

Spring Break Edition



Girls Softball Preview

/by : Victoria Garrison

1. What are you most looking forward to this softball season?

Coach Taylor: Watching our team grow from the beginning of the season to the end of the season.

Coach Raney: I agree, watching the improvement of both the individuals and the team.

2. What are you least looking forward to this softball season?

Coach Taylor: Playing in the cold weather!

Coach Raney: Yep, not a fan of standing around in the cold.

3. If there was one thing that you could say to all your softball players what would it be?

Coach Taylor: Show up, work hard, have a good attitude, and encourage your teammates.

Coach Raney: Work on the fundamentals and the small details to improve, the rest will come together.

4. Looking back on our past years' softball team, what would you say they need to improve on the most?

Coach Taylor: One of the biggest things we've already

Hamilton High School Golf By: Leland Lester

The latest news from Head Coach Bryan Iddings is that he has a substantial group "working to become the core of our new ladies golf team." Sophomore Kylie Hjelm says, "I'm looking forward to improving my completely non-existent skills." Until then, Kylie and all the other would-be Lady linksters will be working on their game at our home course, Hidden Valley C.C. in Metz. Come Fall, Coach Iddings will be leading the way. During the season, the Lady Marines will go head to head with NECC teams at Garrett C.C. In the meantime, Coach

Iddings offers golf swing analysis services to any student interested in improving their game. These services are pro-

Mr. Iddings (left), Hamilton's world famous golfing instructor, tees off for Spring. (Photo not verified by independent inspectors, but close enough)



Your 2023 Hamilton Softball Team! (photo by Tori Garrison)

started working on in our off season workouts is how to increase our out percentage. We're working on how we can put ourselves in a better position to make the play without compromising our accuracy.

Coach Raney: Giving 100% of your effort. Don't just go through the motions to get it done. Focus on what you are doing and make the changes to improve. Hold your teammates accountable. It takes all 9 players on the field doing their best to be successful.

5. Do you have any particular team goals, such as wins, team bat. avg, etc...?

Coach Taylor: We will set some of those goals together as a team. With this being my first season coaching, I'm still learning what their strengths and weaknesses are, so what I'm looking for from the girls is improvement. We can win some games we may not be expected to if we work hard on the little things.

Word Search- Leprechaun Edition

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Word Bank

- 1. pipe 2. clever 3. wishes
- 4. helpful 5. green
- 6. cobbler 7. mischief 8. prankster 9. luck
- 11. rainbow 12. treasure 13. cauldron 14. silver 15. shoes
- 16. leprechaun 17. gold

Dooling Doofuses:

/by: Dade & Noah Beldon/

Photos by Leland Lester







#1 Hey, where do you think Leprechauns come from?

#3 I think they're summoned fiends, meant to torment and bedevil people who partake in the unrestricted consumption of ealdorberries.

#5 ...No?

#7 How'd you read it? We're talking, not writing!

#9 So what if I did! The language in which I speak and write to you has been mottlefied countless times! So then I ask you, what matter is it if I spelt elderberries as ealdorberries?!

#11 But that's why I changed the word! I wish to set a new president!! I will be the Shakesphere of the information age.

#13 Isn't that how you spell Shakesphere, you dolt?

#15 I'm finished with you, # turdberrie!

By: Desirae Fraiser

#2 Well, I don't know, but I bet you're gonna tell me.

#4 Did you just spell Elderberries with an "a"?

#6 Yes you did! I quite clearly read it!

#8 I'm not the one on trial here. Hey, you spelled it also with an undue "o"!

#10 It doesn't to you, but to the editors, it is of utmost importance!

#12 Hol' up, rewind, repeat. thy. self. How did you just spell that name?

#14 Not unless you're referencing a worldwide earthquake. Shake. Speare. YOU said "Shakesphere," you dunce.

#16 Turdberrie isn't a word, you poopy toes!



Wanna Know More About Leprechauns? 🛬



Ever heard of a leprechaun? Bet you have, but have you ever heard a story about them, or anything other than a small, drunken Irish man wearing all green and has gold hidden at the end of the rainbow and smoked a pipe? Ever wanted to know more about Leprechauns? Profession even? I know that last question seems odd, profession? Well they did have a profession. Leprechauns were cobblers, or known as shoe makers. And If you're thinking they always wore green, you are wrong. Earlier conceptions of the leprechaun were consistent that he wore red. The color red may connect him to the underworld and with another similar creature, the fairy Prince Derek. Fun fact: leprechauns are traditionally part of the fairy family, did you know that? I didn't. Leprechauns are said to be many things. Such as pranksters, and sometimes being helpful. Though they get into mischief, it's not similar to other fairies, or Denishi, who are very dangerous and sometimes lethal. They are also said to be the only industrious fairy, and gains his wealth from all the shoes he makes, hoarding his gold beneath the earth. If a leprechaun favored a person, he might help with work or willingly guide a person to their fortune. Alternatively, capturing him would also gain his favor, in exchange for his life. He grants his imprisoner wealth or wishes, or demands, depending on the story.

The first known appearance in Irish myth of leprechauns is to be found in the Shenhoss more law book. Which references a tale about King Fergus Macletti, and it is possible that the tale has an origins as old as the 8th or 9th century, also said to be possibly even older. King Fergus Macletti, falls asleep by the sea and wakes to being dragged towards the ocean, by several diminutive figures, identified as leprechauns. Fergus catches them all in his hand. Then, before being dragged into the ocean, Fergus demands his three wishes from them, in exchange for their lives. -The idea of having demands, wishes from someone you've captured is not specific to leprechauns originally, but comes up in many tales.- Fergus seeks the means of travel underwater. They provide him with (depending on the version), either a hood, magic, herbs, or magic shoes, which allowed Fergus to pass over and under the water. They then bring Fergus to their abode beneath the sea, where Fergus spends days with them. Fergus is warned, by the leprechauns, not to go beneath a particular lake, but after a while he ignores the warning. Fergus, ends up disfigured from the sight of a terrible monster, causing his mouth to move to the side of his face. So like any tale, you can tell the lesson is to listen to warnings. In later versions of leprechauns, they are said to be smaller than dwarves, so small that they could stand on the hand of a dwarf, which makes sense, because they're related to fairies.

Dublin, Ireland hosts a National Leprechaun Museum, where it's said you can see the leprechaun legend come to life. If the fact that they have a museum about leprechauns doesn't say there's a lot about leprechauns, I don't know what else does.

HHS On the Move!

Solar Panels at HHS By: Lexi Myers

Installed earlier this year by the RES (Renewable Energy Systems) company were solar panels. The panels were installed in the field behind the school. Many teachers in the elementary school and high-school look forward to using these solar panels as a way to create new learning material for their students.







Back Gym Remodel By: Lexi Myers

Hamilton has exciting changes coming to the elementary school back gym. Construction to remodel began on March 6th. Mr. Cassel has informed of some of the formations students, faculty, and community members will be looking forward to seeing.

"An Esser grant will be used to help get heat and air conditioning systems much like the newer ones that were installed in the main gymnasium. The drop ceiling will stay out, and we will be redoing the entire floor with a new design. New bleachers, in Hamilton blue, will be ADA compliant. We hope to additionally add a curtain to divide the gym into two spaces to allow more practice space for athletes

with less distractions and interruptions.

Left: Our new solar field. (photo by Lexi Myers)

Right: New gym in progress (photo by Tony Cassel)





New Baseball and Softball Fields

By: article and photo Lexi Myers

Earlier this school year the high school made some big changes by redoing the baseball and softball fields. Mr. Cassel has shared some information on how and why this decision was made.

"The fields were in desperate need of repair. There were drainage issues— the ground was unlevel—safety issues from the standpoint of lip of grass that stuck up high. This could result in tripping incidents or even a ball potentially flying up from hitting it. We thrive when we give the students facilities like this. They can not only look forward to using on a daily basis, but also be quite proud of".



Tennis courts

By: Lexi Myers

The school is planning to put the tennis courts to use come this spring! The courts were installed last year located North of the water tower in front of the school. Mr. Cassel is working to put together a middle school tennis club. He says this is to help the younger students, "get the feel of the sport", and allow the club to turn into a middle school team eventually, and lead into a potential middle and high school tennis team in the upcoming years.

On Track

By: Sean Wagner

Hamilton Also expects to begin work this summer on our new track. The existing track has run its course, so to speak, to the point it presents a safety problem for runners. HHS will take advantage of this opportunity to install a higher quality surface, more durable, and even take the step of having it done in Hamilton Marine blue, which will make the facility feel much more like our home turf. It's just one more way HCS is making strides.