East Road private solar array despite continued questions of its legality by abutters. IBerkshires.com reports that planners met on Tuesday with Seth Ginsberg of Apis Energy Group LLC, developer of the 1.5-megawatt array, to discuss conditions put on the project by the Zoning Board of Appeals, as outlined by the Community Development Office. The board accepted a performance bond of \$100,000, which will be released upon the completion and approval of the solar array. It also approved a surety of \$30,000 for the removal of the solar array in the future.

NA 11-03-14

NORTH ADAMS APARTMENT FIRE FORCES FAMILIES OUT (NA)

Five families were forced from their homes yesterday after the rearmost unit in a North Adams River Street apartment building caught fire. IBerkshires.com reports that according to Fire Director Stephen Meranti, firefighters responded to the smoke alarm activation, which came in at about 3:13pm. Firefighters were informed en route that there was confirmed smokes and flames coming from the building at the corner of Loftus and River streets. All off-duty firefighters were called in. Firefighters found a blaze on the first floor had moved up the wall into the attic area in the back unit of the two-story structure. The unit received extensive water and smoke damage, although firefighters did what they could to cover the items in side. Power was cut to all the apartments and tenants were expected to be helped by the Red Cross.

OFFICIALS HOPE TO HAVE INTERIM SUPERINTENDANT IN PLACE BY DEC. 1 (NA)

Williamstown School officials hope to have an interim superintendent in place by December 1st to replace retiring Superintendent Rose Ellis. The Berkshire Eagle reports several elected school officials on the Administrative Review Subcommittee, consisting of officials from the Williamstown-Lanesborough school committees, met on Friday to discuss the general process moving forward. The entity is charged with finding an interim superintendent from inside or outside the district. Officials initially hoped to have a full-time superintendent in place by January, but job postings now say an applicant could start by July 2015.

HEALY HEARS CONCERNS ON HOSPITAL (NA)

Attorney general candidate Maura Healey has promised to follow through if elected on issues raised by the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital. The Democrat took a detour from heavy campaigning during the last few days before the election to meet with more than two dozen activists and residents about the region's health care issues. The hospital closed in late March with the bankruptcy of Northern Berkshire Healthcare.

MOUNT GREYLOCK CANDIDATES MAKE CASE (NA)

The electorate in Williamstown and Lanesborough will have a tough decision to make in the ballot box on Tuesday. IBerkshires.com reports however that the candidates they have to choose from would be the first to tell the voters: They can't go wrong. Three candidates are standing for two of the four-year seats available for Williamstown's representation on the Mount Greylock Regional School District Committee. Voters in both of the district's member towns cast ballots in all races for the School Committee. By rule, three members of the seven-person committee reside in the town of Lanesborough, and the rest live in Williamstown.

CANDIDATE KERRIGAN STOPS IN PITTSFIELD (P – Interest)

Democratic lieutenant governor candidate Steve Kerrigan says the Republican Party's "ground game" is what is going to make the difference in a very tight gubernatorial race. Kerrigan was in Pittsfield Friday as part of his final push efforts. Kerrigan was greeted in Pittsfield by state Sen. Ben Downing, state Reps. Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Paul Mark, and Mayor Daniel Bianchi.

NA 11-05-14

GREEN AND PENNER WILL IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE RACE (NA)

Voters in Williamstown and Lanesborough voted yesterday to return Mount Greylock Regional School Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Greene to her seat on the committee. |Berkshires.com reports that Greene was one of three candidates vying for two of the Williamstown seats on the panel, which is elected by voters in both member towns of the junior-senior high school district. Wendy Penner will join Greene on the committee after defeating Steven Miller in the race. Greene was the top vote-getter in both towns, receiving 503 votes in Lanesborough and 1,752 in Williamstown for a total of 2,255. Penner received 1,417 votes, and Miller received 1,238, a margin of 179.

R.I. MAN GETS TIME SERVED IN FATAL 2013 ACCIDENT IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

A Rhode Island man was given time served — a little less than a year — yesterday after pleading guilty in connection with a fatal car crash on Rt. 7 in Williamstown last year that took the life of 64-year-old Lawrence George of Pownal. 35 year old William Lowe , of Pawtucket, R.I., was sentenced to a total of two years in jail with 343 days to be served (the time he had already spent in jail unable to make bail) with the rest of the time suspended for a year, during which time he will be on probation. He must attend any recommended counseling and stay away from drugs and alcohol with random testing during the probation period. Lowe pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court yesterday to misdemeanor vehicular homicide and operating to endanger and possessing an open container of alcohol.

MAN HELD ON \$100K BAIL IN GUNPOINT HEIST OF CUMBERLAND FARMS (NA)

A New Bedford man is being held on \$100,000 cash bail for allegedly robbing the Cumberland Farms on Union Street in North Adams at gunpoint last month. 25 year old Geraldo Martell was arrested on a warrant yesterday after police allegedly matched his fingerprints to those left on the store's cash register during the heist, shortly before midnight on September 10th. Martell, wearing a skull mask to obstruct his face, allegedly pointed a gun at the store clerk before reaching into the register bare-handed and making off with \$220. Martell had a plea of not guilty entered on his behalf in Northern Berkshire District Court yesterday to charges of armed robbery. He faces a potential sentence of five years to life in state prison.

ADAM LEE HALL CO-DEFENDANTS IN 2010 CASE CLEARED OF CHARGES (All)

Three witnesses who testified against Adam Lee Hall in his triple murder trial have been cleared of charges in a 2010 fake armed robbery in which they were implicated. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the Berkshire District Attorney's Office dropped the charges against Scott Langdon, Nicole Brooks and Alexandra Ely, who participated in the scheme cooked up by Hall to discredit David Glasser of Pittsfield who later would become one of his murder victims. A fourth defendant, Brittany Beggs, who also has a son by Hall, and had been charged with a number of crimes, also had her charges dropped.

NA 11-06-14

CHESHIRE OFFICIALS REQUEST GUARD RAILS FOR RESTAURANT (NA, P)

Town officials in Cheshire are hoping to help a local eatery keep motorists from using it as a drive-through. IBerkshires.com reports that Bass Water Grill on South State Road has been hit at least twice by motor vehicles, most recently this weekend. Selectwoman Carol Francesconi said collisions happen too frequently and it is incredibly dangerous. Her suggestion is that a guard rail along the front of the building might help. Executive Chef Ed Bassi said yesterday that someone made a hard right into the building, and the damage was equal to if not worse than the first time it happened.

NORTH ADAMS SETS TREE LIGHTING FOR NOV. 26 (NA)

North Adams City crews took advantage of the nice weather yesterday to install this year's Christmas trees at the ends of Main Street. IBerkshires.com reports that the 24-foot blue spruce at the top of Main was lowered into place shortly after noon. The tree was donated by Robert Senger of Braytonville Garage. The second tree by City Hall was donated by Pat and Leon Lescarbeau of River Street in memory of the late Francis Denault of Clarksburg. The annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 26th, on Thanksgiving eve, with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Clause. The Drury High band will provide music, and there will be caroling and goodie bags from Santa. The event is being sponsored by Berkshire Bank. The tree-lighting also kicks off the Hometown Holiday events, which will include various promotions and encouragements for shopping and dining downtown.

SOLAR NOT DEAD IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

Anyone who missed out on Solarize Mass might still have a shot at getting solar power and solar savings piped into their homes using a new strategy being proposed by the COOL Committee and the Center for Eco-Technology. The concept is to group 10 to 12 homeowners together to partner in a mini-solar farm on land nearby, with the solar power and savings to be split among the member homes, according to Nancy Nysten, associate director at CET and member of the COOL Committee. The committee is hosting a meeting on the idea of Community Solar at 6:30 tonight, at the Williamstown Youth Center, at 66 School Street, to further explain the concept and gauge interest.

ADAMS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO HOME BREAK-IN (NA)

An Adams woman pleaded guilty yesterday in Berkshire Superior Court to several charges. 23 year old Alyssa Wylde plead guilty to one count of larceny from a building and one count of malicious destruction of personal property in connection with a break into a home in Adams between September 13th and November 5th of last year. Judge John Agostini ordered that Wylde serve an 18 month sentence at the Berkshire County House of Correction on the charge of larceny of a building. She was given one year probation on the other charge on the condition she undergo alcohol and drug counseling and stays away from the victim and his residence.

CATS ANNOUNCING NEW GENERAL MANAGER (NA)

The North Adams SteepleCats will be holding a press conference today at 2 p.m. to announce the appointment of their new General Manager. The announcement will be held in the Law Offices of DeRosa/Dohoney in Building One at MassMoCA, 87 Marshall Street in North Adams. The new General Manager, a former Major League pitcher will take questions and talk about the upcoming season. League President John DeRosa will also be making remarks as well as other team officials. The North Adams SteepleCats are entering their 14th season in the prestigious New England Collegiate Baseball League, one of the premier collegiate leagues in the country.

NA 11-10-14

NORTH ADAMS FRIENDLY'S CLOSED SUNDAY (NA)

The Friendly's Restaurant on State Road North Adams has closed for the final time. IBerkshires.com reports that Regan Communications, the company's spokesman, confirmed yesterday that the restaurant would close "in anticipation of the expiration of its lease." Rumors have been rampant that the landmark restaurant would close either yesterday or today. The closure comes at the end of a couple bad weeks for smaller city businesses. 'Luma's Muffin & Mug' closed last month; 'I Got Goodies' and 'Once Around the Block' also announced their closures, citing rent prices and space size. Both the latter businesses plan to continue their operations from home and online.

OBAMA PRAISES ADAMS VET (NA)

President Barack Obama has some high praise for World War II veteran Frank Presnal. The Berkshire Eagle reports that in a letter dated September 24th, the commander-in-chief thanked the Adams native for risking his life to protect America and preserve democracy, saying he is among a generation of heroes who, "amidst the harshest of circumstances, helped free a continent from the grasp of tyranny and change the course of an entire century." The 93 year old Presnal is the average age of the 1 million surviving World War II veterans still alive across the country — about 24,000 in Massachusetts — out of the 16.1 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces from 1939 to 1945, according to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE HABITAT MARKS COMPLETION OF LATEST HOME (NA)

Nearly a dozen volunteers were gathered at the West Shaft Road house of Alison Rice Saturday to celebrate the latest completion of a Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity project. IBerkshires.com reports that work on the home started last year. Rice was selected to participate in the program in fall 2013. By that time the structure had been selected and gutted. The three-bedroom home is a big step up from her former apartment off East Quincy. The Northern Berkshire chapter has built or renovated 10 homes over the past 24 years. Rice's new renovated home is next to a couple others done by Habitat in the past.

CHESHIRE SELECTMEN WONDERING ABOUT DOLLAR GENERAL (NA, P)

Town officials in Cheshire are trying to figure out the intentions of Dollar General. The discount chain store indicated its interest earlier this year in purchasing the derelict historic property at the corner of West Mountain Road and Route 8 to put up another store. Town Administrator Mark Webber told the Selectmen on Tuesday night that he was contacted by the store officials recently about access from Route 8 to the property. He said they have yet to respond to his reply. The chain's representatives got permitting forms last month but did not apply for a building permit at that time. Selectman Robert Ciskowski suggested that Dollar general is "testing" Cheshire.

NA 11-12-14

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES YESTERDAY (P, NA)

The cities of Pittsfield and North Adams – and the town of Adams were among communities that observed Veteran' Day with parades and ceremonies yesterday. The City of Pittsfield's Parade led to the Peace Memorial on Veteran's Way where a ceremony was held. Opening remarks were given by Pittsfield Mayor Dan Bianchi and Cpl. Michael Ancora from the Marine Corps League Detachment #137 was the guest speaker. The City of North Adams held its ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at the conclusion of its parade. Marine Col. Allan M. Faxon Jr., chief operating officer of the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, was the guest speaker. And the Adams American Legion Post 160 held a ceremony at the Adams Town Hall yesterday.

WILLIAMSTOWN HOUSING COMMITTEE REWRITING MISSION STATEMENT (NA)

The Williamstown Affordable Housing Committee is in the process of redefining its mission in light of an eventful year for the committee and the issue it addresses. IBerkshires.com reports that the committee and the board of the Affordable Housing Trust met in late October in separate meetings. The latter voted to release funds it promised earlier this year to the Highland Woods senior housing project off Southworth Street on land being donated by Williams College. The committee will take up the draft mission statement at its next meeting tomorrow.

MOUNT GREYLOCK TOWER TO UNDERGO \$2 MILLION RENOVATION (NA)

The War Memorial Tower at the top of Mount Greylock will receive a \$2 million upgrade. Gov. Deval Patrick announced yesterday the release of \$1.2 million from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, which will be matched with an \$800,000 federal earmark. The tower has been closed to the public since August of 2013. The tower was constructed in 1931 and now the mortar joints are deteriorated, and the interior finishes and utilities were damaged by water. The water damage ultimately led to the closing of the tower. The state Department of Conservation and Recreation will also spend \$300,000 in making repairs to Bascom Lodge.

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY (NA)

School officials are making progress in carrying out a feasibility study that will determine the future of Mount Greylock Regional High School. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the School Building Committee last week met for the first time with representatives from Dore and Whittier Management Partners of Newburyport, which will serve as project manager and provide oversight during the feasibility study. Voters in Lanesborough and Williamstown, towns making up the grades 7-12 regional school district, voted to fund \$850,000 for a feasibility study at separate town meetings this spring. Building inadequacies of concern to school officials include energy inefficiencies, non-ADA compliant spaces, and a sprawling campus designed to serve a population twice the size of its current enrollment.

NA 11-14-14

GOVERNOR IN NORTH ADAMS FOR MASS MOCA ANNOUNCEMENT MONDAY (NA)

MASS MoCA in North Adams will hold a special press conference on Monday at 11am to announce the Patrick Administration's recent execution of a capital infrastructure investment bill, which includes more than \$25,000,000 for MASS MoCA's Phase III development. Governor Deval Patrick will remark about public funding for the arts and its relationship to economic and community development in general and North Adams specifically. Museum staff will outline programming plans and introduce long-term collaborators slated for the Phase III renovations. And an announcement will be made regarding private fund-raising related to Phase III programs and facility renovations.

CLARKSBURG OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN ALREADY IN EFFECT (NA)

The Clarksburg Board of Selectmen has placed an overnight parking ban on all town roads and streets effective immediately. The ban will stay in effect until April 15th. No overnight parking will be allowed between the hours of 10pm and 6am. Absolutely No Parking on town roads and streets during any snowstorms will be permitted. Offenders will be ticketed and the vehicle towed at the owner's expense. The Board and the Highway Department says that it appreciates citizen cooperation during the winter months.

NORTH ADAMS FRIENDLY'S CLOSES (NA)

After 50 years, the Friendly's restaurant on State Road has closed its doors for good, but the company said it is trying to find work at other locations for the affected employees. Customers arriving Sunday morning for breakfast were greeted with locked doors and a sign encouraging them to visit other locations in Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee and Bennington. The North Adams Friendly's, a local institution since 1964, employed about 24 people at the time of its closing.

TANGLEWOOD ANNOUNCED 2015 CONCERT SEASON (All)

Tanglewood in Lenox is planning on a wide offering of music for its 2015 concert season which was announced yesterday. The Boston Symphony's new Music Director Andris Nelsons and a 75th anniversary celebration of the Tanglewood Music Center will highlight the season – and the Popular Artists Series will not disappoint either. 88 year old Tony Bennett and pop star Lady Gaga will be performing on June 30th in support of the album they recorded together entitled "Cheek to Cheek." Other performances announced so far in the Popular Artists series include the return of jazz-pop singer and pianist Diana Krall, in support of her upcoming album "Wallflower" on June 21st. And as part of their "While Were Young" tour, Huey Lewis and the News will make their Tanglewood debut on June 28th. If there are going to be any James Taylor performances, they haven't been announced as of yet – but there are still open dates throughout the concert season.

NA 11-17-14

MESSY WEATHER FOR MORNI COMMUTE (All)

Morning commuters are facing slick road conditions due to a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain. The National Weather Service office in Albany, N.Y. has a winter weather advisory in effect until 1pm today. According to NWS forecasters, all precipitation should change to rain early this afternoon, before tapering off by evening. Two storms systems, one arriving from the Great Lakes region, the other coming up the coast, will merge to the north creating the messy weather.

GOV. PATRICK TO CHAMPION \$25.4 MILLION INVESTMENT IN MASS MOCA EXPANSION (NA)

Gov. Deval Patrick will be in North Adams today to champion the state's \$25.4 million investment in a new round of development at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art. The governor also will be in Lenox to herald projects, including environmental work on Baker's Pond in Kennedy Park and athletic fields at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield. The museum funding, passed by the Legislature and signed into law earlier this year, will lead to the expansion of more than 130,000 square feet of space at Mass MoCA by 2016. It's the third and final phase of renovations to the museum, which opened in 1999 and attracts more than 120,000 visitors every year.

WILLIAMSTOWN AUCTIONS ABANDONED SPRUCES TRAILERS (NA)

Four Williamstown -owned mobile homes from the soon-to-be-closed Spruces Mobile Home Park were sold at auction on Friday for a combined \$2,725. IBerkshires.com reports that nine more trailers were available in a silent auction that closed on Friday afternoon, but the final results of that process are not yet available. In all, the town has taken possession of 50 trailers at the park since it began the process of closing it under the terms of a federal Hazard Mitigation Grant. Not all of the homes are in salable condition. The homes were left behind by residents who have begun to vacate the park. An additional 31 trailers have been abandoned since Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

NORTH ADAMS TO USE GRANT MONEY FOR CAPITAL EXPENSES (NA)

City officials in North Adams are proposing to use the one-time \$750,000 grant from the state to address a host of capital needs. The city has compiled a list of \$1.762 million in needs ranging from plow trucks to playgrounds to heating systems. IBerkshires.com reports that Mayor Richard Alcombright told the Finance Committee on Thursday that he is proposing to cover \$767,610 of those capital items using the state grant and other sources, such as city's \$141,000 in free cash. The \$750,000 was approved by the Legislature in recognition of the loss of Northern Berkshire Healthcare and its 500 jobs.

ADAMS SELECTMEN UPDATING BUSINESS RECRUITMENT PLANS (NA)

The Board of Selectmen in Adams is brainstorming ways to recruit and retain businesses. The board on Wednesday reviewed the 80-page Downtown Development created in 2003 to help Adams create a more vibrant downtown. Chairman Arthur Harrington said it is important for the town to re-evaluate the document and see where Adams stands now. Interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan said Adams has accomplished many of the goals in the plan but has fallen short on bringing business to Adams.

NA 11-20-14

WILLIAMSTOWN'S MATHER HOUSE MOVES TO NEW LOCATION (NA)

Williamstown traffic came to halt for several hours yesterday morning as the 1840 Mather House made its way up Main Street and around the corner at Field Park. IBerkshires.com reports that the move of the 170-year-old building in two pieces required the closure of Route 2 west of Spring Street and removal of the phone and electrical wires that crossed Stetson Court, where the house has been since being relocated in 2002. Spectators gathered in the chilly temperatures to take pictures of the structures making their way down Main Street. Street signs had to be removed and a few tree limbs cut to make way for the two-story house. The move had been scheduled for Monday but was postponed because of wet, snowy weather.

AREA RESPONDERS READY FOR EBOLA CASES (ALL)

Berkshire Medical Center and area first-responders aren't naive enough to think an Ebola patient can't come here. IBerkshires.com reports that over the last six weeks, they have been making sure they know what to do if that happens. Now, area responders have plans right from start. A protocol has been developed for dispatchers with certain questions as to help determine if the caller is a suspected Ebola case. From there, a system to alert the responders, state Department of Health and the hospital has been arranged. Berkshire County has an advantage to other parts of the state in that there are fewer numbers of responders so ensuring everyone is on the same page is easier. All three of the county's emergency facilities are under Berkshire Medical Center's umbrella so the procedures are the same at all three.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE PREPS FOR SUPERINTENDENT UNCERTAINTY (NA)

Williamstown Elementary School Committee has set a special meeting for Monday, November 24th, but it hopes not to need it. IBerkshires.com reports that the committee, at its monthly meeting last week, discussed what would happen if the Tri-District partnership of Williamstown and Lanesborough public schools cannot agree on an interim superintendent when it meets on Friday afternoon at Mount Greylock Regional School. The partner in question is Lanesborough Elementary School, one of three legs of the Tri-District along with Williamstown and Mount Greylock, the junior-senior high school fed by both towns' elementary schools. Throughout this year, Lanesborough's continued participation in SU71 has been in doubt. Two members of the three-person Lanesborough School Committee are on record advocating for the school's withdrawal.

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNERS MULL ZONING CHANGE FOR COLLEGE HOTEL (NA)

Williamstown's Spring Street business community turned out in force on Tuesday evening to support a request to expand the Village Business zoning district to accommodate Williams College's plan for a new hotel. IBerkshires reports, the Planning Board held a public listening session to get feedback on the proposal, which would allow the college to build a facility with up to 100 guest rooms at the south end of the commercial district and, ultimately, close the Williams Inn at the junction of Routes 2 and 7. The college, which always owned the land on which the Williams Inn sits, purchased the note on the business earlier this year and facilitated the retirement of former owners Carl and Marilyn Faulkner. The college brought in Stockbridge-based Main Street Hospitality Group to manage the inn.

NA 11-24-14

ADAMS HIRES NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FROM MAINE (AN)

The Adams Board of Selectmen unanimously voted on Saturday morning to hire a town administrator with experience in public and private management. IBerkshires.com reports that Tony Mazucco, assistant city manager of Caribou, Maine, and a native of Randolph, was the third and final candidate interviewed. The board made its decision shortly after speaking with him Saturday morning. Mazucco said he comes from an area that is similar to Adams and has similar challenges.

LOUISON HOUSE 25TH ANNIVERSARY FETES NAMESAKE (NA)

Louison House namesake Theresa Louison was honored for her contributions to the Northern Berkshire community and especially to the cause of solving homelessness in the region last week. Louison was surrounded by nearly 50 friends and family at the Adams Council on Aging on Thursday as part of a celebration marking 25 years since Louison House and the Family Life Support Center opened. The agency, focused on homelessness and its causes, has assisted thousands of residents in its history.

CLARKSBURG CONSIDERS TWO POSSIBLE SOLAR ARRAYS (NA)

Clarksburg is considering a municipal solar array on the former landfill. The Selectmen on Monday were also updated on a proposal for the development of a private array on Gravel Bank Road. IBerkshires.com reports that Town Administrator Carl McKinney informed the board that he plans to apply for a state Clean Energy Resiliency Initiative grant that will pay for technical consulting of a 77-acre parcel of town-owned land. McKinney said the parcel extends from the Department of Public Works building on West Cross Road north to the old dump. A solar array would be placed on the capped landfill and some of the land could possibly be developed for public use.

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH TRI-DISTRICT PICKS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT (NA)

Gordon Noseworthy of Northampton has been selected as the interim superintendent of Williamstown and Lanesborough schools. The one-time interim Pittsfield superintendent was picked over two other candidates on Friday afternoon in a meeting of the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee and Superintendency Union 71, a combination of Lanesborough Elementary and Williamstown Elementary. Noseworthy won out largely because committee members thought he had the political acumen to handle the contentious relationship between the rest of the Tri-District and the Lanesborough School Committee.

STAMFORD MAN SENTENCED TWO YEARS PROBATION FOR RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT (NA)

A Stamford VT man was sentenced to two years of probation on last week in the criminal division of Bennington Superior Court, for a reckless endangerment charge, following some jail time served for an incident that took place in August. 33 year old Christopher Crockwell was accused of smashing the side mirror of a sport utility vehicle with a baseball bat, while his girlfriend and her children were inside. The altercation came after an argument the couple had regarding Crockwell's alcohol intake earlier that day. In 2013, Crockwell threatened two men with a gun. He was ordered by the court that he not consume any alcohol, be electronically monitored, meet all terms set by his probation officer, and to attend alcohol and mental health counseling.

NA 11-26-14

SNOW STORM TO HIT THE BERKSHIRES HARD (All)

The Berkshires is poised to get walloped by a wintry nor'easter today, making one of the heaviest travel days of the year troublesome at best. The National Weather Service is predicting upwards of 10 inches for Berkshire County – and maybe as much as 15 or 16 inches. Slightly less is predicted for the North Adams area. A winter-storm warning remains in effect until 7am tomorrow. Other forecasters anticipated anywhere from 7 to 12 inches, since ocean storms are notoriously difficult to track a day in advance. The snow is expected to spread from south to north across the area and could be mixed with rain at the onset. The snow will be heaviest during the afternoon into the evening with the snow tapering off late tonight. This storm will significantly impact holiday travel... Making driving dangerous at times with snow covered roads and poor visibilities. Isolated power outages will be possible where the heaviest snow occurs.

BRTA BUSES NOT RUNNING ON THANKSGIVING (All)

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority will not be running buses on Thanksgiving Day tomorrow. The offices in Pittsfield will also be closed in observance of the holiday. The regular schedule of service will resume on Friday morning, but the administrative offices will remain closed until Monday at 8am.

UNEMPLOYMENT LOWEST IN SIX YEARS (All)

The Berkshire County unemployment rate dropped precipitously in October, reaching its lowest level in six years. According to figures released yesterday by the state Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, the county jobless rate fell more than a percentage point, from 6.1 percent in September to 5.0 percent. It's the lowest Berkshire unemployment has been this year; the previous low was 5.5 percent in May. Overall, Berkshire unemployment is at its lowest level since October 2008, when it reached 4.9 percent.

CLARKSBURG MAN FACES DRUG CHARGES AFTER LEADING POLICE ON FOOT CHASE (NA)

A Clarksburg man with four warrants for his arrest was being held on \$50,000 bail after leading state police on a foot chase through the woods of Savoy on Friday following a routine traffic stop. 30 year old Aaron Rowett pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court on Friday on charges of resisting arrest, failure to stop for police, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, possession to distribute a class A drug, class B drug possession, and conspiracy to violate drug law. He was ordered held on \$50,000 bail.

CHESHIRE SELECTMEN MAY SEEK PEER REVIEW OF DOLLAR GENERAL (NA, P)

The Selectmen may request a peer review of the Dollar General curb cut traffic study. Iberkshires.com reports that residents Richard Scholz and John Tremblay approached the board with a letter last night asking them to request the peer review of the traffic study by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The discount chain store has shown interest in purchasing and demolishing the dilapidated historic property at the corner of West Mountain Road and Route 8 to make way for a Dollar General.

NA 12-01-14

ELECTRICITY BACK ON IN MOST OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY (All)

Power is back on for residents in Berkshire County who lost power due to Friday's heavy, wet snow. National Grid had fewer than two dozen outages in the Berkshires by Saturday morning, while Western Massachusetts Electric Company had full restoration by then. Each utility reported the number of customer outages at more than 2,000 on Friday morning. Both companies blamed the dense, sticky snow, which clung to, stressed, and eventually broke objects like trees and utility wires long after the storm had moved away. Those customers affected by "widespread, scattered outages" on Friday were concentrated in the hilltowns.

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTMEN CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Selectmen is considering whether it wants to follow the old maxim: You have to spend money to make money. IBerkshires.com reports that more specifically, the board is considering a recommendation from a local entrepreneur that the town looks at hiring a consultant to help with its efforts to boost economic development. Williamstown resident Jeffrey Thomas spoke to the board earlier this month about his role with a North Adams-based non-profit whose mission is to promote economic development in Northern Berkshire County.

ELECTRIC SHUT-OFF SCAM (All)

A number of businesses and homeowners in Berkshire County have been targeted in a scam that threatened to turn off their electricity unless they pay their utility bills. Several Western Massachusetts Electric Company customers in Pittsfield and Lee – and National Grid customers in Great Barrington and other parts of the Berkshires have been targeted with callers claiming to be from their utility company. The caller requests an immediate payment over the phone to bring the account current. Authorities say that several people have fallen for the scheme.

ADAMS-CHESHIRE FIRST-GRADERS FIND SUCCESS IN NEW READING INITIATIVE (NA)

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District first-grade teachers reported that pupils are responding well to a newly adopted literacy program. IBerkshires.com reports that first-grade teacher Mary Tanner presented data supporting the success of the Bay State Reading Institute, a publicly funded initiative focused on promoting literacy, to the School Committee on Monday night. She said because of the children's fluency success, the institute challenged them to meet higher rates by winter. As of this week, 57 percent have already met the goal. She added 80 percent of the children already met the previous end-of-year goal. Tanner said she expects even more to meet the goal by January.

FUNERAL FOR RETIRED SPRINGFIELD BISHOP TODAY (All)

Calling hours and a prayer service were held yesterday for retired Springfield Bishop Joseph Maguire who died on November 23rd at the age of 95, according to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield. The funeral is taking place this morning at 11, with burial to follow at St. Michael's Cemetery Mausoleum in Springfield.

NA 12-04-14

NURSES TO PICKET STAFFING LEVELS; BMC DISPUTES UNION'S STATISTICS (NA, P)

The Nurses union will picket outside Berkshire Medical Center next week over what they call "dangerous staffing levels," – a claim the hospital flatly contested. The Berkshire Eagle is reporting that in a news release issued yesterday, the Massachusetts Nurses Association said next week's protest is the nurses' way to "protest what they believe are dangerous staffing levels, excessive patient assignments for nurses and other health care workers, and a punitive work environment that is compromising the quality and safety of patient care for patients they serve throughout Berkshire County." BMC fired back at the MNA's claims, asserting that staffing levels are appropriate for the hospital's patient count and are adjusted as volume rises and falls. Mike Leary, spokesman for BMC, said 650 union nurses are employed by BMC and a vote of 80 doesn't necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire nursing staff. The picket will take place from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday next week.

PITTSFIELD MAN ADMITS 2012 RAPE AND FACES UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON (P – All interest)

A Pittsfield man is facing up to 10 years in prison after admitting to raping a Pittsfield woman in her home during a November 2012 break-in. 43 year old Christopher Peterson entered into a guilty plea in Berkshire Superior Court yesterday as part of a joint recommendation reached between his attorney and the Berkshire District Attorney's office. Peterson was arrested in December of 2012, and has since been held on \$100,000 bail at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction. He pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court to aggravated rape and breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony.

NORTH ADAMS HISTORICAL COMMISSION HOLDS FIRM (NA)

The North Adams Historical Commission has affirmed its decision to keep the wrecking ball away from an abandoned house at 11-15 Furnace Street, despite requests from city officials for its demolition. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the commission agreed at its Monday meeting to uphold its August 21st decision to block the demolition on the property, which is part of the Western Gateway Heritage State Park. Community Development Director Michael Nuvalle had asked the commission to reconsider, but its four present members agreed their order should remain in place.

ADAMS NETS 90K ON PROPERTY AUCTIONS (NA)

The town of Adams has netted nearly \$90,000 through the auction of five distressed properties — all of them seized for back taxes. Five other properties didn't generate bids high enough to sell on Monday at the Adams Visitors Center. The sale of the three properties with houses and two parcels without any buildings netted the town a total of \$89,500, said town Treasurer Kelly Rice. The taxes owed on the five properties totaled roughly \$55,000.

NORTH ADAMS TREE LIGHTING WELL ATTENDED (NA)

The City of North Adams, despite the rain, held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting last night. Hundreds of people attend the lighting, which included singing, hot cocoa and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, who handed out small gifts from a North Adams Fire Department engine. Trees at both ends of Main Street were lit during the 6pm gathering. The First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir performed a series of holiday melodies and Christmas carols.

NA 12-05-14

WILLIAMS COLLEGE JOINS WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON COLLEGE ACCESS (NA)

Williams College President Adam Falk yesterday joined President Obama, the First Lady, and Vice President Biden along with hundreds of college presidents and other higher education leaders to announce new actions to help more students prepare for and graduate from college. The White House College Opportunity Day of Action was held to support the President's commitment to partner with colleges and universities, business leaders, and nonprofits to support students across the country to help our nation reach its goal of leading the world in college attainment. Williams submitted to the initiative a dozen new efforts to expand student preparedness for college and persistence to graduation.

RATE CONFUSION WITH ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER SWITCH (NA)

National Grid customers being switched over to new supplier Hampshire Power will see a 'transition' price in this month's bill of the new and old rates. IBerkshires.com reports that November's electric bills had a lot of residents scratching their heads. The city joined with nine other communities in an electrical aggregation program this fall to purchase power from a different, and lower cost, supplier. Hampshire Power offered a set rate of \$0.12191 per kilowatt hour compared to National Grid's raised rate of \$0.16273 per kWh. The switch was set for November 1st – the same day National Grid's rate increase went into effect. But what ratepayers saw on their bills was \$0.13341 — which didn't correlate to any of the stated rates. Administrative Officer Michael Canales said he's been fielding calls from confused residents since they received their bills.

ADAMS SELECTMEN APPOINT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DESIGNATE BLIGHT (NA)

Selectmen in Adams officially appointed a new town administrator and designated a new blight area in town. Pending a physical and his signing of the contract, Tony Mazucco will start January 12th. IBerkshires.com reports that he has agreed to a three-year contract with a starting salary of \$81,000. The board voted unanimously to hire Mazucco, the assistant city manager of Caribou Maine, after his interview November 22nd. The board also accepted a resolution that will designate a new slums and blight area and make it available for Community Development Block Grants.

INTERIM SCHOOL CHIEF VOTE TODAY IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

School officials in Williamstown are poised to vote on a contract today for Gordon Noseworthy to serve as interim superintendent of Williamstown-Lanesborough Public Schools. Noseworthy, of Northampton, served as interim superintendent in Pittsfield in 2012-13 and also held that position in North Brookfield in 2010-11. According to Mount Greylock Regional School Committee Chairwoman Carrie Greene, he was selected for the position after interviews in open session on November 21st.

NA 12-16-14

GROUP OF TENANTS FILE LAWSUIT IN CHESHIRE (NA)

A group of tenants in Cheshire has filed a lawsuit against Morgan Management, claiming the landlord waited years to fix septic troubles at the mobile home park it owns off Wells Road and charged residents to pay for overdue repairs. The Berkshire Eagle reports that tenants living in Pine Valley's 95 units lived with "noxious odors" and in "unhealthy and unsanitary" conditions for more than a decade, the town's Rent Control Board found. Now the tenants are seeking more than \$200,000 in repayments on rent from Morgan via a class action lawsuit. The group claims they were forced to live in those conditions during which time they thought they were collectively paying toward an eventual repair of the park's septic system.

BERKSHIRES NUMBER-ONE CHRISTMAS TOWN (All)

Impulcity.com has listed the Berkshires in its list of the 17 "Most Amazing Christmas Town's in America." The Berkshires, as a whole in fact, was listed number-one over-all. The website says that the Berkshires knows how to-do Christmas, citing the "Festival of Trees" at The Berkshire Museum – and plenty of skiing. The website called the Berkshires a great place to spend Christmas with beautiful views everywhere you look and plenty of great bed & breakfasts, such as An English Hideaway, The Egremont Village Inn, and Whistler's Inn. Also mentioned were the Berkshire Mountain Lodge and Canyon Ranch. Tabernash, Colorado and York Beach, Maine were listed at two and three respectively.

GAS PRICES CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND (All)

Massachusetts drivers continue to benefit from tumbling prices at the pump. AAA Southern New England reports that the cost of a gallon of self-serve, regular dropped a dime in the past week to an average of \$2.68. The current Bay State average is a quarter lower than a month ago and 75 cents lower than at this time last year, but still 13 cents per gallon above the national average.

PATRICK UNCERTAIN ON FUTURE PLANS (All)

Gov. Deval Patrick says he still has made no decisions about his future after leaving office. Patrick indicated yesterday that he had received feelers about a "range of things" but had no plans beyond vacationing with his wife, Diane, after his final day as governor on January 8th. Possible opportunities included what he termed a "loose affiliation" with an initiative planned by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

HEALTH INSURANCE DEADLINE LATER IN MASSACHUSETTS (All)

Massachusetts residents seeking health insurance beginning January 1st have a little more time to sign up through the state's health connector. State officials yesterday sought to clear up confusion about the enrollment deadline, which is Monday for people in many other states but not until December 23rd in Massachusetts.

NA 12-17-14

ADAMS BOARD OF HEALTH REVISITING RENTAL INSPECTION FEES (NA)

The Adams Board of Health may add a late fee for landlords delinquent in getting their rental properties inspected. IBerkshires.com reports that Code Enforcement Officer Scott Koczela told the Board of Health that he often gets called to do an inspection after people are already living in an apartment. Koczela said normally the fee is \$25 and many landlords think nothing of moving people in without an inspection. He would like to raise the fee to \$50 if renters are moved in too early. Koczela said there are many repeat offenders and even some of the town's better landlords allow people to move in prior to inspection.

CLARK ART TO CHARGE ADMISSION STARTING JANUARY 1st (NA)

The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown will start charging admission on January 1st. The museum officially posted its new admission policy yesterday, ending a long-standing practice of free admission November through May. According to the museum's website adult admission to the galleries will be \$20. Admission will continue to be free for members, children under 18 and students with valid identification. Through the end of December, admission is free in the main galleries. However, the Monet - - Kelly exhibition has a \$10 admission charge through December 31st.

CRAFTS & ARTISAN STORE KIT & KABOODLE REOPENS IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

Crafts store Kit & Kaboodle has changed its location but not its commitment to showcasing local talent. IBerkshires.com reports that the store's new space at 26 Holden Street North Adams displays a wide range of local and regionally made items, from scarves and handmade soaps and scented candles to paintings, carvings and many other items. And owner Carolyn Albert's own crocheted items. Albert opened last year in the Carlow Building in Adams but was forced to move early this fall when the building was sold. She decided to move north in hope of picking up more foot traffic.

CAMPGROUND SEASONAL RATES HIKED (NA)

Seasonal campers will have to spend more this coming summer to stay at Historic Valley Park Campground. The Windsor Lake Recreation Commission voted to raise seasonal fees 10 percent, or an extra \$180, for campers who spend the entire summer at Windsor Lake. Chairman George Forgea says that the rates have not been raised since the 2012 season. Forgea said he had discussed the rate hike with North Adams Mayor Richard Alchombright, and also suggested raising the monthly camping rate by 10 percent.

NA 12-19-14

MASSACHUSETTS GAINS JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN (All)

Massachusetts gained an estimated 13,500 jobs in November while the unemployment rate stood at 5.8 percent, down from 6 percent in the previous month. The office of Labor and Workforce Development said yesterday the state's total workforce increased by 17,600 in November, with 3,400 fewer residents unemployed during the month.

PARK STREET RECONSTRUCTION TO BE FINISHED IN SPRING (NA)

The Park Street Improvement Project is largely complete and will be completely finished in the spring. [IBerkshires.com](#) reports that the town of Adams held its third and final public meeting last night with representatives from contractor J.H. Maxymillian, and project engineer David Loring. In contrast to previous meetings however, there was barely an audience. Loring said last night that there is still some "clean up" work to be done - such as adding in another bench, new signage, new parking meters, and some line work.

NYC MAN GETS TWO-YEARS FOR HOME INVASION (NA)

A New York City man has been sentenced to two years in jail for his role in a 2013 home invasion and assault in North Adams. 22 year old Daivon Henry, of the Bronx, and another man – 24 year old Richard Smith – also of the Bronx, were accused of invading a Brayton Hill Terrace residence on July 2nd of last year, in an effort to recoup drug debts. During the break-in the pair assaulted three victims — all of whom said a gun was present — and stole \$14 in cash from one.

WILLIAMSTOWN COMMITTEE TO FOSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH (NA)

A new committee formed by the Selectmen aims to rev up a conversation on making the business climate stronger. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the Economic Development Committee, consisting of local business people and community members, ultimately will be responsible for creating a plan to sustain existing local businesses and encourage growth. The 11-person committee will meet for the first time in January, according to Selectman Hugh Daley.

NORTH ADAMS BOTIQUE CLOSING STORE-FRONT (NA)

Shima Boutique — an infant and toddler clothing and toys shop on Eagle Street in North Adams — will shift to an online-only store after the holiday shopping season, according to a message posted yesterday on the store's Facebook page. Co-owners Libbie Pike and Suzy Helme attributed the closure in part to an inability to compete with the discounts and lower prices offered by major online shopping sites.

VETERANS HOME TO CUT STAFFING AND BEDS (NA - Bennington)

Faced with a deficit and a decline in patients, the Vermont Veterans Home's board of trustees has voted to reduce its patient volume from 171 beds to 130. The only no vote came from H. Jamie Percey, the Vermont State Employees Association representative on the board. Veterans Home CEO Melissa Jackson said the average patient census has 121 in the past year. The home has 13 openings, which it will now not fill. That alone would save the Veterans Home more than \$764,000 per year. With other savings from fewer licensed beds, the cost is expected to drop \$1 million annually.

NA 12-23-14

WILLIAMSTOWN CPC FAILS IN BID TO LOWER CABLE MILLS BOND (NA)

The Williamstown Community Preservation Committee last week was thwarted in two attempts to lower the size of the bond the town will need to pay its remaining commitment to the Cable Mills renovation project. IBerkshires.com reports that town meeting in 2007 committed just more than \$1.5 million of Community Preservation Act funds to support the project, which has been delayed by — among other things — an economic downturn and the death of its principal developer. Current developer Mitchell Properties began construction on the project this fall and hopes to have the former mill building ready for residential occupation about a year's time.

WOMAN FACES FELONY CHARGES IN ALLEGED BREAK-IN (NA)

A North Adams woman is facing felony charges for allegedly charging into a West Shaft Road apartment on Sunday and assaulting a woman who lived there. 21 year old Chelsea Kelly pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court on yesterday to two felony charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. She was released on personal recognizance with the stipulations that she remains alcohol free and avoids any contact with the victim.

HOOSAC VALLEY GIRLS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER (NA)

The halls of North Adams Commons were filled with the holiday spirit yesterday thanks to some local athletes. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the 12 players of the Hoosac Valley High School girls' basketball team donned reindeer antlers and Santa Claus hats to sing Christmas carols and deliver cards to residents of the skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility on Franklin Street. Hoosac Valley Head coach Coach Ron Wojcik (WO-jik) says that it's the second year in a row players of the Lady Canes have made the visit.

PIPELINE EYED TO CUT THROUGH LANESBOROUGH (NA, P, GB – Interest)

The new route of the proposed Kinder Morgan Tennessee Gas Pipeline is eyed to bisect the town along electric lines just north of Town Hall. IBerkshires.com reports that Kinder Morgan has proposed an expansive pipeline that will carry natural gas from the Marcellus Shale territory in Pennsylvania, through New York and Massachusetts before heading north to Maine. The new route goes through Hancock, Lanesborough, Cheshire, Dalton, Hinsdale, Windsor and Peru. The plan moves away from Lenox, where town meeting passed a non-binding warrant article to oppose it.

COUNTIES EXPRESS CONCERN OVER LACK OF REP ON BAKER TEAM (All)

A number of community leaders from Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire counties have expressed concern about a dearth of representation from the region on Gov.-elect Charlie Baker's transition team. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the group of about two dozen sent a letter to Baker's policy director on December 19th, noting what was described as an apparent oversight and asking to become more involved with the new administration from the beginning. The Boston Globe reported that a Baker official denied there was any link between the lack of representation on the 175-member transition team and the overwhelming vote totals in the three western counties in favor of the Republican's opponent in the November 4th election, Democrat Martha Coakley, a native of North Adams.

All - 12-26-14

MURDER CHARGE FOLLOWS DEATH FROM GUNSHOT TO LEG (P)

A Pittsfield man has pleaded not guilty to murder and other charges in the death of a Goshen man who was shot in the leg. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Peter Campbell faces a mandatory life sentence with the chance of parole after 15 to 25 years if convicted of murder. Police say the 18-year-old Campbell shot Anthony Gamache in the leg in a botched robbery attempt November 18th. The post-mortem exam was inconclusive but the state's chief medical examiner later determined that the 29-year-old Gamache died of a blood clot caused by the gunshot wound to the leg. Police say the bullet went into Gamache's right leg, chipped the femur and remained lodged in his leg. He died after cardiac arrest. Campbell's lawyer says he's awaiting the autopsy report.

PITTSFIELD WOMAN JAILED FOR IMPERSONATING SISTER (P)

A city woman has been sentenced to three years in jail for violating her probation and giving a false name — her sister's — to the court. 45 year old Sharon Killackey was arrested last month after giving her older sister's identifying information to the Pittsfield police and several court personnel, including a judge, when she pleaded out to a shoplifting charge in October. According to prosecutors, the name, age and Social Security number she gave to all of them belonged to her sister. The case began on October 24th, when Killackey was arrested — along with a 16-year-old relative — for allegedly shoplifting about \$91 worth of items from Walmart.

LENOX WILL BID MAIN STREET PAVING (GB, P)

The town of Lenox is hoping to solicit bids next month for a new water line and paving on Main Street. Selectman Edward Lane said on Tuesday that the water line will run from Sunset Avenue to Cliffwood Road and the entire length of Main Street will be repaved. The hope is to bid the work in January and have it done before the tourism season. The town is also starting to prepare for paving on Housatonic Street. Town Manager Christopher Ketchen said the road will be paved, at a minimum, from the church to the bypass. The plan is to have that project done in fiscal 2016.

FENCE TO BE REMOVED FROM HARS WAY (GB, P)

First Congregational Church in Lee, along with town officials plan to move the church's park fence, which is often damaged by heavy trucks and cars, out of harm's way. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the marble and steel rod barrier surrounding the park at the corner of Main and Park streets has a gap — wide enough to fit two tractor-trailers — caused by a big rig driver. The latest fence bashing occurred in early November when an operator of an 18-wheeler failed to negotiate the sharp bend of the westbound lane of Route 20 where Main and Park meet. Lee Public Works Assistant Superintendent Dennis Kelly said that the mishap wiped out seven specially made white marble posts and bent four of the steel rails, all of which will be replaced at an estimated cost of at least \$10,000.

NA 12-29-14

RESIDENTS FACE HEALTH CARE PAYMENT DEADLINE (All)

Massachusetts residents seeking insurance through the state's health connector are facing another deadline. They have until the end of Sunday to pay their first month's premium in order to guarantee coverage on January 1st. The original enrollment deadline was December 23rd, but connector officials gave the thousands of people who had chosen a plan but not yet paid for it a few extra days to do so. Officials said more than 40,000 individual had both signed up and paid for their plans by last Tuesday. Sunday's deadline does not apply to the many people who were placed into transitional coverage last year because of problems with the state's website and are covered through January.

SCHOOL PANEL TO WEIGH RELAXING ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ATHLETES (NA)

The question of whether or not a decade-old academic policy for Drury High School student athletes should be relaxed to align with guidelines endorsed by a state athletic organization will be examined early next year by a subcommittee recently appointed by the School Committee. The current district policy requires students to maintain passing grades in five core courses to play on a Drury team. That's tougher than the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association policy, which stipulates that student athletes should be passing a minimum of four core courses to play. Students typically take five to seven classes at a time. The subcommittee will begin its work in January with a conclusion possibly coming as early as March.

FIRE DISTRICT TRYING OUT WEB APP (NA)

The Williamstown Fire Department is trying out new technology officials hope will help firefighters stay connected. IBerkshires.com reports that at December's monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee, which oversees the fire district, Fire Chief Craig Pedercini told the body about "I Am Responding," an app designed to let emergency services contact their people through phones and allow the first responders to notify the base that they are on their way to the scene of an emergency.

NORTH ADAMS LITTLE LEAGUE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS (NA)

The North Adams League is looking for players to keep its six teams alive this upcoming season. With the loss of 22 12-year-olds last year, the league hopes to fill this year's rosters without having to drop another team. In 2012, the league had eight teams with 12 players per team; by last season, those numbers had fallen to six teams with 11 players each. The league age requirement is 9 1/2 years old and the Little League International has adopted a new rule that states that if your child is 8 years old at the time of tryouts, but turns 9 by the end of the calendar year, he or she would be eligible to play. Children from surrounding towns are also welcome. Children from Clarksburg and Florida, and from Stamford and Readsboro, Vt., are eligible to play.

NA 12-30-14

BAIL REDUCED FOR IRAQ WAR VET ACCUSED IN KNIFE THREAT (NA, P)

A Superior Court judge has reduced the bail of an Iraq War veteran accused of putting a knife to his girlfriend's throat and choking her dog in an October incident. Joshua Allen's bail was reduced to \$2,500 cash or \$25,000 surety and ordered that if the defendant makes bail he must go to the VA hospital. Allen remains at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction. He has pleaded not guilty to assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, animal cruelty, strangulation, malicious destruction of property and assault and battery. His charges remain pending in Northern Berkshire District Court.

NORTH ADAMS MAN STRUCK WITH GUN BY RESIDENT DURING ALLEGED BREAK IN (NA)

A North Adams man was bludgeoned with the butt of a pellet gun Saturday morning after allegedly breaking into the Chase Avenue home of an acquaintance. 42 year old Shawn Bulson was held on \$1,000 cash bail yesterday after allegedly kicking in the kitchen door of a man whom he had met on several occasions. When the resident discovered Bulson in the living room, he told police he struck him twice in the face with the butt of his pellet gun. North Adams Police responded to call just before 2am. Bulson pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court to charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony and malicious destruction of property under \$250.

NORTH ADAMS MAN AGAIN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY WALKING INTO HOMES (NA)

Just five days after being released from jail on personal recognizance, a North Adams man, 19 year old Brett McConnell was again arrested for allegedly walking into city homes unannounced. Bail was again revoked for McConnell after his arraignment on two counts of felony breaking and entering in the daytime and one count of attempting to commit a crime in Northern Berkshire District Court on Monday. Judge Paul Vrabel also ordered McConnell undergo a competency and criminal responsibility evaluation. McConnell had been held earlier this month following his arraignment on several breaking and entering charges — he had allegedly entered several homes in the Blackinton Street area unprompted — of a similar nature, but he was released on personal recognizance on December 23rd.

WHEEL ESTATES RENT INCREASE WITHDRAWN (NA)

The Wheel Estates Tenants Association withdrew a petition to increase rent yesterday because of an incorrect application. IBerkshires.com reports that the Mobile Home rent Control Board postponed the petition advocating for a \$40 rent increase until January. Because the application was based on projected expenses and not past expenses, Chairman Wayne Wilkinson asked association President Sandy Overlock to withdraw the application without prejudice and reapply.

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10/6: Bob St. Pierre, Megan Sherman & Pat Mancuso--Pop Cares, support for local cancer patients & caregivers

10/10: Laura Baran, Berkshire Co. Kids Place

10/20: Mohawk Trail Association President Peter Tomyl

10/27: Williamstown Historical Museum Director Sarah Currie

10/31: Jonathan Secor, Director, Berkshire Cultural Resource Council at MCLA

11/10: Chip Joffe-Halpern, Ecu-Health; Health Insurance open enrollment period

11/17: Jen Civello & Deb Dane; WilliNet Board of Directors

11/18: Berkshire Children and Families; “Kids 4 Harmony” program

11/24: Marie Harpin, “The Santa Fund”

12/1: Cheryl Truskowski, Berkshire Humane Soc’y. Shelter Mgr.; Pet safety for holidays.

12/15: Diane & Jerrid Burdick; Berkshire Bridal Expo

12/24: A Visit from SANTA (children call-in to talk to Santa live on air)

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

10/2: Keith Girouard, Reg'l Dir., MA Small Business Development Center Network

10/5: Gamma Broadcasting News Dir. Tom Conklin's interview w/MA Gubernatorial Candidate Jeff McCormick (I)

10/9: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright

10/30: Chip Joffe-Halpern, Ecu-Health Exec. Dir.; Health Insurance open enrollment period

11/6: Adams Tourism Dir. Samantha Talora

11/13: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright

11/20: 1st Berkshire District State Rep. Gail Cariddi

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PSA KILL 10/5

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

PSA KILL 10/4

The Adams-Cheshire Youth Football and Cheerleading programs will hold their annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 4 from 4-7 PM. It'll be at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 159 Church St., Cheshire. There will also be a dessert table and Chinese auction. 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 10/3

The Fall Foliage Festival's Annual Children's Parade is this Friday in Downtown North Adams. Children from throughout the Northern Berkshires are encouraged to make costumes and enter the parade. This year's theme is "the 100th Anniversary of the Mohawk Trail". Participants must arrive at the corner of Main and Eagle streets at 5 PM. Parade begins at 5:30 and will proceed along Main St. to City Hall. Ribbons will be given to all participant groups and all will be invited to participate in the Fall Foliage Parade on Sunday. For info call 413-499-4000 or visit www.fallfoliageparade.com and look for "Events". If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

Following Saturday morning's Fall Foliage Festival Dog Parade in North Adams, Father William Cyr will conduct a Blessing of Animals outside

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in North Adams. All pets/animals are welcome to join, in celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/5

Father Steven Montesano, Pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Adams will be performing a Blessing of Animals in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi and World Animal Day. It'll be this Sunday, Oct 5 at Noon at the Polanka Grounds, Mill Street, Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/3

North Adams' Fall Foliage Festival of Events, leading up to the big parade this Sunday, continues Friday, Oct. 3 with a Lasagna Dinner at the Eagles, 515 Curran Highway, North Adams. The cost is \$10 to join your friends and neighbors at this annual community dinner. For a list of Festival events visit www.fallfoliageparade.com and look for "Events". If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

On Saturday Oct 4 the North Adams Farmers Market invites you to Bring Your Dog to the Market. It runs from 9AM-1PM in the Municipal Parking Lot at the corner of Marshall Street and St. Anthony Drive. Special market vendors will include animal rescue agencies and animal-themed products. As always, you can find fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese, canned goods, baked goods, eggs, and meat. For more information or a schedule of events, visit www.fallfoliageparade.com and look for "Events". If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/5

North Adams' Fall Foliage Festival of Events continues Saturday Oct. 4th with the 5th Annual Dog Parade. It starts at 10 AM at Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Eagle Street and Route 2 in North Adams. Registration begins at 9am and is FREE but donations to local animal rescues are accepted. Owners are encouraged to make costumes and enter their dogs into this parade with the theme of "100th Anniversary of the Mohawk Trail". Ribbons will be given to all participants and special prizes will be awarded. Winners will be invited

to march in the Fall Foliage Parade on Sunday. For a list of Festival events check out www.fallfoliageparade.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

Celebrate the season at the annual Fall Foliage Dance sponsored by the Eagles on Curran Highway, North Adams. It's this Saturday night from 9-11. Just \$5 to enjoy live music from 2 local bands. Call 664-9043 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/5

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day – especially on Fall Foliage Parade Day! What better way to start your day than with an all you can eat breakfast at the Eagles, 515 Curran Highway, North Adams. Fill up on breakfast faves from 7-11 AM for just \$6; \$5 for seniors and children under 10. Call 664-9043 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/5

Another Parade Day tradition continues Sunday, with the Annual 5K Road Race starting at Noon in downtown North Adams. It's being sponsored by the Berkshire Eagle and Greylock Federal Credit Union, supporting Newspapers in Education. For race and registration information call 663-3741. And for a list of Fall Foliage Festival events check out www.fallfoliageparade.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Mohawk Trail this Saturday at the North Adams Public Library. Join author and historian Clint Richmond at 2:30 for an hour-long presentation of "Memories of the Mohawk Trail". The program is free and open to everyone.

(Time is correct, 2:30 not 1 PM as orig. scheduled)

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

PSA KILL 10/4

The 6th Annual Fall Bazaar at Stamford Community Church is this Sat. Oct. 4 from 10-5. Enjoy the silent auction, Chinese auctions for both kids and adults, tag sale, many raffles, hand-crafted items and much more. There will be children's games, a fish bowl and bouncy house. Come for lunch of hot soups, hot dogs and desserts. The Church Boutique will be open too, from 9-11. Stamford Community Church is at 1059 Main Rd., Stamford VT. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

American Legion Post 125 North Adams will host a "Doo Wop Sox Hop" this Sat. Oct. 4 from 7-11 PM. Enjoy music of the 50's and 60's by DJ Dino, along with food and raffles. Funds raised will help support the Legion's contributions to community programming. Tickets are \$10 available in advance at Post 125 or State Street T. Tables may be reserved for parties of 6 or 8. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/5

The Williamstown Elementary School PTO is holding their gently-used clothing sale in the school cafeteria this Sunday from 8:30-1 PM. This is their Fall Booster Sale, featuring a large selection of clothing and some great winter gear like boots, pants, jackets, hats and mittens. You'll find costumes, shoes and sporting gear too, with everything hand-sorted and selected for the highest quality. As an added bonus: items will be half-price from Noon-1, but you must enter at Noon and receive a hand stamp. The sale raises funds needed for school enrichment and activities. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

On Sunday Oct. 12th 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 featuring American, French, Polish, Irish and Italian specialties! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/11

American Legion Post 90 in Pownal VT will hold a Spaghetto Dinner this Saturday, from 5 PM till it's gone! It's to benefit the Vets Home in Bennington and bingo at the Home. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids under 12. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/11

There will be a Ham Dinner to celebrate the Mohawk Trail's 100th Anniversary. It'll be at the Florida Baptist Church Hall, next to the Church on Rt. 2, this Saturday from 4-6:30. Dinners (including dessert!) are \$10 for adults; \$7 for seniors and children up to 6. For info or reservations, call 413-297-1716 or 663-3889. Walk-ins will also be welcomed, and takeouts will be available. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

PopCares, a local non-profit group performing acts of kindness for local cancer patients and their families, will be holding its 3rd Annual Chicken Dinner and Live Auction. It'll be on Sat. Oct. 25 from 5:30-Midnight at Bounti-Fare on Rt. 8, Adams. Many great items will be up for bid. There will also be a Chinese auction, silent auction, 50-50 & more. Tickets are \$20 and last year's event sold out fast, so call 413-281-1094 or email popcares@yahoo.com. Don't forget to like PopCares on Facebook and see some of the auction items listed there. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

Get ready for Ramblefest, a free celebration in downtown Adams this Sunday from Noon-5. Bring the whole family to the Adams Visitors Center on Hoosac St. to enjoy food, games, an apple harvest, craft beers, a campfire, and more. There'll be music from The Jill Gallagher Band and Lita Williams. Find out more on Facebook.com/Ramblefest. Remember: "Adams IS Columbus Day Weekend!" If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/11

The Adams Free Library, 92 Park Street, Adams, will host a special presentation called "It's Not About the Hike" on Saturday, October

11th at 7 pm. This hour-long multi-media presentation highlights the journey of Nancy Sporborg and Pat Piper, two 50-plus year old non-hikers who decided to climb the 100 highest mountains in New England. This inspirational program will be held in the Library's Memorial Hall. Please use the Metrose Street entrance and the elevator to reach Memorial Hall. Contact the Library at 743-8345 with any questions. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/15

The City of North Adams reminds you that Wednesday Oct. 15 will be the last day to register to vote or make changes to the voter's lists to be used at the State General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The City Clerk's office in City Hall is open for voter registrations during normal business hours, and will be open from 8 AM to 8 PM on Oct. 15. To be eligible to vote in North Adams a person must be 18 years of age or older on or before Election Day (Nov. 4, 2014), a U-5 citizen and a resident of North Adams. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/17

The Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women will honor the many years of community service and dedication by Marilyn Faulker who, together with her husband, Carl, recently retired after owning the Williams Inn. All are welcome to attend the celebration at 6PM on October 22 at the Bounti-fare Restaurant in Adams. Dinner choices include either Roast Beef or Chicken Vermont. The cost is \$30. Please RSVP to Colleen Janz via email colleen.e.janz@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/11

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams will present "It's Alive! - A History of Frankenstein" on Saturday, October 11th at 3pm. This Halloween season illustrated lecture will explore the historic and scientific roots of attempts in raising the dead and the cultural waves inspired by Mary Shelley's horror classic Frankenstein. 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 10/16

A Fall Harvest Supper benefitting Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity will take place Sat., October 18th, 6:00pm at First Congregational Church, Williamstown. It features a fresh, local, farm-sourced buffet menu. Tickets are \$25 each or 2/\$40, and \$15 for Children under 12. They're available at First Congregational Church, Williamstown and at the Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity Office, 61 Main Street (Suite 244) in North Adams. Call 664-4440 for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/4

The Drury High School Band is holding their annual Gas Raffle fundraiser now through Nov. 4th. The prizes are a \$300, \$200, & \$100 gas cards, and tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The drawing will be November 5th and you need not be present to win. Band members and Band parents will be out in local neighborhoods in the next few weeks, and will also be selling tickets the weekend of October 18 – 19 at the Wal-Mart and Stop n Shop in North Adams. All proceeds support band programs and scholarships. For more information: call (413) 464-3925, or (413) 281-0445. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/7

The community is invited to attend this year's first meeting of the nb21 Mount Greylock Strategy Team at WilliamstownTown Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 pm. (Refreshments served.) nb21 is the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's effort to prevent substance abuse and underage drinking in North Berkshire. The Mount Greylock Strategy Team provides community guidance on programs to suit the Mount Greylock school area: Williamstown, Lanesboro, and Hancock. Adults and teens are welcome. For more info, contact Ed Sederbaum at 413-441-6006. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/9

To mark Fire Prevention week, the North Adams Fire Dept. will hold an Open House this Thursday (10/9) from 6-8 PM at the Firehouse on American Legion Drive. They invite you to come for fire safety tips, pizza and refreshments. Hosted by the North Adams Fire Dept. and

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

PSA KILL 10/11

The Williamstown Fire Dept. at 34 Water St., will host its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House this Saturday Oct 11 from 10 AM-2 PM. This year's theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives", and Sparky the Fire Dog says to test yours every month! There will be demonstrations as well as fun and games, free balloons, stickers, refreshments and appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/25

The BCAC and Village Ambulance Coat Drive has started! It's going on at 85 Main St, Suite 201, North Adams, Monday-Friday during business hours. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

The Annual Haunted Hayride through Clarksburg State Park is planned for Sat. Oct 18 from 6:30-9:30. (Rain date: 10/25). Rides are \$6 for adults and \$4 for the children. Baked goods, glow sticks and necklaces will also be for sale. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/20

Former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley will examine the current state of American politics in a conversation with Williams College political science professor Sam Crane at 8 PM on Monday, Oct. 20, on the MainStage in the '62 Center. The talk is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. To obtain tickets, call the '62 Center box office at (413) 597-2425 or reserve online at 62center.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/16

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof will deliver this fall's Hardman Lecture at MCLA. This lecture event, "Reporting the Truths of the World," will take place in the MCLA Amisler Campus Center gym on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. 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 10/30

Hopkins Memorial Forest in Williamstown will again be open to deer hunting by special permit during the 12-day shotgun season, which runs from Dec. 1-13, excluding Sunday, Dec. 7. 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 November 1. Applications are available at 54 Stearns Court, Williamstown, (413) 597-2346 for info, or by e-mailing ajones@williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/17

Harvest Supper will be served on Saturday October 18th at the Second Congregational Church, Rt. 43 (Hancock Road), Williamstown. Just 1 seating at 5:30, for Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Beets, Cole Slaw, Rolls and Butter, Apple and Pumpkin Pie, Punch and Coffee. Reservations are required, so call Mickey at 458-4947. Diners are \$12/Adults, \$5/Children under 11, and Preschoolers eat Free! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

First Baptist Church, 131 Main St., North Adams will hold its annual Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, on Sat. Oct 18. There will be 2 seatings: 5 and 6:30. Please use the Eagle St. entrance. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/kids 6-12, and little ones 5 and under are free! Tickets are available in the church office or at the door. Takeout will be available. Proceeds will benefit Camp Ashmere and its programs for 2015. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/13

BRTA offices will be closed and regular bus service will not be running on Columbus Day, Monday Oct. 13. 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 11/1

Adams voters are reminded that absentee ballots for the Tuesday, Nov. 4 State Election are available in the Town Clerk's office.

Applications must be made in writing no later than Noon Monday, Nov. 3rd. If you have questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 743-8320, Mon-Fri, 8:30-4. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

The Berkshire Lodge of Masons on Center St. in Adams will hold an All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet to benefit the Hoosac Valley Golf Team. It'll be this Sunday (10/12) from 8-11:30 at the Lodge. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, juice, coffee and milk for just \$8. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/17

The Real Estate Agents Charitable Taskforce will present the 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off from 5-7:30 PM Friday Oct. 17 at Berkshire Hills Country Club on Benedict Rd., Pittsfield. It's to benefit Berkshire County Kids Place. Chili will be prepared by about a dozen eateries and food providers, and you'll get to vote for your favorite. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids, available at the door or in advance by calling 413-442-8049. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/24

Berkshire County Kids' Place presents "An Evening of Music and Memories", featuring music from Pittsfield native Matt Cusson. It's coming up on Friday Oct. 24 from 5-9:30 PM at the C-OWme Plaza. The benefit evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner, silent auction, music and more. For info and tickets, call Laura Baran at 413-499-2800 Ext. 14 or go online to www.kidsplaceonline.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/19

Adams Elks will be having their monthly breakfast buffet this coming Sunday 10/19 from 8-11 at the Lodge on Center St. On the menu, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee, for just 6 bucks. All proceeds benefit the Elks charities. 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 12/15

The Family Resource Center has play and learn groups throughout the week for families with young children. These groups are fun for children and parents. They include free play time and circle time with books, songs and movement activities. The groups are free and they take place in North Adams, Adams, Lanestboro and Williamstown. Call 664-4821 or go to www.cdberkshires.org for the schedule. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/15

The Mohawk Stamp Club will meet on Wednesday October 15 at 7:30 PM in the Greylock Room at Sweetwood Continuing Care Center, Rt. 7 in Williamstown. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/16

St. Elizabeth Rosary meeting is rescheduled for Thursday Oct 16 at 6PM in the parish center. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

First Congregational Church, 42 Park St., Adams will hold a free clothing giveaway this Saturday Oct. 18 from 9-Noon at the church. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/19

Enjoy an All U Can Eat Breakfast sponsored by Naomi Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star this Sunday 10/19 from 8-11:30AM at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. Just \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10 gets you Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast, 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 10/17

The next meeting of the Northern Berkshire Interfaith Action Initiative will be this Friday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of North Adams. All are welcome to attend. Among the discussion topics: the North Adams CROP Walk, which will take place Sunday, Oct. 19 at

Noon starting from the First Congregational Church of North Adams. For more info visit northernberkshireinterfaith.blogspot.com or call Mark at 664-0130. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

Local Historian Paul W. Marro will lead a walking tour of Hillside Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 18. The walk starts at the top of the hill off Brown Street at 2:30pm. You'll want to dress for the weather, wear sunblock, a good pair of walking shoes and a hat with a wide brim, maybe carry a canteen or bottle of water and "be prepared to have your ears talked off". Children are most welcome. Rain or high wind cancels the walk. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

As part of Massachusetts Archaeology Month, and to celebrate International Archaeology Day on Oct. 18, the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present Archaeology: The World Tour on Saturday, Oct. 18th at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will travel around the world to explore some of the most important, beautiful and mysterious archaeological finds and sites. 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 10/16

Former director-counselor and president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Theodore M. Shaw will deliver the 2014 Davis Lecture at Williams College on Thursday, Oct. 16. The lecture will take place at 6:30 PM in the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance, MainStage. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Call the '62 Center box office at (413) 597-2425 or reserve online at 62center.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/21

The Williams College Department of Music presents Ensemble East on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 8 PM in Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall on the Williams College campus. The musicians of Ensemble East will bring the

atmosphere and sounds of Japanese classical music to Williamstown in this free event, open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/19

The Northern Berkshire CROP Hunger Walk will be raising funds to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world. The walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19 on the North Adams Walking Trail, with a Noon registration and a 1:00 kick-off. 25% of the funds raised here in Northern Berkshire will go to Hoosac Harvest and the Growing Healthy Garden Program. To participate or for more information, contact Ann Clark-Kilham at acklarkpt@berkshire.net or 413-441-3525. You can also donate to the Northern Berkshire Crop Walk online at www.crop hungerwalk.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

The VT Veterans Home in Bennington is holding a Half-mile Family Walk to help find a cure for ALS. It's this Sat. Oct. 18, rain or shine starting at the Home, 325 North St. Registration is at Noon, the walk starts at 1:30, followed with music, games and refreshments. To sign up, go online to webne.alsa.org or call Christina at 802-447-2792. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/18

1st Annual Flea Market hosted by Adams Scout Troop 38 is this Sat. Oct. 18th from 8-4, rain or shine, at the Polish picnic grounds on Mill St., Adams. Food vendors will be serving breakfast and lunch, and the Boy Scouts will be having a bake sale. Admission is free. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/29

The City of North Adams and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission are working to identify a feasible route for the North Adams sections of the Berkshire (Ashwiltcock) Bicycle and Walking Trail. They're holding an Open House on Wednesday, October 29 in the Greylock School Cafeteria, 100 Phelps Ave., North Adams where you can provide YOUR input. It'll run from 6-8 PM, with a presentation at 6:30. It's a family friendly event, and refreshments will be provided. Contact the North Adams Office of Community Development with questions: 662-

3000 Ext. 3025 or email mgreer@northadams-ma.gov. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/2

Are you caring for someone with a cognitive, medical, physical or mental disability? Berkshire County Arc is offering a free informational meeting about its Adult Family Care Program. It will be held at Berkshire County Arc, 395 South Street, Pittsfield, on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a light dinner and refreshments, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Amy at 413-464-7262, ext. 22 by Monday, Nov. 3. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

The Williamstown Chamber of Commerce is looking for an evergreen for the top of Spring Street for this year's holiday season, preferably able to reach heights of 18 feet. If you have a large evergreen tree that you'd love to share with everyone please email the Chamber at info@williamstownchamber.com or call 458-9077. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/1

The Williamstown Historical Museum is offering an interesting Fall line-up of events! Living History Day with the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation will take place on Sat. Nov. 1st from 10 am - 4 pm, at Sheep Hill. You can join in a hands-on project to restore an antique horse-drawn work sled, share in a light lunch, and watch a film called Ben's Mill, about the construction of a similar sled in Vermont in the 1970s. To register, call 458-2494 or email Lre@whl.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/26

The Adams Lions Club's annual Halloween Parade for children will step off from a new location this year--the Adams Community Bank at Center and Myrtle Streets--and end in the Depot Street parking lot. Children, in costume, are asked to gather at 4 pm, Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Adams Community Bank Center Street parking lot. The parade will step off at 4:30, with marchers heading from Center Street to the east side of Park Street, then turning right onto East Maple Street to

the Depot Street lot, where the Adams Lions Club will serve hot dogs and free refreshments and award prizes for the best costumes. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/23

State Representative Gail Cariddi of North Adams will hold an October 23rd public forum to provide information on all 4 upcoming state election ballot questions. The event will be at the North Adams Public Library third floor from 6 to 7:30 PM. All First Berkshire District residents are invited. For questions please call her office at 664-6812. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/22

Adam Hinds, who has participated in various United Nations efforts to bring peace and security to the Middle East, will discuss "ISIS and the Implications for the International Community" at MCLA's Murdock Hall, Room 218. It will be this Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 PM, and 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 10/25

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture, "Jack-O-Lantern: A Pumpkin History" this Saturday, October 25th at 3pm. This Halloween-themed illustrated lecture will explore the roots of America's Jack-O-Lantern and why the pumpkin is center-stage this time of year. 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 11/2

Whether you're an aspiring screenwriter or a fan of movies in general, the Williamstown Film Festival's Project Screenplay invites you to take part in a live-action game show about the art of the pitch, hosted by screenwriter Andrew Osborne. Project Screenplay plays out in Club B-10 at MASS MOCA on Wednesday, November 5, at 7pm. Screenwriters may sign up at www.projectscreentplay.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/29

Due to construction work inside the building, the Adams Free Library at 92 Park Street in Adams, will be closed the next two Wednesdays, October 22 and 29. The closings are meant to prevent dust exposure to both library employees and the public. The library trustees and staff apologize for any inconvenience. No fines will be charged for items due those days. Please remember, the Item Return Box is located on Melrose Street between the stairs and ramp. If you have any questions, please call 743-8345. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/26

You're invited to the A-Y-J Fund Wine and Chocolate Tasting at the Freight Yard Pub in North Adams this Sunday Oct. 26 from 3 to 6pm. For a \$25 donation you can enjoy music, wine, chocolate, a Silent Auction and more while supporting the AYJ Fund, whose mission is to bring smiles to kids with cancer, keep them connected to friends and school through technology and to support brain cancer research. For more info go online to www.AYJfund.org or like the AYJ Fund on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/27

The Friends of the North Adams Library will meet Monday October 27th at 3:30 PM in the community room at the Library. These meetings are open to the public and those interested are encouraged to attend. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/27

The Residence Area Advisory Boards and the Center for Service and Citizenship at MCLA will host the 20th Annual "Boo Bash" for children and their parents on Monday, Oct. 27, 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 Devon O'Dowd 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

For kids 5 and older (grownups too!) the Children's Room at the Adams Free Library will host "Howlarious Halloween", on Thurs. Oct 30th at 6 pm. Artist Mary Jo Matlack will present a show of classic ghost stories, songs and jokes, sure to be the spookiest, eeriest and funniest Halloween program around! The Adams Free Library is on Park St. Call 743-8345 with any questions. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

Matt Carter, assistant professor of biology at Williams College, will present a lecture on "The Neuroscience Behind a Good Night's Sleep". It'll be on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 4:15 PM in the Thompson Chemistry building. Carter will discuss what happens to our brains and bodies during sleep and explain simple lifestyle changes for improving sleep quality. 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 11/5

Williamstown Water Department will be flushing water mains this week through Thursday, October 30, and again Monday, November 3, through Friday, November 6, between the hours of 8 PM and midnight, weather permitting. This semi-annual procedure is done to remove sediment in the mains and to check the operation of all fire hydrants. Customers may experience some tiled water and lower than normal pressure. The Dept. apologizes for any inconvenience this might cause. If you have any questions, please call 458-3383. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/1

The BOUTIQUE at Stamford Community Church will be open this Saturday from 9-Noon. This month it will feature gently worn fall and winter clothing. As always, the money goes to benefit missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/7

The Williams College Department of Music presents a concert titled "Night Music: a cappella Choral Music Of and For the Night," performed by the Williams Concert Choir and the Williams Chamber Choir and conducted by Brad Wells in Thompson Memorial Chapel on the

Williams campus on Friday, November 7 at 8 PM. This free event is open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/16

Get a jump on your Holiday shopping! The Adams Farmers' & Artisans' Harvest Market is coming up on Sunday, Nov. 16th from 9AM to 4PM at the former Memorial Middle School, 30 Columbia St., Adams. Over 20 vendors are lined up and the list is growing! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/1 ("DEE'-ah de lohs MWEHR'-tohs")

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture "Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos)" on Saturday, November 1st at 3pm. Day of the Dead is a holiday observed throughout Mexico on October 31, November 1 and November 2, in connection with All Hallows' Eve and All Souls' Day. 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 11/11

A panel of distinguished scholars will discuss the current state of American political leadership in an event to honor the memory and scholarly contributions of the late Williams professor and author James MacGregor Burns. This event, which is part one of a two-part series, will take place on at Williams, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 pm. In Griffin Hall, room 3. A question-and-answer session will follow. The panel is free and open to the public. Part two of this series will be held in January. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/2

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

PSA KILL 11/1

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, North Adams will hold its annual bazaar this Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 7 PM each day. You'll find plenty of raffles, a Chinese auction, fish bowl, and the Big Money raffle. A variety of items will be for sale, plus lots of great food, including soups and sandwiches, ziti and meatballs, Eggplant Parm. on Friday and Lasagna on Saturday. The Children's Room returns this year too, featuring games and arts and crafts. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/31

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. Ideal participants must be committed to making positive change in the Northern Berkshires and learning how to assist residents in accessing available services. A letter of interest is required by January 20, 2015. For more information, call Jess or Annie at 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/1

Could a constitutional amendment reduce the influence of money on U.S. politics? You'll have a chance to see a probing review of that question when the new 90-minute documentary "Pay 2 Play" receives a public screening at 7pm Sat. Nov 1st at the First Congregational Church, Main St., Williamstown. Discussion follows. The movie is free, but a \$5 donation is requested to help cover the facility cost. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/16

Mill City Productions presents its production of Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart". Showtimes are on Fridays, November 7th & 14th at 8pm, Saturdays, November 8th & 15th at 8pm, and Sundays, November 9th & 16th at 2pm. Performances will be held at the Mill City Theatre in Building 4N (next to the Visitor's Center) of the Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors. Tickets are available at the

door or in advance at www.millcityproductions.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/8

The 19th annual Community Baby Shower will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th, from 10 to 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 have information available. There will also be blood pressure screening, craft activities for children and parents, and a StoryWalk featuring the book, "Where the Wild Things Are". Over 20 donated items will also be raffled off. For more information call Becky at 413-445-4324 or 664-6104. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/31

Trick or treaters will be out Friday evening, and most communities have set official times for the ghouls & goblins to make their rounds. Trick or Treat time in Adams, Cheshire, Calksburg and North Adams is set for 5:30 to 7 PM. In Florida: 6-8 PM; and in Williamstown and Stamford VT, hours are 6-7:30 Friday. Drivers in these areas should be extra cautious around those times. Trick or treaters should try to use light colors, reflective tape or a flashlight for safety, and residents are urged to keep their pathways and doorways cleared and lighted to welcome them. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/9

The Hoosac Valley Leo Club will hold its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8-11:30 on Sunday Nov. 9, 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.

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PSA KILL 11/14

The Williams College Department of Music presents the Williams Jazz Ensemble in their first performance of the season in Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall at 8 PM on Friday, Nov. 14. In "New Music for 'Little Big Band,'" the Ensemble will explore new compositions and arrangements for 11-piece instrumentation. This free event is open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/6

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10AM Thursday November 6th at the Greylock Community Club. The speaker for this meeting will be a representative from the North Adams Police Department. The Board of Directors will meet immediately after the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss next year's dues. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Any questions call 743-9476 or 663-9263. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/7

Author Nick Flynn will visit Williams College on Friday, Nov. 7, to present a reading of his new poetry and nonfiction. Flynn's most recent publication, 'The Reenactments,' is the final installment in his trilogy of memoirs. This event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Log on Spring Street. 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 11/8

As part of Native American Heritage Month, the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present "A Cheyenne's Story" on Saturday, November 8th at 3pm. This illustrated lecture tells the story of a restless Cheyenne warrior whose graphic interpretation of his people through his ledger art left an intriguing record of significant events of the Plains Indians' lifestyle. 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 11/6

Williams College will host a panel of speakers to discuss "Ebola: What Have We Learned?" on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Parsesky Auditorium. The 4 speakers will discuss the topic from its biological, political and economic standpoints. The event is sponsored by the Program in Public Health and 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 11/8

The Adams Elks Annual Turkey Dinner is this Saturday Nov 8th from 5 to 7 at the lodge on Center St. Turkey and all the trimmings just \$9 per/person. 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

The North Adams Public Schools will be destroying Special Education records of students who have left or graduated from the North Adams Public Schools System during the 2007 school year on January 31, 2015. Anyone wishing to have his or her records should call the Office of Pupil Services at 413-776-1670, ext. 2015 or 2020. Two days advance notice for pickup of records is appreciated. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/14

The Northern Berkshire community will gather to discuss important issues facing its residents at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition monthly forum on Friday, November 14th from 10am to noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams. This forum will look at the importance of neighborhood organization and action. Childcare can be available if you contact the Coalition office before November 10th. 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 abashvekin@nbccoalition.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/8

This Sat. Nov. 8, American Legion Post 160 in Adams is hosting a Candlelight Ceremony and Dinner in remembrance of all veterans, living and past. Cocktails begin at 6 PM, ceremony is at 7:00, followed by dinner. Cost is \$16 per person for your choice of baked stuffed chicken or roast beef. Space is limited so please call 743-1469 for reservations. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/8

MCLA Berkshire Cultural Resource Center will present the third concert of the "MCLA Presents! ReWind Season" with a Margaret A. Hart '35 Scholarship Concert featuring trombonist and composer Craig Harris, backed by a 20-piece big band. It's happening Saturday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 PM in the MCLA Church Street Center. Admission is \$15, but free for MCLA Presents! members and MCLA students. For more information, call 664-8718, or go to www.mcla.edu/presents. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/10

The Family Resource Center will sponsor a free 3 week parenting series for families with young children. Based on the book, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk", the series will run on Mondays from 5:30-7:30 PM starting November 10, at Haskins Community Center, 210 State Street, North Adams. Free book will be provided with class attendance. On-site child care and transportation available. Call 664-4821 to register. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

Sweetwood of Williamstown will be holding its annual craft fair on Saturday November 15 from 10-3, in the Sweetwood Auditorium. Local crafters will be featured selling Photographs and Note-Cards, Maple Syrup, Cream and Candy, Bee products, Jewelry, Wreaths, and more! Sweetwood is located at 1611 Cold Spring Road (Rt. 7) Williamstown. For info: 458-8371. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/12

The regular monthly meeting of Court Margaret, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held on Weds. Nov. 12 at 6 PM, in the St.

Elizabeth Parish Center in North Adams. A brown bag supper traffic is scheduled.

The Court will also be holding a joint Christmas Party with St. Elizabeth's Rosary Sodality, at Boston Seafood on Sunday Dec. 7 at 1 PM. The cost for members and guests will be \$17 for your choice of either a turkey dinner, Chicken pasta mahara or baked scrod, plus dessert. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/20

The North Adams Public Schools will once again partner with employees from City Hall, the North Adams Police and Fire Departments, the Spitzer Center and the North Adams Public Library for a Holiday Food Drive. From November 10th-20th donation boxes will be set up at all locations and employees and the public are invited to drop off donations of non-perishable food as well as personal care items such as soap and shampoo. On Friday, November 21st, the maintenance workers from the North Adams Public Schools will collect all the donations and deliver them to the Friendship Center's Food Pantry on Eagle Street. For more info contact Ellen Sutherland at 413-776-1458 or esutherland@napsk12.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

Williams Theatre Department presents "Hamlet", directed by David Eppel, Thurs.-Sat. Nov 20-22 at the Adams Memorial Theatre, Main St. Williamstown. Curtain time is 7:30 PM, admission is \$3. The box office is open Tuesday - Saturday, 1-5 PM or call 413-597-2425. For more info, go online to: 62center.williams.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

Berkshire Grown will host Holiday Farmers Market from 10 AM to 2 PM on Sundays, November 23 and December 14, at Williams College Towne Field House on Latham Street. Featuring locally grown and produced foods and gifts, plus live music, lunch fare, and activities for children, during months when farmers' markets are not open in the region. Admission is free. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/11

The Veterans Day Service at American Legion Post 90, Pownal VT will be Tuesday evening at 6 PM. A pot luck will be served. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/14/15

A local drive for supplies for Homeless Veterans is going on from Nov. 15th through January 15. No clothing this time, but washed and clean twin or full fitted sheets, blankets, towels and wash cloths are welcome. Also, items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, shower shoes and disposable razors for both men and women are needed. 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 11/13

Are you curious as to what senior bullying is? Have you seen bullying where you live, or have you yourself been a victim? Join the Adams Council on Aging for an open discussion on adult bullying. It's on Thursday Nov. 13 at 10 AM at their location in the Adams Visitors Center. Call 743-8333 for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

All Saints Episcopal Church and Northern Berkshire United Way will sponsor the Thanksgiving Meals for Senior Shut-Ins. Residents in: ADAMS, CLARKSBURG, CHESHIRE, NORTH ADAMS, FLORIDA, SAVOY AND WILLIAMSTOWN who are 60 and over and have no other way of having a Thanksgiving dinner may make a reservation by contacting ALL SAINTS CHURCH at 664-9656, Mon- Fri 1:30-5:30PM. You can also leave your name, address, town and phone number on the answering machine so that your reservation can be confirmed. The deadline for reservations is Friday November 21st. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the meals on Thanksgiving Day between 11am and Noon. Please call 664-9656. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/16

The Adams Elks Lodge will be having their monthly breakfast this Sunday from 8-11 at the lodge on Center St. On the menu: made to order omelets with bacon, sausage, home-fries, toast, juice and coffee just 6 bucks. Call the lodge for more info: 743-1335. (Omelets made by Jimmy Dee). If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/19

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Weds., November 19 at 1 PM at First Congregational Church, 906 Main Street, Williamstown. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/15

As part of their "Civil War 150 Years" Series, The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Sherman's March to the Sea" on Saturday, November 15th at 3pm. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in Building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/25

Students in Abbott Memorial School's Project 351 will sponsor the 11th annual "Oh Be Thankful Pie Contest and Auction" at the North Adams American Legion on Tuesday Nov. 25th at 5:30 PM. Home baked pies will be auctioned off to help fight hunger for people and their pets. For more info, contact Heidi at 664-6023. Entry forms and details are also available at the school and online at www.abbottmemorial.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/13

Drury High School students received report cards for the 1st quarter of the 2014-15 school year on Monday Nov. 10. Parent/teacher conferences will be held Thursday Nov. 13 from Noon-2:30 and from 6:30-8:30 PM. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/22

1st Congregational Church, Main St, North Adams will hold its Church Bazaar on Sat. Nov. 22 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will feature crafts, boxwood, attic treasures, knits, Holiday wreaths and décor, baked goods, and lunch! Everyone is welcome. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/22

There will be a Holiday Gift Shopping Extravaganza on Sat. Nov. 22nd from 10-3 at the Houghton Mansion, 172 Church St., North Adams. Over 30 vendors will be featured, and lunch will be available from Noon-2. Mansion Tours will be given for \$5.00, and all proceeds will go to benefit the Northern Berkshire Santa Fund. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/16

A meeting of the Maple Grove Civic Club will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 3:00, at the P.N.A. Hall on Victory Street in Adams. Alfred Diez will speak on the proposed revival of the Adams Taxpayers Association. Following the presentation, a turkey dinner, social and raffle will be held. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

Harlem Wizards Basketball is coming to Hoosac Valley Middle/ High School. The Adams Cheshire Educational (ACE) Partnership welcomes the Wizards on Friday Nov. 21st to play the Hurricane ACES. Doors open at 5:45pm and game time is 6:30. Tickets are available now at Hoosac Valley, Cheshire and Plunkett Schools- \$10 for children and Seniors, and \$12 for adults (\$2 more per ticket at the door). It'll be a fun night of basketball, souvenirs, food and raffles to help the students in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/19

The Mohawk Stamp Club will have a Stamp Auction on Wednesday November 19 at 7 PM sharp in the Greylock Room at Sweetwood Continuing Care Center, Rt.7 in Williamstown. Everyone is invited to attend. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21

Williams College Dance Department will present their Fall All Ensembles Performance. This evening of original dance and music will be performed at the '62 Center's MainStage, 1000 Main Street, Williamstown, on Friday & Saturday, November 21st & 22nd at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$3. Visit the Williams '62 Center Box Office Tues-Sat, 1-5 pm or call (413) 597-2425. For more information, please visit 62center.williams.edu . If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/15

Now through Dec. 16, 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 11/20

A talk on Racial And Ethnic Representation In American Art And Pop Culture will be given by Jeff Chang, executive director of the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University, and Greg Tate, the Sterling Brown Fellow in Africana Studies at Williams College. It'll be on Thurs., Nov. 20 at 4:30 in Williams' Griffin Hall, room 3. It's free and open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/22

The Order of the Eastern Star's Annual Bazaar is coming up Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Masonic Hall, 62 Center St. Adams. From 9am- 1pm you'll find a Chinese auction, crafts, bake table, white elephant and chances for food basket. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/31

2015 Dog licenses are now available in the North Adams City Clerk's office. The licensing period is from January 1 to December 31, 2015. Office hours are Mon-Fri from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Please call 662-3000 Ext. 1 with any questions. Also, there is a form available on

line, which can be printed and mailed to the City Clerk's Office, along with the fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/26

The Drury High School Band will again hold its annual Papa Gino's Thanksgiving Eve fundraiser. On Weds. Nov. 26 from 4 - 9pm Papa Gino's in North Adams will generously donate 20 percent of all meal orders to the Drury High School Band. You need to have a flyer to present upon ordering. Band parents and students will be distributing the flyers that evening at the Christmas tree lighting in Monument Square, starting at 6pm, and following the tree lighting. All proceeds will support band scholarships and activities throughout the year. For more information or to obtain flyers please call Michelle at (413) 281-0445 or Jessica (808) 386-3686. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/24

The Friends of the North Adams Library will meet Monday November 24th at 3:30 PM in the community room at the Library. These meetings are open to the public and those interested are encouraged to attend. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/21 (Trace = "EYE-ns")

All are invited to discussions of two health-related issues at the Friday, Nov. 21, meeting of the Northern Berkshire Interfaith Action Initiative. Kristin Trace will discuss nutrition, and Chip Joffe-Halpern will talk about the open enrollment period for the affordable care act. The meeting will begin at 10 AM Friday at the First Baptist Church of North Adams. (Please use the Eagle Street entrance.) For more information go online to northernberkshireinterfaith.blogspot.com or like them on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/11

The Friendship Center Food Pantry is currently looking for a volunteer who could occasionally drive a truck on Tuesdays around noon back and forth from North Adams to Pittsfield to pick up food. Being able to drive a forklift and being fit enough to handle and move boxes and bags of food is a plus but not absolutely necessary.

Also, they're looking for one or more people who are computer literate to help with food pantry member intake during pantry hours, especially Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering can email Mark at markrondeau@earthlink.net or call him at 664-0130 and leave a message. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/22

As part of Native American Heritage Month, the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Indian Policy during the Civil War" on Saturday, November 22nd at 3pm. It looks at the policies of the Lincoln administration. 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 11/22

The annual Great Pie Palooza will be held at 11:15am this Sunday, November 23, at the First Congregational Church, 906 Main St. in Williamstown. The event provides pies for the Berkshire Food Project's Thanksgiving feast at the First Congregational Church in North Adams. Also, everyone who attends the Great Pie Palooza will be able to sample a number of pies and vote for the ones that are most delicious. Between 9-11AM Sunday you'll need to drop off 2 pies THAT NEED NO REFRIGERATION, one for the Food Project, the other for sampling. For more info, contact Carolyn at 458-5557 or carolynb@earthlink.net. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/20

The Financial Aid Office at MCLA will hold a financial aid night at Drury High School on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 PM. Concepts, applications and programs will be discussed and informational materials will be distributed at this meeting, which should last about 90 minutes, followed by time for questions. Parents of Drury High School students who are unable to attend Thursday's program are encouraged to come to the one at Mt. Greylock High School on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 PM. For more info, go to www.mcla.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

The Drury Stage Company of Drury High School, 1130 South Church St., North Adams, will present "The Music Man" on Thursday, Friday and Sat., December 4-6 at 7 PM, plus a matinee Saturday, December 6 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets will be available at the door. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/26

North Adams will hold its annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 6 PM at Monument Square. Everyone's welcome to enjoy caroling with the First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Drury Band, hot chocolate and the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the Fire Department's antique Mack Fire Engine with treats for the youngsters. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/30

The spirit of the holidays will be alive in Adams on Sunday, Nov. 30, as Tree Lighting festivities at the Town Common start at 2:00 with music, free hayrides and hot cocoa and other refreshments provided by the Adams Lions and Elks clubs. Santa arrives at 3:30 and, after lighting the Common tree, travels to Summer Street to light the tree at the corner of Victory Street. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/30

Clarksburg's Tree Lighting will be on Sunday, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m. at Town Field. It's sponsored by the Peter A. Cook VFW Post, which will present donations to local groups and provide hot cocoa. Santa Claus will be lighting the tree and the Elementary School band will provide the perfect musical backdrop. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/9

Wonder how to get kids to go for fruits and veggies, get off the couch, and have fun in the process? Come to the Adams Free Library Dec 9th at 6 PM for "Tobe Fit - The Juggling Nutrition Magician Show!" It's a rollicking new show that inspires kids to take charge of growing up healthy, happy, and fit. Sponsored by NBCTC (local public access TV)

and the Adams Free Library, the program is free and open to the public. Call 743-8345 for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

As part of the "MCLA Presents!" series, MCLA's Berkshire Cultural Resource Center presents "Dale: A Very Special Holiday Show" on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the MCLA Church Street Center. The award-winning acoustic pop duo will perform holiday classics and original music. Admission is \$10 for general admission, \$8 for MCLA Alumni, \$5 for Faculty and Staff and free for MCLA students and MCLA Presents members. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/2

Court Margaret, Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be holding a joint Christmas Party with St. Elizabeth's Rosary Sodality, at Boston Seafood on Sunday Dec. 7 at 1 PM. The cost for members and guests will be \$17 for your choice of either a turkey dinner, Chicken pasta marinara or baked scrod, plus dessert. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/20

PopCares Inc. is selling Christmas trees again this year. All proceeds will go to local people battling cancer. They'll be set up at Berkshire County Construction on Ashland St., North Adams, starting Sat. November 29th from Noon-8. Trees will then be sold on Sundays 9-6, Thursdays and Fridays 5:30 PM-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9-8 until they're sold out. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/30

The Eagles Brass Ensemble will present an hour-long concert of holiday music at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 30, at Memorial Hall of the Adams Free Library on Park St. The event is sponsored by the Adams Historical Society, everyone is invited, and there is no admission charge. Because of ongoing renovations at the library, all access to the second-floor Memorial Hall is through the building's handicap side entrance on Metrose Street. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/7

The annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols at Williams College will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7 in Thompson Memorial Chapel. The identical services 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 food for local food pantries. In addition, a free-will offering will be collected following the service to benefit Doctors Without Borders, and the North Berkshire chapter of Habitat for Humanity. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 11/27

BRTA buses will not be running on Thanksgiving Day, but will be back on the road starting at 5:45 AM Friday to help you get to your Black Friday destinations. BRTA Administrative offices in Pittsfield will be closed all weekend, Thursday thru Sunday. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

The Northern Berkshire Santa Fund helps make Christmas a bit brighter for deserving children up to age 13 in our area, by providing \$40 gift vouchers to be used at the North Adams Walmart the weekend of Dec. 12-14. Family applications are now available in the community and online at www.berkshires.com/MSantaFund, and MUST be returned no later than Friday Dec. 5. The Fund relies on donations, large and small, and you can "play Santa" by sending a check to the Northern Berkshire Santa Fund in care of Landmark Credit Union, 131 Ashland St., North Adams 01247. For more info call Marie at 664-4362. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

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PSA KILL 12/3

Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington will hold its Community Tree Lighting on December 3rd at 5:30pm. It will take place at the front gazebo near North Street. There will be carols, hot chocolate, cookies, and of course the Jolly old man himself. The free event is open to the entire community. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/4

MCLA Gallery 51 announces that its Annual Affordable Art Show, "Art to Go!" will open on Thursday, Dec. 4. Previously known as the "99 Cent Show," this year's exhibit will feature affordable artwork created by professional - and mostly local - artists, celebrating the City of North Adams. All artwork will be priced between \$.99 and \$99.99, "cash and carry", through Dec. 30. Open seven days a week from 10-6, MCLA Gallery 51 is at 51 Main St., N. Adams. 664-8718 or www.mcla.edu/gallery/51 for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/4

"Williams Plays Jazzi", with performances featuring talented student jazz musicians. Small Jazz Ensembles perform on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m., and the Williams Jazz Repertory Ensemble plays on Thursday Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Both performances take place in the Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall on the Williams College campus. The concerts 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 12/3

The Williams College Department of Music presents the Chinese Music Ensemble, giving their premiere performance. Williams newest music ensemble is composed of six talented music students and ensemble director. The concert takes place in Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall at 4 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 3. This free event is open to the public. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/7

This Sunday, December 7 from 8- 11:30am the Williams Masonic Lodge will sponsor an All You Can Eat breakfast, to be served at the Upton Lodge of Masons, Church St. Cheshire. Adults \$9, Seniors \$8 and Children under 12 \$7 for Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, French toast, Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juices. AMD Santa will be there so be sure to bring the kids! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

The BOUTIQUE will be open this Sat., Dec.6, 9-Noon at Stamford Community Church. It'll feature a Holiday table and gently used clothing. Proceeds to benefit the Church missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/4

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday December 4th at the Greylock Community Club, State Rd., North Adams. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Any questions call 743-9476 or 663-9263. Members are reminded that there will be a Christmas party, with spouses invited, on Friday December 12th at noon at the Boston Seafood Restaurant. Members and spouses will be able to order off the menu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

The Pownal Valley Fair Bazaar will be held this Saturday Dec. 6th from 10-2 at American Legion Post 90, Rt. 7, Pownal VT. Santa will be there from Noon-2. Food will be available from the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby Southern VT, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

Williamstown's Holiday Walk Weekend kicks off this Friday with a free program at the Clark Art Institute! From 5-7 PM, "Songs, Shopping, and S'mores" includes roasting s'mores over open fire pits, an ice sculpture carving demonstration, and holiday caroling led by Williams College a cappella groups, all held on the Clark Center terrace. Galleries and the Museum Store will remain open until 7 pm. Updates

& more info can be found at www.williamstownchamber.com or on Facebook at Williamstown Holiday Walk. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

Williamstown's 31st Annual Holiday Walk will kick-off at 3pm with the Reindog Parade! Visit Spring Street for the parade and all that comes with celebrating the season. Music, Santa Claus, holiday cookie bake-off, horse-drawn carriage rides and ice sculptures! Santa will light the tree on Spring St. at 5:30pm. Be sure to visit the Penny Social at Lasell Gym, and the Habitat for Humanity Tree Showcase and Alternative Gift Fair at the 1st Congregational Church, just across Main St. Updates & more info can be found at www.williamstownchamber.com or on Facebook at Williamstown Holiday Walk. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture, "Reindeer A Natural History" this Saturday, December 6th at 3pm. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located south of the Hadley Overpass on Route 8 in North Adams. The Visitors Museum is in building #4. Information: 663-6312. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/6

While you're out enjoying the fun at the Williamstown Holiday Walk this Saturday, why not donate a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots? Drop off locations are at Amy's Cottage on Water Street, Where'd You Get That? On Spring St., and the Chamber Office at 7 Denison Park Drive. The Boy Scouts will also be collecting toys during the Penny Social in Lasell Gym. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/3

Due to construction work inside the building that will produce hazardous dust, and in order to prevent exposure to the staff and public, the Adams Free Library will be closed Wednesday, December 3rd. No fines will be levied for items due that day. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/4

Mary Stewart Douglas, environmental lawyer and Washington correspondent for The Berkshire Edge, will present "Pipeline Politics in the Berkshires: The Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Project" at Williams College on Dec. 4. This event will take place at 7 p.m. in Griffin Hall, room 3. Sponsored by the Center for Environmental Studies, 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 12/7

Wrap up Holiday Walk weekend in Williamstown with a visit to the Williamstown Elementary School Craft Fair from 9am-4pm Sunday-- including a pancake breakfast with Santa from 9-Noon! Light lunch will be available in the afternoon. Proceeds benefit the 6th graders' trip to Cape Cod. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/12

On Friday, December 12th, the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's monthly forum will focus on the new model of health care delivery in north Berkshire. The forum will be held from 10am to noon at the First Baptist Church in North Adams (please use the Eagle Street entrance). The organizers of the Friendship Center Food Pantry on Eagle Street ask you to please bring a healthy non-perishable food item for donation to the pantry. For more information on this forum, please contact Al Bashewkin, at 663-7588, or e-mail abashewkin@nbccoalition.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/21

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Committee is seeking nominations for the 2015 Peacemaker Award. This award is given annually to an individual or group in Northern Berkshire who have contributed substantially to peace in our region. It recognizes those who have a history of working with people and/or neighborhoods and communities, often without much recognition. 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

December 22nd. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/7

Sponsors are still needed for Berkshire Community Action Council-North's "Holiday Elf" program. More than 2 dozen very deserving local children have yet to have their names selected. To become a "Holiday Elf" sponsor please go to the BCAC office, on the 2nd floor at 85 Main St., North Adams or visit the giving tree at the North Adams Walmart. Call Community Action at 663-3014 for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/5

The Adams Council on Aging will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday from 1-6 at the Adams Visitors Center on Hoosac St. You may call 1-800-733-2767 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Please be sure to bring a positive ID. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

Berkshire Grown will host another Holiday Farmers Market from 10 AM to 2 PM on Sunday, December 14, at Williams College Towne Field House on Latham Street. Featuring locally grown and produced foods and gifts, plus live music, lunch fare, and activities for children. Admission is free. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/13

Actor and comedian Wayne Soares will highlight an "Evening of Comedy" at the Frank R. Stiles American Legion Post 125 in North Adams on Sat., Dec. 13 at 7 PM. The event will raise funds for the Children and Youth Programs of the American Legion and the State Street Neighborhood Kids in North Adams. Tickets are \$10, available in advance through the American Legion or the State Street Tavern in North Adams. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 PM, and there will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Seating is limited. For tickets and info, call 664-9151 or 664-9004. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

The First Baptist Church, Main St., North Adams will present a Live Nativity Dec. 12th and 13th from 5-8 PM and Dec. 14th from 1-4. They invite the entire community to come and celebrate the Christmas Season. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/20

PopCares Inc. is selling Christmas trees again this year. All proceeds will go to local people battling cancer. They're set up at Berkshire County Construction on Ashland St., North Adams, Thursdays and Fridays 5:30 PM-7:00 PM, Saturdays 9-7 and Sundays 9-6, until they're sold out. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/10

The Berkshire District Attorney's Office will hold a presentation for parents: "Bullying is Bullying Our Kids Online or Offline". All parents are welcome to this very important presentation in North Adams' Brayton Elementary School cafeteria, Weds. Dec. 10 at 6PM. Brayton PTA will make refreshments available and there will be a raffle. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/21

The 1753 House Committee invites the community to the 41st annual 1753 House Carol Sing at 7 pm on Sunday, December 21. (Rain/snow date is Tuesday, December 23.) The Carol Sing is a free event for all ages. 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 located on Field Park in-between the Williams Inn and the Milne Public Library. 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 12/21

The First Baptist Church, Main St., North Adams will present "Star of Wonder", a Christmas Cantata, on Sunday Dec. 21 at 10:30 AM. They invite the entire community to come and celebrate the Christmas Season. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/13

Bring the kids to the Eagles on Curran Highway, North Adams, this Saturday morning from 8-11 for Breakfast with Santa Claus! Enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, milk or chocolate milk all for just \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 8 and younger. Raffles, face painting and Chinese auctions will add to the fun. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

This Sunday from 8AM-Noon, the Berkshire Lodge of Masons on Center St. in Adams will hold their Special all you can eat Breakfast with Santa and the World's Biggest Elf! You can have your picture taken with them too. The breakfast includes pancakes, waffles, eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice and much more. All for only \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for kids 12 and under. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

33rd Annual North County Christmas is this Sunday, December 14, 4-7pm at First Congregational Church, Main St., North Adams. It's an annual celebration featuring the church's 40-voice ecumenical choir providing a service of lessons and carols along with music for handbell choir and brass. It is free and open to everyone. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/19

All are invited to a presentation on the Berkshire Organizing Project at the Friday, Dec. 19 meeting of the Northern Berkshire Interfaith Action Initiative. The Project is bringing together faith congregations from throughout Berkshire County to work on issues of human well-being and development. Project leader Wendy Krom will be the guest speaker at 10 AM at the First Baptist Church of North Adams. (Please use the Eagle Street entrance) For more info, visit northernberkshireinterfaith.blogspot.com or like them on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/17

The Hoosac Valley Middle and High School Performing Arts department presents a Holiday concert, Weds., Dec. 17 at 7 PM in the school auditorium. The performance will feature the Hoosac Valley Jazz Ensemble, Hoosac Valley 6th and 7th grade Bands, Hoosac Valley Chorus, and the Hoosac Valley High School Band. Admission is free. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/18

Greylock Federal Credit Union and Greylock Insurance Agency have ramped up efforts to help nourish the needy this winter. The local businesses plan to match community and member donations up to \$2,500 for a possible total of \$5,000 in support of local food pantries. The campaign proceeds will benefit Friendship Center Food Pantry in North Adams, Berkshire Community Action Council in Pittsfield, and The People's Party in Great Barrington. The campaign will run through Dec. 19. Find out how you can help at any of their locations. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

The Maple Grove Civic Club's annual Christmas Party is this Sunday at the PMA Hall on Victory St., Adams. The party will begin at 1 PM with a buffet, door prize giveaway and raffle. At 3 PM the monthly meeting, which will include the election of officers, will take place. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/14

You're invited to celebrate a Cheshire Church Christmas this Sunday evening at 6:00. Experience the joy of the Christmas story as you progress through town starting at Cheshire First Baptist Church, with stops at Town Hall, St. Mary's Church and Cheshire United Methodist Church, concluding with a living nativity. There will be caroling between stops, with a hayride available for transportation. Hot drinks and refreshments will follow at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/17

The Adams Free Library will be closed Wednesday, December 17. The electricians working on the renovation project must cut power to the building for that day. No fines will be levied on items due that day. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/17

Adams Scout troop #38 is selling fresh cut trees on Howland Ave. at the CW Construction building next to Specialty Minerals. Prices are 15-25 dollars. If the lights are on, there is a scout there to help. Otherwise, pick a tree and please leave the payment at Val's Variety on Columbia St. (Go soon...not many left!) Thanks for your support. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/24

Now through Dec. 24 you can wrap up your holiday shopping at the gift wrapping booth at the Berkshire Mail in the JC Penney courtyard. It's sponsored by Berkshire Bank in support of the American Red Cross. The gift wrapping booth will offer gift wrapping weekdays and Saturday 10 'til 9 and Sunday 11'til 6. All proceeds will benefit Red Cross programs and services for Berkshire County residents. Give a little back and make your life a little easier. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/20

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams will present a Winter Solstice Astronomy Lecture, "Star-Crossed Civilizations" on Saturday, December 20th 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 1/9/15 (Ah-ber-AH'kee...like the Camp)

Abenaki storytellers, poets, and writers Joseph and Jesse Bruchac will give a storytelling presentation at Williams College on Friday, January 9 at 7 PM. It'll be in Goodrich Hall's Great Room. The presentation is free and open to the public and is appropriate for students, adults, and children ages 10 and up. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/21

The Adams Elks will be having their monthly breakfast, buffet style, this Sunday from 8-11 at the lodge on Center St. On the menu: Pancakes, made to order french toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee and milk. Just 6 bucks, and all proceeds go to the Elks charities. Call the lodge for more info: 743-1335. (Breakfast prepared by Santa's elf Jimmy Dee.) If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/31/15

Now through Feb 1st, the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's Youth Leadership Program is hosting a drive for winter clothing. Your donated winter coats, sweaters, mittens, hats, scarves, and boots will go Berkshire Community Action Council and the Berkshire Food Project. Items will be accepted at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition office, 61 Main St., North Adams, the MCLA Campus Center Market Place, and Steepleview Realty offices in Adams, North Adams, and Pittsfield. For more info please email Adam Tobin: atobin@nbcccoalition.org or call 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/1/15

On January 1st, the Massachusetts DCR will host America's First Day Hikes 2015 at 12 park locations across the Commonwealth, including the Berkshires' own Mount Greylock Reservation. First Day Hikes offer a great way to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and welcome the New Year with friends and family. Meet at 1 PM New Year's Day at the Visitor Center at 30 Rockwell Rd., Lanesboro. For more info contact DCR's Julie Martin: Julie.Martin@state.ma.us. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 12/27

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams will present an illustrated lecture, "The Social Robot" on Saturday, December 27th at 3pm. Are we nearing a robot society in the foreseeable future? This lecture will investigate the latest robot technology and the ongoing challenge to endow them with human capabilities. 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 12/30

Do you or someone you know want to quit smoking? Join Connee Case, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, on Tuesday, December 30, at 6 pm at the New Hope Church for a no-charge "Quit Talk" with a Q and A session. You'll receive quit smoking information and resources to support you. To learn more, contact Connee at 413-242-4495. Presented by the Berkshire Tobacco-Free Community Partnership at Berkshire AHEC. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/11/15

The MLK Day of Service Planning Committee is collecting recipes that are healthy, delicious, and/or may have been passed down through generations of your family that are special to you! These recipes will be used in a special project on MLK Day. There will also be connections with these recipes and our local food pantries. Please submit all recipes via email to Amanda Chilson at achilson@nhcccoalition.org or via mail to Amanda Chilson, 61 Main St., Suite 218, North Adams MA 01247. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/9/15

The Williams College Department of Music presents I/O Fest '15, a three-day festival of adventurous new music from around the globe. The festival includes four concerts and runs from Thursday, Jan. 8 through Saturday, Jan. 10 at the 82 Center for Theatre and Dance in Williamstown. All events are free and open to the public. Neither tickets nor reservations are required. For more info, go online to music.williams.edu or call 413-597-3146. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/16/15

The Town of Williamstown will be awarding scholarships to town residents who will be pursuing post-graduate studies in 2015-16. Applications are available on-line and at the Treasurer/Collector's Office. Deadline is Friday, January 16, at 4:30 p.m. Awards will be announced by the Scholarship Committee in early spring. If it's

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

PSA KILL 1/15/15

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Berkshire County is looking for local talent for their upcoming and final UCP Telethon on January 25. The event will feature a retrospective of the Telethon over its more than 50-year history, and UCP would like to see all who have participated in the Telethon return to celebrate its long history. All types of entertainment are welcome. For more info, and an entertainment application, visit www.ucpberkshire.org or contact Kristen Baker at 413-442-1562, ext. 24 or kbaker@ucpberkshire.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/1/15 (New, add'l info)

Join friends, neighbors and DCR Statepark staff for a First Day Hike at Mount Greylock State Reservation, Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 1PM. Free and recommended for ages 7 and older, this is rated an Easy hike, 1.8 miles on the Bradley Farm Trail. You can enjoy hot chocolate by the fireplace following the hike. Dress in warm layers and wear winter boots. Dogs are most welcome on a 10 foot maximum leash. Meet at the Mount Greylock Visitor Center, 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough, off US Route 7. For more info, registration and/or cancellation due to weather, call (413) 499-4262. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 1/4/15

The Boy Scout troop in North Adams is raising money by helping North Adams, Clarksburg and Williamstown residents dispose of their Christmas trees. For \$5, the troop will pick up your tree on December 28 or January 4. To schedule a pickup, call 663-7445 and leave name, address, telephone number and the date of pick up. Or e-mail troop88.xmas.trees@gmail.com. Trees should be free of ornaments, lights, and garlands and at the curb by 10 a.m. on day of pickup. The cost is \$5 per tree, cash only. If it's happening in the Berkshires, you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.