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53rd Edition

HH News: Pagliaro returns to Coach Hatters



Hatboro-Horsham quarterback Matt Hollenbach looks for a receiver as he rolls out during preseason drills.

By Thomas D. McGlinchey
Sportswriter

Standing in the shadows of Hatters Stadium on Hatboro-Horsham High's campus wearing a red Hatters football shirt, Gary Pagliaro is at home.

In more ways than one.

Pagliaro attended H-H and played wing back and defensive back for legendary coach Dennis Steiny before graduating in 1980. He then played college ball at Kutztown University. So for Pagliaro, having the chance to return to the Hatters as their head coach just felt right, particularly since many incumbent coaches who double as teachers at H-H decided not to coach until a new teacher's contract was agreed upon, including former Hatters' head football coach Dave Sanderson.

"You know, it was the type of thing they weren't sure if the kids were going to have a season, so they put it out there and I applied for the job and that's it," said Pagliaro, who was hired on July 14.

Pagliaro has 14 years of coaching experience, all at the youth level. For the past five years, Pagliaro coached in the Keystone State Football League for the Upper Dublin Cardinals. Before the Cardinals, Pagliaro coached the Horsham Hawks for nine years.

And now, Pagliaro is returning to the bright lights of Friday night football.

"I had the opportunity to actually have some of these kids and coach them when they were younger and they're just great kids," said Pagliaro, who lives in Horsham with his wife, Diane, and owns a company which sells medical supplies.

To prepare for the upcoming season, Pagliaro sat down with La Salle coach Drew Gordon, who led the Explorers to a PIAA Class AAAA title last season.

"I pretty much realized that any time you can pick these guys brains that know how to do it, that have gone there, that have lived it, it can only be beneficial to me," Pagliaro said.

The H-H grad also said he reached out to Upper Dublin coach Brett Stover, who was heavily involved in Upper Dublin's youth football scene and passed on plenty of tips to Pagliaro over the years.

"He's helped me a lot," Pagliaro said. "I'm really grateful for all the things he's helped me with. Even just a couple weeks ago we were looking to have a passing scrimmage and he changed his schedule around so we could have a passing scrimmage on a Tuesday morning, so we could get a little more work for our guys."

Pagliaro said with the late coaching shuffle, his team had to play a bit of catch-up. So to improve his teams' conditioning, he conducted morning workouts three days a week a month before camp began. He said 60 players faithfully showed up for each session, and that the early morning mid-summer schedule actually helped his players make the adjustment to two-a-days much easier.

Most of Pagliaro's staff is also new to the program, not including holdovers Ken Remaily and Brian Haupt, who work in the school district, but aren't teachers.

"They're just outstanding coaches," said Pagliaro of his assistants. "I think the smartest thing I can do at some points is just get out of their way and let them coach their tails off because they're just great coaches."

For Pagliaro, coaching is not only a chance to mold players, but a chance to teach them life lessons, something he learned from Steiny.

"Tremendous coach. He taught me a lot of things," Pagliaro said. "Disciplined. Being on time. Being accountable. I think football teaches you to do that. I'm just thrilled to be able to do that and pass it on to 60 guys here."



Spirit/Guide staff photo / BOB RAINES

Blue and Pink team members battle for control of the ball during the 35th annual Keith Valley Challenge at the Horsham Middle School Feb 11, 2010.

Students take Challenge to a higher level

By Jesse Reilly
Staff Writer

When Nancy Betlejewski and her friends put together a fundraiser to honor their friend's memory in 1977, they never dreamed it would survive for 35 years and raise nearly \$700,000 for local charities.

"We put the first one together in a month and raised \$2,000," she said at the Keith Valley Middle School Feb. 11, just minutes before the 35th annual Keith Valley Challenge kicked off. "It's tremendous to see how big it has become."

The challenge, a 17-hour hockey marathon, first began in memory of an eighth-grade student who died of a rare congenital heart defect has become a rite of passage for the school's eighth-graders.

And it only seemed fitting that the year the founders came back would be the year the class set a new record of raising more than \$53,000. This year's total beat the school's 2008 record of \$52,000.

The majority of the proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. A small portion will be donated to the American Heart Association in memory of a student's father.

"You have become invincible," Vince Papale, a former Eagles player and inspiration for the Disney movie "Invincible," said to the students. "You don't

know the impact what you are doing will have on the people you are helping."

To help illustrate the impact, Dorothy Brett, spoke of how her life changed the day her daughter, Amanda, an eighth grader and participant in this year's challenge was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

"She went through a challenge that no child should have to face," she said, adding that the Make-A-Wish Foundation gave her family a chance to turn a challenge into a chance to make memories.

Over spring break the Brett family will enjoy a vacation at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas.

"Parents, hug your child everyday and kids, hug your parents right back because you never know when that life threatening medical condition will arrive," Brett told the packed gym.

And the students, donning colorful team shirts, seemed to get the message.

"Doing this makes other people's lives better," Isabel Mills of The Golden Girls team, said. "It makes you feel good to do it but also creates a sense of community."

When it comes to staying up all night playing hockey teammate Kim Hughes wasn't concerned.

"We're not too bad at hockey," she said. "And we're always tired anyway."

The boys' teams were a little more competitive.

"We're definitely going to win," Geordie Meck of the Fly Yellow Lions team, said. "I'm most excited about playing."

But the reason for the game wasn't lost on him. Meck personally raised more than \$5,000 for the event.

"Doing something like this shows we care," he said. "It means a lot that the money is going to kids our age."

It's Meck's dedication that proved to eighth-grade Principal Sarah Stout that the event is about much more than a fun day.

"The students just knock it out of the park," she said. "These kids are contributing to a cause that is greater than them, it's truly selfless."

Pairing fun with charity, Stout continued, also reinforces that good work doesn't always have to be a chore.

"It's a good thing for them to learn," she said.

Although the day was about the kid's accomplishments, Dennis Heron, the South East regional director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, said it was also a day for the children the money would be benefiting.

"This is the spirit of Make-A-Wish," he said pointing to the eighth-graders around the room. "Today is a celebration and a tradition. You are giving something back to a child who was denied the chance to be a child."

As a reward the eighth-graders also get a night to just be kids.

"I can't wait to hang out with friends and pull an all-nighter," Brittany Allen of the Turquoise Tornados, said. "I'm not worried about staying up at all."

HH News: New man takes reigns of Horsham Twp.

By Jesse Reilly
Staff Writer

After 26 years as Horsham's township manager, Michael McGee is stepping down and Bill Walker is stepping up.

"I know I've got some big shoes to fill," said Walker, who has served as the assistant township manager since 2007.

Walker will officially assume the role Sept. 25 and said he is confident the transition will be smooth.

"I don't think people are going to see a lot of difference," he said. "We're definitely very busy in

Horsham but we will be able to keep up."

Before he became assistant manager, Walker served as the director of parks and recreation and the director of administration. Before his full-time positions in the township, Walker worked part time through high school and college.

"I've been here my whole life," he said. "I've just kind of been climbing the ladder."

And he is confident his previous experiences will benefit him in his new role.

"Before I was the director of parks and recreation I was out



New Horsham Township Manager
Bill Walker

there paving roads and plowing snow," he said. "I think it has made me very well-rounded. I can better understand employee and resident concerns because of it."

Even though he didn't plan on working for the township for as long as he has, Walker said he wouldn't want it any other way.

"I'm glad I stayed here, I have enjoyed every year I have worked here," he said. "I just liked every job they gave me."

The best part of the job he said, "is helping to guide and implement the vision the elected officials have for the community; moving forward and overseeing them is very exciting."

And with a number of projects in the works in the township, Walker said he plans on hitting the ground running.

"We are going to continue being conservative and cut our

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spending costs when we can," he said.

Because of the poor economy, Walker said the township is working on planning projects that can be launched when the recession recedes and more funds are available. Projects include the Kohler Park master plan, the township comprehensive plan as well as a

transportation plan. The township is also looking into improving its portion of the Route 611 corridor, Walker added.

"The [WGNAS] base is definitely going to be number one if they declare surplus this fall," he said. "That's going to make us pretty busy."

With McGee stepping down not only from his role of township manager but also from the director

position of the Horsham Land and Reuse Authority, Walker said the township is actively looking for another director.

"It would be a township position that will be federally funded," he said. "If land is declared surplus it will definitely be a full-time job."

Walker attributes much of his readiness to his predecessor.

"I admire Mr. McGee for his leadership, his vision, his fairness,

his passion for the community and his strong ethics," he said. "For the amount of years I have worked with him his training has been invaluable."

The township is currently accepting resumes for a director of administration, a role that will include many of the duties of an assistant township manager. Walker said he is hoping to have the position filled by October.

151st District Welcomes Newest Lawmaker

State Rep. Todd Stephens, R-151, officially became a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives during a swearing-in ceremony at the state Capitol Tuesday.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent the people of the 151st District," Stephens said in a state press release. "I am committed to seeing that their views and opinions are heard in Harrisburg."

Stephens said he will focus his legislative efforts on restoring strong fiscal discipline to the state budget, improving Pennsylvania's business climate to encourage job creation and long-term stability, and fighting to reduce property taxes through more equitable school funding, the release continued.

A career prosecutor before being elected to the state House, Stephens also plans to work on many law enforcement initiatives aimed at improving Megan's Law, updating Pennsylvania's Wiretap Act and reducing gun violence.

"With swearing-in day behind us, the hard work of governing begins. I am committed to being the most responsive and effective lawmaker I can be," Stephens said. "I encourage residents to contact me with their questions or concerns about state government."



Surrounded by his family, newly elected state Rep. Todd Stephens takes the oath of office during the swearing-in ceremony at the state capitol in Harrisburg.

Stephens noted that residents can reach him in his district office temporarily located in the Horsham Township Community Center at 1025 Horsham Road in Horsham, phone 215-646-5680 or by e-mail at tstephen@pa-house.gov.

Stephens also encouraged residents to visit his website at RepToddStephens.com and to follow him on Facebook at [Facebook.com/RepToddStephens](https://www.facebook.com/RepToddStephens). There, they will find information on the latest legislative developments in Harrisburg, state programs and the latest happenings in the 151st District.

HH News: Teacher leads students to summit of volcano.



From left are Kyle Grow, Jim Shields, Tom Black and Brian Krempasky after reaching the top of Mt. St. Helens this past summer.

When someone asks what they did during their summer vacations, the Hatboro-Horsham High School students in Jim Shields Adventure Club have a story that could top most others — they climbed Mount St. Helens during the 30th anniversary of its eruption.

Shields, an instructional technology specialist at the high school, has led the Adventure Club for six years and uses it as a way to introduce students to the outdoors and sports like rock climbing and mountaineering.

Shields also runs JPS Mountain Adventures, a company that organizes adventure trips for adults.

He decided to open the trip to Mount St. Helens to students last fall and it didn't take long to get a group interested.

By January 2010 the students who were elected to go on the trip were given a training regimen that included running stadium stairs, squats, push-ups and core exercises so they would be fit enough to carry heavy backpacks and hike steep terrain.

The group began their trip July 5.

In addition to climbing the mountain they visited the Oregon coastline, rock-climbed and rafted in British Columbia, and then spent two days on Mount St. Helens.

In an attempt to avoid as much danger as possible, the group began climbing at 2:30 a.m.

"There's an old adage that any time you climb, you want to be heading down from the summit by noon because that's when the storms roll in," Shields said in a release, and added that leaving in the dark can be safer because the snow and



Tom Black, Kyle Grow and Brian Krempasky head for the summit of Mount St. Helens.

ice on the mountain has not been made unstable by the sun.

Although the beginning of the hike was not unique, Kyle Grow, a 2010 graduate of Hatboro-Horsham said the view quickly changed.

"We started out like we were going on a hike through the woods and then all of sudden snow was everywhere. It completely changed the landscape," he said in a release.

During their climb the hikers experience 100-mph winds, kicking ice crystals and snow.

"You feel really small," Kenny Pallis, an assistant hiking guide and Hatboro-Horsham graduate, said of the summit. "Once you get on top, above the clouds, you can see Mount Rainer, Mount Hood and Mount Adams. You feel like you're on top of the world."

Because St. Helens is a volcano there is no actual peak, climbers reach the rim of the volcano's crater.

One of Grow's favorite parts, he said, was coming back down. It took the group nine hours to go up and only two hours to get down since they could basically slide down.

"It was like being on a sled," he said. "But you definitely

have to go slow, there are rocky parts."

Shields said the adventure trips are not only fun but they help students gain self-confidence and introduce them to places they might not go on their own.

He hopes to get his message to a larger group of students this school year through his "Introduction to Mountaineering and Backcountry Survival" course.

While the class has not been officially been added to the program of studies, Shields proposed it as an elective that would get students outside to learn mountaineering, hiking and wilderness survival skills, such as finding and creating food, creating water and building shelter.

"I think they learn that the world is out there for their taking," he said. "There is a vast world that is meant for us to get out and see."

Grow, who is now attending Penn State University, agreed.

"You gain this experience and you're more resourceful," he said. "Your whole viewpoint on life is different when you're on top of a mountain."



Seen here is Jim Shields with the peak of Mt. Rainer visible in the background. Shields also climbed Mt. Rainier (14,411 feet) in 2006.

Reunion Update

HH Reunion Class of 1952

The class of 1952 held its reunion recently at the Cock & Bull Restaurant in Lahaska. Thirty class members were present, some of whom came from as far away as California, Utah, and Florida. The event was enjoyed by all.



HH Reunion Class of 1945

The Hatboro High School Class of 1945 celebrated their 65th Anniversary on September 10, 2010 at William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA. In attendance were 22 classmates along with 12 escorts. Letters and phone calls of regrets were received from 10 other class members.

In attendance were Betty Oehrle Jarrett, Jim & Betty Neely, Ray & Elena Knipe, Bill & Dana Hower, Dick & Martha Beidler, Dick & Joyce Young, Paul & Rita Flack, Bud Quinlan, Herb & Vivian Crouthamel, Alice Rogers Friedel and son, Dan, also a H-H grad, Joy Cleveland Wistner, Elaine Ford Bruder, Janice Corson, John & Annabelle Long, Mary Spokes Permar, Florence Barlow Scarpill, Mary Ellen Fox Schmid, Joe Donahue & daughter, Gladys Allen Reilly, William Hobensack, Frances Forepaugh McNeff, and Betty Blythe Maurer & friend Bob Gump.

Upcoming Class Reunions



HH Reunion Class of 1961

The Hatboro-Horsham class of 1961 will be having their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 8, 2011, at the Old York Road Country Club. There will be weekend events planned in addition to the reunion. For more information visit the website at www.hhhs-1961.com or contact Carol (Whiting) Ferguson at 919-742-5346, cferguson1@embarqmail.com.

HH Reunion Class of 1970 and 1971

The 40th and 41st class reunions of 1970 and 1971 will be held on August 20, 2011 beginning at 5PM. It will take place at the Cafe La Fontana at 60 S. York Road in Hatboro, PA. The cost is \$50 per person and will include a cash bar with a complete chicken or salmon dinner. There will be prizes and fun for all with dancing and reminiscing. A photo book is included in the cost. Checks may be made payable to the HSHS Class of 1970 reunion. Please mail checks to Linda (Garner) Bruno, 4268 Myrtle Avenue, Horsham, PA 19044. We hope to see as many classmates as possible! For more information e mail Linda at LGB42481@verizon.net

People Update

1947 H-H Grad Barbara S. Burnett passed away Friday, January 7, 2011 at home surrounded by her family. She was 81. The wife of George L. Burnett, Jr., they would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 2. Born in Abington, Barbara was a graduate of Loller Elementary School then Hatboro High School. She went on to graduate from Abington School of Nursing in 1950 with an RN degree. She spent many years working at Abington. She enjoyed sailing, skiing, and travelling in their RV throughout the country. She was an avid gardener. She was the mother of G. Leslie Burnett III.

1951 H-H Grad John "Jack" Wright, passed away Friday, September 17, 2010, at fox Subacute Care Center. He was born January 8, 1934, in Philadelphia. After graduation from H-H, Jack received his teaching degree from East Stroudsburg University. From there he had a long, venerable teaching and coaching career, making a positive impact on many students' lives. After a 33 year teaching career, he started his own pool service business.

A Bucks County resident, Jack had a passion for golf and skiing, as well as owning a property in Myrtle Beach. Jack is survived by his wife of 52 years, Caroline Wrights, and his sons John and Steven.

1953 H-H Grad Albert W. Hessler of Warminster, formerly of Hatboro, died Tuesday, September 7, 2010, in Abington Hospice of Warminster, at the age of 76. He was the husband of the late Iona (Quinn) Hessler with whom he had enjoyed 41 years of marriage, and the late Lorraine Hessler with whom he shared 5 years of marriage. He is survived by two daughters, Cheryl and Judith, as well as three sons, Donald, James and Richard.

1980 H-H Grad Lisa White-Patridge of Warminster, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2010, at the Abington Hospice at Warminster at the age of 48. She was the beloved wife of 20 years to Charles D. Patridge. Born in Doylestown, she was the daughter of Robert and Doris White of Horsham. She was the mother of Samantha and David and the sister of Robert White, Robin White, John Cannery, and Carol McAuley.

1998 H-H Grad Lisa Diener Mancuso of Horsham, a licensed clinical social worker, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2010, at the age of 31. Lisa was the devoted mother of 9 month old Thomas and daughter of Karen (Worthington) and the late Bill Diener, and step father Al Camillo, sister to Deirdre, Seth, and Jason Diener.

Lisa received a dual B.S. in Psychology and Women's Studies from Penn State. She obtained her Masters Degree from the University of Kentucky where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Lisa dedicated her life to helping others. Throughout her career, she was committed to providing therapeutic services to individuals and their families in domestic violence resource centers and drug and alcohol treatment centers. Most recently she has served as a therapist to women and their families at the Renfrew Center of Radnor, a renowned eating disorder treatment center in addition to her independent practice.

2005 H-H Grad Air Force Airman 1st Class Heewon Lee graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Lee completed an intensive 8 week training program. He is the son of Ok Pang of Horsham.

2005 H-H Grad Army Pfc William C. Webster has graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. William completed an intensive 9 week training program.

H-H Grad Joseph Adamitis, passed away April 30, 2010 at the age of 52. Joe lived most of his life locally in Hatboro and Warminster. He enjoyed his family, friends, and neighbors, Mrs. Lutter and Mrs. Patterson. Joe was an exceptional swimmer during his school days at H-H as well as representing the Hatboro YMCA and Germantown Academy swim programs.

Joe is survived by his younger sister, Agnes Adamitis Bishop. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Agnes Adamitis, older brothers, Charles and Mark, and older sisters Rhonda and Theresa.

H-H Grad Walter H. Williams of Doylestown, formerly a long time resident of Hatboro, died Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at Neshaminy Manor at the age of 89. Born in Philadelphia, he was the husband of Doris Ferguson Williams. Walter was a WWII US Army Air Corps veteran. He was employed as a cost estimator by the former Budd Railroad Co. and Penn Walt Corp. He retired from Boeing.

Walter played the banjo in several Mummer's String Bands. He enjoyed photography, golf, camping, the beach, travel, and wood working.

School District Employee Margaret Santangelo of Hatboro died Saturday, July 31, 2010 at the age of 82. She was the wife of James Santangelo for 61 years. Margaret was a retired cafeteria worker at H-H High School. She was the mother of Sandy, Daniel, and Vince.

Educator, Bernadette A. Schultz, 65 of Philadelphia, died on February 2, 2011, at Hahnemann University Hospital. Born in Philadelphia on April 20, 1945, she was a teacher at Hatboro-Horsham High School for over 20 years. A Penn State graduate, Bernadette loved dogs, art, ceramics, and musicals. Also cooking, shopping, and gardening. She is survived by her two daughters, Jackie and Heather Bulig of Philadelphia and a brother, Thomas Schultz.

Community Member William N. Wunder, Sr., of Horsham, died Friday, September 10, 2010, at the age of 80. Born in Hadden Heights, NJ, he was the son of the late William F. and Laura M. Wunder. Mr. Wunder was a US Navy veteran. He was the founder and owner of Wunder Supply Company, a member of Hatboro Jaycees, Hatboro Lions, Radiant Star Lodge 806 of the Freemasons, and Horsham Square Club.

He was the husband of 58 years to Dolores (Weller) Wunder and father to Robert, William, and Kurt.



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- Provides you, during 2011, newsletters giving you information about other alumni, community members, upcoming events, and news as well as other stories of interest.
- Provides needed working capital that allows the Association to offer the 23rd Annual Alumni Golf Classic scheduled for June 17, 2011.



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