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COMMUNITY ISSUES IN THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2014

What were the issues in our community? Read on.

RESIDENTS STILL PUSH FOR NORTH ADAMS REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO RE-OPEN:

A report by Stroudwater Associates left residents in the northern Berkshire unsatisfied. The report recommended that the city of North Adams didn't need a full service hospital and that rather it make do with limited services. The study was prompted by the abrupt closure of NARH and the collapse of Northern Berkshire Healthcare in March. Berkshire Medical Center, based in Pittsfield, was able to step into the void to open an emergency satellite facility in the hospital and has, since, completed a purchase of NBH's assets through U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE THAT WOULD GO THROUGH PARTS W. MASS:

Kinder Morgan's effort's to build a new gas line has been a huge topic of debate over the third quarter of 2014. Several groups have come out in opposition to it, due primarily to environmental concerns. Some like Pittsfield Mayor Dan Bianchi have shown support for the plan. The expansion of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline is proposed to go through multiple Berkshire towns on its way through to Franklin and Worcester counties.

THIRD DEFENDANT IN TRIPLE MURDER TRIED AND CONVICTED:

The third of three men charged in the murder of three Pittsfield men went to trial and was found guilty in September. Hampden Superior Court Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder ordered that Caius Veiovis serve consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Cedar Junction on the charges of murder in the first degree. The victims were David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell. Veiovis was given concurrent eight- to 10-year sentences on the other charges.

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NEWS

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STATE LEGISLATURE PASSES FY15 BUDGET; INCLUDES 750K FOR NORTH ADAMS (AII)

Emergency one-time funds to help the city of North Adams is included the final version of the state's budget, which now sits on Governor Patrick's desk. Both the House and Senate have come to terms on an FY15 operating budget and have sent the \$36.6 billion plan to the governor. The budget was adopted Friday afternoon and sent to the governor yesterday — the day before the fiscal year began today. The proposal includes a \$750,000 one-time emergency payment to the city. It also includes \$460,000 for BerkshireRides, \$100,000 for the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and \$75,000 for Gallery 51. Those funds were part of state Sen. Benjamin Downing's initiatives proposal to help the city in the wake of the former North Adams Regional Hospital closure.

BIG Y DONATES \$3,000 TO HILLSIDE CEMETERY RESTORATION (NA)

The efforts of one man to repair Hillside Cemetery in North Adams got a boost yesterday when Big Y donated \$3,000 to the cause. IBerkshires.com reports, Roger Eurbin (YUR-bin) accepted the check from Store Director Casey Cusson (COO-sahn) in the North Adams' store's produce department while Mayor Richard Alcombright looked on. Eurbin says the check will go a long way. Eurbin himself has come a long way since taking on the cause, spending most of 2012 researching and meticulously recording the names, placement and condition of the markers, creating a grid and spreadsheet to work off.

APARTMENTS SMOKE-FREE IN ADAMS (NA)

The 98-unit Millhouses of Adams apartment complex on Commercial Street has joined a growing movement in Berkshire County by going "smoke-free." The Berkshire Eagle reports today that the complex's management worked with the Berkshire Area Health Education Center's Tobacco-Free Community Partnership over several months to transition into a smokeless environment. The effort begins today, while trying to respect the needs of those who already smoke, according to Millhouses Regional Manager Bonnie Senecal (SEN-uh-kal).

FRESH AIR FUND KIDS ARRIVING TODAY IN LANESBOROUGH (NA, P)

The Fresh Air Fund Berkshire County Committee will be welcoming a small group of New York City children as they arrive in Lanesboro today. Volunteer host families will be sharing their summer for up to two weeks with Fresh Air children, ages six to 18. The children will be staying with families in Pittsfield, Williamstown, North Adams, Lanesboro, and Stamford, Vermont. Some of the children are leaving home for the first time, while others are returning to visit the same host families for consecutive summers. The kids are scheduled to arrive at the Berkshire Mall at 3:30 this afternoon.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE ATHLETIC FIELD TO GET UPGRADE (NA)

The playing field is about to change for Williams College athletics. The Berkshire Eagle reports that a more than \$22 million project is transforming Williams' Weston Field into a modern and more user-friendly athletic complex that will house the football, lacrosse, track, and field hockey teams. The work will include two new fields with artificial turf, grandstands, a track around one of the fields, and a building dedicated to team support. The team support facility finally brings locker rooms, equipment storage, team meeting spaces and sports training capabilities field-side.

NA 07-03-14

INTERIM TOWN ADMONISTRATOR NAMED IN ADAMS (NA)

Adams Director of Community Development Donna Cesan (SEE-sin) will serve as the interim town administrator when Jonathan Butler leaves to become chief executive officer of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce in September. IBerkshires.com reports, the Board of Selectmen approved Butler's recommendation of Cesan during its meeting last night. Cesan will begin to shadow Butler on July 28th so she will be ready for the position while the town searches for a new town administrator. She will continue her role as director of community development and will receive an extra \$350 a week for her added responsibilities.

STATE WORKING TO GET ROUTE 116 BACK OPEN (NA)

With aid from the state, both Windsor Road and Route 116 may be reopened by the 4th of July. IBerkshires.com reports, the Board of Selectmen reported during their meeting Tuesday night that the state is repairing the near one million dollars' worth of damage that Route 116 sustained during last week's torrential rainstorm. Cheshire is still responsible for about \$20,000 in damage on Windsor Road, where rains washed out both lanes in one spot. Highway Superintendent Peter LeFevbre says he is focusing on saving money wherever he can in the repair work, but the biggest expense was the gravel needed to fill the massive hole. The hole, which LeFabvre said is 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep, takes about 1,200 yards of gravel to fill.

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY STILL AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AFFECTED BY NARH CLOSURE (NA)

This spring, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts announced that Mountain-One Financial donated \$25,000 to establish a scholarship aid fund at the college to assist students whose family's financial resources have been negatively affected by the recent closure of North Adams Regional Hospital. MCLA announced on Wednesday that \$15,000 in scholarship funds are still available. Students who have been impacted and are attending MCLA in the fall are eligible to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. To qualify, an applicant must attend MCLA full time, be in good academic standing, be enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, and be able to demonstrate unmet financial need due to the hospital closing. Applications are available through the MCLA Financial Aid Office, or can be completed online at mcla.edu/aid.

NORTH ADAMS TO HOST ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 4TH (NA)

Fireworks are an integral part of America's Fourth of July celebrations all over the country, and the local show in North Adams is one of the most prestigious in Western Massachusetts. Tomorrow night's display is expected to draw thousands of viewers from the Capital region of New York State, Southern Vermont and all of Berkshire County. For an evening of all-American fun, grab some tickets to the annual 4th of July Steeplecats game, and stick around for the fireworks, which start immediately afterward, around 9:30 PM. In the case of rain, the fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 5th.

NA 07-07-14

THOUSANDS DEAL WITH OUTAGES AFTER STORM (ALL)

Thousands of homes and businesses in the Berkshires were left without power for several hours yesterday after a volatile Thunderstorm made its way through the area. The first line of storms started in the northern Berkshires right around 2:30pm. According to National Grid, the heavy downpours and strong gusty winds caused about 2,000 power outages in North Adams and sections of Williamstown. According to National Grid's website, all customers were restored by the evening. Nearby, southern Vermont also sustained several power outages. The storms reached the Pittsfield area shortly after 7pm. Approximately 800 customers of Western Massachusetts Electric Company in Pittsfield lost power. The towns of Hinsdale, Lanesborough and Cheshire also had several outages, according to the utilities website. WMECO expected all of its customer's power to be restored overnight. The northern and central Berkshires took the brunt of the storm sustaining multiple downed trees and power lines, while the impact on the southern Berkshires was not quite as severe.

SUSPECTED MICROBURST TOPPLES TREES IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The severe storm that blew into the Berkshires yesterday toppled trees in the North Street area of North Adams with what some residents suspect was a microburst. IBerkshires.com reports, the storm was accompanied by some flooding and downed wires and trees around the county, but perhaps the most dramatic effect was a path cut through Keith Bona's yard. Bona, a local businessman and city councilor, said much of his back yard on North Street is at the base of the mountain and he suspects whatever caused the damage came down from that direction. A microburst is a localized column of air caused by a strong downdraft. Damage is usually contained to a defined area.

GOVERNOR INKS NEW LAW IN SPRINGFIELD (All)

Governor Patrick was in nearby Springfield yesterday putting pen to paper. A new state law signed by the Governor would now require Massachusetts utilities to pay close attention to natural gas leaks. The law for the first time creates a uniform, three-tiered classification system for gas leaks. Those classified as Grade 1 leaks would be considered the most dangerous and gas companies would have to fix them immediately. Gov. Deval Patrick held a ceremonial bill signing yesterday in Springfield, the site of a November 2012 natural gas explosion that leveled one building and damaged dozens of others. Eighteen people were hurt in that blast.

SAVOY FIREFIGHTERS LAND GRANT TO REPLACE TANKERS (NA)

Few vehicles from 1973 are still on the road. In Savoy, the Volunteer Fire Department's 41-year-old tanker is still answering calls alongside one built in 1987. IBerkshires.com reports that with a \$190,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security grant, Savoy Volunteer Fire Department will now replace both of its aging tankers with a brand new model. The funding comes through the 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Program and will be boosted with \$15,000 from the town of Savoy and \$15,000 from the fire department to purchase what is estimated to be a \$210,000 to \$225,000 truck.

NA 07-09-14

TRANSFORMER FIRE KNOCKS OUT POWER AGAIN IN NORTH BERKSHIRE (NA)

A problem at the Adams substation once again knocked out power yesterday across northern Berkshire County. National Grid confirmed that 18,700 customers lost their power yesterday around 11:30am. The power was restored by 1:30, but after a few minutes went out once again. National Grid spokesman Jake Navarro said the power outage affected customers in Adams, North Adams, Williamstown, Hancock, Florida, Cheshire and Clarksburg. Green Mountain Power reported that there were also roughly 600 customers that were affected across the state border in Stamford, Vermont. Power was restored for most customers in North Adams by 3pm, but other areas of North Berkshire County were still out, according National Grid's outage map. The map currently shows that all power has been restored.

HOSPITAL SERVICES IN NORTH COUNTY EXPANDING (NA)

Medical services are slowly coming together in the Northern Berkshires, as the suite of medical services available at the former North Adams Regional Hospital is expanding. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Berkshire Medical Center has announced the opening of an outpatient diagnostic imaging center, which will complement its satellite emergency facility at the site. The imaging center, which opened Monday, is open weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and includes X-ray, ultrasound, CT and MRI scanning services. BMC spokesman Michael Leary says that Xray services are available at the imaging center on a walk-in basis, but all other services are available by appointment. BMC is also working through a federal permitting process in order to restore mammography services to the North Adams site in the future. North Adams Regional Hospital closed in March.

JUDGE UPHOLDS DAMAGE AWARD OF \$300K TO FREIGHT YARD PUB (NA)

The Freight Yard Pub in North Adams is owed in excess of \$200,000 in damages from the city of North Adams, a judge has confirmed. IBerkshires.com reports, Superior Court Judge John Agostini on June 30th upheld a jury award of \$300,000 for the North Adams pub for loss of revenue during reconstruction of the Hadley Overpass. The 13-member jury last November also found that the restaurant owed some \$83,000 in back rent that would be deducted from the award, which Agostini also upheld. The restaurant, operating as Bay State Hospitality Group, sued the North Adams Redevelopment Authority and state Department of Transportation in 2011, three years after an adjacent parking area in Western Gateway Heritage State Park was fenced off for construction purposes.

NEW LEADER TAKES REINS AT NORTH ADAMS CHAMBER (NA)

There's a new face at the North Adams Chamber of Commerce office at 107 Main Street. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Ricco Fruscio (FROO-shee-oh), a longtime local businessman, has been appointed to serve as the program coordinator. He becomes only the second person to hold the position, which was created last year. Fruscio replaces Catie McDonough, the former program coordinator who relocated with her husband at the end of May.

NA 07-15-14

LAWMAKERS LOOK TO HALT PIPELINE (All)

Local lawmakers are looking to Washington for more details about Tennessee Gas Co. plans to build a pipeline through seven Berkshire communities and up to 40 other towns across northern Massachusetts. The Berkshire Eagle reports that following a letter from the Lenox Select Board urging intervention by state Sen. Ben Downing and state Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli, efforts are being intensified to involve Senator's Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, both Massachusetts Democrats, and U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, whose district includes Berkshire County. Representative Pignatelli says that whether the state government would have any influence over the pipeline project is the "three billion dollar question." Pignatelli told The Eagle that the only thing they definitely have control of is if it goes through state-owned land.

WILLIAMSTOWN HEALTH BOARD REVISING TOBACCO REGS (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Health is aiming to have more restrictive smoking and tobacco regulations in place in town by the first of next year. IBerkshires.com reports, the board met earlier this month to discuss draft regulations that address the growing popularity of flavored tobacco products and other "starter" products. Under the proposed regulation, the sale of flavored tobacco products would be prohibited in Williamstown except in smoking bars or retail tobacco stores. The town currently has no businesses that meet those definitions. A ban on smoking anywhere food is being served - inside or out - and a ban on tobacco sales at health care institutions including pharmacies and drugstores is also being considered.

DISCARDED SYRINGES LITTERING BERKSHIRES (NA, P)

As a consequence of the recent spike in heroin use, used syringes are littering parks and lying near public roadways in the Berkshires. The Berkshire Eagle is reporting that a bagful of syringes were found on Harris Street in North Adams. More were found on the side of Columbia Street in Adams and North Street in Pittsfield. Another turned up in a vacant storefront on Eagle Street in North Adams. North Adams Police Lt. David Sacco says there has definitely been a rise in needle littering in recent years. He says if you come across one, for obvious reasons, don't touch it. According to the Centers for Disease Control, a used syringe is capable of transmitting disease, including hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.

PLANS FOR GOLF COURSE REVISED AND EXPLAINED (NA)

The owner of the former North Adams Country Club has abandoned plans for an 18-hole golf course. IBerkshires.com reports that James Basiliere (bass-uh-LEER) told Selectmen last night that the recent sale of Waubeeka Golf Links "for next to nothing" prompted him to do something a little bit different to bring in customers. Basiliere says instead, he's moving forward with a Par 3 course and a nine-hole course on the property with intention of opening the Par 3 by next June. He attended last night's meeting at the request of the Board of Selectmen, which has been concerned over the lack of a detailed site plan while excavation has been ongoing for nearly a year.

NA 07-16-14

PITTSFIELD MAN KILLED IN NORTH STREET MOTORCYCLE CRASH (P, of Interest)

A Pittsfield man was killed on Tuesday when his motorcycle crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of North Street and Springside Avenue. According to Pittsfield police, 49 year old John Kenney of Norman Avenue, was operating a 2002 Suzuki motorcycle when he struck a sedan whose operator was trying to make a left turn from North Street onto Springside Avenue around 1 p.m. Kenney was treated at the scene before being transported to Berkshire Medical Center. According to Pittsfield Police, Kenney died a short time arriving at BMC. The driver of the vehicle that Kenney struck, 31 year old Shannon Curtiss of Stephentown, was driving south on North Street prior to the accident. The crash remains under investigation.

NORTH ADAMS CLOSSES FISCAL 2014; PREPARES FOR MUNICIPAL AID (NA)

North Adams City officials will be determining this week what strings may be attached to the state's gift of \$750,000. IBerkhsires.com reports that the funding entered into the state's fiscal 2015 budget by state Sen. Ben Downing is a one-time payout for emergency municipal relief following the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital and its more than 500 jobs. Before the council made any decisions on the money's use, Mayor Richard Alcombright said he wanted to be certain what was required and will be conferring with the DOR's Bureau of Accounts on that and other financial matters tomorrow. The city has depleted its reserves and is facing a more than \$700,000 deficit in fiscal 2016. This year's budget was balanced by more than \$600,000 in cuts and revenue package estimated to bring in about \$400,000.

HEROIN RAID AT WILLIAMSTOWN MOTEL (NA)

Three people police believe were operating as a "heroin-dealing team" are facing charges following a recent raid by the Berkshire County Drug Task Force. According to police, 32 year old Michael Richard of Union Street in North Adams; 23 year old Luis Silva of Willow Dell in North Adams; and 22 year old Brittany Gadek of Holyoke, were allegedly selling heroin from a Main Street motel room. The Berkshire Eagle reports that after witnessing what appeared to be "at least three" heroin deals in the motel room, police executed a search warrant on July 10th and seized 60 bags of heroin, packaging material, and cash. All three were arrested and arraigned the next day in Northern Berkshire District Court. Richard was arrested less than a week earlier allegedly in possession of 20 bags of heroin. He was free on personal recognizance, but his bail status was revoked after the new charges. Gadek and Richard each had bail set at \$1,500 cash, while Silva was released on personal recognizance.

WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTMEN DECLINE TO DISCUSS LAND HEARING (NA)

The Williamstown Board of Selectmen on Monday declined to inject itself into the coming discussion of the status of town-owned land currently under the auspices of the town's Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has set Thursday, July 24th, for a public hearing to discuss whether either the Lowry or Burbank properties should be protected under Article 97 of the commonwealth's constitution.

NA 07-17-14

TWO KILLED IN HEAD-ON ROUTE 7 COLLISION (NA, All – Interest)

Two people were killed and one airlifted to Albany Medical Center Monday when a vehicle tried to pass a tractor trailer on Route 7 and collided with an oncoming car around 10pm. According to Bennington Police a 2002 Oldsmobile being driven by 36 year old Jamie Sorel of Bennington was headed north on Route 7 and attempted to pass a 2006 Freightliner tractor trailer being driven by 57 year old Steven Klatt of Weare, New Hampshire. It is believed Sorel was traveling at an excessive speed and attempted to pass the truck in a no-passing zone. Sorel collided head-on with a 1998 Volkswagen Jetta being driven by 26 year old Danny Thomas of Pownal. Sorel and Thomas were killed, while Klatt was not injured. A 19 year old passenger in Thomas' vehicle, Tori Green of Pownal, suffered significant injuries and was airlifted to Albany Medical Center. According to police Sorel, Thomas, and Green were not wearing seatbelts. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash which remains under investigation.

NOMINATION PAPER DEADLINE COMING UP FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION (NA)

The deadline to file nomination papers in Williamstown to be certified for the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee election is next Tuesday, July 22nd. Town Clerk Mary Kennedy says there will be two four-year seats and one two-year seat on the ballot for Williamstown representatives. Nomination papers can be obtained from the District office of the Mount Greylock Regional School District or in the Town Clerk's office. The seats will be voted on during the November 4th State Election.

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PLAN FINALIZED IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

For people of modest means, it can be difficult to chart a path to home ownership. Williamstown is offering a MAP. IBerkshires.com reports, the board of the town's Affordable Housing Trust yesterday approved the town's first-ever mortgage assistance program. The initiative is modeled after a similar program in Lenox. It will offer grants of up to \$15,000 to first-time homeowners with households earning up to 80 percent of the area mean income.

LISA CHAMBERLAIN APPOINTED TO MCLA BOARD OF TRUSTEES (NA, GB)

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has announced that Gov. Deval Patrick has appointed Lisa Chamberlain, managing partner of The Chamberlain Group, based in Great Barrington, as the newest member of the MCLA Board of Trustees. According to Tyler Fairbank, chair of MCLA's Board of Trustees, the Chamberlain Group is an integral part of the innovation economy in the Berkshires, and Lisa Chamberlain brings with her specialized experience and management skills that blend artistry with technology.

HOPKINTON REPUBLICAN MAKES CAMPAIGN STOP IN PITTSFIELD (ALL)

Republican Senate candidate Brian Herr made a campaign stop in the Berkshires Tuesday to speak with local Republicans. Herr is challenging Democrat Edward Markey, who won the U.S. Senate seat in a special election last year to replace now Secretary of State John Kerry. The Hopkinton Republican met with constituents at Zucco's Restaurant in Pittsfield on Tuesday.

NA 07-21-14

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER REPLACED (NA)

The Board of Selectmen in Adams last week replaced a member of the Town Administrator Search Committee before it even started. IBerkshires.com reports that the board voted to replace Jeffrey Lefebvre (luh-FAVE) with Stephen Melito (muh-LEET-oh), the runner up, after Lefebvre supposedly did an end run around the committee to check the legality of a meeting posting. For his part, Lefebvre said on Friday he was nervous because he had read Hinsdale recently got in trouble for not posting a search committee meeting.

THREE LOCAL TOWNS LEAD THE WAY IN LATEST ROUND OF SOLARIZE MASS (All)

Great Barrington, Egremont, Adams and four other Western Massachusetts communities led the way in the latest round of Solarize Mass, designed to reduce area residents' electric bills. The Berkshire Eagle reports that according to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, at the June 30th enrollment deadline, the three Berkshire towns, along with Amherst, Whately, Williamsburg and Chesterfield accounted — for the second consecutive year — nearly 40 percent of the home and small business owners who signed up for the state-sponsored program. MassCEC officials report of the 932 solar projects in 15 cities and towns across Massachusetts, 84 property owners enrolled in the Great Barrington/ Egremont collaboration, 18 in Adams, the Whatley/ Williamsburg/ Chesterfield partnership with 85 and Amherst topped the list with a record 174 enrolled. In 2013, Williamstown, Lee and Northampton had 40 percent share of the market of the 10 communities who participated in the program.

GALLERY COULD BE CATALYST FOR ARTS (NA)

The "5 Hoosac St. Gallery" looks to be a catalyst for arts and culture in Adams with its grand opening of "The Mill Children" exhibit in early August. Gallery coordinator Gail Sellers tells IBerkshires.com that the newly renovated gallery, formerly the Waverly Mill, could be the start of many new things. Seller's says it's the first big art space that Adams has ever had and it is in a huge mill — roughly 4,500 square feet. The gallery will open with the exhibit based on Lewis Hine's photographs of children mill workers from around 1911. The photographs were taken to bring awareness to the issue of child labor.

INFORMATION SESSION SET FOR TUESDAY IN ADAMS (NA)

Town officials will hold a public information session tomorrow to answer questions about the upcoming renovations to Park Street, which are set to begin on Wednesday. The Berkshire Eagle reports, the \$875,000 project, originally slated to begin earlier this summer, will at times close down parts of Park Street. After three months of construction, the result will be a newly paved road; modified sidewalks and crosswalks aimed at improving pedestrian safety; and a renewed "beautification" effort. Town Administrator Jonathan Butler will join the project's engineering firm and contractor to provide an overview of the project and its impact on the town at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the Berkshire Visitors Bureau building in Adams.

NA 07-22-14

NORTH ADAMS SEES CAPITAL PURCHASES AS BEST USE OF STATE AID FUNDS (NA)

Officials in North Adams can use \$750,000 in emergency state aid as they see fit, but Mayor Richard Alcombright cautioned that the best use of the funding will likely be on capital expenditures rather than new employees. He says hiring additional employees could become a "sustainability issue." The Berkshire Eagle reports that officials are looking at the capital needs of the city, including several new vehicles and potential upgrades at the water treatment plant. Earlier this month, the governor signed off on a fiscal 2015 budget that included a \$750,000 aid package to North Adams in the wake of North Adams Regional Hospital's closure.

MAN ALLEGEDLY SMASHED PACKAGE STORE WINDOW, STOLE LIQUOR (NA)

A Hall Street North Adams man is facing felony charges for allegedly smashing his way into the River Street Package Store early Sunday and stealing several bottles of liquor. According to North Adams Police, 30 year old Jeffrey Patten, Sr. was captured on the store's surveillance system throwing a cement brick through its door and stealing bottles. The broken glass was discovered during a routine patrol early Sunday morning. Patten admitted to stealing six or seven bottles of vodka, saying he was drunk at the time. He pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court on Monday on charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony, malicious destruction of property over \$250, and larceny over \$250. He was released on personal recognizance. The case was continued to September 15th for a pretrial conference.

BERKSHIRE INMATE ALLEGEDLY BEAT ANOTHER INMATE OVER DRUG FIND (All)

A jail inmate is facing a felony charge after severely beating another inmate. According to a probable cause report by the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office, 29 year old Timothy Domina II (a sex offender currently serving time for breaking and entering and other charges) attacked Sadowell Hudson as the man exited the shower room at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction on July 15th. According to the report, Hudson suffered contusions to the face and head and a broken dental plate, among other injuries. Domina pleaded not guilty in Central Berkshire District Court yesterday to a single count of felony aggravated assault and battery. He is due back in court September 2nd.

NORTH ADAMS SECOND-GRADERS DRILLED IN EMERGENCY SKILLS (NA)

A visitor to Northern Berkshire YMCA on Monday morning might have been alarmed to see young children wrapped in bandages behind the building, but it was all part of a drill teaching North Adams second graders emergency skills. IBershires.com reports, the children were taking turns on how to react to a real crisis — such as falling off their bikes. The second-graders were participating in the school district's 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Science Camp. And they loaded classmates, bandaged and bloodied, onto stretchers as a culminating lesson in the "Kids on the Move" themed program. Officials at North Adams Ambulance said the mock drill was designed to show kids the importance of safety.

NA 07-23-14

A NORTH ADAMS MAN FACES 2ND DRUG CHARGE IN A MONTH (NA)

A North Adams man is facing drug possession charges for the second time in a month. According to North Adams Police, 52 year old John Casuscelli, Sr. of Washington Avenue was allegedly found to have two bundles of heroin inside his vehicle on Thursday last week after he was pulled over near his home for driving with a suspended license. Casuscelli pleaded not guilty in Northern Berkshire District Court yesterday to charges of heroin possession and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, subsequent offense. He was released on personal recognizance.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR CRACK DEALER (NA)

A North Adams woman who admitted selling crack for a drug ring of New York men is serving a year in jail. The Berkshire Eagle reports, 23 year old Catherine Brackett sold crack cocaine to a confidential informant last year for a group of 30 to 40 drug dealers from New York City. According to the Berkshire District Attorney's office, the mostly male dealers would "make a circuit" between North Adams and New York, selling drugs in the Berkshires and replenishing their supply in New York City. The incidents involving Brackett occurred in North Adams between January 1st and November 26th of last year. Brackett pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court on Monday to a single count of cocaine distribution and two counts of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. She also pleaded guilty to assault and battery on a police officer. Judge John Agostini sentenced Brackett to a total of 2 1/2 years at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction with one year to be served and the rest of the time suspended for a year.

ADAMS BUSINESS OWNERS AIR CONCERNS (NA)

The long-planned project to renovate Park Street into a safer and more pedestrian-friendly roadway is expected to begin next week. |Berkshires.com reports however that local business owners are worried the three-month enterprise will disrupt business and deter patrons. Nearly 50 residents and business owners yesterday attended the first of three public hearings on the construction phase of the project, held at the Adams Visitors Center.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN ADAMS ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH (NA)

The Town Administrator Search Committee met last night to organize its goals and procedures. Ahead of last night's session though, town selectmen have already been discussing what the successful candidate should have — and an Adams address is among their top wishes. Board members last week agreed they would rather have a town leader living in town but weren't ready to commit to advertising the post with a residential requirement since some members were open to residence in a nearby community. The board agreed to send out the advertisement with a residency requirement, but they would be willing to change it if there was a lack of candidates.

NA 07-24-14

COLD CASE ARREST (All)

Authorities say the case of two murder victims who went unidentified for 19 years has been cracked with the arrest of a 70-year-old Ohio man accused of killing his wife. Robert Honsch of Dalton was charged with murder yesterday. Authorities said he shot his 53-year-old wife Marcia in the head. Her body was found by a hiker in October 1995 near an entrance to Tolland State Forest located in East Otis. A week earlier, the body of a young female, also shot in the head, had been found in a parking area behind a strip mall in New Britain, Connecticut. The New Britain police and Massachusetts State Police have separate arrest warrants charging Honsch with murder.

NORTH ADAMS MAN GETS UP TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR STABBING (NA)

A North Adams man has been sentenced to up to five years in state prison for stabbing an acquaintance nine times. According to police and prosecutors, 27 year old Mario Babbs stabbed Cole DeSanty in Babbs' Brook Terrace apartment on the morning of June 2nd, 2012, after accusing DeSanty of stealing \$600 from his wallet. The maximum sentence for the assault to murder charge is 20 years in prison; the maximum for the other charge is a decade. The prosecutor said the victim was in agreement with the resolution. The case was set for trial this month.

NEW CLARKSBURG ADMINISTRATOR GETS TO WORK (NA)

The new town administrator in Clarksburg was all business last night, running the Selectmen through a list a backlog of items. IBerkshires.com reports, that is not surprising, since the town's new executive is Carl McKinney, a longtime former selectman and Finance Committee member. Expected to start in August, McKinney stepped into the post earlier at the urging of Chairman Jeffrey Levanos. The town has been without an administrator since February retirement of Thomas Webb.

INJURED BEAR WANDERING NORTH ADAMS IN SEARCH OF FOOD (NA)

An adolescent black bear is apparently wandering the city of North Adams searching for food. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the bear, nicknamed "Bo," walks with a limp, and is not considered dangerous, but officials say it's still best not to approach him. Bo has been munching on garbage and bird seed in the Windsor Lake area this week, resulting in around a dozen calls to Animal Control. The male bear, approximately 2 years old, appears indifferent to humans, according to North Adams Animal Control Officer Carrie Loholdt. It's unclear how it was injured, but the bear has been limping into backyards and campsites in search of a good meal.

MOUNT GREYLOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO FEATURE ONE NOVEMBER RACE (NA)

There will be one race for the five Mount Greylock Regional School Committee seats on the November ballot. IBerkshires.com reports, there are two seats for Lanesborough residents and three for Williamstown residents to be decided when voters of the two towns go to the polls on November 4th. The town of Williamstown has two four-year seats on the ballot: those currently held by Chairwoman Carolyn Greene and David Langston. Greene is standing for re-election, but Langston decided not to try for another term on the committee. Voters will pick two names from among the threesome of Greene, Wendy Penner and Steve Miller for the four-year seats.

NA 08-01-14

BMC BID FOR NORTHERN BERKSHIRE HEALTHCARE ASSETS APPROVED (ALL)

A U.S. Bankruptcy judge has approved the sale of the assets of the defunct Northern Berkshire Healthcare in North Adams to Berkshire Medical Center for \$4 million. BMC was the only bidder on the facilities. The property includes the campus of the former North Adams Regional Hospital and the building off State Road that houses Northern Berkshire Family Practice. BMC set up an emergency satellite facility at the hospital in the weeks following its abrupt closure. Any further expansion of services in North Adams depends on the findings of a report commissioned by the state on the health care needs of Northern Berkshire. A preliminary report is expected this month.

NORTH ADAMS IMPLEMENTS HIGHER PARKING FINES (NA)

If you live or work in North Adams, you may want to start keeping a better eye on parking meters, as new parking fines are in effect beginning this week. IBerkshires.com reports, the new schedule of fines approved by the City Council in June were awaiting the arrival of ticket books to begin the implementation of fees expected to raise another \$54,000 a year in revenue. A parking ticket for overstaying your welcome at an expired meter has doubled from \$5 to \$10. Demand notices for ticket scofflaws will add \$10 if not paid in 21 days, and an additional \$10 if paid after the violation has been reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Another \$5 late fee will be imposed after 45 days. Parking meters in the downtown are in effect daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 8am to 7pm.

BART FUNDRAISING SURPASSES \$1 MILLION (NA)

Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School has surpassed its original fundraising goal of one-Million dollars to support the expansion and renovation of the school facility. Local foundations and businesses supporting the campaign include the Berkshire Bank Foundation, the Feigenbaum Foundation and Mountain-One. The school up to now has had just one gathering space in the building – the size of a quarter of a basketball court – used for meals, fitness, performances and school assemblies. The state does not provide capital support for building projects to charter schools, so the school needed to borrow or raise the \$4.6 million required for the project. Despite BART's fundraising success, the school still needs to raise additional funds to support project costs that were eliminated to keep expenses within the budget.

ECONOMIST TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER FUNCTION (NA)

Williams College Economics Professor Stephen Sheppard will be the keynote speaker on Wednesday, Aug. 27 when the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce hosts a Good News Business Salute at The Williams Inn. Sheppard, who is also director of the Center for Creative Community Development at Williams, will discuss highlights of his research into the local economic and social impacts of the region's cultural institutions and their implications for the Berkshire economy. The hours are 7:45am to 9am. The cost is \$25 for Berkshire Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. The price of admission includes a breakfast buffet.

NA 08-12-14

WILLIAMSTOWN LOOKING AT SOLAR PANELS OPTION (NA)

The town of Williamstown is entering negotiations with California-based SolarCity to install photovoltaic panels on Williamstown's capped landfill. IBerkshires.com reports that the town's recent annual meeting approved such a plan in May, and yesterday, Town Manager Peter Fohlin told the Board of Selectmen what progress had been made. Fohlin expressed confidence that SolarCity and its three partners — Brightfields LLC, Advanced Solar Products and Weston & Sampson — are capable to completing and managing the project that would produce an estimated 2.1 million kilowatt hours of annual electric production.

NORTH ADAMS MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS (NA)

A North Adams Ashland Street man was sentenced to four months in jail yesterday after he admitted to a 2013 assault with a tire iron. 27 year old Edward Reid assaulted a city man outside the Key West Lounge on September 28th of last year. Reid then went to the man's residence and struck a woman three times during a scuffle. Reid admitted to sufficient facts in Northern Berkshire District Court to assault and battery, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

HOUSATONIC RAILROAD OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REGIONAL PASSENGER LINE (ALL)

Despite that a passenger rail between the Berkshires and New York City is still years away, Housatonic Railroad and local planning officials are optimistic. IBerkshires reports that Housatonic President, Colin Pease, says there has been an abundance of regional and political cooperation between Massachusetts and New York. Gov. Deval Patrick pledged as much as \$113 million to create track infrastructure for the line that will run from Pittsfield to Grand Central Station, with multiple possible stations along its route through South and Central Berkshire County. Pease said the money can be used to match federal funds. As to when it can be done, Pease has heard he project may take up to 20 years, a number he finds far-fetched due to the level of cooperation and readiness both states have regarding the line.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE SWEEPS ACROSS BERKSHIRES (ALL)

The "Ice Bucket Challenge," has gone viral across the social media networks. The challenge that has been sweeping the nation is raising awareness for ALS — also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease. ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, causing patients to slowly lose control of all motor skills. The challenge was started by former Division I, Boston College baseball player, Pete Frates. He was diagnosed with ALS in 2012. The challenge had made its way to the Berkshires and people all over the county have been soaking themselves with ice filled buckets of water. Videos filled Facebook and Instagram newsfeeds all weekend long and into yesterday. The challenge has even reached the White House. 86-year-old Ethel Kennedy has challenged President Obama.

SUNCROSS TAPPED TO RETURN TO THE NORTHERN BERKSHIRES (NA)

More snocross racing will occur at The Range on Curran Highway this winter as well as practice runs beginning this fall. IBerkshires.com reports that Range owner David Bond said the weekend event this past February brought in thousands of snocross racers and audiences, and an estimated \$300,000 was spent in the city. The potential for the sport in North Adams has been solidified with the purchase of East Coast Snocross by Clarksburg resident, and Gagne Mechanical owner, Kurt Gagne.

NA 08-14-14

MASTER PLAN REVISION DISCUSSED IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

The newest member of the Williamstown Planning Board on Tuesday pushed the panel to take up some old business. IBerkshires.com reports that Amy Jeschawitz, who was elected to the board in May, advocated for a major overhaul of the town's Master Plan, which was drafted in 2002. The document came up in the context of the board's review of "Sustainable Berkshires," the recent report issued this spring by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Board member Carol Stein-Payne suggested that some of the issues in the BRPC report could be addressed through modifications to the town's subdivision zoning regulations. The planning board began that discussion in March.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CITED IN RUNAWAY TRUCK CRASH IN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

A local construction company has been cited for numerous safety violations after an unattended dump truck rolled into the woods near Millard Avenue last weekend. The Berkshire Eagle reports, The Clarksburg Construction Company's 10-wheeled dump truck, also towing a flatbed construction trailer, was improperly secured on Southernview Drive on Saturday before it rolled down the street. It crossed Millard Avenue before crashing into trees. The crew had been unloading an excavator off the of the flatbed trailer. There were no injuries in the accident.

CHESHIRE HIRES CONTRACTOR TO REPLACE GUARD-RAILS (NA)

The town of Cheshire was disappointed last week when a bid solicitation to replace guard rails on Windsor Road, damaged by June's heavy rainstorm, did not garner a response. If the Selectmen could not find someone to do the job, the town could possibly lose the state funds given to them to replace the rails. IBerkshires.com reports that there actually was a bid... but there was no one to accept it. Chairwoman Carol Francesconi said that Federal Express attempted to deliver the bid, but no one was there to receive it at Town Hall. Because there was an attempted delivery before the bid openings occurred, Cheshire was able to consider the bid. Aldo Bartlett Consolidated from Plymouth was awarded the job for \$44,710.

ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION TONIGHT (NA)

The Annual North Adam Downtown Celebration is scheduled to take place tonight from 5:30 to 9pm. More than 100 participants, including local merchants, vendors, restaurants and community organizations are expected to take part in the festival. The event was moved from yesterday because of the heavy rains and thunderstorms that were forecast. Director of Tourism & Community Events, Veronica Bosley says the street fair tonight will encompass pretty much the entire downtown...

: 22 Bosley – Cue: the downtown celebration

The downtown celebration was first held in 1996 to celebrate the completion of the city's first phase of beautification projects.

NA 08-15-14

RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHARE IN GRANT MONEY (All)

The State Department of Conservation has awarded some \$7,000 in grants to five rural volunteer fire departments to help them protect thousands of acres of state owned forestland. The town of Windsor has received a little more than \$1,000 to purchase new helmets, hand tools, a hose and adapters. The town of Becket has received a \$2,000 grant that will be used to fix fire hydrants. The town often has to resort to pulling water from lakes and ponds but that can't be done in the winter. The town of Adams will use its grant of \$1,000 to purchase 1,100 feet of new hose and nozzles. Also receiving funding are the towns of Williamstown and Otis.

PROPOSED TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS (NA)

The Board of Health in Williamstown is holding a public hearing on Monday, September 8th in the town's municipal building to take testimony on proposed tobacco control regulations. Primary proposed changes include no longer allowing smoking in outside dining areas; no further sale of flavored tobacco products other than menthol, mint or wintergreen; limiting single cigar sales; and no longer allowing pharmacies to sell tobacco products. Town residents can review a copy of the regulations in the Community Development Department Municipal Building, at 31 North Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

ROUTE 2 DRAINAGE WON'T CHANGE FLOODING AT MOBILE HOME PARK (NA)

The state Department of Transportation project under way at the Spruces Mobile Home Park in Williamstown is going to provide flooding relief for the neighborhood across the road but do nothing to solve the problems at the park itself. IBerkshires.com reports that Erik Bllik of MassDOT has discussed the project at Town Hall meetings on a couple of occasions dating back to last September, but some residents may have been confused when they saw contractors installing 3-foot culverts and digging a long trench through the flood-prone park this summer. The new culverts are being installed to alleviate flooding on the south side of Main Street.

SELECTMEN CONFIDENT IN SEARCH COMMITTEE ABILITY (NA)

Five applicants have already applied for the town administrator position in Adams. IBerkshires.com reports that town selectmen, meanwhile, are still reviewing the criteria and attributes for the search committee in charge of finding a new town administrator to replace Jonathan Butler, who will head the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. The search committee will eventually narrow the applicants down to three.

RESTAURANT WEEK TO RAISE MONEY FOR FALL FOLIAGE PARADE STARTS TODAY (NA)

The Fall Foliage Parade Committee will be holding "restaurant week" at several Northern Berkshire restaurants today through next Saturday, August 23rd. It's being held to raise money for this year's parade, which takes place on Sunday, October 5th. The committee has set a fundraising goal of \$40,000 and is hoping to raise \$10,000 from the private sector. The six participating restaurants in Adams, North Adams and Williamstown will donate 10 percent of each diner's check to the Fall Foliage Parade. The participating restaurants include BountiFare in Adams; Desperados Mexican Restaurant, Freight Yard Pub, The Hub, and Supreme Pizza in North Adams; and Waubeeka Pub & Grill in Williamstown.

NA 08-18-14

ADAMS STRUCTURE FIRE CONTAINED (NA)

Adams Firefighters were able to quickly contain a house fire early yesterday morning. The Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire at around 2:30am at 27 Water Street. Upon arrival, they found heavy smoke coming from the back of the two-story house. Fire Chief Paul Goyette said they were able to get everyone out of the house safely and rescue more than a dozen pets. There were additional animals that could not be rescued. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the state fire marshal's office. Adams received mutual aid from the North Adams and the Cheshire fire departments.

CHARLES STREET BRIDGE IN ADAMS WILL BE REPLACED (NA)

The Adams Conservation Commission has approved the tearing down and reconstruction of the Charles Street Bridge. IBerkshires.com reports that Hurricane Irene in 2011 washed out the bridge, and while it wasn't completely destroyed, the town was not sure if they wanted to fix it. But the town applied for and received a federal community development block grant for disaster recovery for \$230,000 to move forward with the project.

WILLIAMSTOWN FIRE DISTRICT CONSIDERING TOWN'S OVERTURES (NA)

The committee that oversees the Williamstown Fire District on Wednesday discussed a couple of opportunities to work with the town's government. IBerkshires.com reports that town officials have recently suggested that the two municipal bodies could align their annual meetings and partner to use solar renewable energy credits that are generated from a proposed solar array on the town's capped landfill. The committee agreed that the prospect was worth looking into and discussing with the electric company.

ADAMS MAN HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN ARMED INTRUSION (P, NA)

An Adams man is being held without bail after he was arrested in connection with an armed home invasion early Friday morning at a residence on First Street in Pittsfield. Police believe home invasion is related to a drug bust a day earlier. 23 year old Nathan McGuire of Columbia Street pleaded not guilty in Central Berkshire District Court Friday to single counts of operating under the influence of liquor, home invasion, assault in a dwelling with an armed firearm, and assault with a dangerous weapon. McGuire was held on bail pending a dangerousness hearing scheduled for today.

TUNNELS DISCOVERED DURING DEMOLITION (NA)

After the old Conte Middle School gymnasium was demolished, workers uncovered two mysterious brick-lined tunnels that had lain dormant under the school's gymnasium for uncounted years. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the tunnels, which were closed at both ends, led nowhere and contained nothing. The 77,000- square- foot building is being retrofitted to become an elementary school for students in kindergarten through seventh grade. Eighty percent of the construction costs are being covered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

NA 08-19-14

1 TEEN SHOT, ANOTHER IN CUSTODY IN PITTSFIELD (P, All of interest)

One teenager is in custody and a second is in the hospital after a shooting in the city of Pittsfield. Police responded to gunfire in the vicinity of Tyler and First streets just before 9am yesterday. Witnesses told police they heard gunshots and saw people flee the area. A juvenile male is in custody and is believed to be the shooter. He has been charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling. According to Pittsfield Police, a second suspect is still being sought in the case. The unidentified 17 year old victim underwent surgery at Berkshire Medical Center yesterday and was last noted to be in intensive care. Police have not released the name of the suspects or the victim.

SECOND INMATE ARRAIGNED IN KILLING OF DALTON MAN IN PRISON (All of interest)

A second inmate charged with the brutal beating death of a Dalton man in prison was held without bail after his arraignment yesterday in Clinton District Court. 39 year old Michael Freeman is charged in the murder of 72 year old William Sires last week at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center. Sires was serving a sentence of life without parole for the September 5th, 1973, shooting death of his mother, Anna Sires, who was shot three times inside her Dalton home after arguing with William about a loan and about playing his stereo too loud. Freeman was one of three inmates who allegedly trapped Sires into a cell and beat him to death August 12th. Another inmate, 27 year old Allan Erazo was also held without bail after his arraignment on a murder charge Friday. Freeman's arraignment lasted only a few minutes before a next court date was set for October 29th for a pretrial hearing. The third inmate, 38 year old Chad Connors, formerly of Avon, has also been charged with murder and will be arraigned on Friday.

ADAMS POLICE SEEK TEEN VANDALS WHO PAINTED SWASTIKA (NA)

Adams Police are searching for two suspects who vandalized the First Baptist Church on Commercial Street on Saturday. Two unidentified males apparently forced entry into the rear of the church and spray-painted a swastika, anarchy symbol, satanic symbols, and more on its walls. Adams Police Chief Richard Tarsa said the department is actively investigating the vandalism, given where it occurred and the nature of the symbols sprayed on the wall. Tarsa says the incident is not being investigated as a hate crime.

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PANEL BACKS HISTORIC DISTRICTS (NA)

The North Adams Community Development Committee last night voted unanimously to suggest the City Council consider the adoption of Local Historic Districts. Berkshires.com reports that such districts under Mass General Law 40C would allow review of alterations or demolition of properties within their boundaries. The city currently has six unofficial historic districts and more than 400 documented historic properties. The concept was brought forward last week by City Councilor Benjamin Lamb, who also sits on the Community Development Committee.

NA 08-20-14

WILLIAMSTOWN-LANESBOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT RETIRING (NA)

The three school committees that make up the Williamstown-Lanesborough Tri-District met yesterday to discuss their search for a new superintendent. IBerkshires.com reports, the meeting took on a new sense of urgency on Monday when Superintendent Rose Ellis told the committees she will retire effective December 31st. Ellis' retirement was announced to the public via a news release distributed yesterday morning. She notified members of the Mount Greylock, Williamstown Elementary and Lanesborough Elementary school committees on Monday. Ellis has served the schools of the Tri-District for 15 years overall.

HOME RULE PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE OK'D (NA)

The Public Safety Committee voted yesterday to recommend the City Council move forward on a home-rule petition to the Legislature for a fifth all-alcohol license. IBerkshires.com reports, the vote was 2-1, ending three often contentious meetings as current license holders again argued passionately for the city to reject the idea. Steeple City Liquors, in the former Staples in the downtown plaza, has been attempting to expand its beer and wine business with an all-alcohol license.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM HAS OPENING (NA)

The Family Resource Center, which operates out of North Adams, provides free support for families in the northern Berkshires. The organization's "Parent Child Home Program" – which is open to families with children ages 18 month to 3 years, has some openings. The center's program director, Amy Hall told tells us a bit about how the program works...

: 15 Hall – Cue: the books and toys

Hall says there are some openings, but space is limited. You can find out more about this program and many others by call the Family Resource Center at 664-4821.

DEADLINE APPROACHING TO REGISTER FOR STATE PRIMARY IS TODAY (All)

The deadline to register to vote or to change party affiliation for the Tuesday, September 9th, state primary is tonight at 8pm. City and town clerks are holding special and later hours for registration. If you are not sure what the hours are at your local town or city hall, you should call your town or city clerk, or visit your municipality's website to find out.

NA 08-21-14

NORTH ADAMS MAN GETS PROBATION AFTER ADMITTING TO DRUG CHARGES (NA)

A North Adams man was placed on a year's probation on Tuesday after pleading guilty to several drug charges. 34 year old Jeffrey Burdick admitted to arranging for the sale of cocaine in North Adams on three occasions in March and April 2013. Burdick pleaded guilty to one count each of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug laws. The commonwealth dismissed three other charges as part of the plea deal. Burdick was ordered to remain drug free and fined him \$240. He also will be subject to random drug testing.

ECONOMIC GROWTH-NEW ENGLAND (All)

New federal statistics show economic growth in New England has been slowest in Connecticut and Maine since the end of the Great Recession. The Commerce Department released statistics of quarterly gross domestic product — the measure of all goods and services — from 2005 to 2013. From the second quarter of 2009 until the end of 2013, the economies of Connecticut and Maine grew by 3 percent. In contrast, growth in the region's largest economy, Massachusetts, was 11 percent. Growth was greatest in Vermont, at 12 percent, though the state's \$27.9 million economy last year was the smallest in New England.

NEW ENGLAND GOVS' REGIONAL ENERGY EFFORT IN DOUBT (All)

A nearly yearlong effort by New England's governors to address the region's soaring energy costs has been put on hold. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick has called for a delay as he and others express concerns over plans for importing hydropower from Canada and investing in new natural gas pipelines. The governors were expected to detail their proposal to impose tariffs on electric ratepayers to finance the energy infrastructure projects by early September. Maine Gov. Paul LePage's administration is "deeply concerned" and wants Patrick to reconsider his stance.

PARKS SERVICE BANS DRONES OVER APPALACHIAN TRAIL (All)

The National Park Service has banned drones from flying over the Appalachian Trail. The Park Service said yesterday the interim rule prohibits launching, landing or operating unmanned aircraft from or on Appalachian National Scenic Trail lands. The ban takes effect immediately and lasts until the Park Service can develop an appropriate policy. The Appalachian Trail goes through parts of 14 states, including Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

BAKER WOULD LOOK TO SAVE SPRINGFIELD CASINO (All)

Republican Charlie Baker says if he wins the governor's office in November and voters also repeal the state's casino gambling law, he would then seek to save a proposed resort casino in Springfield. The state gambling commission has approved MGM Resort International's plan for an \$800 million casino in downtown Springfield. But a question on the state ballot calls for repeal of the 2011 law - allowing for up to three resort casinos and one slots parlor in Massachusetts.

NA 08-22-14

VICTIM IN FATAL WILLIAMSTOWN CRASH ID'D (NA, P)

The victim of Wednesday's fatal collision in Williamstown has been identified as Patrick Harrigan of Rensselaer, NY. According to the Williamstown Police Department, the 57 year old Harrigan was heading north on Hancock Road in a Mazda 3 about 4pm Wednesday when he failed to stop at the flashing red light at the intersection with Route 7. He was struck broadside by a Peter Pan bus heading south. First responders pronounced Harrigan dead at the scene. Williamstown firefighters used an extrication device to remove him from the vehicle. The operator of the bus, 62 year old Samuel Cabrera, of West Babylon, NY was not injured. The only passenger in the bus suffered minor bumps and bruises and was treated at Southern Vermont Medical Center.

ACCUSED KILLER'S LOOKS CONCERN ATTORNEY (All)

The attorney for accused killer Caius Veiovis told a judge yesterday that he is concerned that his client's "unusual appearance" could make it hard for him to get a fair jury. Veiovis is the last of three men heading to trial in the slayings of three Pittsfield men in August 2011. Veiovis' attorney, James Reardon Jr. says that there will be a serious factor of curiosity and concern when the jury first sees him because of his horn implants and facial tattoos. The trial is scheduled to begin September 3rd. Berkshire District Attorney, David Capeless says the case will be much different than the first two...

: 15 Capeless – Cue: it's gonna be different

The prosecution's case is expected to take as long as 2 1/2 weeks.

JONATHAN BUTLER LAST OFFICIAL DAY AS ADAMS ADMINISTRATOR SATURDAY (NA)

Jonathan Butler is wrapping up his last official week as Adams Town Administrator tomorrow after holding the position over the last five years. The 32 year old Butler told the Adams Board of Selectman that he wouldn't seek re-appointment for a second three-year term as town administrator when his current contract expired on July 1st. Butler will be replacing Michael Supranowicz as President and CEO of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. Butler tells the Berkshire News Network he wouldn't trade the last five year for the world...

: 15 Butler – Cue: really, really enjoyed.

Butlers' last official day in Adams is tomorrow. He starts his new job on Tuesday, September 2nd, the day after Labor Day.

NORTH ADAMS AIRPORT FINISH HELD OFF (NA)

Finishing work on the runway approaches at Harriman-West Airport is being put off until next year for lack of funds. IBerkshires.com reports that a planner with Gale Associates, the airport's engineer, told the Airport Commission on Tuesday that there's no money for paint and markings on the approaches. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration don't have the funds, he said, and the airport will have to wait to have this aspect included in the project. MassDOT and the FAA sees it as a 2015 project.

NA 08-27-14

NWS WEATHER TRANSMITTER TO OPERATE ON MOUNT GREYLOCK (NA, P)

The National Weather Service is planning on having an operational weather transmitter on top of Mount Greylock by October 1st. IBerkshires.com reports that meteorologist in charge of the Weather Service's Albany, N.Y., office said on Monday that the federal agency is waiting for the go ahead from the commonwealth of Massachusetts to install its equipment on a tower located 100 yards from the site that previously housed the equipment. Raymond O'Keefe says the transmitter was placed out of service on May 30th when the contract expired with the private owner of the tower the transmitter previously called home. O'Keefe said the October 1st timetable for resumption of service is realistic. The Mount Greylock institution is part of a nationwide network of 1,000 transmitters covering all 50 states.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME (All)

Many students in the Berkshires are making their way back to school today. Several school districts are starting earlier this year to try and avoid keeping kids in school late into June because of snow day make-ups. The Pittsfield School District will start sending some of it kids back today. Superintendent Jake McCandless says that all students will be back by tomorrow. The Southern Berkshire Regional School District is also among districts that get underway today with all students returning by Friday. Students in North Adams will get another week of vacation before heading back starting on September 3rd. The Berkshire News network reminds you to be aware of children that are walking to school as you make your morning commute.

CHESHIRE BREAK-IN INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE (NA)

Police in Cheshire continue to investigate a series of car break-ins on Furnace Hill and Cheshire Hill. IBerkshires.com reports that Police Chief Timothy Garner told the selectmen during last night's meeting that they may have a suspect. The police department put a picture on Facebook yesterday of the suspect using an ATM at the bank. Garner said that he unfortunately he had his face covered, but he did have some clothing on that may be identifiable. The information posted on the Cheshire Police Facebook page said the man was in a black VP Racing Fuels sweater and had green pants on. Garner said the break-ins happened early last Thursday. There was one break in on Furnace Hill and two on Cheshire Hill.

MOBILE HOME PARK SPEED LIMIT MULLED (NA)

Wheel Estates Mobile Home Park in North Adams will be cracking down on speeders. IBerkshires.com reports, the park has hired police to make patrols to ensure residents and visitors are sticking to the 15 mph limit. The limit is on signs in the park and is in the park's rules but the Wheel Estates Tenants Association said putting it in the city's ordinances will give the limit more teeth. The City Council yesterday referred the park's request to the city solicitor with the expectation of having an ordinance to vote on September 10th.

NA 09-05-14

WILLIAMSTOWN MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CHARGES (NA)

A Williamstown man with a lengthy criminal record in two states was arraigned on firearm, kidnapping and assault charges on Wednesday in Berkshire Superior Court. 38 year old Ernest Harvin of Henderson Road is accused of kidnapping and assaulting two men in Williamstown in January of last year. Harvin had threatened to kill the two men because they owed him money for drugs. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday to two counts of kidnapping, one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, two counts of assault by means of a dangerous weapon, one count of assault and battery and one count of illegal ownership of a firearm, rifle or shotgun. Harvin was held on bail at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction.

CHURCH VANDELISM SUSPECTS ARRESTED (NA)

The vandals who painted swastikas in First Baptist Church have been apprehended. IBerkshires.com reports that Police Chief Richard Tarsa told the Selectmen on Wednesday that two juveniles broke into the church and used spray paint to paint the symbols. They painted swastikas, pagan and anarchy symbols inside the Commercial Street church on August 16th. The organist had entered the church that night and heard voices, and saw two young men running out the back door. Both suspects have been arraigned in juvenile court.

MAYOR SUBMITS SOLAR PLANS (NA)

Mayor Richard Alcombright has introduced plans to build a solar array that could save the city up to \$200,000 in energy costs annually. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the plans, submitted to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board for review, call for the city to lease the land at the former landfill on E Street to a private solar developer. According to Alcombright, the city will then buy back electricity generated by the solar array at a reduced rate. Construction is slated to begin this year and the system is expected to be fully operational in the summer of 2015.

COMMUNITY RAISING FUNDS FOR INJURED CLARKSBURG WOMAN (NA)

The Northern Berkshire community is showing their support for Becky Dix. A competitor in the Pat Torchia/North Adams Women's Softball League, Dix had her season come to an abrupt and tragic end. The Clarksburg native was severely injured when struck by a car during a scenic motorcycle ride through Southern Vermont on August 10th. Her friends and the local softball community are rallying around her to raise funds for her medical expenses with a softball tournament, motorcycle run and a Go Fund Me page that's nearly hit its goal.

NORTH ADAMS MAN HAS CASE CONTINUED WITHOUT A FINDING (NA)

A North Adams Man had his case continued without a finding until Dec. 17, 2014. 53-year-old Ronald Sherman, of Alan Drive, admitted to sufficient facts on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and forging a Registry of Motor Vehicles document. His case was continued without a finding until Dec. 17. A charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration was dismissed upon the request of the commonwealth. Sherman was fined \$90.

NA 09-08-14

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES (All)

The murder trial of Calus Veiovis continues today in Hampden Superior Court. Jury selection was done on Thursday last week and the trial's opening statements from the prosecution and defense took place on Friday. The attorney for Veiovis says there is no scientific evidence connecting his client to the crimes and that the man's girlfriend will provide an alibi for the relevant times in the case. Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless described how the three victims were kidnapped, tortured, gutted and shot to death in August of 2011. Veiovis is the third of the three accused in the murders to be tried. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have already been convicted in the case and are now serving consecutive life sentences.

ADAMS HOME DAMAGED BY NEARBY LIGHTNING STRIKE (NA)

Lightning caused a fire in an East Road Adams home Saturday afternoon, but a fast response by Adams Fire Department brought it under control in just 11 minutes. According to Fire Chief Paul Goyette the home at 139 East Road was hit hard enough for the impact to dislodge sheet rock from a ceiling in the home. The storm in Adams on Saturday was relatively isolated to Northern Berkshire and lasted about 20 minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH QUICKLY MOVES AHEAD (NA)

Williamstown-Lanesborough Public Schools officials are hoping to find a new superintendent by mid-December. The Berkshire Eagle reports that Mount Greylock School Committee Chairwoman Carrie Greene said that a number of people have already expressed interest. The preferred start date would be January 1st according to Greene, but she says the district would allow a candidate to begin as late as July 1st. Rose Ellis, superintendent of the three schools that make up the Williamstown-Lanesborough Tri-District, is planning to retire on December 31st.

CITY TO MEET OVER CITY CAB (NA)

The Public Safety Committee in North Adams will reconvene today to revisit alleged infractions by City Cab, which has been accused of violating several city ordinances. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the allegations against City Cab owner Michael McMillian include operating an unlicensed third cab, allowing unlicensed drivers to operate vehicles, allowing smoking in vehicles, and charging less than the city-mandated rates. And while McMillian has acknowledged some of the violations and pledged to get his business into compliance, he has continued to insist that he should be able to set his own rates.

STATE REP. GAILANNE CARIDDI TO RE-FILE BILL (All)

Professional telemarketers soliciting for charities aren't always truthful about how much money is going to the charity — and how much is going in their pockets. IBerkshires.com reports that one of those solicitation callers felt bad that she was being forced to lie to people and crafted a law to stop it. State Rep. Gailanne Cariddi has taken that over and is heading the effort in the state house. She filed the bill requiring solicitors to tell the truth when asked. Though it didn't pass the first time, Cariddi will be refiling it again next session.

NA 09-08-14

MASSACHUSETTS PRIMARY DAY TODAY (All)

The Massachusetts Primary Election is taking place today with primary races for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, and Attorney General. The Democratic Gubernatorial primary is a three-way race between North Adams native Martha Coakley, current State Treasurer Steve Grossman and former Obama Administration official Don Berwick. The Republican primary is a two-way contest between Charlie Baker and Mark Fisher. The Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor – is being sought by Leland Cheung, Steve Kerrigan and Mike Lake. There is no primary contest for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican side with only Karyn Polito running. The Democratic candidates for treasurer are Tom Conroy, Steve Finegold, and Deb Goldberg. Only James Heffernan is on the Republican ballot. Battling for the Democratic nomination for Attorney general is Maura Healey – the long time administrator under current Attorney General Martha Coakley – and former state lawmaker Warren Tolman. John Miller is the lone Republican in the race. Polling places across the state are open until 8pm.

(Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

BERKSHIRE DELEGATION ON OUTSIDE LOOKING IN (All)

For once all the members of the Berkshire Legislative Delegation are observers during the primary, as none of them have an opponent today or in the general election on November 4th. All of them are keeping an eye on the races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer and Attorney General. State Senator Ben Downing however reminds us that there are also other statewide offices on the ballot...

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Downing says – that progress has left Massachusetts first in the nation in educational achievements, healthcare coverage, veteran services, and energy efficiency.

LOW VOTER TURNOUT EXPECTED TODAY (All)

Low voter turnout is expected for today's primary, despite contested races for governor and other statewide offices. The state's top elections official, Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin, says he expects approximately 550,000 people to vote in the Democratic primary and up to 170,000 to cast Republican ballots.

ELECTION RESULTS TEASER (All)

The Berkshire News Network will have all the primary election results first thing tomorrow morning.

NA 09-10-14

COAKLEY TO FACE BAKER FOR MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR (All)

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley has won the Democratic primary for governor and she did so handily. The North Adams native garnered 42 percent of the overall vote. Coakley defeated state treasurer and former Democratic Party chairman Steven Grossman and former federal health care administrator Don Berwick in yesterday's voting. Locally, Coakley cruised with 501 votes in North Adams. Grossman received 140 votes and Berwick received 74 votes. Coakley will carry her party's nomination into the November general election against Republican Charlie Baker, who won the GOP primary against Mark Fisher. There also will be three independent candidates. Coakley is in her second term as attorney general.

KERRIGAN GETS DEMOCRATIC NOD FOR LT. GOVERNOR (All)

Stephen Kerrigan has won the three-way Democratic primary for Massachusetts lieutenant governor. The former Lancaster selectman previously served as a top aide to the late U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, and later as chief of staff to former Attorney General Tom Reilly. He defeated Mike Lake and Leland Cheung. Kerrigan will team with Democratic gubernatorial nominee in the November election. Former state Rep. Karyn Polito was the only Republican candidate for the number two job and will be teamed with GOP gubernatorial nominee Charlie Baker in November.

MAURA HEALEY WINS DEM NOD FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (All)

Maura Healey has won the Democratic nomination for Massachusetts attorney general after a hard-fought primary race. Healey has been an assistant attorney general for seven years and led the office's civil rights division. She defeated former state Sen. Warren Tolman yesterday. Healey will face Republican John Miller in the November election.

GOLDBERG WINS PRIMARY FOR MASSACHUSETTS TREASURER (All)

Deb Goldberg has won a three-way Democratic primary for Massachusetts state treasurer. The former Brookline selectwoman defeated state Sen. Barry Finegold of Andover and state Rep. Tom Conroy of Wayland. Goldberg will face off with Republican nominee Michael Heffernan of Wellesley in the November election. Ian Jackson of the Green-Rainbow party will also be on the ballot. Goldberg ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2006.

LOW VOTER TURNOUT (All)

A low voter turnout was expected for yesterday's primary, despite contested races for governor and other statewide offices. Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin said yesterday he expected roughly 550,000 people to vote in the Democratic primary and up to 170,000 to cast Republican ballots. Those numbers were fairly close overall. City and town clerks in the Berkshires reported voter turnout in the primary ranging between 10 and 12 percent of registered voters.

NA 09-15-14

COALITION BRAINSTORMS TOPICS FOR MONTHLY FORUMS (NA)

Six months after North Adams Regional Hospital closed its doors - health care issues were still on the minds of the 100 people who joined together for the first Northern Berkshire Community Coalition monthly forum of the fall on Friday. (Berkshires.com reports, the meeting was the annual September Needs Assessment Forum, which is held to set the agenda for the monthly discussions for the year ahead. Many topics were thrown out by the group, most of who work for a nonprofit or social services agency. Health and wellness issues kept resurfacing as topics that need to be investigated.

JOSH: RECORD FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN FOR ALLEN HEIGHTS (All)

The 38 annual Josh Billings Runaround took place yesterday and it was a perfect weather day for the racers and for on-lookers. This year, history was made, as the Allen Heights Veterinary Hospital won their fourth consecutive RunAground. Team member Steve Monsulick (MUN-suh-lick) attributed the win to hard work more than to strategy...

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Allen Heights finished with a time of 2 hours, 16 minutes, 4 seconds. The fourth straight win is a record, eclipsing the mark of three previously held by Berkshire Outfitters, the group from Northern Berkshire who won three races in a row back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Pittsfield Health Food finished 2nd nearly two minutes later.

BERKSHIRE FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR NEW DAIRY PROGRAM (All)

Berkshire County farmers are now eligible to enroll in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Dairy Margin Risk Protection Program, which was established by the 2014 Farm Bill. The voluntary program provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin -- the difference between the price of milk and feed costs -- falls below the coverage selected by the farmer. The FSA will hold public meetings on the Margin Protection Program for Dairy in room 208 of the Federal Building in Pittsfield on September 17th and 18th. Both meetings take place at 1 p.m.

BERKSHIRE EAGLE PARENT MULLING NEWSPAPER SALES (All)

The Berkshire Eagle's parent company revealed it may be looking to sell off all or parts of its newspaper business. According to the Eagle, Digital First Media CEO John Paton announced on Friday that the company is using investment bank UBS to review "strategic alternatives", meaning the company could decide to sell the company. Or sell parts of it. Or expand it. Or stay the course. It's been rumored the company has been trying to cut \$100 million out of its overall operating budget this year.

NA 09-17-14

MURDER TRIAL TESTIMONY CONTINUES (All)

Testimony continued in the murder trial of Caius Veiovis yesterday in Hampden Superior Court. Medical Examiner Dr. Jennifer Hammers took the stand and described in detail the many wounds the three victims from Pittsfield suffered, allegedly at the hands of the defendant and two other men, Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue, in late August 2011. The testimony went into graphic detail about gunshot and stab wounds – as well as the dismemberment of the victim's bodies. The jury also had the opportunity to view photographs from the victim's autopsies. The trial is scheduled to continue this morning with testimony from a forensic pathologist and a DNA expert, and other witnesses.

NORTH ADAMS CAB COMPANY PLANS TO RELOCATE (NA)

The North Adams Zoning Board of Appeals continued a local taxi owner's home occupancy permit however, City Cab owner Michael McMillian indicated that he may move his office to Union Street. IBerkshires.com reports that the board met with McMillian again Monday night to review the home occupancy permit he received in April. The permit allows him to operate his business from his home at 257 Houghton Street. With no major complaints from residents in the neighborhood, the board sustained the permit with the same conditions until further review or until McMillian secures a commercial office. McMillian said he should have an office at 176 Union Street, with parking, by Friday.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF ESTRANGED WIFE NETS 5 YEARS FOR ADAMS MAN (NA - interest)

A former Adams resident has been sentenced to up to 5 years in state prison for the brutal kidnapping and attempted murder of his estranged wife. 40 year old David Faria, formerly of Allen Street, was scheduled to go on trial in Berkshire Court yesterday, but instead entered a plea agreement on the nine charges he was facing. Faria pleaded guilty to single counts of kidnapping, armed assault with intent to murder, assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, assault by means of a dangerous weapon, intimidation of a witness, and several other charges.

CHARGES DISMISSED AGAINST SAVOY MAN CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY (NA - interest)

A judge dismissed more than 30 counts of animal cruelty against a Savoy man yesterday, ruling that the authorities' search of his properties violated his rights. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 31 felony charges of animal cruelty and 25 counts of rabies vaccine violations were dismissed from Northern Berkshire District Court upon the request of the defendant – 55 year old John D'Allessandro, Jr., of Griffin Hill Road. The judge ruled the initial application for a search warrant did not reach the threshold of probable cause, dismissing all evidence uncovered.

MERCHANTS BLAME PARK STREET PROJECT (NA)

Park Street business owners say business has dramatically slowed since the streetscape construction began at the end of July. IBerkshires.com reports that residents and business owners met with interim Town Administrator Donna Cesan (SEE-sin), representatives from contractor J.H. Maxymillian, and project engineer David Loring last night to discuss the current status of the street's overhaul.

NA 09-19-14

STOUDWATER REPORT RECOMMENDS LIMITED SERVICES (NA, P)

The state-commissioned assessment of Northern Berkshire County's health care needs is probably not exactly what local residents had in mind. Stroudwater Associates does not recommend the restoration of a full-service hospital in North Adams, but rather a measured approach for services. Northern Berkshire residents have been pushing for full restoration of services since North Adams Regional Hospital closed its doors in March. The report, released yesterday, further recommends an integrated system of services with BMC to include limited inpatient services provided in North County – and only if the BMC-North site is designated as a Critical Access Hospital. A 102-page report also recommends keeping emergency care in North Adams. North Adams Regional Hospital had served some 37,000 northern Berkshire residents. The report will be discussed at two public meetings next week at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts' Church Street Center. The first will be on Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30pm and the other on Wednesday, September 24th, at 9:30am.

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES, JURY COULD START DELIBERATIONS TODAY (All)

The murder trial of Caius Veiovis continued yesterday in Hampden Superior Court as the defense began presenting its case. Veiovis' girlfriend testified that she had been with the defendant in the days leading up to the weekend of the disappearance of three city men and just afterward. According to Abigail Elwood, she was with Veiovis on the Monday, possibly Tuesday, and the Wednesday before Tropical Storm Irene in late August 2011. That was the weekend in which three Pittsfield men went missing. All three were later found buried in a trench in Becket. Veiovis is the third man accused in the killings of the three Pittsfield men. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have both already been convicted and given consecutive life sentences. The Defense took only the one day to present its case. Final summations and Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder's instructions to the jury on the relevant law are slated for today, after which the jury will begin deliberations.

NORTH ADAMS AIRPORT COMMISSION MULLS NAME CHANGE (NA)

Harriman and West Airport in North Adams may undergo a name change to accommodate better marketing. IBerkshires.com reports, the Airport Commission is considering switching to the more obvious North Adams Municipal Airport. Commissioner Trevor Gilman said now would be the optimal time to change the name because many projects and improvements to the airport are coming together. According to Gilman said when he worked at Pittsfield Municipal Airport, Williams College students often touched down there instead of North Adams. He attributed that to the lack of clarity in the Harriman and West name. The commission decided to table the item for its next meeting to have time to better research the history.

COPPER THEFT NETS NORTH ADAMS MAN 9 MONTHS IN JAIL (NA)

A North Adams man was sentenced to nine months in jail for the July theft of copper from an abandoned Bracewell Avenue home. 24 year old Jordan McDonald, of Mohawk Forest Boulevard, was one of four suspects who police say were filmed in the act by a neighbor. According to the police report, a Bracewell Avenue resident reported the crime to police on July 29th and provided video surveillance that showed the suspects and the vehicle they drove away in.

NA 09-25-14

NO VERDICT IN MURDER TRIAL, DELIBERATIONS RESUME (All)

The jury in the triple murder case of Caius Veiovis has spent 24 1/2 hours deliberating in the case over four days, and to this point there is still no verdict. It was another quiet day in the court room. The Hampden Superior Court jury deliberated without asking Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder any questions. No notes have come out of the jury room in two days. The jury resumes deliberating today. Veiovis is accused in the killing of three Pittsfield men in August 2011. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have already been convicted.

BECKET MAN ACCUSED OF MOLESTING, INTIMIDATING 12-YEAR-OLD BOY (GB- of interest)

A Becket man is being held without bail on charges that he molested a 12-year-old boy and tried to intimidate him to keep him quiet. According to a state police report, 74 year old Arturo Bravo, of Arrowhead Lane in the Sherwood Forest section of town, allegedly fondled the boy twice within the past couple of weeks. The Berkshire Eagle reports that after the victim's mother reported the alleged abuse to Becket Police on September 18th, the Massachusetts State Police Berkshire Detective Unit conducted an investigation and concluded that abuse had occurred based on an interview with the boy. Bravo verified much of the victim's story, according to the report, but he denied a specific allegation of abuse. He pleaded not guilty in Central Berkshire District Court on Friday to two counts indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 and one count of witness intimidation. He is scheduled to appear in Southern Berkshire District Court in Great Barrington today for a dangerousness hearing to determine whether he can be granted bail.

BMC MULLING STRATEGIES FOR A NORTH ADAMS HOSPITAL (NA)

Berkshire Medical Center may consider seeking Critical Access designation for the former North Adams Regional Hospital with the help of the state Department of Public Health. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the federal designation, which allows for higher reimbursement rates from Medicare, is pointed out as a priority for the return of inpatient services in the just-released assessment report on the community's health-care needs. The primary question is whether it's possible and sustainable to have limited inpatient services.

PLANNED MARSHAL STREET MAKEOVER (NA)

The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and the city of North Adams are pursuing a \$6.8 million MassWorks grant that would dramatically change Marshall and Center streets. IBerkshires.com reports that the grant, matched with another \$6 million in private funds, would create a public space in place of the former Brien Center on Marshall Street and develop greater access between the museum and the downtown. Mass MoCA Executive Director Joseph Thompson and City Planner Mackenzie Greer showed conceptual designs of what the opened-up corner of Marshall and West Main might look like using a slide show presentation on Tuesday night.

NA 09-26-14

FIRED NORTH ADAMS POLICE OFFICER WINS RIGHT TO APPEAL TERMINATION (NA)

Former North Adams Police Sgt. James Foley, who was fired in January, has won the right to reopen the appeal of his termination before the state Civil Service Commission. The Berkshire Eagle is reporting that after a tumultuous legal process, Foley's appeal will be heard in November during a 3-day hearing before the Civil Service Commission. Police and city officials have declined to elaborate publicly on the reasons for Foley's termination, but have said it was the result of a months-long investigation. He had been on paid leave for about eight months before being fired. Though the appeal had effectively been dismissed by the Civil Service Commission, it voted on Sept. 18 to approve a motion submitted by Foley to move to a hearing.

NEW BIKE RACKS INSTALLED IN DOWNTOWN NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The odd-looking piping on Main Street North Adams isn't modern art — though you'd be excused in this art-filled downtown for thinking so. IBerkshires.com reports that instead, they are very modern bicycle racks meant to encourage two-wheeled, pedal-pushing transportation. Volunteers installed the racks on Wednesday night in front of Luma's Muffin & Mug and at the pocket park on Eagle Street. Mass in Motion received a donation to increase bike-ability in North Adams; the first step was the bike racks so those biking would have a place to stash their two-wheelers. Mass in Motion worked with McCann Technical School and the city on creating and installing the racks.

ADRIFT MCCANN LPN PROGRAM FINDS NEW HOME WITH BMC (NA, P)

Berkshire Medical Center has stepped in to save the licensed practical nursing program at McCann Technical School. IBerkshires.com reports, the post-high school program will move back into space it was forced to precipitously exit when North Adams Regional Hospital went bankrupt in March. The program was facing termination without dedicated space for classrooms, a lab facility with beds, and surgical suites. With Berkshire Medical Center acquiring the assets of Northern Berkshire Healthcare, including the hospital and Doctors Building, earlier this month, the school was able to make an agreement to take over its old rooms in what is now the Northern Berkshire Campus of Berkshire Medical Center.

ANNUAL TREATMENT CAUSES CHLORINE ODOR IN CHESHIRE WATER (NA, P)

Cheshire town water users can rest assured -- the water's fine after recent chlorine treatments, any smell of chlorine was caused by routine maintenance and should soon dissipate. Water department employees applied the agent on Tuesday night and the water will be sampled to ensure the effectiveness of the treatment. The water has remained safe for consumption throughout this process.

STILL NO VERDICT IN MURDER TRIAL (All)

Another day has passed without a verdict in the Caius Veiovis murder trial. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the jury has now spent about 31 hours deliberating in the case over the course of five days, surpassing the length of time it took a jury to return verdicts in the trial of David Chalue, one of two codefendants of Veiovis. It took the jury in the Adam Lee Hall trial about 17 hours over four days to convict. In Chalue's trial, the jury came back with guilty verdicts after 30 hours over five days.

NA 09-30-14

VEIOVIS GIVEN THREE CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS (All)

Caius Veiovis has been given three consecutive life terms for his role in the murders of three Pittsfield men. He was convicted on Friday in the 2011 slayings of David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell, all of Pittsfield. Veiovis maintained his innocence at his sentencing yesterday. The 34-year-old Veiovis was the third person convicted in the case. Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder sentenced him to three consecutive life terms for his role in the killings. He was also given concurrent 8 to 10 year sentences on each of the charges of kidnapping and witness intimidation. He was given credit for 1,116 days served.

ALLEGED CHILD MOLESTER HELD WITHOUT BAIL (All - interest)

A man suspected of serially molesting young boys in the Berkshires and Connecticut for decades is being held without bail after a judge deemed that he poses a danger to the community. 74 year old Arturo Bravo, who primarily resides in New Britain, Connecticut and owns a cabin on Arrowhead Lane in Becket, faces charges for allegedly molesting a 12-year-old boy in Becket twice in recent weeks. Berkshire Assistant DA Michael D'Angelo said during yesterday's dangerousness hearing that the allegations are just the latest in a pattern of abuse spanning at least three decades. A pretrial hearing was scheduled for January 22nd.

NORTH ADAMS MAN GETS 9 MONTHS FOR INTENT TO SELL CRACK (NA)

One of three people arrested in March when police pulled a large quantity of crack cocaine from the drainpipe of a North Adams residence pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court yesterday and received a nine month jail sentence charges to the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction. 44 year old Thomas Massey Jr. of North Adams was arrested after members of the Berkshire County Drug Task Force raided a Liberty Street residence on March 17th. He pleaded guilty to single counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

ADAMS BOARD OF HEALTH RAISES PERMITTING FEES (NA)

The Adams Board of Health is raising many of its permit fees to better match surrounding municipalities. IBerkshires.com reports that Chairman Allen Mendel said the fees were last changed a decade ago. One of the biggest changes the board made was for food permits for temporary events up to 14 days. Previously the fee was a flat \$20, however, the board decided to implement a sliding fee based on how long a vendor wanted to operate. For one day the fee will remain at \$20, but a two- to three-day inspection will cost \$30, and four days or more will cost \$50. The board decided to make a new category for vendors wanting to participate in the farmers market with a permit cost \$20 for the season.

GOLF COURSE WORK COULD STOP (NA)

Work on the former North Adams Country Club could be shut down for the season because of incomplete permitting. IBerkshires.com reports that Todd Driscoll, partner with golf course owner James Basiliere, met with the Board of Selectmen yesterday afternoon to show them charts of the current alterations to the course. However, because of incomplete permitting and infractions of the town's bylaws Planning Board Chairman David Sherman said he thinks the renovations should stop.

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Public Service Locally Produced Programs

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

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

- 7/3: Adams Tourism Dir. Samantha Talora—Summer Events
- 7/10: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright
- 7/17: 1st Berkshire District State Rep. Gail Cariddi
- 7/24: Adams Town Administrator Jonathan Butler
- 7/31: Adams Aggie Fair—Betty Randall & Barb Bennett
- 8/7: North Adams Downtown Celebration & Motorama—Veronica Bosley & Joe Dean
- 8/14: North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright
- 8/21: Adams Town Administrator Jonathan Butler
- 8/28: 1st Berkshire District State Rep. Gail Cariddi
- 9/4: Veronica Bosley, North Adams Director of Tourism & Community Events; North Adams Food Festival & Fall Foliage Festival events
- 9/11: Tim Sunn & Midge Fogarty—“Team Becky”, Softball Tourney & Bike Run to benefit for Becky Dix, local cycle crash victim.
- 9/25: Adams Tourism Dir. Samantha Talora—Mt. Greylock Ramble & Ramblefest
- 9/28: Gamma Broadcasting News Dir. Tom Conklin’s interview w/MA Gubernatorial Candidate Charlie Baker (R)

“WNAW SPOTLIGHT”, AIRING Mondays 8:30-9 AM.

Interviews with local newsmakers on topics of interest to the community.

- 7/7: Laura Baran, Berkshire County Kids Place -- Jimmy Bernardo Memorial Benefit Ride
- 7/14: American Red Cross, Berkshire Co. Golf Tourney--Kate Leene & Ray Kushi
- 7/21: UCP of the Berkshires Golf Tourney-- Christine Singer & Dan Proskin
- 7/28: Downstreet Art Thursday--Christi Clarke
- 8/4: Nat'l Night Out—NBCC's Annie Rodgers
- 8/11: Karen Christiansen—The Train Campaign
- 8/18: Amy Hall—Program Dir., Family Resource Center of Northern Berkshire
- 8/25: Downstreet Art Thursday--Christi Clarke
- 9/1: LABOR DAY
- 9/8: Elizabeth Freeman Center Walk-a-Mile—Janice Broderick, Exec. Dir.
- 9/15: Danielle Thomas, Berkshire Chamber of Commerce—Fall Foliage Parade
- 9/29: Williamstown Chamber of Commerce Exec. Dir. Jennifer Civello—Scarecrow Project collaboration to celebrate 100th Anniv. of Mohawk Trail



Weekly Public Affairs Program

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY – SEPTEMBER, 2014

Show # 2014-27 7-6-14
Date aired: 7-6-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Mark Hyman, Adjunct Instructor, Sports Management, the George Washington University, author of *"The Most Expensive Game in Town: The Rising Cost of Youth Sports and the Toll on Today's Families"*

More than 41 million American kids participate in sports, and the fastest growing category is travel leagues. Mr. Hyman explained why he is concerned about the advent of year 'round leagues, including the huge commitment of time and money, and the higher risk of injury. He also talked about the value of traditional rec sports leagues in local communities and neighborhoods.

Issues covered:

Youth Sports
Parenting
Children's Health

Length: 9:55

Suzanne Rowan Kelleher, family travel expert, co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of WeJustGotBack.com

The higher cost of flying this summer may ground some family vacations. Ms. Kelleher outlined several policies that airlines have recently implemented that make travel significantly more expensive and inconvenient for families. She also offered tips for traveling with kids.

Issues covered:

Consumer Matters
Family
Travel

Length: 7:22

Bob Ragazzo, Certified Defensive Driving Instructor, Founder and President of Save Your Teen Driver, LLC, author of *"Save Your Teen Driver: 7 Things Every Parent Must Teach Their Young Driver Before Handing Over The Car Keys"*

Motor vehicle accidents are the top cause of death among 15 to 20 year olds. Mr. Ragazzo discussed several crucial safety tactics that drivers' education courses are not teaching students. He talked about the increasing number of distractions in the car, leading to higher accident rates.

Issues covered:

Highway Safety
Government Policies
Youth at Risk

Length: 5:06

Show # 2014-28

Date aired: 7-12-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Kate Tulenko, MD, MPH, physician and director of clinical services for the US Agency for International Development, a global health nonprofit, author of *"Insourced: How Importing Jobs Impacts the Healthcare Crisis Here and Abroad"*

Dr. Tulenko said 25% of physicians in the US are foreign-trained and foreign-born. She contends that this has caused tens of thousands of high-paying local jobs in the healthcare sector to effectively vanish from the reach of US citizens, weakened the healthcare systems of developing nations, and constricted an American university system that should be educating healthcare professionals.

Issues covered:

Healthcare
Education
Government Policies

Length: 10:20

Ulrich Boser, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, expert in education, criminal justice, and other social policy issues

Almost a third of eighth-grade students report reading less than five pages a day, either in school or for homework. Mr. Boser conducted an analysis that found that millions of students believe they are not being challenged enough in school. He discussed the reasons behind this trend and what can be done to improve education in America.

Issues covered:

Education
Government Policies
Children's Issues

Length: 6:42

Uchendi Nwani motivational speaker, former cocaine dealer and prison inmate, CEO of International Barber and Style College, author of *"The Millionaire Ex-Convict"*

Mr. Nwandi shared his inspirational story. He came from a middle-class family but ended up in prison after a conviction for cocaine trafficking. He talked about the importance of faith in his life and how he became a millionaire businessman after this release from prison.

Issues covered:

Crime
Drug Abuse

Length: 4:52

Show # 2014-29

Date aired: 7-20-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Ruchi Gupta, M.D., M.P.H., Health Services Researcher and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago

Dr. Gupta was the lead author of a study that found that children in urban areas have much higher rates of food allergies than those in rural America. Her research found that city kids also are allergic to different foods than rural kids. She talked about the theories as to why population density and environment may have such a large impact. She offered advice to parents who have a child with food allergies. She also discussed the reasons why people often do not treat allergies as the life-threatening conditions they are.

Issues covered:

Allergies
Personal Health
Parenting

Length: 9:24

Tammi DeVille, author of "*Changing the World on a Tuesday Night*"

44 percent of adults volunteer, and many others would consider it, if they thought they had the time and skills needed. Ms. DeVille said that ordinary people can make a difference by volunteering as little as five minutes a day. She offered examples of opportunities to contribute time, often online, to non-profit organizations in their own community or across the globe.

Issues covered:

Volunteerism
Community Involvement

Length: 7:44

Bruce Anderson, Cybercrime Expert and Director of Investigations of Cyber Investigation Services in Tampa

Free Internet wi-fi access is everywhere these days--and so are computer hackers. Mr. Anderson talked about the dangers of using public Internet connections, what the riskiest locations are, and how the average computer user can protect himself.

Issues covered:

Crime
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:02

Show # 2014-39

Date aired: 7-27-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Danica McKellar, actress, education advocate, author of "*Girls Get Curves: Geometry Takes Shape*"

Ms. McKellar majored in mathematics at UCLA, and now encourages middle-school girls to excel in math. She explained the reasons that girls mistakenly believe that they cannot be both popular and smart, and how math skills can improve their overall self-confidence. She also explained how basic geometry can apply to everyday life.

Issues covered:

Education
Women's Issues

Length: 8:35

Charles Duhigg, investigative reporter for the New York Times, winner of the National Academies of Sciences, National Journalism, and George Polk awards, author of "*The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*"

Habits shape every aspect of our lives, often in ways we do not recognize. Mr. Duhigg summarized the results of recent scientific research that explains why habits exist and how they can be changed. He said tweaking even one habit, as long as it's the right one, can have staggering effects. He also explained how and why companies carefully study consumer habits.

Issues covered:

Health & Fitness
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:26

Jonathon Kozol, writer, educator, public education activist, author of *"Fire in the Ashes: Twenty-Five Years Among the Poorest Children in America"*

Mr. Kozol has been working with low-income children in inner-city schools for nearly fifty years. He talked about his experiences at a school in one of the poorest sections of New York City. He believes that because of vast differences in funding from one area to another, the nation's schools remain unequal and deeply segregated.

Issues covered:
Poverty
Education
Government Spending

Length: 4:54

Show # 2014-31
Date aired: 8-3-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Timothy J. Mohin, environmental advocate, author of *"Changing Business from the Inside Out: A Treehuggers Guide to Working in Corporations"*

American corporations are gradually becoming more socially responsible. Mr. Mohin outlined the reasons behind this trend, and explained how "treehuggers" working inside the system can lead the effort. He said young professionals now view "having an impact" as a much more important career goal than many other more traditional priorities.

Issues covered:
Environment
Workplace Matters

Length: 7:49

Madeline Levine, PhD, psychologist, co-founder of Challenge Success, a education reform project at the Stanford School of Education, author of *"Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success"*

Dr. Levine said while parents, educators, and the media express concern about the soaring rates of emotional problems, and poor learning skills in America's children, there are ways to reverse these trends. She believes many parents need to shift their focus from good grades, high test scores, and college acceptances to developing a sense of purpose, connection, and meaning in their children's lives.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Education

Length: 9:18

Miriam Rafailovich, PhD, materials engineering researcher, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Director of the Garcia Center for Polymers at Engineered Interfaces at Stony Brook University on Long Island

Dr. Rafailovich led a study that found that many compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs emit high levels of ultraviolet rays. She said that despite their large energy savings, consumers should avoid using compact fluorescent light bulbs at close distances.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Environment
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:04

Show # 2014-32

Date aired: 8-16-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Jonah Engle, freelance journalist based in Washington, DC

Mr. Engle discussed civil asset forfeiture, a part of the War on Drugs which allows the government to seize property-- even if it doesn't have enough evidence to convict or even charge someone with a drug offense. He explained how the forfeiture process works and why it is so difficult to recover property after it is seized. He said many law enforcement agencies include projected revenue from asset forfeitures in their annual budgets.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:03

War on Drugs

Crime

Legal Issues

Government Policies

Alexandre Montagu, attorney, expert in intellectual property law, international commercial transactions and new media commercial and corporate law, author of "*Intellectual Property: Money and Power in a New Era*"

Mr. Montagu talked about intellectual property law, how it has changed with new technology, and why nearly everyone should understand the basics. He explained potential pitfalls for both the average consumer, and small and medium-sized businesses. Among the examples he cited: knock-offs of brand-name products on Internet auction sites and the indiscriminate use of photographs found online.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:12

Legal Issues

Consumer Matters

Jennifer Grasz, Vice President, Corporate Communications at CareerBuilder.com

Ms. Grasz outlined the results of a recent survey conducted by her organization that found that 69% of full-time workers regularly search for new job opportunities. She said that new online tools available to job seekers have made it much easier to do in-depth research on potential employers. She also discussed the reasons that such a high percentage of the workforce is interested in changing jobs.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:07

Employment

Workplace Matters

Show # 2014-34

Date aired: 8-17-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

David Casarett, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine Director of Hospice and Palliative Care, University of Pennsylvania Health System, author of "*Shocked: Adventures in Bringing Back the Recently Dead*"

New government data says there has been a 54 percent drop in drinking and driving among high school teens during the past two decades. Ms. Hyde discussed the reasons behind the decline, and offered advice for parents who are concerned about their teenagers.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:53

Drinking and Driving

Youth Issues

Parenting

Janet Tomiyama, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at UCLA

Dr. Tomiyama conducted a study that examined the roles that stress and race play in the epidemic of obesity among teenage girls. She found that although stressed-out black girls and white girls tend to gain weight, stress appears to have a greater effect on the weight of black girls. And surprisingly, black girls reported less stress overall than white girls. Dr. Tomiyama talked about the racial disparity and why obesity is such an important public health concern.

Issues covered:
Public Health
Minority Concerns
Women's Issues

Length: 9:28

Brian Fikkert, PhD, Associate Professor of Economics at Covenant College in Georgia, co-author of "*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor*"

Dr. Fikkert talked about the challenges faced by faith-based organizations and other groups when seeking to help poor or homeless Americans. He said aid efforts often end up perpetuating poverty, rather than solving the problem. He believes that building personal relationships with aid recipients and giving them a sense of self-worth is more effective than simply providing food or other materials.

Issues covered:
Homelessness
Poverty
Faith-based Initiatives

Length: 4:58

Show # 2014-34
Date aired: 8-24-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

David Casarett, MD, MA, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine Director of Hospice and Palliative Care, University of Pennsylvania Health System, author of "*Shocked: Adventures in Bringing Back the Recently Dead*"

Most people don't survive cardiac arrest or significant trauma. Dr. Casarett discussed the latest developments in resuscitation and just how far science has come in the past few years. He talked about the ethical dilemma posed by reviving a person who may not have a good quality of life in the aftermath. He talked about the impressive survival rate of those who receive competent CPR treatment.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Emergency Medicine

Length: 8:20

Greg McBride, Chief Financial Analyst for Bankrate.com

Mr. McBride's organization recently conducted a study that found that a third of all Americans have nothing saved for retirement. He said the one encouraging aspect of the survey is that more people in their 20s are saving for retirement than ever before. He explained why this issue should be such a serious concern and what someone can do if they believe they are starting to save too late in life.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Senior Citizens
Personal Finance

Length: 9:00

Rick Maurer, author of *"Beyond The Wall Of Resistance: Why 70% of All Changes Still Fail – and What You Can Do About It"*

Seventy percent of all major changes in organizations fail - and that number hasn't changed since researchers started examining success and failure rates more than fifteen years ago. Mr. Maurer talked about the most common reasons for failure and what leaders can do about it.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Employment

Length: 5:03

Show # 2014-357

Date aired: 8-31-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Lee Crockett, Managing Partner of the 21st Century Fluency Project, co-author of *"Understanding the Digital Generation: Teaching and Learning in the New Digital Landscape"*

Mr. Crockett said that today's digital technology is dramatically changing how children learn. He said research is finding that youngsters' brains are changing physically and chemically, as a result of their use of computers and other digital devices. He explained how those changes are affecting the reasoning skills and educational needs of this generation, and how public school systems must adapt.

Issues covered:
Education
Parenting Concerns

Length: 8:53

Randall Pinkett, first African-American winner of *"The Apprentice,"* author of *"Black Faces in White Places: 10 Game-Changing Strategies to Achieve Success and Find Greatness"*

When Mr. Pinkett became the first African-American winner of *"The Apprentice,"* he also became the only contestant who was asked to share his victory with a white woman. He discussed how his refusal resulted in a firestorm of controversy. He said sometimes hard work is not enough for minority employees. He offered advice for African-American professionals who want to break through the racial barriers they continue to face.

Issues covered:
Minority Concerns
Workplace Matters

Length: 8:22

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

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

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Youth Issues
Parenting Concerns

Length: 5:01

Show # 2014-36

Date aired: 8-7-14 Time Aired: Da 7:30 AM

Robert Cantu, MD, Chief of Neurosurgery, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, and Director, Service of Sports Medicine at Emerson Hospital in Concord Massachusetts, Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery and Co-Director of Boston University's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, senior consultant to the National Football League, author of "*Concussions and Our Kids: America's Leading Expert on How to Protect Young Athletes and Keep Sports Safe*"

Concussions are a not-so-silent epidemic among school-age athletes. Dr. Cantu discussed the most common causes of concussions and explained which sports are the most dangerous. He talked about the long-term ramifications of brain trauma injuries and offered ideas for reforms that would reduce concussions in youth sports.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Youth Sports
Parenting Concerns

Length: 9:10

Dana Gunders, Project Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council's Food and Agriculture program in San Francisco

Ms. Gunders was the lead author of a report that found that 40 percent of the nation's food supply--valued at \$165 billion--goes uneaten each year. She outlined the economic and environmental impacts of food waste, and what can be done to fight this growing problem. She discussed misconceptions surrounding expiration dates and said most of them actually are indicators of food quality, not necessarily food safety.

Issues covered:

Hunger
Food Safety
Consumer Matters
Environment

Length: 8:09

Roger Leslie, award-winning teacher, author of "*Success Express for Teens*"

Mr. Leslie believes that teens need to set goals in order to succeed in later life. He talked about the importance of young people learning the value of good citizenship and time management. He offered suggestions of how teens can determine their personal strengths and take smart risks.

Issues covered:

Teen Issues
Youth at Risk
Parenting Issues

Length: 4:52

Show # 2014-37

Date aired: 8-14-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Lisa Gill, Prescription Drugs Editor at Consumer Reports

Prescriptions for opioids have climbed 300% in the past decade and more than 46 Americans die each day from legal pain pills, such as OxyContin, Percocet and Vicodin. Ms. Gill discussed the reasons behind this trend. She also talked about the little-known dangers posed by over-the-counter painkillers like acetaminophen. She offered advice to patients who are dealing with pain. She also explained how the federal government is trying to deal with the issue.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Drug Abuse
Government

Length: 10:07

Tony Lee, Publisher of CareerCast.com and JobsRated.com

Mr. Lee outlined his organization's list of the most overrated and underrated jobs, based factors such as pay, hiring outlook, work environment, stress and physical demands. He explained why certain jobs are not as attractive as they may seem, and why other great career choices are often overlooked. He also offered advice for those seeking to change careers or move up the ladder in their present job.

Issues covered:

Employment
Economy

Length: 7:15

Pam Mueller, graduate student, Department of Psychology, Princeton University

Laptops, tablets and other electronic devices are commonplace in today's classrooms. But Ms. Mueller co-authored a study that found that taking notes by typing, rather than writing, interferes with students' ability to process and remember information. Her research indicated that students who take notes with pen and paper recall more material and perform significantly better in class.

Issues covered:

Education

Length: 4:51

Show # 2014-38

Date aired: 8-21-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Jennifer Aaker, PhD, social psychologist, General Atlantic Professor of Marketing at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, co-author of *"The Dragonfly Effect: Quick, Effective, and Powerful Ways To Use Social Media to Drive Social Change"*

Prof. Aaker outlined ways to use the power and popularity of social media to do good in the world. She offered examples of how innovative social media tools can invite participation and permit communication with potential supporters. She believes that the use of social media can turn small actions into much larger results for non-profit organizations.

Issues covered:

Volunteering
Charitable Contributions

Length: 8:30

Jodi Sleeper-Triplett, MCC, SCAC, founder of the movement for ADHD coaching for youth, Master Certified Coach and Senior Certified ADHD Coach, author of *"Empowering Youth with ADHD: Your Guide to Coaching Adolescents and Young Adults for Coaches, Parents, and Professionals"*

Ms. Sleeper-Triplett talked about the increasing cases of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder among America's youth and adults. She said medication and therapy often are not enough. She explained how parents may try to deal with the problem, and how an ADHD coach can help.

Issues covered:

ADHD
Education
Parenting Concerns

Length: 8:48

Erick Schreder, Staff Scientist at the Washington Toxics Coalition

Ms. Schreder was the lead scientist of a report that found that half of thermal paper receipts and 95% of dollar bills in circulation contain the hormone-disrupting chemical BPA. She said BPA is now present in 93% of all Americans. She explained the negative health consequences of BPA and what consumers can do to avoid it.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Environment

Length: 4:54

Show # 2014-39
Date aired: 8-28-14 Time Aired: 7:30 AM

Randy Albelda, PhD, Professor of Economics and Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Social Policy at University of Massachusetts in Boston

Dr. Albelda recently co-authored a report called "*How Youth Are Put at Risk by Parents' Low-Wage Jobs.*" She explained the special challenges faced by low-income parents who are in jobs that lack flexible hours and benefits like health insurance, paid sick days and vacation days. She said these factors impact a child's education, health and future prospects. She believes that lower wages are part of a long-term trend in the U.S..

Issues covered:
Poverty
Youth at Risk
Parenting

Length: 8:24

Adam Pertman, Executive Director of the non-profit Donaldson Adoption Institute, author of "*Adoption Nation: How the Adoption Revolution is Transforming Our Families--and America*"

Mr. Pertman discussed the rapidly changing process of adoption, largely driven by the Internet. He said social networking and other online tools have radically changed both the process of adoption and the expectation of privacy, because it is so easy to locate and reunite birth mothers and children years after an adoption. He added that the Internet has also aided the rise of scammers and predators offering to expedite the expensive and lengthy process of adopting a child.

Issues covered:
Adoption
Parenting

Length: 8:32

Rodlescia Sneed, Graduate Student in the Psychology Department of Carnegie Mellon University

Ms. Sneed was the co-author of a study that found that parents are 52 percent less likely to develop a cold than non-parents. She explained the possible reasons behind this surprising result. She said the health benefits for a parent appear to continue, even after the offspring has grown to adulthood.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Parenting

Length: 4:52

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a sample of public service announcements presented on WNAW during the third quarter of 2014.

The 2014 "Cars for Kids" charity car, truck and motorcycle show is this Saturday from 9:30-2 rain or shine, at Bedard Bros. on Route 8. This show is organized by Corvettes of the Berkshires and proceeds will benefit Berkshire County Kids Place. There's no admission charge for the public. Show registration is \$15 per entry. Registration begins Saturday at 8:30 am. More details are available by emailing kidspalaceshow@corvettesofberkshire.org or online at www.kidspalaceonline.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/30

Greylock "A Better Chance" is accepting donations for its 21st annual giant clothing sale and its 4th annual linen sale. Donations will be accepted only until Labor Day: quality gently-used clothing, shoes, jewelry, and accessories for adults, winter or summer, plus towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, bedspreads and other household linens (except curtains). Items must be clean and in nearly-new condition (no holes, stains, broken zippers, pilling, or other defects). Items should be brought to the First Congregational Church, 906 Main St. in Williamstown, weekdays and Sundays from 9-Noon. Call Carolyn Behr at 458-5557 or email her at carolynb@rnh@yahoo.com for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/12

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture, "Coney Island ... The Nickel Empire" on Saturday, July 12th at 2pm. This illustrated lecture will take you back to the era of Lunar Park, Dreamland and Steeplechase and how they changed the culture of the masses. 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 7/11

The Friends of the Adams Free Library will hold a magazine sale this Friday from 10 to 5. A Special Preview for Friends of the Adams Free Library will be held on Thursday from 2-7 pm. Friends of AFLL memberships are \$5.00 at the door. The sale will include many popular titles, some dating back to the 1850's! Prices start at \$1. For

any questions, call Debbie at 743-8345. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/13

Williamstown continues its "Summer Sundays" this Sunday, July 13. Head to Spring St. from 5-8pm every Sunday in July for the sights & sounds of summer. Tons of fun including live music, art and craft activities for all ages, pony rides, local Dinner Specials, Yoga at 7PM and to wrap things up: Family Flicks Under the Stars, on Morgan lawn at the top of Spring St., sponsored by Images Cinema. This week it's the classic film, "Casablanca"! (In case of rain, the movie will be shown at Images). For more info go to www.williamstownchamber.com or like Summer Sundays on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/16

Coming up Weds: July 16 at 6:30, the Summer series of Free Concerts at WindSOR Lake in North Adams continues with popular singer/songwriter Bernice Lewis. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/20

The Town of Adams hosts free outdoor concerts every Sunday from 4-6 at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. This week, it's the music of WYKYD. For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/14

The Adams Farmers and Artisans Market will be open for the season from 11 am-2 pm every Sunday through Sept. 14. The market is located at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. For more info, call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/20

Williamstown continues its "Summer Sundays" this Sunday, July 20. Head to Spring St. from 5-8pm every Sunday in July for the sights & sounds of summer. Tons of fun including live music, art and craft activities for all ages, pony rides, local Dinner Specials, Yoga @ 7PM and to wrap things up: Family Flicks Under the Stars, on Morgan Lawn at the top of Spring St., sponsored by Images Cinema. This week it's the classic film, "Mary Poppins"! (In case of rain, the movie will be shown at Images). For more info go to www.williamstownchamber.com If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/28

The Adams Community Bank "Walk to End Alzheimer's" team is hosting a chicken dinner on Tuesday July 29 from 4-7 PM at Mingo's Sports Bar and Grill on Roberts Drive, North Adams. Tickets are \$10 each for a dinner of stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, salad and a roll. Tickets are available at any Adams Community Bank office. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/19

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present "Fungi—the Hidden Kingdom" on Saturday, July 19th at 2pm. Fungi are all around us including in each breath we take. This illustrated lecture will attempt to explore the ways these fascinating life forms appear all around us and how they affect our planet and interact with our lives. 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 8/14

The Williams College Summer Theatre Lab is marking its 10th season in residence at the CenterStage of the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance. Running now through Open Lab Weekend August 14-16, this summer's season of theatrical work created, produced and performed by Williams students and visiting artists will also include a 10th anniversary cabaret celebration. Performances are free and open to

the public. For more information, look for "wcssl" on Facebook or check online at www.wcssl.wordpress.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/18

This Friday's meeting of the Northern Berkshire Interfaith Action Initiative will feature State Rep. Gail Caridi talking about funding for food programs and other issues of interest. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and be held in the Eagle Street Room of the First Baptist Church of North Adams. All are welcome. There will be no NBIAI public meeting in August. For more information, call Mark at 664-0130, visit www.northernberkshiresinterfaith.blogspot.com or check out their Facebook page. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/20

There will be an All U Can Eat Breakfast sponsored by Naomi Chapter No. 17, Eastern Star, this Sunday July 20 from 8-11:30 at the Masonic Building, 172 Church St., North Adams. \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids under 10. On the menu: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Sausage, French Toast and Pancakes, with their Special Pancake of the Month: Hawaiian! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/19

Stamford Community Church at 1059 Main Road will hold a Praise and Worship Music Celebration this Sat. 11-5, rain or shine in the pavilion. Along with uplifting music from several performers, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages available, as well as a bake sale to benefit the Church Youth Group's missionary trip to NYC. It's a day meant for the whole family, and if you have any questions please call 802-694-1454. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/19

On Saturday, July 19 from 10am-3pm, discover what's happening in the front and back yards of your neighbors, during Hoosac Harvest's second annual North Berkshire Homestead Tour. Tickets are \$15 per carload and support subsidized shares for community members at two local Community Supported Agriculture farms. Tickets and more info

are available by email from hoosacharvest@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/19

Local Historian Paul W. Marino will lead a historical walk through North Adams' Veazie Street neighborhood, this Saturday, July 19. The Veazie Street Walk starts at 2:30pm at the corner of Veazie and River Streets. Interested persons are advised to wear sunblock, a good pair of walking shoes and a hat with a wide brim. You should carry a canteen or bottle of water, bring the children, and "be prepared to have your ears talked off". Rain or high wind cancels, but not a whole lot else. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/24

The annual Pedal and Piod Road Race is scheduled for Sunday July 27th. Registration will be at the Adams Town Common at 6:30 AM, the race begins at 8:30. For info go to www.tunwmac.com or contact the Adams Office of Tourism, at the Visitors Center, 3 Hoosac St., Adams from 9-6 daily. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/19 (Yes, it's a "coop", not "co-op")

The new "Seeds of Harmony Saturday Evening Concert Series" is being held at the Coop on Bradley Farm, 545 North Main Street, Lanesboro. The series features nationally recognized award winning artists and farm fresh organic and local food and refreshments. The Coop opens at 4pm. Concerts begin at 6:30. In case of rain, concerts will be held next door at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Appearing this Sat. July 19: Jaime Kent. Tickets are \$20, with profits going to Berkshire Children and Families' Home Foster Care Program. Tickets are available in advance at Bradley Farm or by calling 413-499-2723. Seating is first-come, first served; please bring your own chairs and enjoy! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/23

The next meeting of Northern Berkshire TRIAD will be held at Noon Wednesday, July 23, at the American Legion on American Legion Drive, North Adams. North Adams TRIAD has expanded its outreach as it joins with the Adams Council on Aging. All seniors from the area are welcome to join and participate, and become informed about issues of

common concern. This month's guest speaker will be Michael Messer from the New England Organ Bank. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/28

The City of North Adams is continuing the annual flushing of hydrants through the end of the month. The flushing program will be Monday through Thursday evenings from 9 to 1 a.m. All areas in the City may be affected. The flushing may cause some discoloration of your water which can be cleared by running the faucets before using. If you have questions you may call 662-3000 EXT 3047. The City thanks you for your patience. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/3

First Baptist Church, Main St. North Adams will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 4-8 from 5-8:30 PM. The program will include dinner, crafts, music, games, bible study, worship and much more. This is a free event, however a free-will offering will be taken. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/26

The 21st annual Pownal Valley Community Fair will be held on Sat. July 26 from 10AM-10PM, on Rt. 346 behind the Post Office in Pownal. Admission is free! There will be kids games and rides, an exhibit hall, regular and kiddie tractor pulls, crafters, vendors, a food court, horseshoes, bingo & lots more. 3 bands will play starting at 3:00 and the day wraps up with free fireworks at 9:30. For more info call 802-823-5258. If it's happening in the Berkshires or nearby southern VT you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/23

Coming up Weds. July 23 at 6:30, the Summer series of Free Concerts at Windsor Lake in North Adams continues with the popular local band, Phil 'n the Void. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/27

The Town of Adams hosts free outdoor concerts every Sunday from 4-6 at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. This week, it's the music of Bits and Pieces. For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/27

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PSA KILL 7/27

The 24th annual Lafesta Baseball Exchange will be played this weekend, with a youth baseball team from Adams/North Adams hosting a team from Boston's North End. The locals will head to Boston for a weekend next month. Games will be played this Saturday at 6 PM at Renfrew Field in Adams, and Sunday at 11 AM at Joe Wolfe Field in North Adams. There's no admission charge. Everyone's welcome to come out and show support for local youth baseball. For info, call George at 664-6542. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/26

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present the illustrated lecture, "The Great War... 100th Anniversary" on Saturday, July 26th at 2pm. You'll view World War I through the literature, art and participants of the times and try to understand how it affected the future. 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 7/26 (Yes, it's a "coop", not "co-op")

The new "Seeds of Harmony Saturday Evening Concert Series" is being held at the Coop on Bradley Farm, 545 North Main Street, Laneboro. The series features nationally recognized award winning artists and farm fresh organic and local food and refreshments. The Coop opens at 4pm; Concerts begin at 6:30. In case of rain, concerts will be held next door at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Appearing this Sat. July 26: Patty Laikin. Tickets are \$20, with profits going to Berkshire Children and Families' Home Foster Care Program. Tickets are available in advance at Bradley Farm or by calling 413-499-2723. Seating is first-come, first served; please bring your own chairs and enjoy! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/1

There's still time to sign up for the 16th Annual UCP of Berkshire County Golf Classic. This year's event will be at Berkshire Hills Country Club in Pittsfield on Monday Aug. 4th. Registration starts at 10:30, followed by lunch, then a shotgun start at 12:30. A buffet dinner with awards and prizes will be served at 5:30. Individuals, teams and sponsors are welcome. For info, call Christine or Joni at 413-442-1562, go to www.ucpberkshire.org or email jthomas@ucpberkshire.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/9

The Parent-Child Home Program of Child Care of the Berkshires has openings for families with children ages 18 months to 3 years to begin the program this fall in Berkshire County. This is a national early childhood literacy, parenting and school readiness program that has been proven to be effective in helping children get ready for school and even increasing high school graduation rates. For more information please call the Parent-Child Home Program at 664-4821. There are a limited number of slots so call today. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/26

There will be a Free Clothing Give-Away at the First Congregational Church, 42 Park St., Adams this Saturday July 26 from 9-Noon. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/26

The AYJ Fund/Dana-Farber Mink-Golf Tournament is this Sat. July 26th starting at Noon, at The Range in North Adams. Held in honor of Anna Arabla, proceeds go to benefit children's brain cancer research at Dana-Farber. Registration is \$10 in advance, \$12 on Saturday. The event will also feature Fatboy's Hot Dog cart, face painting, a Chinese auction and more. For more info & to sign up, please contact Kathy Arabla at 413-652-1602, visit www.AYJfund.org or find the AYJ Fund on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/27

It's Polka Picnic time this Sunday at the Mill St. Polanka Grounds in Adams. Gates open at Noon, the picnic runs from 1-5 with lots of Polish food, and music by the Rynanowski Brothers. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/26

Susan B. Anthony Days in the Town of Adams begin this Sunday July 26th with a historical re-enactment of "James White: Temperance Reformer and Activist." The program starts at 3 PM at the Adams Visitors Center at 3 Hoosac St. This FREE event is sponsored by the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/27

Clarksburg Peter A. Cook VFW Post 9144 will host a breakfast this Sunday from 7-11 AM. Pancakes and French toast with sausage, coffee or juice for a \$6 donation per person. All proceeds will go to youth and community groups. The Post is at 144 River Rd., Clarksburg. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/27

The North Adams Steeplecats will host the team from Chinese Taipei this Sunday at Joe Wolfe Field on State St. This special exhibition game is a rare chance to see one of the best international baseball teams vs. the NECBL's Steeplecats, featuring some of the finest US collegiate players. Game time is 6:30 this Sunday at Joe Wolfe Field. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/28

As part of Susan B. Anthony week, the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum will present a Children's Story Hour on the "Early Life of Susan B. Anthony". It'll be at 1PM Monday July 28 at the Adams Free Library. For more info, head to www.celebrateadams.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/29

On Tuesday July 29 at 1:00 the Adams Free Library will present a program of "Science Magic" from the Museum of Science. This entertaining program is recommended for ages 5 and up. For more info go online to www.celebrateadams.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/30

Coming up Weds. July 30, the Summer series of Free Concerts at Windsor Lake in North Adams continues with the annual visit by Bang on a Can, during their residency at MassMoCA. Special start time for this free concert is 7:00. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/25

"Music at the Mansion", a series of Friday evening free concerts on the lawn of the North Adams Public Library, continues TONIGHT with the sounds of Crosby Gibson and Tom Staudle from 6-7 PM. Just bring a lawn chair or blanket, a few friends and enjoy the show, sponsored by the Friends of the North Adams Public Library. The Library is at 74 Church St., downtown North Adams and online at www.napllibrary.com. Call 662-3133 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/2

The BOUTIQUE will be open this Sat., Aug. 2 from 9:00-Noon at Stamford Community Church. You'll find gently used clothing and books, with proceeds going to benefit the missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/31

MCLA's Berkshire Cultural Resource Center will host the next DownStreet Art Thursday on July 31 from 3 to 9 p.m. with the opening of nine new exhibitions, open studios by local artists, pop-up happenings and community events throughout Downtown North Adams. Come at 6:15 to celebrate the creation of a new mural on the Rt. 2 overpass, ride the trolley to various downtown stops, enjoy music by Alex Torres and his Latin Sextet, and much more. Full info available at www.downstreetart.org and www.mcla.edu/bccc. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 7/31

It's "Susan B. Anthony Days" in Adams this week, and one of the highlights is the annual Cruz Night, on Center St. this Thursday from 6-9 PM. There will also be a concert by "Just 'n Case" on the Town Common starting at 7:00. For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/2

As part of its "Civil War-150 Years" series, the Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present the illustrated lecture, "The Battle of Mobile Bay", on Saturday August 2nd at 2pm. 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 8/2 (Yes, it's a "coop", not "co-op")

The new "Seeds of Harmony Saturday Evening Concert Series" is being held at the Coop on Bradley Farm, 545 North Main Street, Lanesboro. The series features nationally recognized award winning artists and farm fresh organic and local food and refreshments. The Coop opens at 4pm; Concerts begin at 6:30. In case of rain, concerts will be held next door at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Appearing this Sat. Aug. 2: Caravan of Thieves. Tickets are \$20, with profits going to Berkshire Children and Families' Home Foster Care

Program. Tickets are available in advance at Bradley Farm or by calling 413-499-2723. Seating is first-come, first-served; please bring your own chairs and enjoy! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/7

On Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 pm the North Adams Public Library will wrap-up its Summer reading program with "Boon, Fizz, Read", presented by the Greg and Axel Show. Participants must help secret agents Greg, and his trusty dog, Axel (yes, a REAL dog) stop Boon and Fizz, two of the most notorious bookworms in all of New England. The magic, comedy, audience participation, and Axel's extremely funny hijinks are suitable for ages 5 and up. Open to the general public. Raffle drawing for program participants will immediately follow the show. For more info, or to register, please call the NAPL Youth Services Department at 662-3133 ext. 14. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/8

The Family Place is hosting a back-to-school event for kids entering Pre-K through 6th grade at northern Berkshire schools. Students and their parents can get a free backpack filled with school supplies and meet their school principal. The event for Florida & Savoy families will be at Gabriel Abbott Elementary School, 56 North County Road, Florida on Tuesday, August 12 from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The event for families living in Williamstown, North Adams, Clarksburg, Adams, & Cheshire will be at The Family Place, 61 Main Street, North Adams on Thursday, August 14 from 1-3:00pm. Pre-registration by Aug 8 is required. Please contact Amber at 663-7588 or email: abejaw@nhccoalition.org If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/8

"Music at the Mansion", a series of Friday evening free concerts on the lawn of the North Adams Public Library, continues on Friday Aug 8 with the sounds of Colour 9 with Paul Dillego, from 6-7 PM. Just bring a lawn chair or blanket, a few friends and enjoy the show, sponsored by the Friends of the North Adams Public Library. The Library is at 74 Church St., downtown North Adams and online at www.napllibrary.com Call 662-3133 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/3

The Town of Adams hosts free outdoor concerts every Sunday from 4-6 at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. This week, it's a special

Open Mic Nite! For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/1

Friday night is Movie Night in Adams! Starting this Friday through Aug 22 the family can enjoy a free movie at dusk on the Adams Town Hall lawn. This week's feature is "The Lego Movie". Be sure to come at a special early start time of 6 PM this Friday for Opening Night Family Fun! For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/10

Now through Sunday Aug. 10, a historic 24x18 foot Civil War Battle Flag is on display in Memorial Hall at the Adams Free Library during regular Library Hours as well as Sat. & Sun. 1-4. Also, this Thursday July 31 at 7 PM there will be a mass reading of the Gettysburg Address in the library's Memorial Hall, sponsored by the Adams Historical Society. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/3

The 40th Adams Agricultural Fair is this Friday-Sunday at Bowe Field, just off Rt. 8, Adams. All of your favorite fair events and more! Farm and livestock exhibits and displays, Prince and Princess contest, rides, games, plenty of music, entertainment and food all weekend, and of course the Demo Derby at 2 PM Sunday. And don't forget the Battle of the Bands this Thurs. at 6 PM. Adult admission is \$5 on Friday and Saturday, \$6 on Sunday, children under 10 are \$1; a three-day adult pass is \$10. Parking is free. For more information go to www.adams-agricultural-fair.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/7

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday August 7th at the Greylock Community Club, on State Rd., North Adams. Tickets for the August 13th picnic will be on sale. 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 8/8

The 19th annual Clam Feed at American Legion Pownal Post 90 will be on Saturday Aug. 9 from Noon-6. Clams, chowder, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, hot sausage and beverages, with tickets at \$30 per person. Tickets available at Winchester's Store, Rt. 7, Pownal. This is a 21-and over event. For more info call 802-823-5016 or 802-823-5060. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/22

The 2nd annual North Adams Masonic Fishing Derby takes place Sat. Aug 23 from 8-3 at Windsor Lake ("Fish Pond"), in North Adams. It's open to all ages for \$8 per person. There will be prizes in 3 categories: 7 yrs. and under, Age 8-13, and 14 yrs. and up. For info please call 413-652-9795. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/3

The Williams College Summer Theatre Lab continues its 10th anniversary season with SCENES FROM THE HILL TOWN PLAYS by Lucy Thurber, which chronicles the progression of a woman's life in rural Western Massachusetts. This performance is scheduled for Sunday, August 3 at 7 PM, in the Center/Stage of the 62 Center for Theatre and Dance, 1000 Main Street, Williamstown. Admission is FREE and open to the public. For ticket reservations call (413) 597-4839. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/2

This Saturday from Noon-1, the public is invited to Celebrate of the Life of Mayor Albert Charles Houghton, 100 years from the time of his passing. Masons will honor their brother with a brief ritual funeral service and a presentation of A. C. Houghton's history, family, and accomplishments for the city of North Adams. It'll be held at the Lafayette-Greylock Mason's Lodge, (Mr. Houghton's former home), 172 Church Street, North Adams. Free / Light refreshments served. Call 413-652-2420 or email doug@blcna.net for more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/6

The Family Resource Center of Northern Berkshire County wants to encourage children and families to enjoy reading this summer, so they have teamed up with Greylock Federal Credit Union to bring free books to the kids via a Book Mobile. Look for the FRC Book Mobile car on Weds. August 6th at Noon in the parking lot of the Clarksburg Elementary School and at 1 PM at the Greylock Apartment Complex in North Adams outside the community center. If it's happening in the Berkshires YOU'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

AUGUST 2014 WNAW COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

PSA KILL 8/5

This Tuesday (Aug 5) is National Night Out, an evening to celebrate with your neighbors in building a safer, stronger community. Local celebrations are planned at Renfrew Park in Adams from 5:30-7:30, and at 5 neighborhood locations in North Adams during the evening. Everyone from within and outside these neighborhoods is welcome to join in to show support, meet your neighbors and talk to police, fire and EMS personnel. Please contact Annie Rodgers at Northern Berkshire Community Coalition for more info: 663-7588 or go to www.nbbccoalition.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/6

Coming up this Weds. at 6:30, the Summer series of Free Concerts at Windstar Lake in North Adams continues with Sandy and Sandy, and Moonshine Holler. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/9

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in North Adams was scheduled to host a special Healing Mass celebrated by Father D'Ono this Sunday Aug. 10 at 1 PM. Father D'Ono has regrettably had to cancel his visit but there will still be a Healing Mass Sunday at 1:00, celebrated by Father Peter Gregory from Pittsfield. Father has also celebrated Healing Masses at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge. Anyone with tickets for Sunday's Mass who does not intend to use them is asked to please return them to the St. Elizabeth Parish Office so that those on the waiting list may be contacted. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/10

The Town of Adams hosts free outdoor concerts every Sunday from 4-6 at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. This week, it's the band "Blackwater". For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/1

Friday night is Movie Night in Adams! Each Friday through Aug 22 the family can enjoy a free movie on the Adams Town Hall lawn. This week's feature is "Despicable Me 2". Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the show, starting at dusk. For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/9

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture "The War that Never Was ... The Atomic Age" on Saturday, August 9th at 2pm. During the first 10 days of August 1945 with the dropping of atomic bombs the Atomic Age was born and with it an enduring fear of humankind's uncontrolled power. This illustrated lecture takes us back to the time when WWII was never more than a push of a button away. 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 8/9

The Florida Fire Department is sponsoring a PIG ROAST on Sat, August 9 from 3 to 7 PM at the Greylock Club on State Road in North Adams. Menu will consist of pork, macaroni salad, cornbread, corn on the cob, baked beans, cake and hot dogs and hamburgers as alternative to pork. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available from any Florida fire fighter or by calling 664-9014. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/10

The 9th Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow is this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9th-10th at Bowe Field (the Adams Agricultural Fairgrounds), just off Rt. 8 in Adams. It's a weekend of American Indian music, dance, education, entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, and cultural festivities fun for the whole family! Tickets are available at the gate for only \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors 65+ and youth 11-17. Children 10 and under are free. This year there are also tickets available in advance. Please go to www.HealingWinds.net or call 413-443-2481 for a list of ticket outlets and more info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/10

Mill City Productions is holding auditions dates for its upcoming production of "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley. Auditions will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7th at 7pm and Sunday, Aug. 10th at Noon at the Mill City Theatre in Building 4N (next to the Visitor's Center) of the Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams. Adults of all ages and all experience levels are welcome. For more info, please visit www.millcityproductions.org or email contactmillcity@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/10

This Saturday from 11 AM-Noon you're invited to "Walk Along the Hoosic River". Meet at MASS MoCA near the entrance to the Museum's parking lot on Marshall Street. You'll learn about the history of North Adams, the role of the Hoosic River in shaping the city, and future plans for the riverfront's restoration as an asset for the City in this family-friendly river walk. The Walk is free; for more info call (413) 212-2996. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/13

The 18th annual North Adams Downtown Celebration will be on Wednesday Aug. 13 from 5:30-9 PM. Main, Eagle, Holden and the northern portion of Ashland Street will be closed to all but pedestrian traffic. Groups, businesses and organizations distribute information, hold contests and giveaways, while bands play everything from Dixieland to Rock and Roll. Delicious aromas fill the air as our local restaurants and vendors provide all kinds of wonderful food. A great night for the whole family to enjoy! For more info contact the North

Adams Office of Tourism at 664-6180. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/13

A Northern Berkshire County meeting of "The Train Campaign" will be held Wednesday, August 13, 6-8 PM at Water Street Grille in Williamstown. "The Train Campaign" is a group dedicated to bringing regular passenger rail service into the Berkshires from the New York City area. Everyone is invited to learn how you can get involved. For more info go to www.Traincampaign.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/24

The City of North Adams will host its 4th Annual Motorama on Sunday, August 24th from 9 AM - 3 PM. Main, Holden and Eagle Streets will be closed to all but pedestrian traffic as downtown North Adams fills with cars, trucks, motorcycles, snowmobiles, tractors and more. You can also enjoy music from the band Loose Change, 50/50 raffles, food, and shopping. New this year is a car corral and live auction at approximately 10:30 in the Steeple City Plaza parking lot. Motorama is free to attend, but if you want to show off your vehicle it's just \$10, with registration beginning at 7:30 AM on the 24th. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities. Rain date is August 30. Info: North Adams Office of Tourism at 664-6180 or on Facebook: look for "natourism". If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/13

There will be no free concert at Windsor Lake on Weds. Aug 13th so that everyone may enjoy North Adams' annual Downtown Celebration that evening. The next concert at Windsor Lake will be Weds. Aug 20 with Tom Corrigan, starting at 6:30 PM. For more details call 664-6180, email tourism@northadams-ma.gov or look for "natourism" on Facebook. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/17

The Town of Adams hosts free outdoor concerts every Sunday from 4-6 at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. This week, enjoy the sound of "Champaigne Jam". For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun

calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/15

Friday night is Movie Night in Adams! Each Friday through Aug 22 the family can enjoy a free movie on the Adams Town Hall lawn. This week's feature is "The Smurfs". Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the show, starting at dusk. For a full listing of the Town's summer activities go to www.celebrateadams.com, look for the Summer Fun calendars at many locations, or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/20

The Friends of Adams Free Library, 92 Park Street, Adams will hold the annual sale of nearly new, used and donated adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines and other items from August 18-20, in the lower Miller Annex. Sale hours are Monday, August 18 from 9-5; Tuesday, the 23rd from Noon- 7 and Wednesday the 24th from 10-5. Also on sale will be freshly baked items and raffle tickets for gift baskets. All proceeds benefit the programs and services of the Adams Free Library. The building is fully accessible through the Melrose Street ramp and elevator. Come early for the best selection. For info call: 743-8345. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/17

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

PSA KILL 8/18

The Friends of the North Adams Library will meet Monday August 18th 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 8/20

The City of North Adams reminds you that Wednesday Aug. 20, will be the last day to register to vote or make changes to the voter's lists to be used at the State primary election on Tuesday, September 9. 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 8PM on Aug. 20. To be eligible to vote in North Adams a person must be 18 years of age or older on or before Election Day (Sept. 9, 2014), a U-S 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 8/19

The Family Resource Center of Northern Berkshire County wants to encourage children and families to enjoy reading this summer, so they have teamed up with Greylock Federal Credit Union to bring free books to the kids via a Book Mobile. Look for the FRC Book Mobile car on August 19th at 1:30 in the parking lot of the Monroe Town Hall and at 2:30 in the parking lot of Gabriel Abbott Memorial School in Florida. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/26

The Family Resource Center of Northern Berkshire County wants to encourage children and families to enjoy reading this summer, so they have teamed up with Greylock Federal Credit Union to bring free books to the kids via a Book Mobile. Look for the FRC Book Mobile car on: Aug. 25th at 12:30 in the parking lot of Hancock Elementary School and at 1:30 in the parking lot of the New Ashford Town Hall.

Aug. 26th at 1:00 in the parking lot of Chestnut Elementary School, at 2:00 in the parking lot of CT Plunkett Elementary School in Adams and at 3:00 in the parking lot of the Emma L. Miller School in Savoy. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/16

Local Historian Paul W. Marino will lead a walking tour of North Adams' Main Street on Saturday, August 16, lying on the track of the original

Mohawk/Mahican Trail, Main Street predates North Adams by many, many years. The Main Street Walk starts at 2:30pm at the west end of the street, past Subway. Walkers are advised to wear sunblock, a good pair of walking shoes and a hat with a wide brim. You should carry a canteen or bottle of water, bring the children, and "be prepared to have your ears talked off". Rain or high wind cancels, but not a whole lot else. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/31

Alumni of the first 12 graduating classes of Mohawk Trail Regional H-S (1968-79) will gather for a class reunion on Sunday Aug. 31 at the Charlemont Fairgrounds just off Rt. 8A. Gates open at Noon, events begin at 1:00 and last into the evening, with food and beverage vendors, class displays and dancing to live 70's rock favorites. There will also be a reunion open house at the school on Saturday the 30th from 3-5. Reunion tickets will be available at the gate or at www.mohawkreunion1968-1979.com. For info call 413-369-9983 or email tammy@shelburnefallsbowling.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/17

Sunday, August 17th at 10 AM, "Love, Betrayal, Death and Duels", the events that led writer Nathaniel Hawthorne to become one of the greats were anything but boring. Educator and researcher Linda Neville will take visitors on an exciting journey into the events that brought Hawthorne to North Adams and discuss how places like Natural Bridge inspired his work. This free program, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is open to all ages. A \$2 parking fee does apply. Natural Bridge State Park is located on McCauley Road, off Rte. 8 in North Adams. If you have additional questions please contact Ashley at 663-6392. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/19

There will be a teen skating party on Tuesday, August 19, 2-5pm at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams. Open to all youth ages 13-19. \$4 for skate rental. The event includes skating, ice bowling, games, prizes, and snacks. Rides are available by contacting education@barringtonstageco.org. This event is sponsored by Barrington Stage Company's Playwright Mentoring

Project with support from the UNITY Program of Northern Berkshire Community Coalition. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/20

Coming up Weds, Aug 20 at 6:30, the Summer series of Free Concerts at Windsor Lake in North Adams continues with the music of Tom Corigan. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email tours@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/20

With schools getting ready to open soon, the Family Resource Center's "I Rode The Bus" event is coming up on Friday, August 22nd 10-11 AM at Haskin's Playground, 210 State Street, North Adams! Your Child and you can take a 10-15 minute bus ride, participate in circle time, listen to a short story about school, create an art project and learn about School Bus Safety. Space is limited. Please call 664-4821 to register. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/25

Northern Berkshire Youth Hockey League invites boys and girls ages 4 and up to sign-up for the 2014-15 hockey season. Registrations will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24 during Motorama on Main Street in North Adams and on Monday, Aug. 25 from 6-8 PM at the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Skating Rink, on South Church Street in North Adams. Registrations are for all levels including Learn to Skate/Learn to Play. Fees vary depending on the level of play and the programs selected. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/20

Have Hope Initiative is a new group seeking to help support those suffering addiction and their families. They are having their first support group meeting August 20th in the Eagle Street Room at the

First Baptist Church, North Adams, at 6:30 pm. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/23

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Fitchburg Railroad and Boston & Maine Freight House (the site of the Museum) on Saturday, August 23rd at 2pm. There will be a walking tour of the Historic Railroad Depot Yard at the Park, followed by a lecture on Railroad Music with old recordings from the past. 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 8/24

The Town of Adams will host its final free Sunday outdoor concert for the season this weekend at the Adams Visitor Center on Hoosac St. And they'll wrap up the season in style with music by Phil 'n the Void and food and drinks available from Adams Ale House. The fun will continue for an hour longer too, from 4-7 PM Sunday. For info on future happenings in the Town go to www.celebrateadams.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/22

This Friday will be the final showing of summertime "Movies Under the Stars" in Adams. Bring the family and join your friends for a free showing of "Frozen". The movie starts at dusk on the Adams Town Hall Lawn. For info on future happenings in the Town go to www.celebrateadams.com or call the Adams Office of Tourism at 743-8358. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/20

The Friends of the North Adams Public Library thank you for your donations to their upcoming Book Sale. They have all the books they need, but right now they could use some volunteers for the sale which will also include a bake sale and silent Auction. Proceeds go to benefit special programming and projects at the Library. The Book sale will run from 9-4 on Sept. 26-27th at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center.

Volunteer sheets are now available at the Library. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/22

There's 1 more program of "Music at the Mansion", a series of Friday evening free concerts on the lawn of the North Adams Public Library. This Friday, Bernice Lewis will perform from 6-7 PM. Just bring a lawn chair or blanket, a few friends and enjoy the show, sponsored by the Friends of the North Adams Public Library. The Library is at 74 Church St., downtown North Adams and online at www.nadlibrary.com. Call 662-3133 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/25

The Northern Berkshire Relay For Life 2014 wrap-up meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25 at 6:30pm at The FreightYard Pub in North Adams. Everyone is welcome to attend. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/22

Registration is being accepted for CPR and First Aid classes on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Northern Berkshire YMCA. The classes will be taught by Certified American Heart Association instructor Sharon Leary. Students can take both classes together or just one of the components. To inquire about a class, call Leary directly at (413) 441-9093. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/30

Need a ride from North County to Berkshire Medical Center for medical services? North County MedicalRides can help. A coordinated shuttle service is available for those with no other transportation and for those with scheduled, non-emergency appointments at BMC. Call BerkshireRides at 664-0300 to see if you are eligible. To book a ride, call at least two days in advance of your appointment. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/23

The C.T. Plunkett Elementary School parent-teacher group needs volunteers to help put together a new "Mega Park" playground at the

site of the former Wacky World in Adams. There will be a side-by-side playground build going on through Saturday, and adults who can help build are welcome to donate a few hours or more toward the effort. Please call the school's main office at 743-0876, or email Julie Little at littlej@acrsd.net with your name and phone number. Members of the playground committee will then call you back with details on how you can help. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/26

A reminder for members of Northern Berkshire Triad: the group will be holding a picnic on Thursday Aug. 27 at Noon at the Greylock Community Club in North Adams. The picnic is for members only. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/27

Coming up Weds. Aug 27 at 6:30, the Summer series of Free Concerts at Windsor Lake in North Adams continues with the music of The Eagles Band from Pittsfield. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email toutsism@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/29

Natural Bridge State Park in North Adams will host a Native American display of crafts and tools as well as activities Aug. 27-30. On Aug. 28th at 10:30 there will be Native inspired games and on the 29th at 10:30, a nature craft: Dream Catchers. All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. A \$2 parking fee applies for day-use. The park is located at McCauley Rd. in North Adams. For more info call 663-6392. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/20

Beginning Sept. 23rd, The Family Place and Family Resource Center will host Parenting Journey, a FREE 12 Week Parenting Group that provides a friendly, supportive place where parents can discuss the joys and challenges of parenting. The group will meet from 5:30 to

7:30 PM on Tuesdays at the Haskins Center in North Adams. FREE dinner, transportation and childcare will be provided. Space is limited, pre-register at 664-4821. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/30

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present Tail Tales of Legendary America on Saturday, August 30th @ 2pm. America's past is chock full of legendary heroes and the tall tales that embellished their feats. This program will highlight people like Davy Crockett, Johnny Appleseed and others. 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 8/30

The Drury High School Band will hold a Car Wash Fundraiser this Saturday from 8:30-2 at Carr Hardware on State Road, North Adams. The cost will be \$5 per car. The Drury Band Front will also be holding a bake sale on site while you wait for your vehicle to be washed. So you can multi-task the fun way: have a delicious treat while watching your car being washed! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/31

With classes starting again next week, MCLA has announced that a portion of Church Street between Bradley and Blackinton streets will be closed to through traffic from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Sunday, Aug. 31, to allow for safety as a large volume of students move into area residence halls. Residents living within this closed off area will be allowed unrestricted access. All other traffic will be re-routed to Davenport Street and Blackinton Street during this time. MCLA thanks affected residents in advance for their cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please call 662-5284. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/28

MCLA's Berkshire Cultural Resource Center will present the third DownStreet Art Thursday of the season throughout downtown North Adams, this Thursday from 3-9 p.m. This event will include new gallery

exhibition openings, musical performances, community events and the unveiling of two new site-specific installations, at 109 Main St. and in the concourse at 85 Main St. There also will be musical performances, the Crosswalkabout Project will be out painting crosswalks on Main St. and inviting you to join in, and the free art trolley will be making the rounds from 6-8. For more info, go to www.downstreetart.org. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/4

Northern Berkshire Retirees Club will meet at 10 AM Thursday September 4th at the Greylock Community Club in North Adams. The guest speaker will be Justin Day from the Sweet Brook Facility who will speak about cell phone calls to 9-1-1 and about Sweet Brook's care and other issues for the elderly. 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 9/6

Residents and those who work in Berkshire County are invited to visit Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox free of charge on Saturday, September 6. The sanctuary grounds are open dawn to dusk, and the office and gift shop will be open from 10 to 4. The sanctuary offers a well-maintained and clearly marked seven-mile trail system that takes visitors around beaver ponds, through hardwood forest, and to the summit of Lenox Mountain. Registration is not required. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/14

The Adams Farmers and Artisans Market will be open Sundays from 11-2 through Sept. 14. The market features fresh food from local growers, locally produced items and live entertainment, and sets up at the Adams Visitors Center on Hoosac Street. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/25

Even as the seasons change, the North Adams Farmers Market continues every Saturday with an ever-changing selection of locally grown produce and other items. It's open from 9-1 every Saturday through October in the Municipal Parking lot on Marshall St. Look for weekly updates on the North Adams Farmers Market Facebook page. If

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

PSA KILL 10/11

The Williamstown Farmers Market offer a great variety of fresh, locally grown produce, dairy, meats, foods, baked goods and local artisan jewelry and crafts every Saturday into October. It's open from 9-1 on Spring St. Look for weekly updates on Facebook for the Williamstown Farmers Market. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/10

The 38th Annual Josh Billings Run/Aground Triathlon is calling on volunteers to help support the historic race which is coming up on Sept. 14th. "The Josh" is the second oldest triathlon of its kind in the country and benefits Berkshire United Way. It covers five Berkshire County towns and consists of a 27-mile bike ride, a 5-mile canoe, kayak or paddleboard sprint, and a 6.2 mile run. Teams and singles of all capabilities are encouraged to participate or volunteer. For more information visit www.joshibillings.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 8/31

2014 Spring Street Food Fair will be this Sunday, August 31st from 4 - 7:30PM. It's sponsored by Williams College as a way to welcome the Class of 2018. Ten Spring Street restaurants and food vendors are participating, setting up savory food samplings at minimal cost. Williams College Dining Services will have a food tent with farm to table food vendors represented. Several retailers will be open with specials for the start of the school year! Misty Blues Band, featuring singer & Williamstown resident Gina Colman, provide great music. The Food Fair is open to everyone; Spring Street will be closed to traffic from 4 - 7:30pm Sunday. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

SEPTEMBER 2014 WNAW COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

PSA KILL 9/7

You're invited to the First Annual Berk-Fest, Saturday Sept. 6 at Bowe Field in Adams from 3-8 PM. Come and listen to NINE up and coming bands from our area. Food and beverages will be for sale. Berk-Fest is sponsored in part by Eagle St. Music on Main, Of Sound Mind Professional DJ Services and the Adams Agricultural Fair Committee. Proceeds will go to the Louison House in Adams, Moments House of Pittsfield, the Shimmers Hospital of Springfield and The Aggie Fair. Tickets in advance are \$7 and may be purchased at Eagle St. Music on Main, and \$10 at the gate. Rain date is Sunday Sept. 7 at 3PM. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/3

There's one more free Concert at Windsor Lake to enjoy this season: Local favorites Colour 9 will play this Weds. (9/3) starting at 6:30. Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside the lake! Concessions are also available. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are permitted. Call 664-6180 or email tourism@northadams-ma.gov for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/6

The first "Fall" BOUTIQUE will be open this Sept. 6, 9-Neon at Stamford Community Church. It'll feature fall clothing and children's Halloween costumes. Proceeds go to benefit the missions. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/11

The Walk to End Alzheimer's Team from Adams Community Bank will hold a "Dining to Donate" event on Thursday Sept. 11 at Arizona Pizza in Lanesboro. Anytime that day, just tell your server that you're "Dining to Donate" with the Adams Community Bank and 15 percent of your check will be donated to the team. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/6

The Drury High School Band will be holding a bottle drive in the North Adams & Clarksburg neighborhoods on Saturday, September 6th from 9am - 2pm. No need to sort your bottles, but a quick cleaning is always appreciated. You may also drop off your bottles that day at the Northern Berkshire Container Redemption Center at 1000 Mass Ave. Just look for the Drury Band volunteer area. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/5

The Williams College Department of Music presents the Williams Chamber Players in their first concert of the season, Friday, Sept. 5, at 8 PM in Brooks-Rogers Rectal Hall on the Williams College campus. This free event is open to the public. The Williams Chamber Players offers selections of chamber music old and new, vocal and instrumental. For more information go online to music.williams.edu, or call the concert hotline: 413-597-3146. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/13

The Greylock "A Better Chance" program will hold its giant household linen sale at the First Congregational Church at 906 Main St., Williamstown on Saturday, September 13 from 10 AM- 1 PM. Items will include sheets, towels, comforters, blankets, bedspreads and much more. Also this year, a large collection of antique and handmade linens and quilts. All items are clean and in excellent condition. Credit cards and debit cards will be accepted. The ABC Clothing Sale will follow on Saturday, September 27. For information call 456-5557. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/10

MCLA is holding a 9/11 Community Service Necessities Drive in support of local and homeless veterans. As part of the campus's annual service programs, members of the community are asked to contribute things like shampoo, soap, toothpaste and other related products. Donations to benefit local veterans may be dropped off at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, 61 Main St., Suite 218, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at MCLA. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/12

The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's September Needs Assessment Forum will focus on addressing emerging issues in our community and setting the Coalition's agenda for the year ahead. The Forum will be on Friday, September 12th, 10 to Noon, at the First Baptist Church in North Adams. Please use the Eagle Street entrance. Everyone in Northern Berkshire is invited. Childcare can be available if you contact the Coalition office before September 9th. For more info, contact Al Bashekin at 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/28

The Adams Council on Aging is offering several free Computer Classes. A labiet class will run from Sept. 11-25th on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11 AM. A Basic Computer class will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 starting October 1 for 8 weeks. And "The Next Step" Computer Class will be held on Fridays from 9:30-11 starting October 3rd for 8 weeks. Pre-registration is mandatory and space is limited so please call the Adams Council on Aging at 743-8333. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

The 59th Fall Foliage Festival Parade is coming up on Sunday Oct. 5th in North Adams and you can join the fun! The Parade Committee is looking for volunteer banner carriers for the march. The Parade begins promptly at 1 PM just north of the Ocean State Job Lot parking lot on Rt. 8 and heads up Rt. 8 towards downtown North Adams. The parade will march down Main Street and then turn on to Ashland Street, ending up at the High Rise. To volunteer or for more info, contact Danielle at the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce: 413-499-4000 Ext 126 or email dthomas@berkshirechamber.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/10

The Berkshires first ever Quarter Auction will be on Wed. Sept. 10th at the North Adams Eagles, 515 Curran Highway. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Raffles, giveaways, cash bar and one lucky winner will win a \$100 gift certificate withTupperware! Many home and personal product consultants will be auctioning off some great items! There will also be a 50/50 raffle and gift basket raffle to benefit Carrick's Journey. Bring your quarters and a friend or two for a night of fun! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/22

A Health & Wellness Expo is being hosted by the Adams Council on Aging, at the Adams Visitors Center, 3 Hoosac Street, on Thursday, September 25th from 2-5 PM. All are welcome. There will be health & wellness vendors, raffles, a Flu Shot Clinic, food for purchase and much more. Transportation is available by calling 743-8333. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/17

The North Adams Public Schools continues its parent orientation program intended to improve communication between home and school and to make the learning process more effective from the start of the school year. These orientation sessions will be held on: Tuesday, September 16 from 6-7:30 PM for Brayton, Greylock & Sullivan Schools; and Weds. September 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Drury Senior High School. Also, at 5:30 on the 17th at Drury, there will be a Senior and Senior Parent Meeting. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/13

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams will present an illustrated lecture: "Virus: Dead or Alive?" on Saturday, September 13th at 3pm. This illustrated lecture will investigate the science and history of the virus. The program will also focus on the recent Ebola virus outbreak, its history and how scientists battle to control it. 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 9/17

MCLA will observe the 227th anniversary of the enactment of the U-S Constitution with a talk by activist attorney and legal scholar Martha Davis, a professor at Northeastern School of Law, on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. in Murdoch Hall's Fitzpatrick Room, room 208. She will speak on "Brown at 60: The Promise, and Limits, of Law." The event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.mcla.edu. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/24

Every Wednesday this month at 11 AM, Natural Bridge State Park in North Adams hosts a Tyke Hike, an easy exploratory hike for families and children's groups. Come for the hike, followed by your own picnic lunch, and stay for Kidletoscope, a pre-school aged program focusing on forest themes, at 1:30. Programs are free and open to the public. \$2 parking fee applies for day-use. An adult must accompany children. Natural Bridge State Park Visitors Center is at 1 McCauley Rd, North Adams. Call 663-6392 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/18

The MCLA Berkshire Cultural Resource Center presents "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" as the first performance of "MCLA Presents!--The Rewind Season". Showtime is Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the MCLA Church Street Center. The show uses audience participation to create a brand-new, fully improvised musical comedy. Admission is \$10 for general admission. Tickets for MCLA alumni are \$8, \$5 for staff and faculty, and members and students are free. Tickets may be reserved by calling 662-5204. For more info 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 9/25

The North Adams Office of Community Development is initiating the Skate Park planning process. There will be a kick-off meeting on September 25th from 5 to 7:30 PM in the Community Room on the 3rd floor of the Public Library. All skaters, riders, and community members are invited to come talk to the skatepark design team and give input on skate park location and design. Call 663-7588 if you have any questions. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/21

On Thursday Sept. 18th or Sunday the 21st, you can take a HEALTHY HEART WALK, starting at 10AM at Natural Bridge State Park in North Adams. It's an easy 3/8 mile fitness hike on the Healthy Heart woodland trail. It's designed for seniors but all ages are welcome. Programs are free and open to the public. \$2 parking fee applies for

day-use. An adult must accompany children. Natural Bridge State Park Visitors Center is at 1 McCauley Rd, North Adams. Call 663-6392 for info. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/13

Paint collection day at the Williamstown Transfer Station off Simonds Road is this Saturday, September 13, from 8 to 3. Fee \$2 per liquid gallon for oil-based and latex finishes. No charge for spray paint. This is open to residents of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, New Ashford, Peru, Savoy, Williamstown and Windsor. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/20

"Team Becky" will hold a coed softball tournament to benefit Becky Dix, who was severely injured in a motorcycle crash last month. It'll be on Sunday Sept 21st at Fallon and Alcombright Fields in North Adams. All players 18 and over are welcome, for \$15 per person. Everyone's invited to come and watch; there will be a 50-50, bake sale and food at the Greylock Club pavilion. For more info or to sign up call Tim at 413-672-8217. Cash or check donations can also be made at any Greylock Federal Credit Union location, made out to the "Team Becky Fund". If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/3

"Team Becky" will hold a Bike Run to benefit Becky Dix, who was severely injured in a motorcycle crash last month. It's coming up on Sat., Oct. 4th, leaving the Greylock Community Club on State Rd., North Adams at 11 AM. Registration starts at 9 AM, \$25 per bike. Refreshments will follow at the Greylock Club pavilion. For more info or to sign up call Tim at 413-672-8217. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/4

On Saturday Oct. 3 at 1 PM there will be a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Mohawk Trail. It'll be at Whitcomb Summit on Route 2, the site of the Oct. 22, 1914 ceremony. State Representative Gail Caridi will read from the original dedication. Other dignitaries speaking include Lauren Stevens and Stan Brown.

There will be displays and refreshments. It's sponsored by the Florida Historical Committee and North Adams Historical Society. For info call 664-4700. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/12

The Berkshires, Franklin and North Quabbin Regions will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Mohawk Trail this fall by collaborating on the Scarecrow Project. During the weekend of Oct. 17th-19th, towns along the trail will be placing homemade scarecrows out for all to enjoy! Businesses, organizations, and families are encouraged to get in on the fun. If you would like to build a scarecrow, host a workshop, or want more info about the Scarecrow Project, please contact: Rozlyn Cummings at (774)364-3352, or email rozlynstarr@gmail.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/31

The City of North Adams is looking for 2 large Christmas trees, 25 to 35 feet tall, to decorate the downtown for the Holiday Season. The search is on until about the 1st week of November. Anyone wishing to donate a tree is asked to contact Steve Meranti at 662-3103 or 662-3155. That 2nd number is available 24 hours a day. Please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/14

The Drury Blue Devils Football team Chicken Dinner fundraiser will be at Mingo's Sports Bar and Grill on Roberts Drive, North Adams, this Sunday from 4-7 PM. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or in advance at 413-684-4379. There will also be a bake sale, 50-50 and a gift basket raffle! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/17

The Mohawk Stamp Club will meet on Wednesday Sept. 17 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 9/20

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an Autumn Equinox Astronomy Lecture: "Law & Order: Outer Space Unit" on Saturday, September 20th at 3pm. What should you do if you get hit on the noggin with a piece of falling space debris? Call a Space Lawyer - seriously! This lecture will explain how the field of law now extends quite a bit above our heads. 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 9/20

The First Congregational Church, 42 Park St., Adams will be holding another Free Clothing Give-Away. It'll be this Sat., Sept. 20 from 9-Noon. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/24

On Thursday Sept. 25th, Amanda Chilson from Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and Mass in Motion will lead a walk around the McLA walking loop. It'll start at 10 AM at the Spitzer Center. Anyone interested in walking along should sign up at the Spitzer Center or call 662-3125. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/24

"Help! for Family Caregivers of Senior Relatives" is a workshop for adult daughters, sons, and grandchildren caring for a senior parent, grandparent, spouse or other older relative. Presented by Bob Dean from Navigation For Caregivers, it will offer helpful tips to improve the quality of life of both the caregiver and care recipient, and provide information about available resources and services. It'll be held Wednesday Sept. 24, 5 - 6 pm at the Milne Public Library, 1095 Main Street, Williamstown. Open to the public. Call (413) 464-1519 for more information. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/26

Child Care of the Berkshires Family Resource Center hosts the "Dad and Me Gym Group" on Sat., Sept. 27 from 10:30-11:30 at the Haskins Gym, 210 State Street, North Adams. They're calling all dads

to join with your child (walking to age 5) for a fun morning Gym Time. Kids will ride, climb, play with balls and enjoy active play. You'll end with a circle time and snack. Drop in and play! Call 664-4821 to register. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/28

Clarksburg VFW Post 9144 will be sponsoring a Pancake/French toast breakfast from 7-11 AM on Sunday Sep. 28th at the Post Home, 144 River Rd., Clarksburg. Price is \$7 per person, and all profits will go to Becky Dix, who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last month. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/30

The 59th Annual Fall Foliage Festival Parade will take place on Sunday, October 5, at 1PM in beautiful Downtown North Adams. Parties interested in featuring their business or community group in this year's parade are encouraged to contact the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce at (413) 499-4000 Ext. 126 immediately. For additional information and updates, or to learn how to volunteer or donate to the parade effort, visit the Fall Foliage Festival Parade website at www.fallfoliageparade.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/21

The Adams Elks, will be having their first breakfast of the season this Sunday (9/21) 8-11 at the lodge on Center St. Made to order Omelets with bacon, sausage, home-fries, toast, Juice and coffee. Just \$6. Call the Lodge for more info 743-1335.

(Jimmy Dee will be cooking up the omelets.)

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PSA KILL 9/28

The annual Fall Festival at the Hopkins Forest in Williamstown is set for Sunday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 4. It'll feature music, apple butter and cider production, refreshments, a canopy walkway, an active honey

bee hive, and children's activities. There will also be hands-on grown-up activities including traditional shake-splitting and a cross-cut saw competition. The festival is free to the public and appropriate for all ages. Hopkins Forest is located at the junction of Northwest Hill Road and Bulkeley Street in Williamstown. For more info contact the forest manager at 597-4353. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/27

The Graylock A Better Chance program will hold its 21st annual Giant Clothing Sale at the First Congregational Church at 906 Main St. Williamstown on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 am-2 pm. You'll find clothing, jewelry, shoes, costumes, vintage wear, and specialty items in the Williams Corner, the Red Carpet Room and the Men's Den. Credit cards and debit cards will be accepted. At 2 pm, after the sale closes, shoppers can purchase a large bag for \$20 and fill it with whatever items remain -- an opportunity for even greater bargains! If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/27

Northern Berkshire Community Coalition will hold another Rx Roundup of old or unwanted medications on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 AM-2 PM. To dispose of your prescription or over the counter pills, capsules or liquid medications, take them to:

Adams Police Station - 4 School Street

North Adams Police Station - 11 Summer Street

Lanesboro - Berkshire Mall Food Court

For more info contact: Lois Daunis at 663-7588 or ldaunis@nbccoalition.org. And don't forget- Adams, North Adams and Williamstown police departments have 24/7 drop boxes for unused and unwanted medications, so you can drop them off at their lobbies any time. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/2

Jazz pianist Helen Sung will perform on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 8:00 PM in Brooks-Rogers Rectal Hall on the Williams College campus. Ms.

Sung plays a solo piano concert featuring standard Jazz works, as well as her own compositions. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information go online to music.williams.edu or call the concert hotline: 413-597-3146. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/3

Although Northern Berkshire Community Coalition forums are generally held on the second Friday of the month, please note that the October forum will be held on the first Friday, October 3rd at 10 AM at the First Baptist Church, North Adams. The topic of this forum will be Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. For more info, contact Al Bashvekin at 663-7588. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/27

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Visitors Museum at Western Gateway Heritage State Park will present an illustrated lecture: "Jewish Heritage Treasures" on Saturday, September 27th at 3pm. This lecture explores the history, culture and beliefs of the Jewish people by presenting a collection of works and artifacts from the museum world. 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 9/27

Friends of the North Adams Public Library will hold their annual Book Sale this Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27 from 9 to 4 at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center. Great bargains for everyone, with books, books on CD, and DVD's all on sale. Load up on your winter reading and support all the good work of the Friends of NAFL. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/25

"Get Down with DownStreet Art" for the last time this season at their Closing Art Party this Thursday (9/25) from 4-11 PM. There will be music, dance, poetry, art making, artist meet and greets and closing receptions! Also a New Installation Opening: Jarvis Rockwell's "Wall Drawings", at 85 Main Street outside the CONcourse/DISCourse Gallery. Find more details on "Downstreet Art Thursday" on Facebook.

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PSA KILL 10/4 *CORRECTED INFO*

North Adams' Fall Foliage Festival Children's Races and Fair will be held at Noel Field on State Street, North Adams on SAT OCT 4. Open to all ages, this FREE event includes obstacle courses, entertainment and food. Registration begins at 11:30 and races start at 12:30, with categories for various age groups. Call BCAC at 663-3014 for information. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/27

The Annual Northern Berkshire Fall Electronic Recycling & Paper Shredding Event is this Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Steeple City Plaza parking lot in North Adams, next to All Saints Episcopal Church Electronic recycling of all types of electronics and appliances will be accepted for a fee. A detailed list of items is available by emailing allsaintsberkshires@verizon.net. Paper Shredding by the bag or truckload will be offered on-site from 10-1 for a free-will donation. Proceeds will support All Saints Episcopal Church. New this time: a "really big Shoe Collection" --gently worn shoes of all types accepted. Event is open to residents, schools and businesses in North Adams and surrounding communities. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/27

It's Bike Night this Saturday from 5-8 PM at the Adams Visitors Center parking lot on Hoosac St. Show off your rides the night before the Annual Fall Run. The free event is open to everyone and the fun will include live music, a Chinese auction, a 50/50 and food from the Lions and Masons. As with Sunday's Fall Run, the proceeds from Bike Night go to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospital of Springfield. For more info visit www.exploreadams.com. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/27

Be sure to stick around following Bike Night in Adams Saturday and experience "Hoosac River Lights 5", an electronic light show projected onto the River at the Hoosac St. Bridge near the Visitors Center. Starting at 8 PM lights and sounds will be used to "draw Mermaid Beatrice from the river", with her appearance anticipated at about

9:00. Bring your friends and cameras for this Brill Gallery Production, which is free and open to all. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 9/28

The 33rd Annual Fall Run will be this Sunday, from Bowe Field in Adams to Charlemont's Mohawk Park. Riders may pre-register at sponsor Custom City Cycle, at Bike Night from 5-8 PM Saturday at the Adams Visitors Center, or from 8-10 AM Sunday at Bowe Field. The ride will begin at 11 AM Sharp. Again this year, proceeds will go to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospital of Springfield. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.

PSA KILL 10/2

On Thurs. Oct 2 from 4-7, St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish will hold its annual ziti supper at the Parish Center in North Adams. Dinner includes ziti and meatballs, salad, bread and butter, and a beverage. Desserts will also be available. Entertainment by the Drury Jazz Band. If it's happening in the Berkshires you'll hear about it on WNAW Radio 1230.