

Hampden *Highlights*

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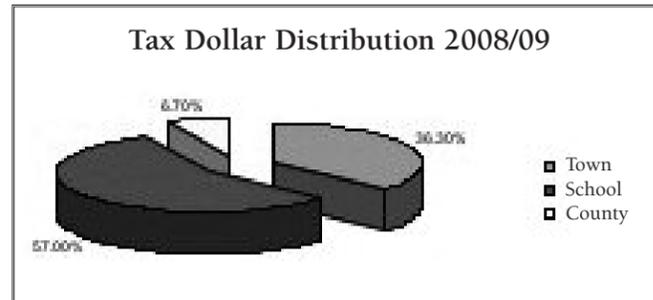
Hampden Academy Building Committee

by Kathy Walker and Norm Prouty
Hampden's Representatives

Our new Hampden Academy (HA) is taking shape on paper, following eighteen months of public forums and meetings, and the development of Educational Specifications that have guided the design process. The chosen site on property owned by MSAD#22 has been approved by an informal straw poll of about sixty voters. This site will be accessed directly across the intersection of Route 202 and Western Avenue (Route 9). A right-of-way currently owned by the Maine Department of Transportation will be sold to MSAD#22 as part of the building project. A distinct advantage of this site is to locate all school buildings in Hampden on one side of busy Route 1A.

Designs for the building and a budget are being developed by WBRC Architects with input from the Building Committee, the MSAD#22 Board of Directors, and the Maine Department of Education (MDOE). Voters in Hampden, Newburgh and Winterport will be asked in the fall to approve a bond issue for our new HA. Funds from the MDOE will pay for the entire basic structure and must be encumbered by the end of the year. These funds are secure despite the budget shortfall that the State is experiencing. It is expected that additional local option funds will be sought from taxpayers for the gymnasium, the science classrooms, and the Performing Arts Center, all of which are planned to be larger than the MDOE will support. Our new HA will welcome and encourage community use when it is built and for generations to come.

The Building Committee is also considering the reuse of the current HA structures. Exciting possibilities exist for the preservation of the original building, continued use of the Skehan Center Gymnasium, and the development of the land sloping to the Penobscot River. Citizen input on the entire process is always welcome. ■



2008/2009 BUDGET ADOPTED

by Susan Lessard
Town Manager

The Hampden Town Council adopted the 2008/09 Municipal Budget at its regular meeting on June 16, 2008. The municipal budget totals \$6.973 million with \$3.15 million coming from property taxes and \$3.82 million from other revenue sources including excise tax and fees. In addition to the Municipal Budget, the Council also approved property tax appropriations for SAD #22 in the amount of \$5 million and County Tax in the amount of \$586,821. The local tax dollar is divided as shown in the preceding diagram.

The municipal budget for 2008/09 was pressured by massive increases in anything with a reliance on petroleum products. Heating fuel for buildings, fuel for vehicles, road paving, road salt, and steel plows all saw large increases for the coming year. In addition to fuel-related items, after a decade or more of continued growth, the town needed to improve its ability to provide services in the areas of fire/EMS and public works, which resulted in the addition of one person in each department.

Despite the best efforts of the Town Council, there will be a mil rate increase this year for the first time since 2000. As of the printing of this article, it was between twenty and thirty cents per thousand. That equates to a 1.2% or 1.9% increase from the \$15.70 mil rate that has stayed the same for the past two fiscal years. The impact on the tax bill of a property valued at \$100,000 would be \$20 to \$30 dollars. For the second year in a row, no valuation adjustments are being made in this fiscal year other than those done as a result of actual new construction or the sale of a property. ■

Therapeutic Pool

By Robin Clifford Wood



Madyson and Mom in the Lura Hoit Pool

photos by Annie O'Reilly

I have been an avid swimmer since I was barely old enough to string a sentence together, so when my family moved to Hampden six years ago, the discovery of a town pool right in the neighborhood made me very happy. I am not alone. Most people know about the fun of recreational swimming, lessons, and birthday parties. If you spend time at Lura Hoit Pool, however, you quickly learn that Hampden's unique pool facility is a lot more than recreation.

Darcey Peakall, the pool's director, estimates about 30% of pool patrons come for therapeutic rather than recreational reasons. People of all ages and conditions use the pool for health, healing and recovery. But there's more. Beyond the physical healing is a psychological lift that goes even deeper. People keep coming back, and it's not just because it's good for them. The recurrent theme that floats to the surface of every conversation is that the pool makes people happy.

Elation is the only word to describe the look on the face of five year old Madyson Graves when she is in the pool with her mom. Madyson was born with a mitochondrial disorder that affects her muscles and neurologic tissue. As a result, she is unable to speak or walk. Up until about a year ago Madyson had not spent much time in the water. She is a slight little girl and gets chilled quickly in the water. She also needed to be held constantly. Last summer the Graves were invited to the home of friends who also have a child in a wheelchair. There they were introduced to two wonderful things - warm pool water and an ingenious flotation device that allows aquatic freedom to people with limited limb control. A thick foam square with a hole in the center holds the head out of the water, and a plastic barbell with foam buoys at both ends stabilizes the square from behind. When I met Madyson and her mom, Tracy, at Lura Hoit Pool, Madyson was at swim class with other kids her age. Her mom was by her side, but Madyson was on her own. Under

her flotation cushion Madyson was free to move and splash at will in the water. Above the cushion her face was all sunshine and smiles.

After borrowing their friends' flotation system last summer, Madyson's parents got her one of her own. They signed her up for her first swim lessons at the pool, where the 85 degree water is warm enough to keep off the chill.

"The first time I put Madyson's feet in the water she started laughing," said Tracy, "and she didn't stop the whole time."

From the looks of it, the pool hasn't lost any of its magic for Madyson. I watched as Tracy encouraged her daughter to walk on tiptoe across the bottom of the pool.

"See, she can walk in here, that's something she can't do out of the water," Tracy said, beaming as brightly as her child. The way Tracy describes it, Madyson's body is constantly fighting against itself on land. In the water there is no struggle. The buoyancy allows Madyson a freedom of movement she gets nowhere else. She is able to use her muscles, loosen them up and strengthen them. But Madyson's face doesn't say "working" or "getting therapy." It expresses pure delight.

Madyson's experience at Lura Hoit Pool may be the most profound that I witnessed, but she is by no means alone in reaping therapeutic benefits from Hampden's pool facility. Whether people are coping with a temporary physical setback or chronic symptoms, water work offers aid to bodies that land work cannot.

Allison Berube and Lindsay Duplisea are both physical therapists who bring their clients to the pool every week. Lindsay brings adults from Absolute Physical Therapy in Bangor, and I joined them for one of their classes.

"We decide which patients would do best with pool therapy," says Lindsay. "For some, land exercise is too painful." The pool is gentler, more comfortable. The water

helps with balance, reduces fear of falling, and is good for arthritics and people with compression or weight bearing issues.

Lindsay appreciates the zero-entry feature at Lura Hoit for easier access. One of her clients in the pool said she appreciates how close the pool is to the parking lot so she doesn't need to walk too far to get to the water. "And you don't have to know how to swim to reap the benefits of pool therapy," Lindsay emphasizes. Water walking and jogging are all done in shallow water; flotation devices can be used; anyone can do it.

"I think every time we come in here, I hear someone say, 'I would never be able to do this on land!'"

Alison Berube is the physical therapist for SAD 22. Working with Andrea Lee, an adapted phys ed teacher, she brings about twenty kids ages five to twenty to the pool every week. In four half hour segments divided by ability level, Andrea works with swimming and safety lessons while Alison works on the children's balance, endurance, strength, flexibility, and coordination.

Like Madyson Graves, these young people experience something transformative at the pool. "I literally have children who can't walk on land but can walk in the water," reports Alison. "Others can walk a little bit on land but can experience a freedom in the water that they never get on land." Most of all, she says, it is gratifying to see how joyful these kids are in the water. She told me the story of how Norman Stern, a member of the board of directors for Lura Hoit Pool, attended a Special Olympics event in Orono a couple of years ago. He was so impressed by the joy and pride of accomplishment in the participants and their families that he sponsored a special two year program to add six students to Alison and Andrea's weekly class for the specific purpose of preparing them for the Special Olympics.

"[The Lura Hoit Pool] has really lived up to the hope that it be a community resource," says Alison, with a special nod to Darcey Peakall who was behind the initiation of many community programs. "None of this was happening before Darcey came," she said. "I can't tell you how much it has meant to the family of a boy who was afraid to put his face in the water and now swims a quarter of a mile." Swimming is an inexpensive, lifelong sport that the whole family can enjoy together. It is a truly intergenerational activity, and now these kids can go to people's camps, be safe, and take part in a social activity.

On a more personal level, Alison sings the praises of Lura Hoit Pool as a resource for her own physical health. Alison is part of an informal "open swim" group of regulars that show up at six AM three days a week. Alison started when she

needed to rehabilitate her knee and found herself in a makeshift support group.

"All of us are in rehab of some kind. We swim a few laps, solve the problems of the world, swim a few more, and talk politics. And the social part of it is therapeutic too!"

Russ Irwin agrees. While his wife Eileen attends the structured water aerobics class a couple of times a week, he prefers to "freelance," so he started to go to the early morning open swim. "I had a knee replacement years ago and recent knee surgery, and I go for arthritis. If I don't go, I feel it; I seize up." It's a great social atmosphere, he says, "we bust up on each other a lot...that early group has a lot of fun." You can hear the smile in the voices of Alison and Russ over the telephone as they talk about their swimming pals, who keep them motivated to keep showing up. Clearly, there is a buoyancy of spirit that is an added bonus to their time in the water.

Like Russ, I am a freelancer in the pool, but I often swim in the open lap lane while the aqua fitness class is in progress. Both in and out of the pool I see a lot of the same camaraderie amongst class participants that Russ and Alison describe. According to Darcey, the aqua fitness class and the gentle aerobics class have a steady attendance of ten to twenty. They are guided through a gentle routine that strengthens their muscles, improves coordination, flexibility, and cardiovascular health. There are also the occasional comings and goings of part-timers. Someone may come to rehabilitate a knee, a shoulder, a back. Pregnant women come for the gentle, non-impact exercise. Others are told by their doctors that "they had to come." Some stop showing up after the pool has helped them over a hump, but others become hooked on the sense of well-being that they get in the pool and they keep on coming.

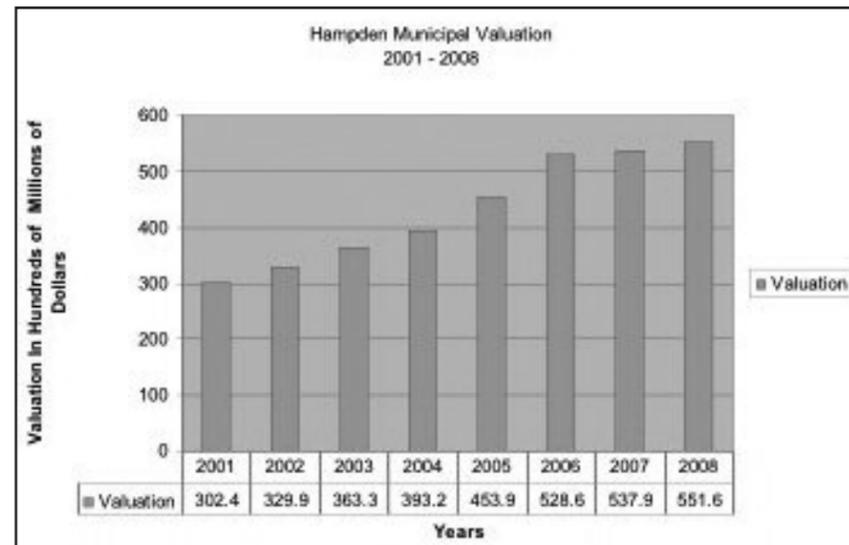
Darcey is careful to point out that the pool employees are not physical therapists; they are aqua fitness instructors. It is important for anyone using pool time for health or rehabilitation to do it in consultation with their doctor.

After discussing his enthusiasm for the special needs kids' program at Lura Hoit Pool, Norman Stern was keen to point out how much the pool also offers to Hampden's older citizens, some in their eighties or even nineties, who participate in pool classes. "I'm sure it adds years to their life," he says. It is also a resource for all ages in between. You'll hear it confirmed every time someone heaves a sigh of satisfaction as they climb out of the pool and say, "this is the best part of my day." Lura Hoit Pool is a lifetime resource for the entire community - good for the body, good for the mind, and good for the soul. ■

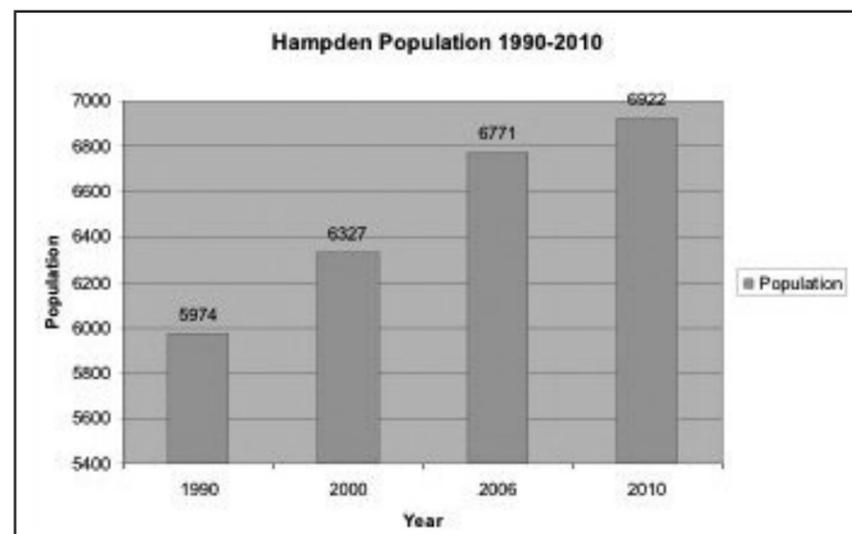
The Rest of the Story... Hampden as a Growing Community

by Susan Lessard, Town Manager

There are many factors in Hampden that contribute to higher costs for municipal services, and those are related to Hampden's population and infrastructure growth. The following chart shows Hampden's municipal valuation from 2001 through 2008. In that time, valuation grew 82.4%.

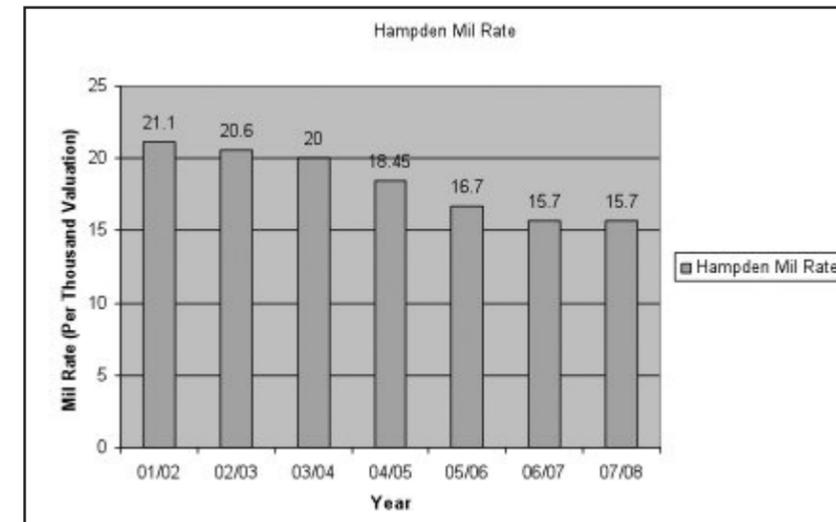


Hampden is also one of the few communities in the greater Bangor region that has experienced significant population growth. The following chart shows Hampden's actual population for 1990, 2000 and 2006, with predictions done by the State Planning Office for 2010. The result is a 15.9% increase

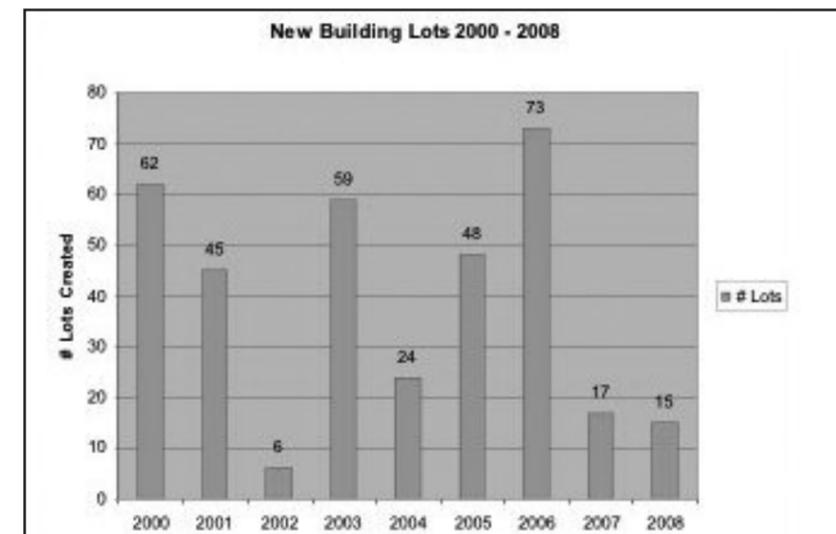


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As a result of valuation increases, the mil rate for the community has declined a total of 25.6%, from a high of \$21.10 per thousand in 2000/2001 to \$15.70 in 2007/2008.



Subdivision activity in Hampden since 2000 has resulted in the addition of 427 new building lots in the community. The following chart breaks down that activity by year.



COPING WITH GROWTH

In order to cope with these increases, the Town has taken a number of steps to insure that service levels remain constant. While there has been no increase in full-time police coverage, there has been additional coverage provided part-time by reserve officers. The Town has also upgraded its emergency medical services to the paramedic level. In order to accomplish full time staffing at this level, one administrative position was changed to two line staff members several years ago, and one additional staff member was added in this current year budget. As a result of residential development activity, the town has added over 13 miles of roads from subdivision acceptance since 2000. As these lots have developed, the road maintenance and plowing schedule has expanded.

Public works added one person for winter plowing and summer building and grounds work with parks, playgrounds, and cemeteries in 2008, after more than ten years at the same staffing level. The administrative office downsized one full-time position to a part-time position in 2007. Economic Development staffing was changed in 2008 from a consultant arrangement to one in which the Economic Development Specialist is a town employee.

Recreational opportunities continue to be a priority for the community with the popular before/after school Kid's Korner program expanding to two locations during 2007 in order to better meet the demand for participation. The Lura Hoit Pool has expanded swim lesson offerings, started an after school program, worked out an arrangement with SAD #22 for practice time and space for the school swim team – just to name a few increased program offerings. These resulted in an increase in income from pool operations by more than \$20,000 between 2006 and 2007. Library staffing remains the same but program offerings have increased with the e-book program as well as interlibrary loan opportunities.

The push for improved communication efforts has resulted in ever-expanding programming for Time Warner Cable Channel 7 (government channel), a revamp of the Town website and ongoing improvements to its interactivity, and the continuation of the Hampden Highlights Newsletter.

In conjunction with the ongoing update of the Town Comprehensive Plan, the Town Council is also working on an updated ten-year Capital Projects Plan, a possible tax rebate program for long-term, older residents, and determination of greenspace/development space needs.

We anticipate our population growth to continue in part due to the pending new high school location as well as due to the availability of existing house lots in approved subdivisions. As the Town Council continues to wrestle with these issues, we invite and encourage you to get involved in the community. Your voice is important in helping to shape the policies and programs that define the Town of Hampden. ■

GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL TOUR OF HAMPDEN GARDENS WELL RECEIVED

By: Matt Arnett

The Hampden Garden Club held its annual tour of noteworthy Hampden gardens on July 19. The tour featured gardens at the homes of Brigitte Cassidy on Ferry Street, Pam Tremblay on Summer Street, Bob and Callie Gilberti on Main Road South, Mark Brown and Mary Gabriel on Elm Street East, Astri and Phil Brooks on Riverview, Marie and Stanley MacMillan on Main Road North, and Bunny and Jack Quirk, on Northern Avenue.

Anne Bennett, President of the Garden Club, said the tour was very wellreceived by the public. "Feedback was terrific," she said, "many of the visitors were very impressed and greatly appreciated the opportunity to see some of the wonderful gardens in Hampden." Asked if you had to be a Garden Club member to be featured on the tour, Anne replied, "No, no

we receive tour recommendations from many people and almost always the selected gardens are those of non-members." Anne indicated that the proceeds from the tour are used to help maintain the club's home, Harmony Hall on Kennebec Road.

"Maintaining that property is very important to our members but it is a difficult challenge for the Club," she said.

Harmony Hall is listed on National Registry of Historic Places. These places are on a federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. National Register properties have significance to the history of their community, state, or the nation. Nominations for listing historic properties come from State Historic Preservation Officers and certain other designated agencies. The Hampden

Garden Club initiated this process and prepared the necessary documentation.

A professional review board of the state of Maine considered and approved the Garden Club's proposal. Upon designation, National Historic Landmarks are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This important action honors the Harmony Hall building and will allow the Garden Club to seek grants for the Hall's preservation; it also allows the Club to receive tax free donations in support of restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Hall.

The Hampden Garden Club is in the process of defining what needs to be done to restore and preserve Harmony Hall. The Club earnestly requests help from the public on this important project, so stay tuned for more information to come. ■



Photos by
Brandon Gassett



Annie Gabbianelli O'Reilly

Hampden Highlights Welcomes Editor

The new editor of Hampden Highlights is Annie Gabbianelli O'Reilly who is no stranger to the town nor its productions. Annie has resided in Hampden for the past 20 years and is a very active community volunteer. She has been an integral part of the Communications Committee from the "getgo." Annie is a well published writer and has been a solid writer and proof reader for *Hampden Highlights* newsletter. Annie has also been active on our cable channel 7 reporting on various town activities while she shares her journalistic and media production talents.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

TAX REMINDER!!!!

30-day notices for unpaid 2007/08 property taxes have been mailed. Liens will be placed on those that remain unpaid thirty days from the 11th of July.

2008/09 property taxes will be committed the first week in August. Bills will be sent out by the end of August.

TRANSFER STATION CHANGES



The Transfer Station changes have been fairly smoothly. The single month savings between April and May translate to more than \$11,500.

We recognize that there are still bugs to be worked out of the process and ask your patience as we work through them.

Hazardous Waste Collection – The Town will be participating in the hazardous waste collection day in October. Staff is already meeting with a regional group to work this out and further details will be available on the Town website as they become available.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT? DID YOU EVER CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Nomination papers for all four Town Council District seats will be available at the Town Office from the first week in August until the first week in September for the upcoming November election. These are three year terms and interested persons would need to submit nomination papers signed by persons in the Council district in which they live. Call or stop by the Town Office after the first of August for more information – or check on the website at www.hampdenmaine.com



DEBIT CARD ACCEPTANCE SET TO BEGIN AUGUST 4TH!

The Town Office will begin accepting Debit cards for transactions at the beginning of August. There will be a \$1 convenience fee charged by the Town to those who choose to use this method of payment in order to pay for the costs associated with offering it.

We have had many requests for this service and have worked out a way in which to accommodate it without adding costs to the tax base. ■

A Cultural Exchange

By: Annie Gabbianelli O'Reilly

Hampden Academy's recent graduation saw six countries represented all thanks to the American Field Service (AFS) Program and other cultural exchanges.

These brave, ambitious young adults came to Maine last August to experience all this country has to offer and all they can share with us. Two of these students are on

assignment, if you will, because they were selected as Ambassadors. "To be an ambassador means it's not about changing the world or making peace, but it's more of learning through self experience and telling leaders of that experience, which helps bring the gap closer," says Wai Quai Chong. For Mike Gerbl, "it's about showing Americans what I can about the German culture and bringing back American culture to share in Germany."

Being selected as an Ambassador also allows these students to visit New York City and Washington D.C. before heading back to their countries. There they will meet with our congressional leaders, visit with other participants in AFS, Youth Exchange and Study program (YES) in Chong's case, and Congress Bundestag in Gerbl's case, and share their experiences. Once back in their respective countries, they will be doing the same with their cultural and governmental leaders. It was not an easy task to be honored with the role of Ambassador. "I applied with many complicated forms and school transcripts. About 600 people from my country applied as well. Then after the first interview, the list was 200, then 40. I was chosen and I wasn't expecting anything because there was competition," says Chong. For Gerbl and Chong, being awarded this honor also assisted them financially. "AFS is a non profit organization so host families don't get any support to



(Left to right are) Maic Frieden of Switzerland, Elodie Crousse of Belgium, Paul Bajer of Austria, Katerina Sochorova of the Czech Republic, Wai Quai Chong of Malaysia, and Michael Gerbl of Germany.

Photo by Tony Mourkas

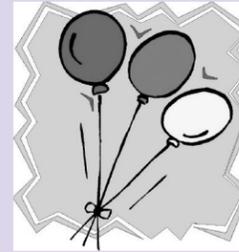
offer a home to a student, but the scholarship for being an ambassador paid for my airline ticket and organizational fees; it's about \$8,000 in support," says Gerbl.

One of the experiences that will go back to Malaysia and Germany is that an American student can select his or her own classes. This was fun for Chong. "I studied music classes and I can't sing or play instruments well. I took American Popular music, percussion, and concert choir. I wouldn't say I have a good singing voice, but it was fun being part of a team, belonging somewhere." In Germany perhaps the fascination won't be sharing music. As Gerbl says they listen to a lot of American bands in Germany. His biggest sharing will be about Ultimate Frisbee. "We have Frisbees in Germany but no one knows what to do with them. I was amazed when I saw people throwing a Frisbee across the whole

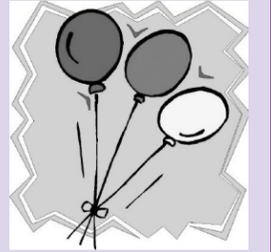
football field. I will bring back the Frisbee idea to Germany and I'm taking some home with me."

As with any visit to a foreign land, there is plenty to experience. For Chong the challenge began before she ever left her country. "My dad passed away the week before I came. I offered to stay back for my mom, but she made me come here. I felt sad at some things, but I wouldn't erase my memory. How can you be happy if you haven't been sad before?" The sad moments come for all these students and their host families when they have to say goodbye.

For any host parent, saying goodbye perhaps won't be so hard because, "Mike has already announced he's coming back," says Barbara Carney (Mom). "We won't have to say goodbye because we'll see each other again even if Will and I go to Germany." Mike agrees saying, "Now maybe I'll be a host family." ■



Hampden Children's Day Saturday, August 16, 2008



By: Vivian Gresser

Hey Kids! Once again Hampden Children's Day will be held on the third Saturday in August. This year's parade theme is "Beach Day Festival." Prior to the parade you can enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Hampden Kiwanis Civic Center. Then you can bring your bike or anything with wheels to decorate (in front of Reeds Brook School) and then ride them in the parade, and be sure to wear your helmets. Parade lineup will take place at 10:00 A.M. at the Reeds Brook Middle School. The Parade will begin at 11:00 A.M. from the school and end at Edward's Family Shop 'n Save.

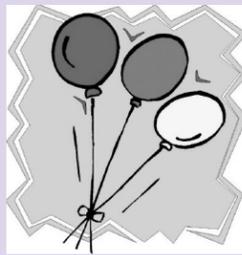
After the parade, there will be fun events to take part in and interesting demonstrations on the school grounds. You can see the Mad Scientist, the Top Hat Dancers, juggling, story telling, a fire truck, ambulance, a Humvee, and other vehicles. You can play some games, bounce in the bounce house, take a horse and carriage ride, learn Tae Kwon Do, pet a musical instrument, take a cake walk, get your face painted, see the clowns, make your own stuffed animal, and much more.

Of course, there will be vendors offering all the awesome food we associate with this event each year like French fries, dough boys, lemonade, cotton candy, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, baked goods, strawberry shortcakes, ribs, chicken, and popsicles.

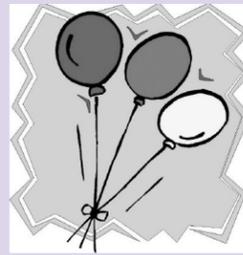
In the evening, you can hear Kayla Wass and her band, and you will also find out who won the parade trophies and the 50/50 drawing. Then at dusk, the event everyone waits for all day - FIREWORKS!

So be sure to set aside the whole day for fun in Hampden! ■





Hampden Children's Day Saturday, August 16, 2008



FOOD FOR THE DAY

Hampden Children's Day - French fries and doughboys

Hampden Children's Day - lemonade, operated by the Hart family

Kiwanis Lunch Wagon - hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, nachos, chips, candy bars and coffee

American Legion - Post #213 – baked goods, popcorn

VFW Auxiliary – sandwiches, hot dogs, water, sodas and their famous strawberry shortcakes (McGraw cafeteria)

Narofsky family – cotton candy

Southern Pit Bar-B-Que - Ribs, chicken, garlic bread, cole slaw, pulled pork sandwiches

**Please note that all events are subject to change.*

Children's Day Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00-9:00 Annual Hampden Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Place: Hampden Kiwanis Civic Center – Main Rd. Cost: Adults - \$6.00, Children under 12 - \$3.00

9:30 Bike Decorating (in front of Reeds Brook Middle School) Kids, bring your bikes or anything that you have with wheels to ride in the parade and Adoptive & Foster Families of Maine will provide the decorations. Don't forget your helmets!!!

10:00 Parade line-up (at Reeds Brook Middle School)

11:00 Annual Children's Day Parade
The parade will begin at Reeds Brook Middle School and end at Edward's Shop & Save.

11:00-4:00 ACTIVITIES

- Kiwanis Quarter Booth Games
- Touch-a-Vehicle, including a fire truck, an ambulance, a humvee and many others, operated by the Hampden Recreation Department and the National Guard.
- Horse/Carriage Rides, Cost: \$1.00/person, \$3.00/family

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- Bounce house, sponsored by the Best Western – White House Inn and operated by the Townsend family, who will also be holding a silent auction and raffle to support RTS Awareness.
- Visit the Maine Discovery Museum for spin art.
- Toss a bean bag with Maine DHHS/A Family for Me
- Visit ATA Martial Arts for some safety tips and learn some Tae Kwon Do.
- Hampden Children's Day Information Booth. We are selling 50/50 tickets, so please visit us and get your tickets.
- Visit the Bangor Symphony Orchestra's instrument petting zoo.
- Get your face painted with Girl Scouts of Maine.
- Cake walk, operated by Girl Scouts of Maine
- Zachary Field will be performing juggling acts and creating balloons goodies on the grounds, sponsored by the Ground Round.
- Visit A-1 Safe Storage and pick up a treat.
- Check out the Hampden Fire Department's smoke trailer.
- CHIPS, a child identification program provided by the members of Mystic Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Hampden and the Maine Dental Association.
- Parents will receive free fingerprint sets, dental imprints and videotapes of their children as part of this safety program.
- Iggy, Shamrock, Squiggles, and Tempo along with the Anah Shrine Clowns will also be there to help entertain the children.
- Visit Pack #41 Cub Scouts to see what they have to offer.
- Inflatable obstacle course operated by the National Guard.
- EMMC and Safe Kids of Maine will be conducting car seat and booster seat safety checks (in front of Weatherbee) and a safety obstacle course (behind McGraw).
- Participate in a craft with A.C. Moore.
- Visit Noah's Ark Stuff-n-Fluff to make your own stuffed animal. Cost: \$12.00/animal

SCHEDULED EVENTS

12:15 Join the Mad Scientist for some scientific exploration (McGraw cafeteria).

1:00 Top Hat Dancers will perform behind McGraw.

1:15 Juggling performance by Jason Tardy (McGraw cafeteria).

2:15 Visit storyteller David Newfield (McGraw cafeteria).

2:45 Freeze Pop Giveaway (Hampden Children's Day lemonade stand)

3:00 Lucky Duck Draw operated by the Kiwanis (tickets available at the Kiwanis lunch wagon or from a Kiwanis member prior to HCD).

3:15 Bruce Johnson will be doing a magic show (McGraw cafeteria).

4:00-8:00 Southern Pit Bar-B-Que
Supper – ribs, chicken, garlic bread, cole- slaw, pulled pork sandwiches
Adults - \$6.50, Children under 12 - \$4.50
pulled pork sandwiches - \$3.00

7:00-8:15 Join local talent Kayla Wass and her band for some great country music. Kayla is the first place winner in the Pine Tree Country Music Association, Down East CMA, North American CMA in Pigeon Forge, TN and the 2006 Colgate Country Showdown. Kayla has performed at several locations in Nashville, including Tootsie's and the Nashville Palace. Come dance and listen to the sounds of today's country hits and timeless country classics.

8:15 Trophies and ribbons will be awarded for winning parade entries. 50/50 raffle will be drawn. Glow ropes are on sale now!!

8:30-9:00 Hampden Children's Day fireworks, provided by Blue Hill Pyrotechnics

9:00-9:30 Stay, dance and listen to more of Kayla Wass and her band's country music.

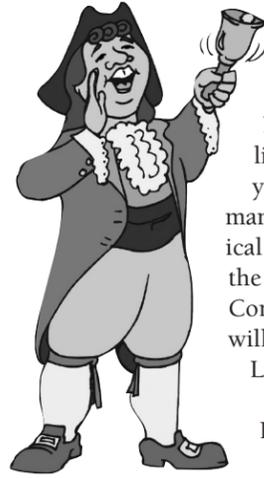
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 a.m. – Please show your appreciation for Hampden Children's Day by volunteering some of your time to clean up from the festivities.

**Please note that in the event of inclement weather, Sunday, August 17 is the designated rain date. Please tune in to WBZN 107.3 FM, Kiss 94.5 FM, B97.1 FM or WEZQ 92.9 FM if the weather is questionable. ■*

Congratulations Hampden!

By Debbie Lozito



Hampden is one of eight communities selected from a pool of fifty applicants to participate in the Maine Community Heritage Project. This project is “an innovative new program that promotes collaboration between local schools, historical societies, and public libraries through the exploration and celebration of local history.” (www.mainememory.net/mchp) Have you seen all the cool stuff the Historical Society has at the Kinsley House? Did you know that at one time Hampden had silver mines? Do you want to learn about the historic house you live in? Do you love to listen to the stories your elderly neighbor tells you about living in Hampden during the last century? Are you doing your family’s genealogy? During the next year, our team will address these questions and many more by creating a new website within the Maine Memory Network that will include digitized historical documents, photographs, artifacts and oral history interviews. Hampden’s team includes members from the Hampden Historical Society, the Town Council Communications Committee, the Edythe Dyer Community Library and Reeds Brook Middle School. In support of Hampden’s selection, Hampden’s team will receive a grant of \$10,000 to defray expenses associated with carrying out the project.

Look for our community celebration in June 2009!

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