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Hampline Brewing turns one and there's a party to celebrate

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Hampline Brewing at 584 Tillman is celebrating its first anniversary on Saturday, March 26. The brewery was picked at the Museum of Science and History's Science of Beer as the crowd favorite by a count of tokens placed in jars at the end of the night. (Brad Vest/Special to the Daily Memphian)

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On Saturday Hampline Brewing Co. celebrates its first anniversary with a big party, even though it's really just a date.

"The actual anniversary was Jan. 30, but of course that was inhospitable weather, plus we were in the Omicron round of COVID then," co-owner Martha Hample said.

The little brewery has come a long way since Jan. 30, 2021, when the fairly small crowd braved the cold and a drizzly rain to wish this upstart well, even before the first round of vaccines.

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Hample has told the story of Hampline before; [you can read it here](#), but it's worth noting again that she considers starting the brewery her salvation through the darkest, early days of COVID.



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"It's part of what kept me sane through all this, and it still is," she said.

It's proven to be a plucky little brewery with a devoted group of beer drinkers; it was picked at the Museum of Science and History's Science of Beer event as the crowd favorite.

"I have to think that was about the beer, because people were voting on their favorite beer, but I think people like coming in because we're super personable, too," Hample said. "And we're kind of an oasis over here, too."



Beers including Olly's Proper will be available at Hampline Brewing's first-anniversary party on Saturday, March 26. Most of Hampline's beers have names that relate to bicycling or bears, and all have a bicycling bear on the labels. (Brad Vest/Special to the Daily Memphian)

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Bartender Ben Armstrong pours a beer at Hampline Brewing, which is celebrating its first anniversary Saturday, March 26. (Brad Vest/Special to the Daily Memphian)

She and co-owners Richard Rhodes and Wes Osier, who is also the brewmaster, are often there.

"We really go out of our way to engage with people," she said. "We have a lot of regulars. They'll come in and say 'Where's Richard? Where's Martha? Where's Ben (Armstrong, the bartender)?' They want to see us and we want to see them," Hample said.

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In the past year, they've added taproom events such as trivia and bingo nights, they're installing 10 big beer garden tables outside before the Saturday event that will soon have a sun sail over them, they have two new distillers coming soon (more beer variety), and they brewed two dozen beers.

Six will be available at the anniversary party. Most have names that relate to bicycling or bears, and all have a bicycling bear on the labels.

They also have food at Hampline now, a partnership with Franco's Italian Kitchen. You can order a panini, have some pasta or even get a charcuterie board.

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Hampline Brewing opened on Jan. 30, 2021, during the coronavirus pandemic. The brewery is celebrating its first anniversary on Saturday, March 26. (Brad Vest/Special to the Daily Memphian)

On Saturday, there will be complimentary Leonard's barbecue.

"We got to be friends with the Gus's/Leonard's people at Science of Beer, and they're doing this for us," Hample said.

The party starts at 1 p.m. and goes on until 10 p.m. Music starts at 3 p.m. with Jeff Hulett and Relentless Breeze plays at 5:30 p.m. There will be gift card giveaways and \$5 draft beer all day.

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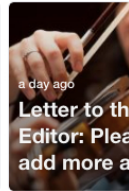
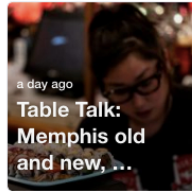
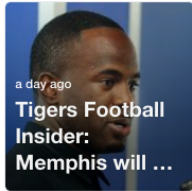

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