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From the Neighborhoods of Hampton Township, PA

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Generous Donations for Presents from Police

he Hampton Township Police Department along with multiple surrounding police departments took part in the "Presents from Police" program this December. Boxes were placed at the

Community Center and residents of the township, businesses and organizations generously donated toys and gift cards. There were enough presents to fill two

police station, Municipal Building and the police vehicles. The presents were delivered on December 21 to the Children's Institute in Shadyside and the Sunrise School in Monroeville.



Little Medical School Returns

by Melanie Martino

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has never been truer than this year for the Hampton Middle School musical. Despite the challenges of COVID over the last year and a half, the students worked tirelessly to

prepare an exciting compilation featuring

songs from the last 16 years of HMS musi-

The old adage "The Show Must Go On"

A Challenging Production!

cals in the format of an award show. The process for creating "The Above Average Middle School Musical Award Show" began in August. Much about the

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by Jenn Edmonds



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A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 10/30/2021—11/25/2021:

DUI

On November 25, at 1:10a.m., a Hampton Township Police Officer was on routine patrol in the area of William Flinn Highway and East Hardies Road when they observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. While following the vehicle, the officer noticed the vehicle cross the double yellow line, weaving within the lane and continuing at a high rate of speed. The officer then initiated a traffic stop on Turner Road. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The officer also observed that the driver displayed slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. The officer then requested the driver submit to a series of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. After testing, the operator was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Fraud

On November 16, at 1:10p.m., Hampton Township Police received a phone call from a resident in regard to unemployment fraud. The resident stated they received payments from the unemployment office that they had not filed for on their behalf. The Hampton Township Police advised the resident to contact the PA Department of Labor regarding the fraudulent checks.

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A NOTE FROM THE HAMPTON NEWS

As *The Hampton News* continues to strive to bring you informative and interesting stories, we welcome feedback, ideas and submissions. We are always happy to hear from you and want to help keep the neighbors connected! The deadline for submissions are on the 15th of each month.

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Holiday Spirit Fills this Neighborhood

by Sandy Giannuzzi

The Greybrooke neighborhood hosted their second annual "Holiday Spirit Contest" on December 11 and 12th. The residents of the neighborhood competed against one another for having the most "holiday spirit." The event was organized by the Greybrooke Neighborhood Association. Each resident that competed placed donation jars on their property to collect money to benefit The North Hills Community Outreach program. First, Second and Third place prizes were awarded and sponsored by Baierl Acura.

Despite the bitter temperature and high winds on Saturday, the Holiday Spirit Contest was in full force. Saturday evening featured the "Knock About Coffee Truck" and Sunday evening featured the "Franktuary Food Truck" where visitors grabbed a warm beverage and a delicious hotdog while enjoying all the Christmas lights and holiday spirit!



The Krieger family held a "Guitar Holiday Mini Concert" each night and took First Place in the contest. A large amount of money was raised along with a generous donation from Bill Brown, of Baierl Acura, a huge supporter of the North Hills Community Outreach program.

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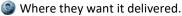
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January is here! The holidays are over and winter has finally settled in. Long gone are the merry decorations and bright lights. Spring is a few months away so what do you do to keep the blues away? Stop in at the Hampton Library! We are ready to bring light and cheer throughout the winter months! See what new activities and events we have planned!

Please note: While we do our best to be here, sometimes winter weather works against us! Please call the library, check Facebook or the website to make sure we did not have to cancel a program due to Mother Nature!

It's a Wonder-ful World! Drop-in Storytime!

Why do animals hibernate? Where does snow come from? What kind of trees make pinecones? Winter is a wonder filled time! Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to celebrate discovery as we interact with our environment. All ages and abilities welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide!

Tues and Thurs starting January 11th from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 10 a.m.- "Stories & Songs", 10:15- "Investigate and Create" 10:45- "Stories and Songs", 11 a.m.- "Parachute Paly", 11:30- "Stories and Songs", 11:45- "Stay and Play." Please note, HCL will stay with its current children's programming

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mask policy: Tuesdays- masks will be required, Thursdays-masks will be optional.

Fluffy's Storytime!

Sundays @ 7pm, Starting January 9th.

Sundays are a good time to relax and wind down from the weekend. Join Miss Suzy and Fluffy in your pjs and with your favorite bedtime friend for bedtime stories, songs and rhymes. Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. January through March.

Card Club!

Wednesdays, Starting January 12th from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us Wednesday afternoons for a game of Euchre, Bridge, Gin Rummy, etc. Depending on the number of players we will divide up for different card games depending on what the majority decides! Come show your skill, teach someone a new game or just enjoy some time out with friends!

Inspiration Inc!

Thursdays, Starting January 13th from 1 p.m. -3 p.m.

Do you have a hobby that you like but are tired of practicing it alone? We have been inside long enough! Bring your kntting, crochet, needlepoint, coloring, sudoku, scrapbooking, crossword puzzles or whatever to the library. Bring your favorite coffee and join a set of like minded people who are looking for quiet conversation while enjoying their favorite hobby!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesday, January 19th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Whisper Man, by Alex North.

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. Books will no longer be available at the circulation desk. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, January 21st @ 1:00 p.m.

The Four Winds, Kristin Hannah.

Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library. Books will no longer be available at the circulation desk. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

Cooks-N-Books: Figure Friendly Meals! Thursday, January 27th, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for people who love to cook and make new friends! No real experience or culinary expertise is needed- just a desire to share recipes and food!!

We meet in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

- 1) Check out a cookbook or magazines from the library.
- 2) Cook that dish and bring it to the group the evening of the discussion. Please bring a copy of the recipe as well.
- 3) Sample all of the amazing recipes!

Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 18, 2022 – Trivia Night is back!

Get your team ready, space will be limited! Details to follow!

Aquinas Academy's High School Performs Our Town

Aguinas Academy of Pittsburgh's high school theater stu-

dents performed Thorton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play Our Town. Using two casts, Mike Flynn directed four shows in Aguinas Academy's Rhodora J. Donahue building on the school's campus. The first show was performed for students at the end of the school day on Friday, December 3. The remaining shows were open to all audiences on the same Friday evening, Saturday evening December 4, and a Sunday matinee on December 5.

After directing musicals the pre-



Katelyn Buchanan (Senior, Emily Webb) and Michelle Imani (Senior, Mrs. Webb)

vious three years, Mike Flynn was eager to have his students perform a play. "Plays have more depth than musicals," according to Flynn. *Our Town* does not disappoint, as its gripping story of ordinary life in a small turn of the twentieth century New Eng-

> land town delivers a powerful message of the eternal value of each moment of life. Lead actor, senior Than Archer (George Gibbs), relished his role in bringing to tears to the audience, "I love laughing and crying on stage because it brings out the most emotion from the audience and when you do it right it is very rewarding as an actor." Flynn appreciates the minimalist approach to favored by Wilder's scenery play. The backdrop was just a black sheet and students mimed all actions without using props. The narrator of the play is the Stage Manager,

played masterfully by senior Theo Austin. The Stage Manager is able to address both the audience and the players on the stage; he even acts as different characters in the play.



Theo Austin (Senior, Stage Manager), Katelyn Buchanan (Senior, Emily Webb), Than Archer (Senior, George Gibbs)

Flynn ran two casts to highlight the significant talent of the senior class. Although the boys' parts remained the same for all four performances, the main female roles were split for two plays each.

Additional senior lead roles were played by Anna Myron and Katelyn Buchanan (Emily Webb), Charlie Dingle (Mr. Webb), Laura Richthammer and Michelle Imani (Mrs. Webb), Steven Giacobbi (Dr. Gibbs), Anna Keverline and Emilia Kartsonas (Mrs. Gibbs), Elizabeth Hardy and (junior) Bella Hite (Rebecca Gibbs).

Seniors performed major roles off-stage as well: Sabrina Knox (Assistant Director), Coco Reed (Stage Manager), Sydney Libell (Head of Stage Crew), Nick Tarquinio (Sound Board), and Gio Vella (Spotlight).

Teachers Rosemary Meland and Brady Buchanan contributed much time and talent as Costumes Director and Set Construction, respectively.

This play marks Mike Flynn's thirty-fourth dramatic production for Aguinas Academy.

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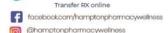




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Dickensheets Finalist for Teacher of the Year

by Gail Scott

athleen Dickensheets, Hampton High School math teacher, has been selected as a Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year finalist for 2022. She was nominated for this honor by former student Brooke Hathorn.



The nomination was originally made in 2019–2020 for the PA Teacher of the year 2021 award. Due to the Covid pandemic, the National State Teacher of the Year committee decided to postpone awarding a PA Teacher of the year for 2021 and instead postponing it to 2022. There were more nominations for the PA Teacher of the Year Award during this time than in any year prior, making it an

incredible honor to be selected as one of the 12 Finalists for PA TOY for 2022.

Dickensheets says, "While it is a wonderful honor to be recognized as a PA TOY Finalist, I am not at all unique among the Hampton School District family of teachers, staff, and administration. Hampton is an amazing school district because we all work with incredible dedication and creativity to maximize the learning for every individual student. My colleagues are each equally deserving of this award as I am."

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Aquinas Academy Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

Fifteen Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh seniors (Class of 2022) and recent graduates (Class of 2021) were awarded AP Scholar awards by the College Board.

Helayna Baer (2022), Steven Giacobbe (2022), Isabelle McGowan (2021), and Macrina Vollmer (2021) earned the AP Scholar award "granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams."

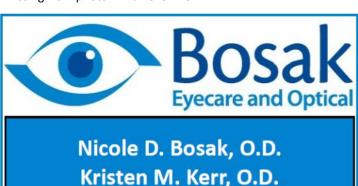
Nathan Anthony (2022), Theo Austin (2022), Samuel Everson (2022), Maria Figucia (2022), John Griffith (2022), Emilia Kartsonas (2022), Anna Keverline (2022), and Therese Solomond (2021) were



awarded the AP Scholar with Honor award "granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams."

Genevieve Archer (2021), Alica Lenartova (2022), and Benjamin Stalder (2021) earned the AP Scholar with Distinction award "granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams."

Pictured above clockwise from front left: Nathan Anthony, Alica Lenartova, Helayna Baer, John Griffith, Samuel Everson, Steven Giacobbe, Theo Austin, Emilia Kartsonas, and Maria Figucia Missing from photo Anna Keverline





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HMS Musical

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school year and activities were still up in the air due to COVID, but director Greg Shumaker planned for a musical where he could have as many kids as possible on-stage, especially since there was no show last year.

"We had two grades that had never done a musical before and that was a new challenge," said Shumaker. He explained that there were more costume and prop changes than ever and worked with the students on how to make all of that happen along with the traditional blocking, choreography, and rehearsals.

Two days prior to opening night a new obstacle emerged. There was a small electrical fire in the auditorium which delayed the production for two weeks. All costumes had to be dry-cleaned after the fire and props had to be reassembled,

but the re-scheduled shows went on December 2-4. Seventh grader Logan Brady said, "After the fire, I was a little worried the show might be cancelled and the sets and costumes would be destroyed. I was so relieved that we still got to do the shows. They were really fun."

"The kids were a little disappointed and rebounded nicely. They got to enjoy two more weeks together and it was a great experience," explained Shumaker. In good humor, the fire was even incorporated into the beginning of the show.

There were lots of tears on Saturday after the final show as the kids become a family during this process.

There are so many wonderful photos from Madia Photography to share, but we do not have enough space in the print edition. Visit the website to view more: www.thehamptonnews.net.





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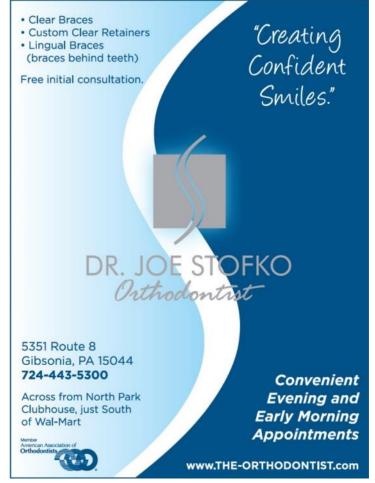
by Sandy Giannuzzi

The Hampton Basketball Association (HBA) is excited to announce that they are finally up and running. The President of the league, Drew Bosetti, and the league's board members began putting the league together over two years ago, but were abruptly halted due to the Coronavirus. "We've received a lot of support from both the Boys' and Girls' Varsity programs and their booster organizations to help get this off of the ground," added Bosetti.

The season runs from the end of December and goes until early March. The boys play in the "Caveman" League and the girls play in the Pine-Richland Youth League. Hampton will host half of the games at Central Elementary and the other half will be held at rival gyms. There will be 10-16 league games and a few tournaments for each team.

The league consists of three girls' teams: Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, and Sixth Grade and four boys' teams: Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, and Sixth Grade. The HBA plans to have a walk-up clinic in the spring in hopes to add First and Second Graders and also plans for board expansion. You can find more information and follow the Association at www.hamptonba.com.







14 Years For Al's Bike Drive

Al Todd

by Gail Scott

This was another successful year for Al's Bike Drive as volunteers loaded bikes into cars, trucks, and tractor trailers to deliver to the Marines Toys for Tots on December 2. A long caravan of fire trucks, police cars, trucks, and cars made their way

south on Rt 8 from the Gibsonia Walmart parking lot to the Wildwood Country Club where the Marines accepted the bikes.

Al Todd and his volunteers successfully completed the 14th drive with donating 427 bikes and \$30,000 to the Marines Toys for Tots program which supports Allegheny, Butler and Beaver Counties. They had hoped to donate more bikes this year but Covid has affected the available supply of bikes, and many bikes are still on cargo ships. Volunteers bought all the bikes they could find from every local Walmart store in recent months. Over the years, Al has donated over 6400 bikes to the Marines Toys for Tots program.



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Al's Bike Drive is already starting to plan for next year and hope to donate 1,000 bikes if the supply chain issues are resolved in 2022. To donate, go to their website at alsbikedrive.com or email at alsbikedrive@gmail.com.

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Police Log

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Traffic Accident

On November 12, at 3:20p.m., Hampton Township Police were advised of a single vehicle accident located on McCully Road. The vehicle was driving east on McCully Road when a deer ran out in front of the vehicle and the driver was unable to stop in time causing the deer to strike the vehicle. The vehicle was able to be driven from the scene of the accident.

On November 13, at 6:08p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Napa Auto Parts on William Flinn Highway for a report of single vehicle accident versus deer. The accident occurred as the vehicle was driving north on William Flinn High-



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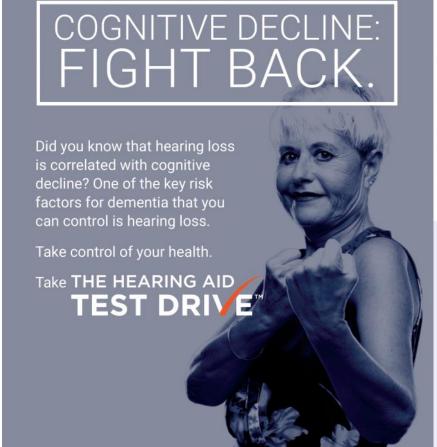
way when a deer ran out in front of the vehicle, resulting in the collision. The accident caused disabling damage to the vehicle, and it was towed from the scene.

On November 17, at 12:39p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Mount Royal Boulevard and Sample Road for a report of a two-vehicle accident with no reported injuries. Upon arrival, officers confirmed there were no reported injuries. The accident

occurred when one vehicle was attempting to make a left turn into a driveway on Mount Royal Boulevard and did not see the other vehicle approaching, which resulted in the collision.

On November 21, at 11:43a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and East Bardonner Road for a report of a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located both vehicles off the road-

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Fires	3
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat, no fire	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	58
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12
Service Call	5
Good Intent	3
False Alarm & False Call	16
Total Incidents for the Month	98
Total Incidents for 2021	1,019

Above and Beyond

by Chief Fiore Londino

I would like to highlight Lieutenant Matt Kremer. Lt. Kremer has gone above and beyond in the training department. He has taken it upon himself to go out and take and successfully pass the PA Department of Health Special Vehicle Rescue Technician Certification. Being a rescue company that services high speed roadways with main thor-



oughfares, this certification will enable LT Kremer to operate on the scene of vehicle accidents with a higher level of proficiency especially when it comes to Commercial and special use vehicles.

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Chief Michael Piovesan November Incident Summary

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Commercial Fire Alarm	12
Commercial Structure Fire	1
Natural Gas Leak	7
Odor of Something Burning	4
Residential Fire Alarm	6
Residential Structure Fire	3
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	2
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	2
Vehicle Accident with Entrapment	1
Total Incidents for the Month	40
Total Incidents for 2021	415

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD responded to Hampton Middle School for a commercial fire alarm, which was upgraded to a commercial structure fire while units were in route. Fire crews arrived to find a school play prop had caught fire due to improper storage next to an electrical device. Custodial staff knocked the bulk of the fire down prior to arrival and fire crews checked for extension. Crews were on scene for an extended period to assist with ventilation of smoke.
- NHVFD responded to a reported residential structure fire on Harts Run Road. First arriving crews found smoke in the basement and were able to isolate the issue to an overheating sump pump.
- NHVFD responded to a reported residential structure fire on Greengrove Drive. First arriving crews found smoke in the basement and were able to isolate the issue to a faulty light fixture.

NHVFD responded to the report of a lawn tractor on fire starting a brush fire. Crews arrived to find a lawn tractor had caught fire on a pile of leaves and was starting a brush fire. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire to prevent further damage.

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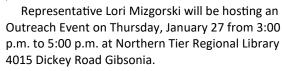
Police Log (Continued from page 12) way and confirmed there were no injuries. The accident occurred when one vehicle was traveling southbound on William Flinn Highway and observed the upcoming traffic light to be a steady red light. The vehicle began to brake, but due to the road being wet, the vehicle slid approximately 40 yards causing it to strike the rear end of the other involved vehicle. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage but were able to be driven from the scene of the accident.

Hazardous Conditions

On November 11, at 10:47p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of West Bardonner Road and South Pioneer Road for a report of power lines down and a brush fire. Upon arrival, officers located the brush fire and the power lines down. Fire units arrived on scene to contain the brush fire and Duquesne Light arrived to take care of the downed power lines.

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Outreach Event





Representative Mizgorski will be available to meet with constituents, one-on-one, to discuss concerns and ideas. Staff will also be available to give assistance on state related matters.

Appointments are required, residents are encouraged to register by calling the district office at 412-487-6605.

On November 19, at 5:02p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Wildwood Road Extension and School Drive for a report of hazardous conditions. Upon arrival, officers located dirt and rocks across the roadway, which were causing a road hazard. Officers requested Hampton Township DPW respond to the scene for cleanup and traffic control. Officers remained on scene until the road hazards were cleaned up.

Water Main Break

On November 9, at 12:08p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of the 5100 block of Hamlet Drive for a report of a water main break. Upon arrival, officers located a large water main break. Officers then contacted Hampton Shaler Water Authority to respond to the scene.



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2022 Pool Memberships

2022 pool memberships will be available for purchase beginning January 3rd for both residents (early bird rate) and non-residents (regular rate)! Visit: www.hampton-pa.org

Please note: If you are registering online for a membership and you do not have a membership ID card from previous years you will need to visit the Community Center Service Desk to have your photo taken for your ID card. All members must present their membership ID for admission into the outdoor pool complex. If you are renewing a membership from previous year, your membership ID card will automatically update when you renew your membership.

Medical School

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trained professional. Both programs will be held on Saturdays, at the Community Center, beginning February 19th - March 26th.

Little Veterinary Dog School - Section 2 will take place 10:00 am - 11:00 am and Little Pediatrician School will take place 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.



These programs are designed for children ages 5 - 10. Registration fee is for all 6 classes and includes the cost of all supplies and materials including your own stuffed pet to take care of! Interested in one or both classes? Visit our website at www.hampton-pa.org to register on or after January 3rd for both Residents and Non-Residents!







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You might view the new year as a chance to start over. Whether you just had a year where nothing went as planned, or you had an accomplished year and want to set even higher standards for next year, most people have a new set of goals in mind when entering the new year. However, you might be wondering, "will I still even be thinking of those goals by the time January is over?"

By waiting for your opportunity to begin going after a goal, you are somewhat setting yourself up for failure. It's the idea that everything needs to go exactly how you planned that is holding you back. If you don't start seeing the results you wanted immediately, the hard work must have been for nothing, so you give up. You begin to lose sight of what you wanted in the first place because not seeing your hard work pay off yet makes it feel unattainable.

If you start now, and make consistency the goal, and not "end results" the goal, you could be in a completely different place by the end of next year. Create a vision of what you want to achieve, but remember the progress happens in the everyday details.

Happy New Year!

My name is Stefanie Stofko, and I am a self-employed social media manager

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Through personal experience and throughout my college career, I have gathered a wealth of knowledge about developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. My hope is that my writing can inspire you to make healthy changes in your life and reach the goals you have always wanted to achieve.

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