

# TOWN Reminder



A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

Serving the town of South Hadley

www.townreminder.turley.com

FREE

December 16, 2022

Vol. 53, No. 33

## INDEX

South Hadley	2
Viewpoints	4
Sports	8
Classifieds	10

## COMMUNITY, 5

### How to recycle Christmas lights



## SPORTS, 8

### Co-op beat Tigers in opener



## Fire on Ethan Circle

By Carly Phaneuf  
Staff Writer  
cphaneuf@turley.com

**SOUTH HADLEY --** Late in the evening of Dec. 11, fire districts one and two, and responders from Granby and Westover, responded to a house fire that erupted on 5 Ethan Circle.

The fire was caused by the dryer and took over four hours to put out. The residents of the house and their two cats managed to escape without any serious physical injury.

"The fire department performed beyond the call of duty even so far as to take risks to find pets and recover what they could. Chief Calkins was here until way into the night and again first thing this morning plowing debris away from the road and constantly

Please see **FIRE**, page 6



## STUFF-A-STOCKING

*fosters a community of giving*

**SOUTH HADLEY --** Over 400 stockings were stuffed by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, the Council on Aging, Fire Districts 1 and 2, the Police Department, and several volunteers for the

town's homebound and isolated seniors. The stockings contained over a dozen items including stamps, a flashlight, toi-

Please see **STOCKING**, page 6

**Over 400 stockings were stuffed to gift to local seniors.**

# Happy Holidays

**GREENFIELD**  
Cooperative Bank

**NORTHAMPTON**  
Cooperative Bank

A Division of Greenfield Cooperative Bank

MEMBER FDIC  
MEMBER DIF

# Lisa Wong's • WEEKLY WRAP UP •



Above left and clockwise: Police gather Toys for Tots at the Holiday Stroll. TA Lisa Wong rings the bell for the Salvation Army. The Fire Districts and Police help the Senior Center fill and deliver 400 stockings to local residents. Chamber hosts Holiday Stroll at Village Commons.

## Public Health

There is a national blood shortage. To donate, contact local hospital blood donor centers or visit: [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). The nearest Blood Donation Center is located at 150 Brookdale St. in Springfield. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## Community

The Ledges Golf Course announced that it will host the Massachusetts Golf Association Public Links Championship in August of 2024. Visit [www.massgolf.org/futuresiteschampionship](http://www.massgolf.org/futuresiteschampionship) for more details.

The next select board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19 in-person and online. The hybrid meeting will be held at the Senior Center. The agenda and link will be posted here: [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter).

## South Hadley man charged in connection with slaying

BELCHERTOWN -- A South Hadley man has been charged in connection with the slaying of David Weise Sr., 70, of South Hadley in September.

Last week Police filed an application for a criminal complaint in Eastern Hampshire District Court in Belchertown charging Craig R. Weise, 35, with the murder of his father, David Weise Sr. on Sept. 9, 2022, according to a press release from the office of Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan.

Investigators allege that Craig Weise killed his father in their shared home at 37 Lawn St. and then attempted to set the house on fire, according to Sullivan's office.

South Hadley Police were called to the home that day at around 4 p.m. by a home health care agency, where police discovered the body of David Weise Sr. and evidence of recent burning within the home, according to Sullivan's office.

An investigation into the circumstances of his death began immediately and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner later ruled the death a homicide, according to Sullivan's office.

In addition to a single count of murder, Craig Weise also faces a charge of attempted arson of a dwelling house.

"We hope this development in the case will assuage any concerns of the community while also providing some answers for David Weise Sr.'s family," said Northwestern Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Suhl, who is prosecuting the case and will handle the arraignment. "Investigators have worked tirelessly since Mr. Weise's body was discovered on September 9 to identify the perpetrator of this crime," Suhl said. "We are confident in the evidence we've gathered."

With the charges, the court issued a warrant for Weise's arrest, according to Sullivan's office..

An arraignment date in Eastern Hampshire District Court has not yet been set because Craig Weise has been detained at the Hampden County House of Correction on unrelated charges since his arrest in the City of Holyoke on Sept. 10.

This case is being investigated jointly by the Hampshire/Franklin State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney's Office and the South Hadley Police Department, with assistance from personnel assigned to the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit (West), the State Police Crime Scene Services, and the State Police Crime Laboratory.

Local Newspapers are **IMPORTANT** Any Way You Look At It

## Girl Scout troop welcomes new members

Information, registration event Dec. 19

HOLYOKE – Girls in grades 1 and 2 are invited to join Girl Scout Troop 65357. The initial information and registration meeting for girls and their guardians takes place Monday, Dec. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut Street.



\$35 for the year. Financial Assistance is available. RSVP to this event at <https://bit.ly/gsholyokeinfo> by December 16 to save her spot.

Questions? Email Han at [hl-aprade@gscwm.org](mailto:hl-aprade@gscwm.org) or call 413-584-2602.

See for yourself what Girl Scouts has to offer. Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, science and technology, the outdoors, and community service. Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary.

## Insurance For How You Live And Work

Put yourself at the center of our network and get a tailored insurance solution



### PERSONAL INSURANCE

Protecting You At Every Stage Of Life

- Homeowners
- Secondary Home & Dwelling
- Rental Properties/Renters
- Auto
- Personal Umbrella
- High Net Worth Insurance
- Boats, R.V.s Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, ATV's, Antique Cars

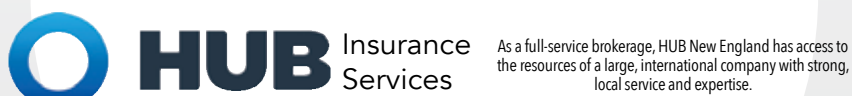


### BUSINESS INSURANCE

Essential Coverage For Every Business

- Commercial Property
- General Liability
- Workers' Compensation
- Business Owners
- Business Interruption
- Professional Liability

We represent over 35 Personal Lines Insurance Companies. This allows us to find the best insurance program for your needs.



East Longmeadow  
South Hadley - Ludlow  
833-GoCallHub  
[hubinternational.com](http://hubinternational.com) or [hubne.com](http://hubne.com)  
HUB New England is the Largest Insurance Broker in Massachusetts



*Welcome!* Chef Kelly is excited to cook for you the homestyle meals that he learned from his grandma Iona!

"Food that will put a smile on your face."

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
**IONA'S GIFT CARDS**  
The gift that will make their taste buds sing!

Delicious and affordable comfort food prepared and cooked fresh daily. With weekly specials featuring soul food, smoked BBQ, fish fries and more!

**BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER • CATERING**  
**DINE-IN OR ORDER TO GO**

439 Main St., Indian Orchard **2 Great Locations!** 20 Main St., South Hadley  
**413-285-8093** **413-322-8045**  
5am – 2pm **www.ionaskitchen.com** 6am – 5pm

Visit our website for menus and online ordering

# Get Boosted campaign gives \$75 gift cards to get vaccinated

By Dalton Zbierski  
dzbierski@turley.com

BOSTON – The Department of Public Health is giving residents a monetary incentive to get vaccinated or boosted for COVID-19 this winter.

Select clinics throughout the state are giving away \$75 gift cards to Massachusetts residents who receive a COVID-19 vaccine or booster shot.

Locally, one such clinic will occur at the Brimfield Senior Center on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 15. Another will be held at the RiverMills Center in Chicopee on West Main Street between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Dec. 20.

From 2-6 p.m. on Dec. 20, another will occur at the Palmer Public Library on North Main Street.

Both children and adults are eligible for a gift card at these clinics.

DPH Chief Medical Officer Estevan Garcia said the state has been looking at ways to encourage residents to get vaccinated and boosted since the beginning of the pandemic.

This year, the department committed to making gift cards available, knowing it had potential to “sway folks into coming



(Photo courtesy of Cooley Dickinson Hospital)  
**DPH Chief Medical Officer Estevan Garcia**

and getting vaccinated,” Garcia said, adding that gift cards vary per clinic.

The Get Boosted campaign was launched officially in October, and the “initial clinic” occurred on Nov. 26 at Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen & Pantry in Chicopee.

“The response has been tremendous. We’ve had almost 24,000 doses that have been administered during this time, and the vast majority are doses that are booster doses,” Garcia said.

The campaign will run through the end of the calendar year. Residents are

encouraged to search “COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Initiative” on mass.gov to discover when and where additional clinics are occurring.

The campaign has several weeks left, but Garcia is excited to observe that already “it is really making a difference.”

This isn’t the first time DPH has thought outside the box to draw residents to vaccine clinics. The state also partnered with Six Flags New England, offering free access to the park for those who were vaccinated.

Garcia said the campaign is providing DPH with a great opportunity to engage communities. The gift card giveaway is prioritizing communities that are under-represented or that have low vaccine percentages.

In coordinating the clinics, the state is looking to partner with organizations that are trusted in the community such as senior centers and libraries. Garcia said that frequently visited community pillars were targeted.

“If they’re going to be there anyways for an activity, wouldn’t be great to get a gift card and get your booster at the same time,” he said. “We appreciate their willingness to intervene in this way and to say it’s important.”

Garcia said it is reassuring to see the campaign play out in the manner in which it was intended and again deflected credit to DPH’s community partners for its success.

“The state has the vaccines, the state has the gift cards, but we need those partners in the community working with us to be able to get folks vaccinated and boosted,” Garcia said.

While not all will supply gift cards, Garcia said that at on any given day there are more than 200 clinics operational in the state. He emphasized that the effectiveness of the vaccine has been proven.

“These are free vaccines, they’re readily available, they’ve been proven to support and protect folks from COVID so we want to be clear that these are very effective vaccines,” he said.

As winter approaches, Garcia also advised residents to get their flu shots. Viruses are out there, and sometimes there is no way to avoid them so it helps to be prepared.

“It’s going to be a difficult time moving into the winter. We’re going to have flu, we’re going to have COVID, we have lots of other circulating viruses so protect yourselves,” Garcia said.

## Just a Reminder

### Applications now open for 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant

HOLYOKE – The application for the 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant by the St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke is now open.

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The 2023 Grand Colleen Pageant will take place on Saturday, Jan. 7 at Holyoke High School, 300 Beech St.

Five contestants will be selected to make-up the Grand Colleen’s Court.

The Grand Colleen will be then selected from the five finalists at the Grand Colleen Ball on Feb. 18.

Eligibility requirements are:

Female - single (never have been married or have had a child), not younger than 17 by March 17 and a senior in high school

No more than 24 years old (for 2023 only) by March 17

Resident of Holyoke or South Hadley

Must claim Irish ancestry

Must complete a resume.

Contestant orientation is scheduled at 1 p.m., Jan. 1 at The Delaney House.

For questions or concerns please call Kathy Dulchinos, Colleen Coordinator at 413-592-4945.

Tickets for the pageant are \$15 per person, \$10 for seniors and children under 12 are free, tickets are available for sale online at grandcolleenpageant.eventbrite.com or at with cash/check at the door.

Eligibility, requirement, and the application can all be found on the Committee’s website, www.holyokestpatrickspatrol.com or if there are questions, emailing holyokecolleenpageant@gmail.com.

The 70th Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade will be held on Sunday, March 19, and the 46th St. Patrick’s Road Race will be held on Saturday, March 18.

For more information, please visit our website at www.holyokestpatrickspatrol.com.

### New mental health number

988 is the new phone number that recently went live in July to help people get assistance in a mental health crisis. Similar to 911, this line is dedicated to anyone who is in need of mental health services of any kind. Anyone can call or text this nationwide number at any time for confidential support. Those who call will receive access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, and/or mental health crises, or any other kind of emotional distress.

### Thrift store

EASTHAMPTON -- Easthampton Congregational Church wants to invite the public to their thrift store, Parson’s Closet. This small yet elegant shop carries beautiful secondhand clothing for adults and children. The store also has as well as housewares, jewelry, and art available for sale. Parson’s Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday. The store is run solely by volunteers and a very capable store manager, Kathy Mahefka. The store is located at 112 Main St.

### Chorale resumes rehearsals and welcomes new singers

SOUTH HADLEY -- The South Hadley Chorale will resume rehearsals for its annual March concert from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at All Saints’ Church, 7 Woodbridge St. The program features Haydn’s Lord Nelson Mass, plus works by Verdi and Donizetti. Rehearsals will continue on Wednesday evenings until the concert on Sunday, March 12. New singers are welcome to join. There are no auditions, although most singers have had some choral experience. The South Hadley Chorale is made up of 40 singers from 16 communities.

Masks and proofs of vaccination are required at this time. For more information, please visit www.southhadleychorale.org or call 413-533-3833.

### Just go With it at the Drunken Rabbit

SOUTH HADLEY -- Come rock out with Just go With it at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 at the Drunken Rabbit, located at 749A New Ludlow Road.

“Just go With it” is an enthusiastic modern rock band that keeps the audience on their toes by playing hard rock, radio staples, punk, emo anthems, and uptempo dance music that keeps everyone partying and moving. This event is free and open to everyone.

### Lunch with Santa

GRANBY -- Come to Something Special Cafe from 1-3 p.m. on Dec. 18 for a chance to have lunch and take a photo with Santa. Kids eat free and have the options of macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, and milk with cookies. Adults may order off the lunch menu if they want. The cafe is located at 181 W State St.

### SHHS winter concert

SOUTH HADLEY -- Beth Ayn Curtis, the music teacher at South Hadley High School, invites families to the 2022 winter concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Curtis taught at SHHS from 1997-2017 and returned this fall to teach another group of talented, passionate, musicians. Her goal is to build the music program back up and better. Curtis is determined to grow the numbers and abilities of students.

**AFFORDABLE DENTISTRY IS HERE!**  
• Preventative & Restorative Care • Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry  
• State of the Art Laser Dentistry  
**HOLYOKE DENTAL ASSOCIATES**  
610 South Street, Holyoke, MA (Convenient to 91 and 391)  
Call for Appointment Mon.-Fri.  
**413-533-8378**  
www.holyokedentalassociates.com  
• Badri Z. Deblan D.M.D. • John P. Griffin, D.D.S.  
• Louis A. Rigali D.D.S. • Robert J. Liplak D.M.D.  
Cara M. Seidel, D.M.D.  
Care Credit Financing Available and Most Credit Cards and Dental Plans Accepted

D	A	R	D		F	T	C		D	A	B			
A	P	I	A	N		L	O	A		D	A	B	A	
S	E	G	N	O		A	W	N		A	N	I	L	
	D	A	U	N	T		V	E	T		S	A	E	K
					A	B	O	L	I	S	H	E	S	
T	R	A	N	S	P	A	R	E	N	T				
A	B	L	A	T	E	D		D	A	O				
D	E	L	T	A						K	U	D	U	S
				N	B	C		I	T	E	R	A	T	E
				C	A	L	I	F	O	R	N	I	A	N
	C	A	M	E	R	A	M	E	N					
D	A	D	A		R	I	B		S	A	B	E	R	
A	B	A	S		A	M	U		A	I	L	E	D	
N	A	G	A		G	E	E		R	A	B	B	I	
A	L	E			E	D	D		S	A	S	S		

**Tuesday Night 6:30pm**  
**PITCH NIGHT**  
**Friday Night 5-7pm**  
**SPAGHETTI NIGHT**  
**Friday Night 7:30pm**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Groups of 1 to 6 people  
\$5 per person - winner takes all  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28th**  
**THUNDERBIRD HOCKEY**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
\$20.00 per ticket on the blue line  
10 tickets available  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 325**  
22 Sycamore Street, Holyoke, MA  
Find us on Facebook Paper City Post 325

CHECK OUT ALL THE  
**Turley** Publications  
www.newspapers.turley.com

# Opinion



## Who made those ginger cookies?

Usually by now we have dozens of Christmas cookies made and in the freezer.

Not this year. Life isn't as simple as it used to be, with kids getting older and schedules packed tight, and we won't bake unless the four of us are in the kitchen doing together.

My fingers are crossed that we will have the chance to do that next weekend. Maybe we will even try a new recipe or two.

Of course, we have our favorites, but once in a while you try a cookie, and you just have to add it to the mix.

This year it will be the ginger cookie that we bought from the school bake sale. Boy was it good and unlike any we've ever had before.

Soft and poofy, if that makes any sense, and very gingery. Now I just have to find the baker!

What a great opportunity to learn more about this spice and different ways to use it. Most often, folks are familiar with ginger in its powdered form.

I find that like most herb and spices ginger does not keep once the jar is opened - either the flavor lessens, or it turns bitter. The latter is especially true of nutmeg, which I am convinced ruined one of my mother's delicious cheesecakes some years back.

Anyhow, ginger is one of my favorite spicy flavorings. I use it in powdered form in a number of recipes- it combines well with those that are savory and well as sweet.

In my opinion, however, the best way to capitalize on its pungency is to use it fresh.

You can purchase ginger rhizomes at the grocery store. Buy two, one to eat now and another to plant.

To use it in cooking, scrape away the skin and slice it first into circles, then into smaller pieces.

For an invigorating tea, pour one pint of boiling water over an ounce of sliced root. Allow it to steep for up to twenty minutes before straining and enjoying.

It will warm you up as well as aid in digestion.

Plagued by motion sickness? Reportedly it works wonders for some folks.

Late winter is a great time to try and grow ginger indoors. Plant the rhizome in a large pot of well-drained, fertile garden soil.

I say well-drained, because ginger hates to be waterlogged, and fertile, because the growing root will be hungry. If you don't have that on hand, I would steer clear of typical potting mixes and would instead use equal parts sand, garden loam and compost to fill the pot.

Next, examine your rhizome for growth buds, they look like little nubs poking out. Be sure you have at least two per rhizome, and plant them facing up, just a couple of inches below the soil surface.

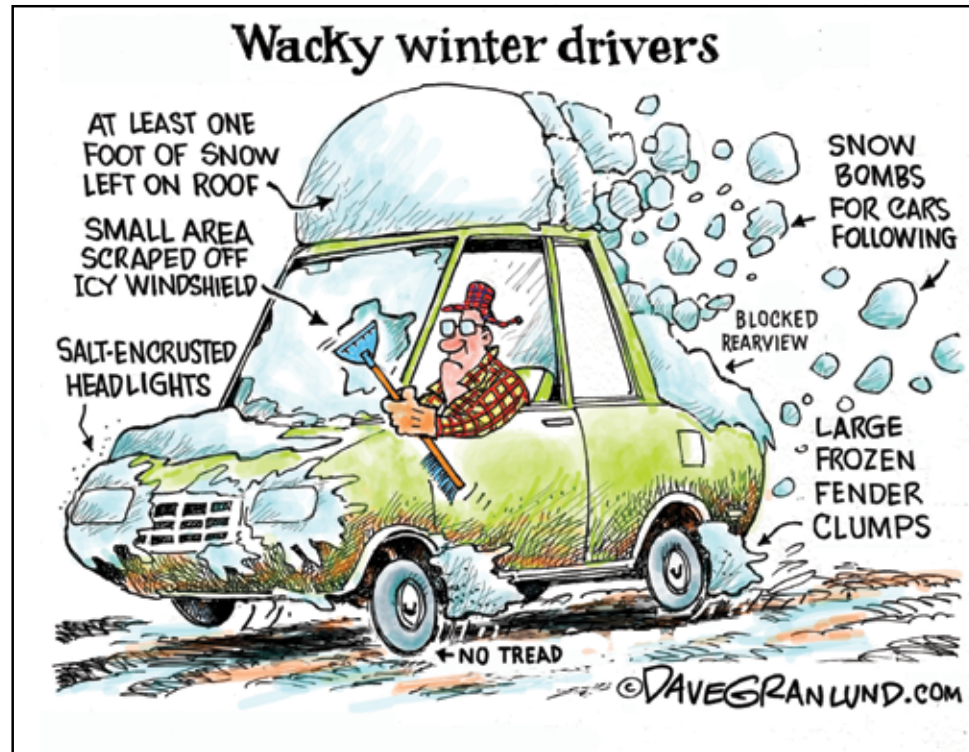
In warmer climates, dappled sunlight is required to grow ginger. Here feel free to place the pot of ginger in a warm spot in full sun to slightly partial shade and water regularly as needed when the plant is in active growth.

As soon as cold weather threatens, bring the ginger inside. Once its leaves die back it would normally be harvest time, but most experts agree we won't be doing a whole lot of harvesting in our part of the country.

Even still it makes a pretty (and fragrant) tropical plant and as well as a good conversation piece. Water only sparingly until new growth resumes several weeks later.

Perhaps in year two you can uproot the rhizome, cut away a portion and enjoy some tea for your effort, planting what remains in new soil.

Please see **GARDEN**, page 6



## GUEST COLUMN

### HOLY COW! HISTORY: Chewing Gum's Sticky Secret

By J. Mark Powell  
*Insidesources.com*

There's no Chewing Gum Hall of Fame. However, you can visit the next best thing: Joanne's Gum Museum, in a little building in Quartzsite, Arizona, featuring a collection of 4,000 pieces amassed since the 1940s.

Americans chomp down on nearly 195 million pounds of the stuff every year without knowing its sticky secret.

Humans have always looked for something to chew on. Our ancestors chewed everything from tree resin lumps to sweet grasses. Ancient Greeks chewed mastiche, ancient Mayans chewed sap of the Sapodilla tree, and Native Americans enjoyed chewing coagulated tree sap (and, like us, probably growled expletives while scraping it off their moccasins after stepping on it).

In the 1800s, an enterprising Yankee took chewing gum to the next level. John Bacon Curtis cooked up some spruce gum sap over his kitchen stove in Bangor, Maine. "State of Maine Pure Spruce Gum" hit the market in 1848. The reaction? "Ah yup, it's a pissah!" (It's a Maine thing. Translation: "I like it.")

Curtis eventually engaged his brother (some sources say it was his father, others say it was both the brother and the father) in the family business. They cooked the gum while he sold it around New England. He eventually offered a rainbow of gum varieties: American Flag, Yankee Spruce, White Mountain, Licorice Lulu, Trunk Spruce, Four-in-Hand, Biggest and Best, and 200 Lump Spruce. Imagine running into your local convenience store and saying, "A pack of 200 Lump Spruce, please."

In 1850, Curtis switched to a version somewhat like paraffin wax. Customers liked it better. A whole lot better, in fact, because his company eventually occupied a three-story factory, where 200 employees turned out 1,800 boxes of chewing gum every day.

But there was a problem. John B. Curtis was a typical contrary Yankee and never took out a patent. He preferred keeping his material and gum-making equipment secret. Which created a big controversy among historians: Who first patented chewing gum?

Those who believe in hardcore accuracy point out Amos Tyler got one on July 27, 1869. But he never did anything with it.

Those with a more practical frame of mind note William Finley Semple received Patent #98,304, the first truly commercial



U.S. patent for chewing gum, on Dec. 28, 1869. (Spoiler alert: Remember Semple's name.)

While all that was going on, a photographer-turned-secretary-turned-inventor/scientist had a devil of a problem on his hands.

Thomas Adams was personal secretary to deposed Mexican dictator Generalissimo Santa Anna. The same Santa Anna who was the bad guy in the Alamo story. He was living in exile on Staten Island, New York, and he had a crazy idea. Santa Anna wanted to import chicle, a gummy sap from a Mexican tree, and sell it as a cheap substitute for rubber. His enthusiasm was contagious, prompting Thomas Adams to buy a ton of the stuff.

Adams made chicle toys, chicle buggy tires, even chicle rain boots. None of them sold. The ex-dictator lost a bunch of money and the two parted company, leaving Adams with all that raw chicle on his hands. He grew frustrated and his chicle supply seemed destined to wind up dumped in the East River. Then one day, serendipity struck.

Adams was in a drug store when a young girl bought a piece of paraffin wax chewing gum for a penny. He remembered something; while tinkering around in the laboratory, Santa Anna would often pop a piece of chicle in his mouth and chew it.

Adams rushed back to his lab and started over from scratch. He boiled some chicle and gave it a test chew. It was a vast improvement over the paraffin version (more

Please see **GUM**, page 5

## OPINION PAGE/ LETTERS POLICY

Letters to the Editor have a maximum of 350 words. We require writers to include their name, address and phone number in order for our office to authenticate authorship prior to publication. Addresses and phone numbers are not published.

Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions. Libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks or defamation of character are not allowed. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Please email (preferred) letters to [townreminder@turley.com](mailto:townreminder@turley.com). Mailed letters can be sent to Town Reminder, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

## NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

## TOWN Reminder

The *Town Reminder* is published every Friday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

**PATRICK H. TURLEY**  
CEO

**KEITH TURLEY**  
President

**EDITOR**  
Cliff Clark  
[cclark@turley.com](mailto:cclark@turley.com)

**ADVERTISING SALES**  
Maureen McGarrett Hall  
[mmcgarrett@turley.com](mailto:mmcgarrett@turley.com)

**SPORTS EDITOR**  
Greg Scibelli  
[sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com)

**SOCIAL MEDIA**



@TownReminder

**WEB**

[www.townreminder.turley.com](http://www.townreminder.turley.com)

**Turley**  
Publications, Inc.  
[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

# How to recycle Christmas lights

By Carly Phaneuf  
Staff writer  
cphaneuf@turley.com

One of the best things about the holiday season is the colorful decor. Symphonies of rainbow lights, inflatables, and garlands turn the streets into a winter wonderland. But what happens when those lights burn out, the inflatables pop, and the garland is more string than bling? If there is no more reducing and reusing that can be done, then it's time to recycle.

If the lights are still working, a burnt-out bulb or two is fine, any Goodwill or Salvation Army will accept them. If the lights no longer serve their purpose, try local hardware stores. Places like The Home Depot, Lowe's, and Ace Hardware will gladly accept faulty Christmas lights. Consult with the local hardware store first for specifics, including drop-off locations. The Hadley Lowe's and Home Depot no longer participate in this program.

Another great place to recycle broken or unusable lights is earth911.com. Designed to help the planet, this website is full of recycling resources. The website warns never to simply throw away the Christmas lights because "CFL bulbs contain mercury and need to be properly recycled to protect the environment. Christmas lights contain copper, glass, and plastic, mak-

ing them an important item to recycle from a resource conservation standpoint."

Here are a few of the mail-in recycling programs that take lights and additional recyclables, making it possible to recycle various items in the same shipment. Some even offer customers discounts for recycling old lights.

**Christmas Light Source Recycling Program**  
1923 6th Ave  
Fort Worth, TX 76110  
(866) 926-4877  
www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program\_c\_210.html

**String lights**  
Box Christmas lights and send them to the address above. Include a name, mailing address, and email address, and receive a promotion code good for 10% off a single order of Christmas lights. The lights are recycled, and the proceeds from the recycling will be used to buy books for the DFW Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

**Environmental LED Christmas Light Recycling Program**  
109 E Prairie St  
Vicksburg, MI 49097  
(866) 465-7334  
www.environmentaled.com/Christmas-Light-Recycling-24.html

**String lights**  
Send in old Christmas lights for recycling and receive a 10% off coupon. Please put lights in the original boxes or in a cardboard box without any packing materials. Include a name and email address for the coupon.

**Mercury Technologies of Minnesota Lamp Recycling Program**  
Pine City, MN 55063  
(800) 864-3821  
www.mercurytechnologies-mn.com/box.html

Ballasts, CFLs, fluorescent tubes, batteries, cell phones, office equipment, microwaves

Mercury Technologies is the oldest fluorescent lamp recycling company in continuous existence in the United States. It offers pre-paid recycling boxes in several sizes, and also accepts HID and incandescent lamps.

**Waste Management LampTracker**  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(800) 664-1434  
www.wmlamptracker.com

Ballasts, CFLs, fluorescent tubes, items containing mercury (dental waste), mercury thermostats, NiCad batteries, rechargeable batteries, single-use batteries, electronics, computers, televisions, toner cartridges

Please go online to order a LampTracker Mercury Vapor-Lok container. Once your con-



Holiday light strings contain plastic, glass, copper, and even lead, all of which can harm the environment. Never dispose of holiday lights in the trash, they will sit in a landfill for years.

tainer is received, LampTracker will send a certificate of compliance via email.

More programs are available at earth911.com.

Recycling Christmas lights is better than putting them in the trash, but if the lights still work, reuse them and keep using them. Paint old ones black and orange for Halloween, or white and pink for Easter. String them up on the wall in a zig-zag

pattern and clip photos onto the string for a DIY photo board. Fill burnt-out bulbs with glitter, wrap them with twine, and create Christmas ornaments for the whole family. For those who no longer like them and want a different look, see if any friends or neighbors want the old ones.

Whether the lights work well, partially, or not at all, help protect the environment by avoiding throwing them away.

**READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER**

**GUM** from page 4

elastic and longer lasting). He called his concoction Chiclets, and in February 1871 Adams New York Chewing Gum hit the market.

Chewing gum as we know it had finally arrived. The late 1800s were boom times for gum makers. When they found they could add flavor to the stuff, business exploded.

In 1891, a company opened in Chicago that produced baking soda. Sales were flat, so in 1892 the owner tried a promotion gimmick: He cooked some gum and attached one stick to each can of soda. Cans started flying off store shelves.

Knowing a good thing when he saw it, the business owner gave baking soda the boot to produce gum only. And he laughed all the way to the bank as a result. His name? William Wrigley.

As in Wrigley Field. As in Wrigley's

Juicy Fruit (1893), Spearmint (1893), Doublemint (1914), Freedent (1975), Big Red (1975), Extra (1984), Winterfresh (1994), Orbit (2001) and Eclipse (2001) Chewing Gum. Yeah, that Wrigley.

Now for the secret promised earlier. Remember the pioneer awarded the first commercial chewing gum patent? It was only a sideline for him because he had a day job.

William Finely Semple was ... a dentist. That's right; the man who promoted putting gum in mouths belonged to the profession that filled dental cavities created by it.

Talk about working both sides of the street!

*Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell. Have a historic mystery that needs solving? A forgotten moment worth remembering? Please send it to HolyCow@insidesources.com*

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	
11				12		13			14			
15						16			17			
	18				19	20			21			
				22	23			24				
25	26	27	28	29								
30							31					
32								33	34	35	36	37
				38	39	40		41	42			
				43			44					
	45	46	47									
48					49			50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57			58
59					60				61			
62					63					64		

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
  5. Supervises interstate commerce
  8. Touch lightly
  11. Relating to bees
  13. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
  14. Mosuo culture religion
  15. Italian village
  16. Stiff bristle
  17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
  18. Cause to lose courage
  20. Examines animals
  21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
  22. Gets rid of
  25. Having easily perceived thoughts
  30. Removed surgically
  31. Principle underlying the universe
  32. Popular airline
  33. Antelopes
  38. Peacock network
  41. Utter repeatedly
  43. One from the Golden State
  45. Photographers
  48. Father
  49. Popular BBQ dish
  50. Cavalry sword
  55. Ancient Greek sophist
  56. Atomic mass unit or body
  57. Afflicted in mind
  59. Indian mythological figure
  60. Mild expression of surprise
  61. Jewish spiritual leader
  62. Brew
  63. Doctor of
  - Education
  64. Impudence
- CLUES DOWN**
1. State attorneys
  2. Imitated
  3. Latvian capital
  4. Irish goddess
  5. Taste
  6. Dried
  7. Spanish saloon
  8. Mother of Perseus
  9. Evergreen coniferous trees
  10. Refuse to comply
  12. Negative
  14. Hyphen
  19. A way to record
  23. Not good
  24. One who tends the furnace
  25. Small amount
  26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
  27. The whole quantity
  28. \_\_ King Cole, musician
  29. One's opinion
  34. Holds ashes
  35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
  36. Side-blotched lizards genus
  37. Legislator (abbr.)
  39. Concentrated bombardment
  40. Took for oneself
  41. Nigerian City
  42. Thousands of pounds
  44. Inspired
  45. Secret clique
  46. Expression
  47. Dough made from corn flour
  48. Comedian Carvey
  51. Swiss river
  52. Prejudice
  53. Actor Idris
  54. Resistance fighters
  58. Criticize

**EARLY DEADLINE For All Advertising & CLASSIFIEDS**

All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 22 at Noon for Publication Dec. 26-30

All Papers Will Deadline Friday, Dec. 30 at Noon for Publication Jan. 3-7

**Turley Publications, Inc.**  
www.turley.com

24 Water Street  
Palmer, MA 01069  
413-283-8393

# Jaydon Perez delivers marketing presentation to Red Sox Foundation execs

NEWTON -- Jaydon Perez, a Lasell University student from Amherst, shared an event marketing proposal with Red Sox Foundation executives at Fenway Park.

Perez presented "Team of the Month," a marketing and event plan aimed at increasing funding for Boston public school athletic facilities and equipment.

Perez and fellow students in Young-Tae Kim's sport marketing course embarked on the semester-long project with two aims: create a new program for the Red Sox Foundation that will raise funds and have a positive impact on local Boston communities, and generate a marketing plan to go along with it.

At several points throughout the semester, Foundation Director of Programs Brad Schoonmaker supported the class with feedback on their plans.

Schoonmaker and Kim have collaborated on this Connected Learning project since 2019, with the goal of expanding project-based learning (PBL) opportunities for students to better understand marketing through real-world, professional assignments.

At Fenway, the groups received notes from Schoonmaker and his team -- an exercise that Kim placed heavy importance on.

"This is all about how you take the feedback and accept the coaching," he said. The Foundation team provided suggestions for the students' marketing plans and event ideas, as well as input on their presentation delivery.

"The work that you put in was really excellent, and that is so appreciated," said Schoonmaker to the students. "I feel really strongly about experiential learning and I hope that you got more out of this semester by (working with us on) a real-life experience."

# Volunteers set to lay wreaths at Veterans Memorial Cemetery

AGAWAM – National Wreaths Across America Day will be celebrated at The Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Agawam on Saturday, Dec. 17 with a ceremony honoring Veterans followed by wreath-laying by volunteers.

With an anticipated 1500 volunteers arriving at the cemetery in a two-hour period, in the interest of safety, the cemetery will be closed to vehicle traffic from 7:45 a.m. until the volunteers have exited the grounds which is estimated to be by noon.

Parking for all volunteers will be at Six Flags New England starting at 8 a.m. Volunteers will be shuttled to the cemetery on busses provided by King-Gray Coach Lines.

Western Mass News personality Dave Madsen will serve as emcee for the ceremony which will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The ceremony will include wreath-laying for each branch of service, POWs, and Gold Star Families followed by a ceremonial rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

At the conclusion of the ceremony volunteers will place 9,200 wreaths on Veteran headstones at the cemetery. This year marks the sixth consecutive year that enough wreaths were sponsored to provide one for each headstone.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for us to live freely. This year, there will be more than

Please see **WREATHS**, page 7



Photos courtesy of Kim Prough

The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, the Council on Aging, Fire Districts 1 and 2, the Police Department, and several volunteers all helped to make this event possible.



Items in the stockings included stamps, a flashlight, toiletries, playing cards, and pill boxes.

### STOCKING from page 1

lettries, playing cards, pill boxes, and much more. The stocking items were donated by the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, the Council on Aging, Loomis Village, and both Fire Districts.

"For far too many homebound and isolated South Hadley Seniors, the holidays can be particularly challenging and lonely. With the help from everyone involved, we were able to deliver 400 holiday stockings and lift the spirits of everyone involved," said Leslie Hennessey, Council on Aging executive director.

"The most rewarding parts of this program were seeing the community work together for this amazing cause and having the opportunity to deliver the stockings to some of our town's seniors and seeing the smiles on their faces," said Kim Prough, Friends' president.



Officer Emily Tebo with the South Hadley Police Department getting ready to deliver stockings.

## Early Deadlines

for all LEGAL NOTICES...

**All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 22 at Noon for Publication Dec. 27-30**

*Happy Holidays!*

*Happy New Year!*

**All Papers Will Deadline Thursday, Dec. 29 at Noon for Publication Jan. 3-6**

### GARDEN from page 4

For right now I will pass on planting and dream of the smell of fresh baked ginger cookies, poofy, soft ones. Who made those cookies?

Roberta McQuaid graduated from

the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 30 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

### FIRE from page 1

making sure everyone was okay," said one of the neighbors.

The house was built only three years ago and the owners purchased it in September.

There is a GoFundMe for Nick and his partner Parth, the residents of the home, which had raised over \$3,000 so far out of a goal of \$10,000.

"Although Nick and I have only worked together for a short time, I know how hard he and Parth worked over the past years to be able to purchase their dream home. This fundraiser will provide Nick and Parth with the funds they need to get the essentials to get themselves back on their feet," said Alyssa O., organizer of the GoFundMe. To donate to the family please visit <https://tinyurl.com/4tspxdss>.

# Rail trail user advocates for accessibility

*Editor's note: Steven Hawk has been an advocate for outdoor accessibility in his hometown of Ware and beyond. Rail trails have given Hawk the ability to visit a nearby shopping center and achieve a level of independence he didn't think was possible 20 years ago, when a car accident left him a quadriplegic.*



(Courtesy Photo)

**Steven Hawk is wearing Massachusetts Office of Outdoor Recreation apparel that was given to him by his friend Elizabeth Johnson, board member of the Norwottuck Network. Hawk said he is proud to wear it, saying it shows that he is part of the team.**

I am Ware resident Steven Hawk.

At age 18, I suffered a catastrophic accident that left me without use of my hands or legs. A rehabilitation nurse encouraged me to advocate strongly for myself.

Over the past 20 years I have polished that skill, becoming an effective advocate for rail trails - a safe way for everyone to travel and to protect wildlife.

My friend Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson, Norwottuck Network board member, recalled my speech at the July Golden Spike

2022 conference in Gilbertville, in which I stated that the Ware segment of the Mass Central Rail Trail had "opened up the world to me." We became Facebook friends, and she noticed my posts about being able to do my own shopping now.

At the Mass Trails conference, Liz was excited to find the strong emphasis on Equity and Access, reducing barriers and sparking interest in underserved children. She offered to team up with me to write this letter advocating for people who use assistive devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and even baby strollers to live fuller, healthier lives, as well.

Access to an old dead-rail-road public path in Ware required persistent advocacy on my part and work with the Town of Ware to make needed improvements. I learned that my old shortcut path was in fact part of the incomplete MCRT.

Norwottuck Network Board

Chair Craig Della Penna provided information and support for paving the trail and making it wheelchair accessible. It needed a paved surface and improved grades for people using wheelchairs.

Via Facebook, I keep the public informed about the trail, publicly acknowledging the town for making needed repairs and volunteer groups for upkeep and improvements. For my efforts, I received a Golden Spike award at the GS2022 Conference in Gilbertville this past summer.

All public spaces in Massachusetts, by law, reserve special parking spots and other accommodations for disabled people. But it is in fact rare to see any disabled people use the rail trails.

We want to advocate for improvements in this form of Equity and Access, too.

People interested in helping make these improvements can email [stevenhawk813@yahoo.com](mailto:stevenhawk813@yahoo.com) or find me on Facebook.

# Henry Floquet of Amherst was part of Muhlenberg's 'Reset: New Dances'

ALLENTOWN, PA -- Muhlenberg College dancers explored personal experiences and narratives through movement as the Theatre & Dance Department presented "Reset: New Dances" December 1-3 in the College's Baker Theatre.

Henry Floquet, Class of 2025, of Amherst, was a crew member in the production.

"One of the major themes of 'Reset: New Dances' is this questioning of what dance has been and what dance can be," says artistic director Natalie Gotter, a member of Muhlenberg's dance faculty. "The dancers have a wide range of interests - and putting these interests on the stage really allows the audience to know more about who our students are and how they approach the field of dance."

Working closely with the 10 student choreographers, Gotter has witnessed firsthand the ways they are investigating their experiences through their dance works.

# National Park tourism spending in Massachusetts up

*New report shows visitor spending supports 8,897 jobs in state*

PHILADELPHIA - A National Park Service report released this year shows that 6,694,799 visitors to national parks in Massachusetts spent \$721 million in the state in 2021. That spending resulted in 8,897 jobs and had a cumulative benefit to the state economy of about \$1.143 billion.

The national park sites which are entirely or partially within Massachusetts include: Adams National Historical Park; Appalachian National Scenic Trail;

Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park; Boston National Historical Park; Boston African American National Historic Site; Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area; Cape Cod National Seashore; Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site; John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site; Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site; Lowell National Historical Park; Minute Man National Historical Park; New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park; New England National Scenic Trail; Salem Maritime National Historic Site; Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site; Springfield Armory National Historic Site, and; Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National

Historic Trail.

Economists at the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey conducted the peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis. The report shows that nationwide, \$20.5 billion of direct spending by more than 297 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 322,600 jobs nationally; 269,900 of those jobs are in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$42.5 billion.

As for the economics of visitor spending, the lodging sector had the highest direct effects, with \$7 billion in economic output nationally. The restaurants sector was had the second greatest effects, with \$4.2 billion in

economic output nationally.

Report authors also produced an interactive tool to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>.

To learn more about national parks in Massachusetts and how the National Park Service works with Massachusetts communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment and provide outdoor recreation, go to [www.nps.gov/state/ma/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/state/ma/index.htm).

**WREATHS** from page 6

3,100 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day with more than two million volunteers coming together.

All Wreaths Across America Day events are non-political/religious events open to all people. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16181/Overview/?relatedId=0>

## SEEKING STAFF WRITER

Award-winning, family-owned Turley Publications, based in Palmer, is seeking a storyteller who is curious about everything, and who understands how town government works to join our team of weekly reporters.

Experience in covering town government is a huge plus, and any experience in community journalism is as well. Staff writers cover all aspects of communities from features to municipal meetings to crimes and fires. Successful candidates must have people skills, plenty of curiosity and able to tell a story.

If you're a self-starter who enjoys community journalism and who can envision themselves connecting with our communities, we encourage you to apply for this position.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- A determination to get the story, whatever it might be
- Equally comfortable writing hard news, features and event coverage
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style

Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for our editor's position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to Executive Editor Cliff Clark at [cclark@turley.com](mailto:cclark@turley.com).



**WE CARRY A WIDE VARIETY OF FROZEN TURKEYS, TURKEY BREAST, DUCKS, CORNISH HENS AND FRESH PORK & RED MEAT ROAST FOR YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!**

<p>USDA INSP. FRESH <b>PORK CROWN ROAST</b>..... <b>\$2<sup>77</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FRESH STORE MADE <b>HOLIDAY ROAST BONELESS PORK LOIN</b> WITH HAM, CHEESE, PEPPERS, OLIVES, SPICES ..... <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FRESH <b>PORK PICNIC SHOULDER</b> <b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FRESH <b>PORK WHOLE HAM</b> ..... <b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b> lb</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>HOLIDAY HAMS</b></p> <p>USDA INSP. <b>KAYEM WHOLE BONELESS BUDDA BALL SMOKED PIT HAM</b>..... <b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FROZEN <b>SKINLESS &amp; SHANKLESS SMOKED HATFIELD WHOLE HAM</b> ..... <b>\$2<sup>59</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FROZEN <b>1/2 SPIRAL HAM</b>..... <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FROZEN <b>BONELESS HORMEL HAM</b>..... <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p>	<p>USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN <b>RIBEYE FOR STANDING ROAST</b> CUT FREE <b>\$7<sup>77</sup></b> WHOLE OR HALF lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS <b>BEEF TENDERLOIN</b> CUT FREE <b>\$9<sup>89</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS <b>BEEF SIRLOIN SPOON ROAST</b> <b>\$5<sup>88</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FRESH <b>AMERICAN LAMB LEGS</b> <b>\$5<sup>55</sup></b> lb</p> <p><b>IMPORTED LAMB RACKS</b> <b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p>	<p>USDA INSP. FROZEN <b>WHOLE TURKEYS</b> ..... <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p> <p><b>CAPONS</b>..... <b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p> <p><b>DUCKS</b> ..... <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>HOLIDAY APPETIZERS</b></p> <p>USDA INSP. FROZEN <b>FULLY COOKED BUFFALO PARTY WINGS</b> 5 LB BAG..... <b>\$14<sup>99</sup></b> ea</p> <p>USDA INSP. CHICOPEE PROVISIONS <b>BLUE SEAL KIELBASA</b> ..... <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b> lb</p> <p>USDA INSP. FROZEN <b>DAVIO'S MAC &amp; CHEESE SPRING ROLLS</b> 9 OZ BOX..... <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> ea</p> <p>USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN <b>COOKED SHRIMP RINGS</b> 11 OZ ..... <b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b> ea</p> <p>USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN <b>COOKED SHRIMP</b> 16/20 CT 2 LB BAG..... <b>\$19<sup>99</sup></b> ea</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"><b>HOURS:</b> Mon. - Wed. 8-4 • Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3 <b>CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26</b></p>
--	---	---

SALE DATES: 12/15/22 - 12/22/22 BUY DIRECT FOR SAVINGS • SELECTION • SERVICE

**90 Meat Outlet**  
90 Avocado St.  
Springfield  
413-737-1288  
[www.90meat.com](http://www.90meat.com)  
We reserve the right to limit quantities.

sports@turley.com

@turleysports

facebook.com/turleysports

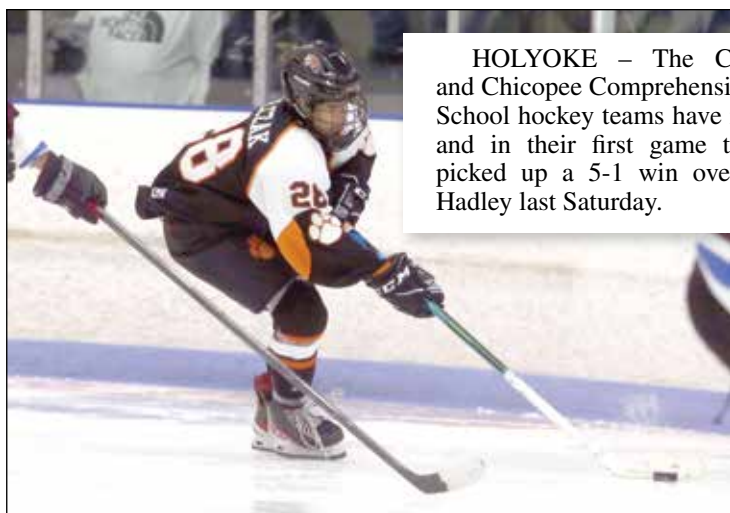
# SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

## Co-op beats Tigers in opener



Chris Walczak tracks down the puck in the Chicopee end.

HOLYOKE – The Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive High School hockey teams have merged, and in their first game together, picked up a 5-1 win over South Hadley last Saturday.

Playing at the Pacers home of Fitzpatrick Rink, which they share with South Hadley, Tyler Bielecki had a hat trick for the Pacers. South Hadley's only goal came from Josh Chateauf.



Mike Arabik fights in the corner for the puck.



Austin Deren sets to make a wrist pass.



Staff photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Goalie Devin Carleton attempts to save a shot.



Nate Loughman corrals the puck.

## Mustangs too much for Rams

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY—When the Monson girls' varsity basketball team made the 30 minute bus ride to Granby High School last January, their trip home wasn't very enjoyable following a seven point loss. When the Lady Mustangs players walked out of Sullivan Gymnasium following last Friday night's season opener, the mood was a lot different.



Kaitlyn Curran makes her way down the court.

Led by sophomore forward Olivia Chrzan, who scored a game-high 27 points, the Lady Mustangs celebrated a 66-41 season opening road victory over the Lady Rams.

"We do have a very difficult schedule coming up and we knew that this game was a very important one for us," said Chrzan, who joined the varsity basketball team as a seventh grader. "We were able to take an early 9-0 lead in tonight's game, which gave us a lot of confidence. It also helped set the tone for the rest of the game."

Tim Pascale, who's entering his 19th season overall as the Monson girls' varsity basketball coach, was pleased with his team's season opening performance, especially following a poor effort in a preseason scrimmage at Tantasqua Regional a couple of days earlier.

"We struggled a little bit in our scrimmage at Tantasqua," Pascale said. "We had two solid practices and we worked on some of the things that we didn't do well in our scrimmage. I'm very proud of the effort in tonight's game."

Neither Monson nor Granby has any seniors listed on their varsity rosters, so they won't be having a senior night celebration at the end of the regular season.



Staff photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Autumn Sicard makes a pass on the run.

Chrzan who has scored more than 700 career points, netted 19 of her points during the first half.

"Olivia is a great teammate and she's also a very good team leader," Pascale said. "She's like having another coach on the

court. We're very lucky to have her on our team. I've been blessed to have coached at lot of very good basketball players and Olivia is one of them."

Please see **RAMS**, page 11

## Tigers jump out to 2-0

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School girls basketball team is now 2-0 this season after defeating Greenfield and Granby to start.

Last Saturday night, the Tigers met Granby at the Mullin Center at UMass in the Pioneer Valley Tip-Off event at the Mullins Center. The Tigers jumped out to a 13-4 lead and did not look back in a 53-25 win. Ava Asselin had 14 points to lead all scorers while Alex Jackson had 11 points. The Tigers are back in action on Monday, Dec. 19 against Monson at 7 p.m.

## Follow Turley Sports on Instagram

Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching "turleysports." We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.



# T-Birds score shutout of Admirals

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (9-10-1-4) got their first shutout victory of the year behind 25 Joel Hofer saves in a 2-0 win over the Milwaukee Admirals (15-7-0-1) on Saturday night before a sold-out crowd of 6,793 on Teddy Bear Toss night at the MassMutual Center.



There would not be another goal in the contest until the final period, but it was not for a lack of chances. Anthony Angello narrowly missed a goal on a breakaway coming out of the penalty box in the second, as he rang a shot off the inside of the post behind Milwaukee netminder Devin Cooley's glove.

At the other end, the Admirals power play had seven chances throughout the night to try to dent Hofer, but each time, the Springfield penalty kill and their netminder turned away Milwaukee's bids for goals.

On one such penalty kill in the final period, rookie Jake Neighbours put the game away

when he stole the puck from Cooley near the goal line and beat the diving netminder to the opposite side of the net to tuck home a wraparound backhand at 6:30 of the third. Neighbours' first goal in the AHL made it 2-0, and Hofer and the defense locked down the net front from that point onward. Through his first 17 games this season, Hofer finds himself fifth in the AHL in save percentage (.927) and goals-against average (2.28). Saturday's 25-save effort was Hofer's fourth career AHL shutout and second as a Thunderbird.

The T-Birds, who have earned five of a possible six points over their last three games, embark on a four-game road trip that began Wednesday night at Total Mortgage Arena against the Bridgeport Islanders.

# Events added to 2023 racing schedule

ATTLEBORO – JDV Productions announced today two additional events for their 2023 schedule, as the organization will branch out to promote two Open Modified events for the new season. The JDV Open Modifieds will compete in a 100-lap event at Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, June 3 and a 100-lap race at Claremont Motorsports Park on Sunday, Sept. 3.

The Open Modified division will highlight some of the top Modified drivers in New England up against many local house division drivers from the respective New Hampshire short-tracks, who normally compete in the NHSTRA Modifieds.

Among the first two teams to show verbal commitments to competing in the events are former NASCAR New Hampshire state champion Brian Robie and Open Modified team owner Stan Mertz, who will also have his car compete in select NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour events in 2023.

"We feel it's the right time to branch out into the Open Modifieds and give ourselves a bit more involvement in a thrilling Modified environment in New England," Josh Vanada, owner of JDV Productions, said. "On top of our scheduled NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour events, we will showcase the Open Modifieds to race fans, with a bit of a local flavor. We're looking forward to announcing additional details about our 2023 season soon prior to the holiday season. Stay tuned, race fans."

Robie is no stranger to running at the front of the field at both Monadnock and Claremont and is excited to have some races in his backyard.

"We've enjoyed spending the last few years traveling around New England and will continue to do so, but it's always nice to have a few Open Modified races close to home," Robie said. "Having two of them is even better. The management team involved with JDV is looking to do things a little bit different, which is always welcome. I enjoy new challenges. Having these shows on our home turf offers a slight advantage. We will be looking forward to running these events in 2023."

Mertz is also excited to get to the track to compete in these JDV Productions special events.

"We've made a living out of Open Modified races in the last few years and competing in a few promoted by Josh Vanada and the JDV team was a no brainer for us when we heard about it," Mertz said. "We have yet to set a driver for these events, but we have had success at both tracks before and look forward to supporting these races next season. On top of our select Whelen Modified Tour races, we are going to have a busy calendar with our team."

JDV Productions is excited to announce additional details about the 2023 schedule prior to the end of the 2022 calendar year. Stay tuned to the JDV Productions social media channels for more information.

# HoopHall makes presence overseas

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame recently held a pair of events in London, a two-day HoopHall International high school tournament at Copper Box Arena (Dec. 2 and 3) and the London Showcase at The O2 Arena (Dec. 4), a double-header of college basketball games: Maine vs. Marist (aired on ESPNU) and Kentucky vs. Michigan (ABC).

"The goal of this inaugural event was not only to bring the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame brand from the birthplace of basketball to the international stage, but to expose London to

elite college basketball and grow the appreciation of the sport overseas, said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "We certainly feel we accomplished that."

On Dec. 2, Chelsea Football Club welcomed Kentucky and Michigan to Stamford Bridge. Coach John Calipari and Coach Juwan Howard participated in a jersey exchange with Chelsea President of Business Tom Glick and Doleva. Both schools toured the facility, including stopping in Chelsea's dressing room, where the players were able to hoist

one of soccer's most sought-after prize, the UEFA Champions League trophy.

In addition to the scheduled games and tour, the Hall of Fame hosted a pair of basketball clinics for the London community at East London University and Copper Box.

"It was extremely important for the Basketball Hall of Fame to embed itself in the London community while we were overseas," said Doleva. "We hope our trip to London left as many memories for the English basketball fans as we took back home."

# St. Patrick's Day Road Race registration now open

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke St. Patrick's Committee is pleased to announce that registration for the 2023 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race is now open.

We are also excited to announce our new partnership with 4RUN3 Racing who will be handling our registration, timing, and a training group. 4RUN3 is based in East Longmeadow and serves the Western Mass running community with best-in-class service. We look forward to working together to bring many improvements to the race for years to come.

As is expected with any change, registration will look slightly different for 2023. You can find more event information and registration at <http://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Holyoke/HolyokStPatricksRoadRace>. Thank you for working with us as we make this transition.

We have two opportunities for you to take advantage of this year that are made possible by our partnership with 4RUN3.

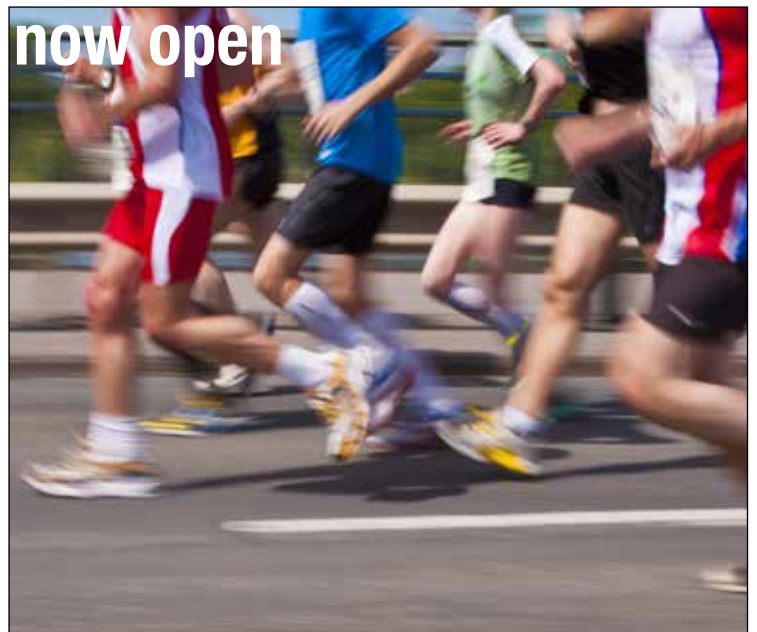
10K Training Program: Train together with local runners to stay motivated, make your 2023 10K your best it can be, and enjoy exclusive perks.

Custom neck gaiters and gloves

Exclusive group packet pickup

First Beer Free after the race  
Referral Program: After you register, you will receive a referral link to share. Once your referral code has been used by five friends to register for the 2023 Holyoke 10K Road Race or Walk you will receive an exclusive long sleeve top for free.

Thank you for your support in year's past. We hope to see you in March and look forward to watching you cross that finish line.



# SERVICE DIRECTORY

To advertise on this page call the Town Reminder at 283-8393

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELECTRICIAN</b></p> <p><b>GAGNON ELECTRIC</b> All Types Of Electrical Work. Fully Insured. All Work Fully Guaranteed Free Estimates. Lic. #14960A <b>533-8867</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAINTING</b></p> <p><b>B&amp;D PAINTING</b> Interior/Exterior, Experienced, References, Insured. Free Estimate • HIC# 175887 <b>(413)455-5458</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TREE SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>EDGE TREE SERVICE, INC.</b> Tree Removal, Trimming, Land Clearing, Stump Grinding. Fully Insured. Free Estimates. Peter Edge <b>532-5764</b> <b>www.edgetreeservice.com</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TREE SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>LUCCHESI TREE SERVICE</b> AND LANDSCAPING Lot Clearing, Retaining Walls, Mowing, Pruning, Stump Grinding, Irrigation. Insured <b>534-1002</b></p>
---	---	---	---



**RAMS** from page 8

Chrzan learned a lot about basketball from Sydney DeVries, who's a sophomore on the Southern New Hampshire University women's basketball team.

"Sydney is one of my close friends and she did teach me a lot about basketball," Chrzan said. "We were teammates on the high school team for two years and she's a very good basketball player."

The Lady Mustangs junior guard duo of Sierra Martinson and Aniah Myrie scored 10 points apiece. Junior guard Lynzie Bailey added 7 points.

The Lady Rams, who won two of the three meetings against

the Lady Mustangs a year ago, have had four different varsity coaches in the past four years.

The current Granby varsity coach is Megan Szlosek, who coached the junior varsity team last year.

"I coached the girls' varsity basketball team in the early 2000's. I also coached the varsity softball team here before taking some time off to raise my own children," said Szlosek, who graduated from Granby High School. "I've been coaching the current eighth graders since they were five years old and I'm excited to continue their high school journey with them."

Her daughter, Eleanor, is an eighth grader on the j.v. team and was one of the starting goal-

ies for the varsity soccer team, which is coached by Bob Weaver, this past fall.

Granby was led offensively by freshman center Aubrey Parent, who scored 10 of her team-high 16 points during the second half. Eighth grade forward Kalli White came off the bench and scored 11 points. Junior guard Sophia Gagnon chipped in with 7 points.

Monson sophomore forward Emily Provost (6 points) began the contest by making two free throws giving the visiting team a 2-0 lead. Then a pair of lay-ups by Chrzan, which were sandwiched around her 3-pointer from the left corner pushed the Lady Mustangs lead to 9-0 a little more than three minutes into

the opening quarter.

"We're a very young team this year," Szlosek said. "Whenever we do fall behind early in the game, it's going to be hard for us to dig out of the hole. This is going to be a learning season. We're just hoping to get a little bit better in each game."

Granby entered the second quarter trailing 15-8.

The Lady Mustangs held a 44-15 halftime lead, as they outscored the Lady Rams, 29-7, during the second quarter.

Chrzan scored 11 of those points, while Myrie contributed with eight points with the help of two 3-pointers during the final three minutes of the opening half. Bailey scored all seven of her points in that quarter.

Despite trailing 44-15 at the break, the Lady Rams kept playing hard in the third quarter.

Parent and Gagnon, who are both returning varsity players, combined for 14 of their team's points, which sliced the deficit to 53-31 entering the final eight minutes of the contest.

The Lady Rams couldn't get any closer than 22 points, as the fourth quarter was evenly played.

The season opening victory put the Lady Mustangs at the top of the Suburban League standing where they're hoping to remain for the rest of the regular season.

**CALL YOUR TURLEY REP TODAY! 283-8393**



**YOUR LOCAL TRUSTED RELIABLE DEPENDABLE HOMIE PROs**

<p><b>TREE WORK</b></p> <p>INSURED AND CERTIFIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree Removal</li> <li>Structural Pruning</li> <li>Crane Service</li> <li>Storm Damage</li> <li>Stump Grinding</li> </ul> <p><b>DL&amp;G TREE</b></p> <p>Give us a call for your free estimate and tree evaluation 413-478-4212</p>	<p><b>OVERHEAD DOORS</b></p> <p><i>Devine Overhead Doors</i></p> <p>Call Today for Professional Installation 413.586.3161 www.devineoverheaddoors.com RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL</p>	<p><b>ROOFING</b></p> <p><b>ADAM QUENNEVILLE</b> ROOFING ▾ SIDING ▾ WINDOWS</p> <p>Think you need a new roof? Think again! ASK ABOUT OUR ROOF MAXX Shingle Rejuvenating Treatment 536-5955 ▾ www.1800newroof.net</p>
<p><b>LAWN &amp; GARDEN</b></p> <p><b>AMHERST FARMERS SUPPLY</b> Fertilizers, grass seeds, natural stone, wall/walkway/patio, block, masonry, gardening, outdoor tools, mulches, pond supplies, muck boots &amp; more! 320 South Pleasant St., Amherst 413-253-3436 Mon.-Fri. 7:30-5:00, Sat. 7:30-4:00 • Est. 1945</p>	<p><b>INSURANCE</b></p> <p>www.moultoninsurance.com <b>MOULTON Insurance Agency</b> BUSINESS • AUTO • HOME • LIFE</p> <p>Very Competitive Rates • Experienced Professional Staff 99% Customer Satisfaction Rate • On-site Registry Processing</p> <p><b>Safety Insurance</b> AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS</p> <p>Ware 143 West Street 413-967-3327 Belchertown 45 N. Main Street 413-323-7229</p>	<p><b>TRAILER SALES</b></p> <p><b>YANKEE TRAILER SALES</b></p> <p>SALES: Wells Cargo Enclosed Trailers &amp; Karavan Utility Trailers</p> <p>450 New Ludlow Rd., Chicopee Phone (413) 532-0515 www.yankeetrailersales.com</p>

# UMassFive hosting winter coat and cold-weather clothing drive

HADLEY – UMassFive College Federal Credit Union is running a winter coat and cold-weather clothing drive in its Hadley, Northampton, and Springfield branches throughout the month of December.

This drive, held annually, is part of an effort to ensure that all community members have access to cold-weather clothing this winter. Donations will be distributed in partnership with the Amherst Survival Center, according to

a press release from the credit union.

“We know that our neighbors in need have come to count on the coats and warm clothing our members donate during this drive,” said Cait Murray, UMassFive Community Outreach Manager. “We are so grateful to partner with the Amherst Survival Center to ensure that donations are directed where they can have a significant impact.”

UMassFive thankfully ac-

cepts any and all clean, new or gently-used coats, gloves, scarves, hats, sweaters, and blankets.

Donations should be placed in a bag, and may be dropped off during business hours to the Hadley branch at 200 Westgate Center Drive, Northampton branch at 225 King Street, or Springfield branch at 233 Carew Street (Mercy Hospital Rehabilitation Building, Room 110.)



**Come Visit Santa, Mrs. Claus and his elves at his cabin in Buttery Brook Park**

**Dec. 8, 9, 10, 11  
Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Free Hot Chocolate and a Cookie**

Brought to you by The Friends of **BUTTERY BROOK PARK**

*Donations Welcome*

To advertise your business on the **Town Reminder Holiday Page**, please call Maureen at 283-8393 or email: [mmcgarrett@turley.com](mailto:mmcgarrett@turley.com)

**PREMIUM Fraser & Balsam Fir Trees**

**ALWAYS FREE DELIVERY TO SOUTH HADLEY**



**GREEN OAK FARM**  
101 Hadley Street, Rte. 47  
South Hadley • 533-9391  
June & Lindy Bagg

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS Stroll**

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**



**MCCRAY'S FARM**  
55 ALVORD STREET  
SOUTH HADLEY, MA

• 30-40 Minute Walk • \$15 Per Person

Go to [McCrays-Farm.com](http://McCrays-Farm.com) for ticketing info



The O'Brien Family

WE'RE NOT A BUSINESS. WE'RE A

# Family.

In your time of need, why turn to a business when you can lean on a family? As a family-owned funeral home, we offer a level of dignity, compassion and personal care you won't find elsewhere. We go above and beyond for each family we serve—not because this is our business, but because it's our way of life.

*Our family is here for yours.*

**O'BRIEN FAMILY**  
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES  
33 Lamb St • South Hadley, MA 01075  
(413) 538-4642  
[OBrienFamilyFH.com](http://OBrienFamilyFH.com)

## Give the Gift of Music Gerry's Music shop



**Holiday Savings Too Big to Advertise on In Stock Items!**

Acoustic Guitars • Electric Guitars • Amplifiers • Drums  
Keyboards and Digital Pianos • Electric Bases  
Band and Orchestral Instruments and Accessories!

**Music Lessons Are the Gift That Keeps on Giving!**

80 Lamb St., Rte. 116, So. Hadley, 534-7402  
1-800-724-7402 OR 1-413-534-7402

[www.gerrysmusicshop.com](http://www.gerrysmusicshop.com)