

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. March 26- 29. To get this information in your newsletter, sign up for the RiverCulture newsletter.
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Wednesday, March 25

Here Comes the Pizzer!

Baseball Poetry and Music

Montague Center Library 6-7pm

With Eric Poulin and Mark Schwaber. Editor Eric Poulin has curated a collection of poems that alternate from wildly humorous to deeply poignant, as the words of legends like Vin Scully, Harry Caray, Red Barber, and Mel Allen sit gracefully alongside those of Dallas Braden, Jerry Remy, and even Snoop Dogg. Collectively, this anthology spans the range of human emotion while being fully grounded in the ebbs and flows of our National Pastime. *Here Comes the Pizzer* was the winner of the 2025 Twin Bill Book Prize for Best Baseball Poetry Book of the Year. Eric will be accompanied by jazz guitar by Mark Schwaber. Schwaber is a lifelong musician, writer, and current co-owner of Two Ghosts Vinyl Café.

Wednesday, March 25

CINEMASTORM Special Guests

John Sayles and Maggie Renzi

Shea Theater, 7-9pm, Free! We are THRILLED to have Writer, Director, and Producer, John Sayles, and Actor and Producer, Maggie Renzi, as our very honored guests at the Shea! We will be airing two flicks written and directed by Sayles- MATEWAN and CITY OF HOPE.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1879824822666542>

Thursday, March 26

Bilingual Music and Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-10:45am

Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome!

Thursday, March 26

OPEN FOOD PANTRY

Brick House, 24 Third ST., 10am-1pm

Thursday, March 26

Nice and Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for older adults, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way.

Thursday, March 26

Amazing “Deep History” of Millers Falls

With Professor Little

Millers Falls Library, 4-5:15pm

What’s the story beneath our feet? Come find out! From the time when all the continents were joined together as Pangea, to the days of dinosaurs, rolling “armored mud balls,” massive glaciers, and Lake Hitchcock — our local landscape has an amazing story to tell. And it all happened right here in Millers Falls! Join us as Prof. Little brings this journey through time to life, sharing the clues hidden in our rocks, hills, and valleys. He’ll also bring *real, touchable* samples of rare Jurassic armored mud balls for you to see and feel.

Thursday, March 27

Pirate Bingo

2 Montague Ave., Lake Pleasant

6:30pm. National Spiritual Alliance. Get ready to walk the plank with us for Pirate Bingo! A playful community Bingo where Bingo meets Pirates! We will swap our treasure! Instead of store-bought prizes, everyone brings a treasure: something lightly used or new that no longer belongs in your life. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1661357171666444>

Friday, March 27

Drop-in @TNSA

2 Montague Ave., Lake Pleasant

11am-1pm. A relaxed weekly gathering focused on spiritual connection, conversation, and quiet reflection. Drop-In Fridays are a welcoming space to explore Spiritualism, ask questions, receive guidance, or simply enjoy peaceful time in a supportive community environment.

Friday, March 27

Lofi Creativity Zone

Carnegie Library, 4-5pm

Whether you're working on a graphic novel, filling a sketchbook, or just need a quiet place to write, we've got the beats and the space for you!

Friday, March 27

Thankful Friday

Element Brewing, Millers Falls

6-9pm. A benefit for three people displaced by the East Main Steet fire. 20% of the bar sales during the event will be donated. We will also be collecting donations of cash or gift cards to pass along as well. Raffle: 1 ticket \$5 or 6 tickets for \$20. Gift baskets, artisan donations, local maple syrup, gift cards to local businesses, and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1974538433444773>

Friday, March 27

Korean Favorites at St. Kaz

198 Avenue A. 6-11pm. Chef's Julia, Kasey, Nabi and Yuzi will be serving a menu of Korean favorites like a beef radish soup w/ spicy seasoning, doenjang-jjigae (Korean stew), banchan, and skewers! DJs Steve and Erin McGuirl. JOIN ST KAZ!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DV4dU4PAeqU/>

Friday, March 27

Speed Dating and Also a Mixer!

Dream House, 37 Third St.

7-8:30pm Q/T Speed Dating for people in their 30s & 40s. Sign up required. \$20 ticket or sliding scale. 8:30-11pm Q/T Mixer, 21+, no sign up, no cover! INFO:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DVRQQ5ACfFB/>

Friday, March 27

Student Showcase/Pie & Cake Auction

In support of the TF Thunder Music Booster

222 Turnpike Rd., Montague, 7pm. \$5 entrance fee. Doors open at 6:30pm with Auction Showcase starting at 7pm. cash/Venmo/card/tap.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1021611613510858>

March 27,28,29

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Fri.+ Sat., Great Falls Harvest, 50 3rd St

Sunday at the Rendezvous, 78 3rd St.

FRIDAY 6pm-11:30pm: Bev Ketch, Dan Gay, Gastric Lavage. History Teaches, Jen G,

Federico, Olivia Kennett, David Shapiro, Deflator Mouse (Kurt Weisman & Raub,

Pasquarosa, Washatorium, Part Time Job The Worse. SATURDAY 5:30-11PM: Rare Geese

W/Weds, Karen Zanes, Ben Hersey, Rare Geese & Weds, Spectre Folk, Allyse, Group

Therapy, Mental Drift, Amber Wolfe, Angela Sawyer, Fugue State. SUNDAY 8pm-11pm: Josh

B, Anna Claire, Marcia Bassett, Mal D/Hidden Floors, Owen Manure, Liz Durette, Sunburned Hand. TIMES: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1504703560594931>

Friday, March 27

High Noon

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$25/\$30

HIGH NOON is the East Coast's premier tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd & Southern Rock, performing exclusively the 70's classic hits of Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Allman Brothers Band, Molly Hatchet, The Outlaws, 38 Special and The Marshall Tucker Band. With a deep dedication to the legacy of this timeless music, HIGH NOON brings an authenticity like no other. Experience the raw power of all of your favorite anthems from the founding fathers of Southern rock. <https://sheatheater.org/>

Friday, March 27

Haunted by Possums

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Haunted by Possums is a dark folk, swing, and blues band that shakes the dust off of beloved classics from the early 1900s while adding their own flare to modern electro-swing favorites and original tunes. This trio creates a full sound with each multi-instrumental member adding exactly what the song needs.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1931369917508206>

Saturday, March 28

OPEN FOOD PANTRY

Brick House, 24 Third ST., 10am-1pm

Saturday, March 28

Psychic Fair

2 Montague Ave., Lake Pleasant. National Spiritual Alliance. This special gathering brings together trusted Spiritualist mediums, psychic intuitives, tarot readers, and Reiki practitioners for private, one-on-one sessions. In-person and hybrid. \$30/ 25 minute reading. Featured Practitioners Rev. Joanne Matthews (online), Rev. Elaine San Soucie, Rev. Kim Wright. Reiki with Kerry Baird. Book your reading: <https://spiritualallianceusa.org/>

Saturday, March 28

Chuck Clough (Originals)

Element Brewing, Millers Falls 3-5pm

Saturday, March 28

Montague Swing Dance

Common Hall, Montague Center

7-10pm. Come swing the night away at this quarterly event! There will be a dance lesson from 7 - 8:00pm, and an open dance with live music provided by the [Butterfly Swing Band](#) from 8-10pm. Beginners and experienced dancers are all welcome! Treats and libations provided. Sliding scale \$15 - \$35 entry.

Saturday, March 28

MELT into Devotion

Montague Retreat Center, 7pm

Mixing the devotional medicines of SEMA, Cacao, Music & Ecstatic Dance, this month's offering includes a melting of artists and cultures from India, Iran, Iraq, & Leverett, MA. Doors at 7pm, Introduction to Whirling by Omar Aena and friends 7:30pm, Circle Up for Cacao at 8pm, 8:30pm SEMA: Incus Music with Gargie Verma (Halo), Richard Anthony & Jason Cohen, 9:30pm Mah Ze Tar, 11pm Omar Aena. \$30 advance/\$35 day.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/25996105196723344>

Saturday, March 28

Eurythmic Sessiona

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St

COME DANCE, UNITE & GET GROOVY. 9:15pm Warm Up Acoustic Vibes with Eric Meissner (Solo). 9:45pm BASSTHOV3N, 10:45pm Father Otter, 11:45 PM Studebaker Hawk.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/26156942173964646>

Sunday, March 29

Immigrant Benefit Fundraiser

4 North Street, Montague Center

4-6:30pm. Montague Congregational Church

A benefit fundraiser for local immigrants facing financial emergencies and family separation due to deportation, incarceration, and housing instability. All funds raised will go directly to support families and will be distributed by the Franklin County People's Fund.

- Update from Senator Jo Comerford
- People's Fund Report: Impacts on our immigrant neighbors
- Songs from Moira Smiley
- Poetry and Book Signing by Martín Espada
- Raffle and Donations
- Potluck Supper: bring a dish to share!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/923520267077467>

Sunday, March 29

Moira Smiley

Common Hall, Montague Center

7pm. \$20. Join us for a concert at the Montague Common Hall, with acclaimed singer, composer, and song-collector Moira Smiley (Vermont). You can feel the other singers, strings, percussion in Moira's head as she performs her solo troubadour concerts with fierce folk song accompanied by her banjo, piano and accordion - and a looper or two. Moira is a live-wire performer that becomes the music she writes and performs. No one turned away. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1176252307914012>

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 2

REPRISE

Shea theater, 8pm, \$23/\$30

REPRISE is a band that formed to *reprise* the Phish experience, is an all-star band. Cal Kehoe, longtime frontman for Pink Talking Fish, helms the enterprise on guitar. Adrian Tramontano (Twiddle, Kung Fu and The Breakfast) masters the drums. Scott Chasolen chairmans the boards for the project, bringing years of experience as a founding member of Ulu and keyboardist of The Machine, a Pink Floyd tribute. Multi-instrumentalist and composer Chris DeAngelis (The Machine, Kung Fu and The Breakfast) rounds out the foursome on bass. The time is near, the mission's clear — get ready to blaze on with REPRISE!