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Sheriff's Department Seeks Public's Help On Stamford Graffiti

By Liz Page
STAMFORD – Although it has now been erased by the property owner, the appearance of graffiti on an idle property off county Route 18 just south of the village of Stamford, is being viewed by some as a racist death threat, according to comments made on social media.

The case is being actively investigated, according to a release from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office was contacted by a reporter from the Daily Star, who saw the graffiti in a Facebook Post to Stamford New York Neighbors page. The post calls it "a hate speech and overtly racist".

Preliminary investigation revealed that the

graffiti was spray painted in blue paint on the building between mid-day, Friday, July 3, and Monday morning, July 6, 2020. It was discovered by a woman who walks her dog on the property.

Sheriff's Deputies, in collaboration with Stamford Troopers, are continuing their investigation. Deputies are asking anyone with information that may lead to the identity of the person or persons responsible for committing this crime to contact Corporal Alexander at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office via phone: (607) 832-5555, email: eric.alexander@co.delaware.ny.us, or by calling and leaving a message on the 24 hour toll-free hotline 1-888-914-9111. All calls will remain confidential.

Junior Golf Tees Off with 70 Participants



There were 70 students signed up for the week of Junior Golf camp at the Stamford Golf Club. The program is running two weeks this season, providing instruction in the lifetime sport of golf. The participants will learn the game, rules and etiquette over the week. Some are in the camp for the first time, while others are returnees to the program, which gets them out on the course each day as well to practice their newly learned skills.

By Liz Page
STAMFORD – The annual Stamford Junior Golf camp at the Stamford Golf Club is always a popular program, but this summer more than ever, as parents look for opportunities to keep the kids occupied.

A second week of camp will be held next week, July 13-16, and according to Wayne Lord, organizer and president of the club's board of directors, there are still a few spots remaining in next week's camp. You may get an application online at www.stamfordgolfclub.com, call the pro shop at (607) 652-7398 or Wayne Lord at (607) 434-0014.

Campers showed up Monday morning for their first day of golf camp, which is being instructed by Tom Phillion, program director and assistant professor of the Professional Golf Management program at SUNY Delhi; Jim Lees, who is the player development coordinator at SUNY Delhi and Brad Anderson, director of golf at the Stamford Golf Club.

Phillion is teaching the

long game and Lees is teaching putting and chipping, while students will learn the etiquette and rules of the game from Anderson.

As always, there is a bevy of volunteers to mentor this year's program, including several club members and former campers who now play.

Students age 6 to 17 receive a full day of instruction, as well as course play. When students are on the course, they must have a mentor with them.

Anderson welcomed students to the course and outlined the program for the day, which starts with two rounds of instruction, followed by course play. There is a snack break and lunch is staggered for the three different age groups. The cost for one week is \$50.

The Stamford Junior Golf Program is fortunate to have clubs geared to various sizes, which is the legacy of Lou Gaeta, who was a great supporter of Junior Golf and donated 100 sets of Jack Nicklaus golf clubs in three different sizes for the program.

This allows students to learn with the proper size clubs. Students who do not have their own clubs will have a set to utilize throughout the camp.

Jon Barber, a volunteer, club member and retired teacher, said Stamford Junior Golf also provides a two-week course at 10 local school districts each year.

As students were signed in on Monday, Phillion, who is teaching at the camp for his first season said he was a little nervous. "I'm a little nervous about filling Jim Schouller's shoes," he said of the man who is the former pro at the club and taught the program for a number of years. However, Rich Beers, longtime club member assured him it was going to be just fine.

Students were anxious to get started, once they learned about the sanitation stations and criteria for their first day at camp. Several of the students are repeat campers and some parents said they were very grateful the camp was still being held, with so many summer recreation and educational programs canceled due to the COVID 19 pandemic this year.



Tom Phillion, program director and assistant instructor of the Professional Golf Management Course at a SUNY Delhi, calls his students together for his first lesson with the Junior Golf Program at the Stamford Golf Club on Monday. Richie Beers was serving as a mentor as a longtime volunteer for the program. Philip is teaching the "long game."



Stamford Golf Club member and a member of the board of directors for the Stamford Junior Golf Program, Jon Barber, checks to make sure each golf bag has the necessary supplies. The program received a donation of 100 sets of Jack Nicklaus golf clubs, geared to different ages and sizes. They are also used for a two-week school program in 11 school districts each year. One more photo on A3

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