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# The Hampton News

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## Strong Start for Unified Bocce Team

By Jackie Smith

The Hampton School District's Unified Bocce team is starting out strong. With two teams, several players returning from last year, and a new coach, Ms. Amanda Carey, there is a

lot to cheer about. The first match against a solid Shaler team resulted in an overtime victory!

Ms. Carey is in her first year as the HHS learning support teacher. Previously,

she taught at South Park where she was the Bocce assistant coach for three years. According to Carey, "The best part of coaching this sport is seeing how it brings

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**Back Row:** Sydney Loebig, Adanna Smith, Asst. Coach Christine Raimondi, Molly Bernett, Morgan Lowther, Megan LaVelle, Dominic Johanson, Ryan Winter, Aidan Kimmel, Justine Sullivan, Coach Amanda Carey **Front Row:** Nicole Lichtenfels, Laynie Loebig, Liam Wallace, Ryan Apaliski, Lucy Modlin. Missing from photo are Abi Green and Koda Carslaw.

### Bless A Dress Provides Free Prom Gowns

By Julie Mikus

Prom is every high school girl's dream! However, the dress, shoes, accessories and alterations can come with a hefty price tag. As inflation continues to hurt families' finances, adding prom to a household budget can feel like a huge financial burden.

Despite the financial challenges, help is available! Bless A Dress is once again helping high school girls make memories this

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### Local Student Awarded For Extraordinary Chess Skills

By Jenn Edmonds

You may have heard of the Queen's Gambit, thanks to the successful Netflix series, but you may not know of the Queen's Gambit non-profit in Pittsburgh. Here in Hampton, we have our very own member who is winning accolades for his outstanding chess skills and is putting them to good use.

Hampton High School 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Luke Martin, was nominated by the Queen's Gambit

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A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. The remaining December reports will be updated in March. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 11/26/2023—12/9/2022:

### Vehicle Accident/DUI Arrest

 On 12/10/2022 at 11:35 a.m., a HTPD officer were on scene of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of East Bardonner Road at William Flinn Highway. The officers on scene observed three vehicles to be involved in the collision. The operator of the first involved vehicle advised that he was traveling west on East Bardonner Road. He stated that the second vehicle was stopped in the west bound travel lane of East Bardonner Road at the intersection with William Flinn Highway. He stated that the third vehicle was stopped in front of the other involved car. The driver struck the second vehicle from the rear, causing it to strike the rear of the third unit. While speaking with the operator of the first vehicle, the officer observed multiple signs of impairment. The operator was also found to be in possession of an open alcoholic beverage within the vehicle and was taken into custody for suspicion of DUI. One operator was transported to the hospital by ambulance. Vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

### DUI

 On 12/09/2022 at 11:11 p.m., a HTPD officer was monitoring traffic on William Flinn Highway at Mount Royal Blvd. when they observed a vehicle traveling south on William Flinn Highway at a high rate of speed. The officer observed the vehicle struggling to maintain its lane of travel. Multiple traffic violations were observed by the officer. A traffic stop was

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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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# The Super Bowl of Fundraisers: Girl Scout Cookies!

By Stephanie Rizzo

It's time to put your New Year's resolution on pause because Girl Scout cookie season is upon us and the troops in Hampton Township are carrying on the 100+ year tradition. To clarify, your great ancestors weren't digging into a box of perfectly round cookies laced with chocolate stripes and coconut flakes sprinkled on top. In 1917, just five years after the organization was founded, a Girl Scout troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma held a homemade cookie sale in their high school cafeteria to raise funds for troop activities. Word spread fast (yes, even in 1917 without cell phones and emails) and Girl Scout troops around the nation began preheating their ovens and planning their own cookie sales to raise funds for their troop.

By 1934, the national Girl Scout organization partnered with commercial bakers who soon developed "Cooky Mints" whose name would be changed 29 times before landing on "Thin Mints." Hampton resident Evelyn Fabian remembers the crisp chocolate cookies as "Chocolate Mint," the name the cookie held from 1951-1963.

Not only does the position require a lot of integrity, but also willpower! The Fabian house acted as a cookie storage unit during cookie season while the leaders would pick up orders needed. "My house was always full of cookies and I was a mother of 6 children- all of whom loved cookies," Fabian said. "If someone opened a box, we had to pay!"

Girl Scouts pride themselves on being ahead of their time, so Fabian was happy to see the program evolve throughout the years. "If the technology to sell online is there and provides a helpful and safe resource, then I encourage people to use it," Fabian said. "Change can be good, especially in cookie form!"



Keira Pater at Wagner's Market

There's a Girl Scout cookie for every palate and this year, the Girl Scouts are kicking off the season with a new cookie, the Raspberry Rally, which has garnered the excitement of many.

Sisters Athena Smith, a Daisy in Troop 16720, and Luna Smith, a Daisy in Troop 50921, had the opportunity to try the new cookie and described it as "tasting like a sugar rush!" They enjoyed the cookie so much, that they each bought a box for themselves, putting each one step closer to achieving the aggressive goal they each set.

Sweet tooth aside, girls also look forward to the cookie season because it gives them opportunities to bond with their troop. "I joined Girl Scouts to meet new friends and experience the activities," Keira Pater, Brownie in Troop 51275 said. "We have been spending time at troop meetings making signs that we will hang at our cookie booth."

Girl Scout cookies have both a rich history and flavor that give us a high-minded excuse to indulge. Hustle to your local troop's cookie table and stock up on these once-a-year treats, or visit <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies.html> to find a troop selling cookies in your local area.

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Sunday, March 12th 11am—1 pm



Luna Smith and Athena Smith

Fabian's title was not just a Girl Scout cookie connoisseur; she was the Northgate Cookie Chairman in the 1970's. "My title brought many responsibilities from upholding the organization's mission of making the world a better place to collecting money and distributing all the cookie orders to the troops in 15 local neighborhoods," Fabian said. "Mind you, this was before electronic services and the majority of orders were paid for in cash, but I was lucky to work with a well-organized group of people. We were working together for a good reason."



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## Library News



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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!

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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!

#### Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays \*

Now through March 2nd from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m.- "Stories & Songs," 10:45- "Investigate and Create"

11:00 a.m.- "Stories and Songs," 11:30 a.m.- "Parachute Play"

11:50 p.m.- "Stories and Songs," 12:00 p.m.- "Stay and Play"

*\*times are subject to go longer or shorter*

### Card Club! Wednesdays from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us Wednesday afternoons for a game of 500 Bid or something new! Come out and show your skill, teach someone a new game or just enjoy some time out with friends new and old!

### Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

**The 6:20 Man, by David Baldacci.**

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. 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, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

**Evvie Drake Starts Over, by Linda Holmes.**

Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library. 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: I Got it at Aldi's!

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!

There will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

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### It's a "Soup"er Bowl Challenge!

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.**

Calling all home cooks to stir up their favorite homemade soups! Chicken noodle, French onion, beer cheese or salmon chowder; what is your claim to fame? Enter your soup in our "Soup"er Bowl Challenge and gain bragging rights for a year! Entry fee is \$10. Registration ends February 7<sup>th</sup>! Don't want to cook? Come taste (\$10) and vote for your favorite soup!

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* Friday, March 24, 2023**

### Hampton Community Library Trivia Night!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Program ends by 9:30 p.m.

Assemble your pod/team and get ready for a night of laughter and friendly competition! (Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System not required!) \$20/person, (6 -10 people/table). Test your general trivia knowledge! Perhaps **your** team will surprise them all! Please note this is an adult program. (BYOB) Space is limited; Registration required. Space/Teams will be limited.

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## Bless A Dress

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prom season. They will provide over 3,000 new and gently used gowns, along with shoes and accessories. The event dates are: March 30, 4-8 PM, March 31, 4-8 PM and April 1, 9 AM - 2 PM at the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena, 22 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick, PA 15024.

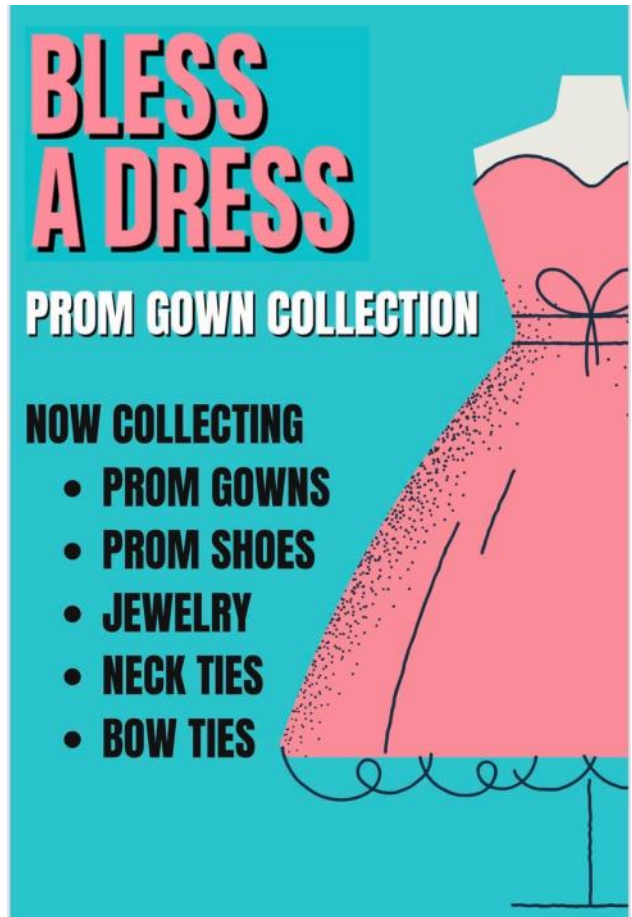
Their collection kicked off on January 14th with over a dozen collection sites, including Hair Doctors at 5475 William Flinn Highway in Gibsonia. Folks can drop off prom gowns, prom shoes, jewelry, neckties and bow ties at the sites through March 18th.

Michelle Simon and her husband founded Bless A Dress several years ago, after they discovered that some girls had trouble attending prom due to financial circumstances. Since then, they have "grown by leaps and bounds every year!" Simon explained. Last year, nearly 800 girls shopped for prom dresses, with caring volunteers assisting them and offering support.

"This year, we decided to add ties and bowties to our collection," Michelle said. Girls shopping can choose a matching tie to give their prom date. Michelle added, "We are so grateful to the businesses that help us collect dresses, the friends who help spread the word about the event, and every person who volunteers. We couldn't do it without everybody helping!"

There is no cost or income requirements for high school girls to participate in Bless A Dress. Topaz Thimble, LLC helps with on-site alterations. "Every girl deserves to feel like a princess on prom day, no matter her circumstances or ability to afford a gown," Michelle added.

You can learn more about Bless A Dress by following them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/blessadress](http://www.facebook.com/blessadress)



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3271 Oaknoll Road	\$375,000	\$380,000	14
5121 Polo Fields Drive	\$310,000	\$308,000	11
2771 Drake Court	\$250,000	\$250,000	5
4354 Hemlock	\$239,000	\$228,000	15
4331 Hemlock Circle	\$220,000	\$210,000	32
4700 Vitullo	\$185,000	\$165,000	81

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**Police Log** (Continued from page 2)  
 conducted, and upon making contact with the driver, the officer observed multiple indicators or impairment. The driver submitted to a series of field sobriety tests, which they failed to complete as had been instructed. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

**Vehicle Accident**

On 12/07/2022 at 11:03 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of McNeal Rd. for a single vehicle accident with no injuries. County dispatch advised the vehicle had struck a telephone pole. Upon arrival, officers observed the involved vehicle in the middle of the road blocking both lanes of travel. Officers spoke with the driver, who stated that they were driving eastbound on McNeal Rd. when they lost control of their vehicle after taking a slight curve in the road too fast. This action caused the passenger side of the vehicle to hit the telephone pole, causing disabling damage and airbag deployment throughout the car. Duquesne Light was notified about

the damage to the pole. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

On 12/08/2022 at 5:55 p.m., Hampton Police were dispatched to the area of Aldi's (4578 Route 8) for reports of a vehicle accident, unknown injuries with fluid in the road. Responding officers spoke to involved parties who advised that one operator was attempting to make a left turn out of the Aldi's lot onto Route 8 southbound. A truck in the right northbound lane reportedly stopped to let them out. Another vehicle was traveling in the left northbound lane at the time and the vehicles collided. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

**Fire**

On 12/10/2022 at 7:35 a.m., Hampton Township Police and Fire Departments responded to Panera Bread for reports of an electrical outlet on fire. Police response was requested due to a customer failing to leave the building. The Fire Department resolved the electrical issue. *end*

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## Board of School Directors Recognizes Fall Athletes

The Hampton Township School District Board of School Directors during its annual reorganization meeting on Dec. 5 recognized and congratulated the following students and athletic teams:

- **Leah McConnell** who was nominated by Mr. Cardone and selected to sing the national anthem at the WPIAL Class 4A Football Championship at Acrisure Stadium on November 25, 2022.
- Members of the Hampton High School Cheerleaders for their exceptional spirit displayed throughout the football season. When the lights went out during a football game at Fridley Field, the cheerleaders kept the fans entertained with their spirited cheers and sparkling energy. In addition, the members of the competitive cheerleaders earned a bid to Nationals at Disney World in Florida in February:
  - **Lillie Bill, Emma Clarke, Maria Coleman, Brianna De-Sabato, Justyce Fink, Gabriella Imbarlina, Jessica Lange, Alyssa Lauria, Laynie Loebig, Olivia Mayer, Haley Meyer, Keira Palmer, Ashley Rupert, Peyton Straub, Anna Stroud, and Emily Wenger.**
- Members of the Boys Cross Country team on winning the Class 2A, Section 4 Championship, WPIAL Championship, and placing fourth at the PIAA State Championships:
  - **Christopher Belch, Jacob Bonnar, Liam Butler, Nathan Gardner, Dale Hall, Layne Haught, and Miles McKinney.**
- The following runners on their individual achievements:
  - **Dale Hall** who placed 14th at State and 5th at WPIALS.
  - **Christopher Belch** who placed 9th at WPIALS.
  - **Jacob Bonnar** who placed 13th at WPIALS.
- The following members of the Girls Cross Country team for

their individual achievements, along with winning the Class 2A, Section 4 Championship:

- **Ava Vitiello** who placed 16th at State and placed 5th at WPIALS.
- **Kevyn Fish** who placed 6th at WPIALS.
- The Varsity Football team for qualifying for the WPIAL playoffs and the following student athletes for their individual accomplishments:
  - **First Team: Aiden Lewis (Guard), Gabe Ganneli (Defensive End), Ben Haselrig (Receiver), Gabe Harris (Defensive Line), Brock Borgo (Running Back), Eric Weeks (All Purpose Back), and Joey Mayer (Defensive Back).**
  - **Second Team: Michael Morgano (Inside Linebacker), Luke Hartle (Defensive Back), and Luke Fiscus (Kicker).**
  - **Honorable Mention: Mike Santorello (Inside Linebacker), Kaden Hoolahan (Center), Gryffin Keller (Defensive Line), and Nate Glock (Tackle).**
- Members of the Boys and Girls Soccer Teams who both qualified for WPIAL playoffs. The following athletes received individual honors:

### Boys

- **Luke Fiscus and Coleman Docherty**, who were selected to the All-WPIAL and All-Section Teams.
- **Oliver Spinola and Conner Killmeyer** who were selected to the All-Section Team.
- **Hudson Struble** who received an All-Section Team Honorable Mention.

### Girls

- **Audrey Bianco, Madison Hurst, and Skye Bierker** who were selected to the All-WPIAL and All-Section Teams.
- **Sara Kenst**, who was selected to the All-Section Team.
- Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for being Class 3A, Section 1 champions and for qualifying for the WPIAL playoffs. The Board recognized the following athletes selected to the All-Section or All-WPIAL teams:
  - **Emmy Schrom**, who was selected to the All-Section First Team and the All-WPIAL First Team.
  - **Avery Koontz**, who was selected to the All-Section First Team and the All-WPIAL Second Team.
  - **Addy Gindlesperger**, who was selected to the All-Section First Team and the All-WPIAL Third Team.
  - **Emma Rick** who was selected to the All-Section First Team.
  - **Lilly Muczinski and Allison Schepner**, who were selected to the All-Section Second Team.
  - **Maya Obendorfer**, who was selected to the All-Section Third Team.
- **Golf: Joey O'Donnell**, who qualified for the WPIAL Golf Championship.
- **Grace Stitt**, who qualified for WPIAL Tennis Championship in singles play, and both **Grace Stitt** and **Heidi Kroneberg**, who qualified for WPIALS in doubles play.

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## Students Accepted to Pitt Dental School

Congratulations to Shaler Area's Elyza Wiles and Hampton Township's Kaitlyn McClellan who earned early acceptance into Pitt's Dental Hygiene School!

"I am so excited because I put so much effort into my education and I'm glad all my hard work paid off," Elyza said. "Pitt has such an amazing program, and I can't wait to continue my education and be a part of it. When I decided to be a Dental Hygienist, I researched all the schools to find the best program for me. The tour that I had of Pitt was when I knew this was where I was going to put all my effort into getting accepted. Pitt has their own dental clinic and students get to learn through hands-on experience to prepare me for when I graduate and find a job."

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to continue my education at Pitt's Dental Hygiene School, because it is one of the best dental schools and only 36 students get accepted into this school each year," Kaitlyn said. "Pitt's Dental Hygiene School is the right fit for me because there are smaller class sizes, so if I ever need extra help with understanding something I will have that opportunity."

Elyza and Kaitlyn, who are seniors, participate in A.W. Beattie's Dental Careers program. Kaitlyn is in her third year of the program.

"I have enjoyed learning about the dental field, and it gave me the opportunity to see if I really wanted to make a career out of it before spending a ton of money on college," Kaitlyn said. "I have learned many new skills within dentistry that will put me a step forward when I attend Pitt's Dental Hygiene School. I started working in a dental office when I was 16 after my first year at Beattie and now I am also doing co-op now. Beattie has made me grow into who I am and the confidence that I have now in everything I do."

Elyza is in her second year of the program. "I liked that Beattie gave me the opportunity to learn about the field of dental hygiene before making a commitment to a specific field in

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## Chess

Chess Institute of Pittsburgh for the Junior Achievement 18 under Eighteen Award in Western PA and won! "I thought I did not deserve it at first because I feel I am just a normal teenage kid." Martin will be honored with the other winners in a ceremony at Acrisure Stadium on February 7, 2023. He won leadership classes, a media photo shoot, and interview.

Martin started playing chess at the age of 7 and his level of understanding was so great that by the age of 11, he was teaching the game. His first teaching job was to the staff of Amachi Pittsburgh, which held a summer camp for incarcerated children. He also taught online classes to schools and libraries during COVID, at a camp in the North Side for The Pittsburgh Project, and at Winchester Thurston in Shadyside. Last summer you may have seen him helping with kids playing chess at

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the Hampton Library. "I feel like I am not only teaching them chess, but also life lessons like you may have to make sacrifices in order to be successful," said Martin.

As part of his role as the lead Youth Chess Instructor for the Queen's Gambit, Martin writes chess curricula. He creates individualized curricula to support each student regardless of their skill level or ability by analyzing how students respond to instruction and planning and thinking ahead. Martin said, "I like chess because no one game is the same as another." In addition to playing for fun and teaching, Martin engaged in a chess competition in February outside of Cleveland where he placed second in his division.

Last summer, Martin traveled to Puerto Rico with his church to assist communities there with cleaning vegetation off of buildings. He resides in Hampton with his dad Brian, mom Amy, older brother Gates and his dog Huckle.



Luke Martin

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on Thursday, March 2 at the Career Center.

**Dental Students**

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college,” Elyza said. “I had an idea of what I wanted to study in college but once I started at Beattie I knew that this was the career choice for me. Beattie has provided me with experience in the dental field so when I start at Pitt I will have a better understanding of what skills I need to be a hygienist. I am also sure

that the certifications and experience I earned helped me to get into Pitt.”

They each credited Dental Careers instructor Mrs. Paula Gibson with fostering a positive learning environment, which has encouraged them to pursue their college and career goals.

“Mrs. Gibson is like a second mom to all her students and she will do anything to make everyone succeed,” Kaitlyn said. “She has made me go outside of my comfort zone for her to see me succeed and grow.”

“She is one of the most caring and compassionate teachers I’ve ever had and makes sure that every one of her students succeeds and has a bright future,” Elyza said. “She has encouraged me every step of the way and I’m so glad that I had a chance to be in her class.”



Kaitlyn McClellan and Elyza Wiles

**Bocce**

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everyone together as friends. They are there to support one another and cheer each other on. As a coach of Unified Bocce, you are not allowed to help them during the match; the students are to work as a team to strategize what it will take to get the most points. Seeing them collaborate together and have fun is the most rewarding experience.”

Even though the Shaler match was an away game, there was plenty of support for the Talbots! The stands were filled, and the Talbot cheerleaders that attended were at times louder than anyone there!

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It was an incredible honor to be sworn in for the start of my second term as state representative for District 28. While we were able to elect a speaker of the house on swearing-in day, the usual excitement around this time was clouded by the organizational chaos surrounding the inability of the state legislature to organize and accomplish the business of the people.

Until we are able to get over this hurdle, unfortunately our legislative efforts will continue to stall, and there is so much important work to do. This includes protecting the children of the Hampton community



Rob Mercuri

by establishing a residential setback from school property and daycare centers for sexually violent predators, closing a glaring loophole in Megan's law. This is just the beginning of our legislative agenda. Other initiatives include ensuring we apply fiscal responsibility to our annual budget and tax revenues, making Pennsylvania competitive and turning our energy sector back on after years of dormancy and neglect through regulatory impediments, envisioning the future of education for our students across Pennsylvania to modernize their learning environments and finally focusing on driving efficiency and effectiveness in our government operations that prevents draining countless dollars and halts endless frustration to business processes across the Commonwealth.

Each of these important policy objectives directly affects the lives of Hampton Township residents and members of the communities that I represent across District 28. With your cooperation and through the courage of my colleagues, I know that we can form an effective legislature in Harrisburg that will operate effectively again for the people. Throughout the process, I will keep you updated and work hard every day towards this objective. You have my word, please don't hesitate to contact our office as we love hearing from each of you any day of the week!

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**N. Hampton Vol. Fire Dept.**

Chief Michael Piovesan

**December 2022 Incident Summary:**

Commercial Fire Alarm	5
Commercial Structure Fire	2
CO Alarm	3
Natural Gas Leak	3
Residential Fire Alarm	8
Residential Structure Fire	3
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	5
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	10
Vehicle Fire	1
Water Condition/Pumping Detail	13
<b>Total Incidents for the Month</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Incidents for 2021</b>	<b>421</b>

**Noteworthy incidents and events:**

- NHVFD responded to I76 Eastbound for a reported vehicle fire. Crews arrived on scene to find a silver jeep on fire. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire and were back in service within an hour.
- NHVFD responded to over 20 incidents over the Christmas weekend. Most incidents were related to broken sprinkler lines and water lines due to the cold temperatures. Crews assisted residents and businesses with turning the water off and moving furniture and personal belongings to prevent further damage.
- NHVFD responded to Route 8 near Grandview Drive for a reported live wire down. Crews completely shut down route 8 until Duquesne Light could secure the power. As a reminder to all motorists: Please do not drive over any wire down in a roadway even if you think it is no longer energized, as it could result in serious injury.

**New Membership:**

We can always use new members who are interested in firefighting, fire police or as drivers only. There is a place in the department for anyone who is interested in helping. Please contact an officer at 724-443-5250 or visit our website at [www.northhamptonvfd.org](http://www.northhamptonvfd.org).

**Clear The Hydrants!**

Residents with a fire hydrant on their property or even in their neighborhood are asked by firefighters to clear a 3-foot diameter around the hydrant to give first responders ample room to operate the hydrant. All snow and ice should be removed from the hydrant, and a clear path from the hydrant to the road is also needed.





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## Competitive Spirit Team Phenomenal at State Competition

By Jackie Smith

The Hampton Competitive Spirit team is having a great season, and they are giving their all with each and every opportunity this year.

After competing in the WPIAL competitive finals January 7<sup>th</sup> at Hempfield, the Hampton team had a top-five finish with a solid, clean routine and qualified for the state finals in Hershey, Pennsylvania which was held the weekend of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

There were over 100 teams vying for various top positions in the state. "This was the first time for me, as well as all our girls, to go to States, advised Hampton's fourth year coach, Kathy Long, "And we were thrilled to be there.

"Every member of this squad is truly committed, said Long, "I can count on one hand how many athletes have actually missed a practice." In order to join Competitive Spirit, the athletes must be members of the schools junior varsity or varsity cheerleading squad; Competitive Spirit became a WPIAL-sponsored sport in 2013. "I have a great group of girls that work so well together," said Kathy, "I think the Hampton program as a whole - from middle school and up is pushing harder for tumbling - a Competitive Spirit team. To have a successful varsity squad, it starts from the middle school program," advised Long. "Coaching teenagers can be a hard age for some - attitudes can show, and make it difficult; however, the respect I give to the kids, I get back 100%."

"Competitive Spirit involves much more of a commitment than sideline cheerleading," advised Laynie Loebig, one of four seniors on the Spirit team. "I've been on the competitive team since my freshman year, and it's been such a wonderful opportunity."

At States, the Hampton Spirit team was rewarded for their hard work - - they were 3<sup>rd</sup> in small varsity B (15 member squads) which advanced them straight to the finals. Long stated, "During finals, we hit zero (known as a HIT), which means a routine with no mistakes. It was truly an amazing experience for this team!" Hampton ended 5th out of 34 teams in Varsity Small D2 - a great finish!

Gabby Imbarlina, another Hampton senior, said, "It feels amazing to be doing this well - especially my senior year. I fall in love with this sport more every day. I appreciate my coach Kathy Long; she does so much for us, and everything my mom does, as well. I am so proud of our entire team!"

The Spirit team is not done yet; they will be heading to Orlando, Florida in February to compete in the UCA National Championship. According to Long, "The team has qualified for Nationals every year since I've been with Hampton. Our goal is to make it out of prelims; actually a HIT routine would make us all feel extremely successful."

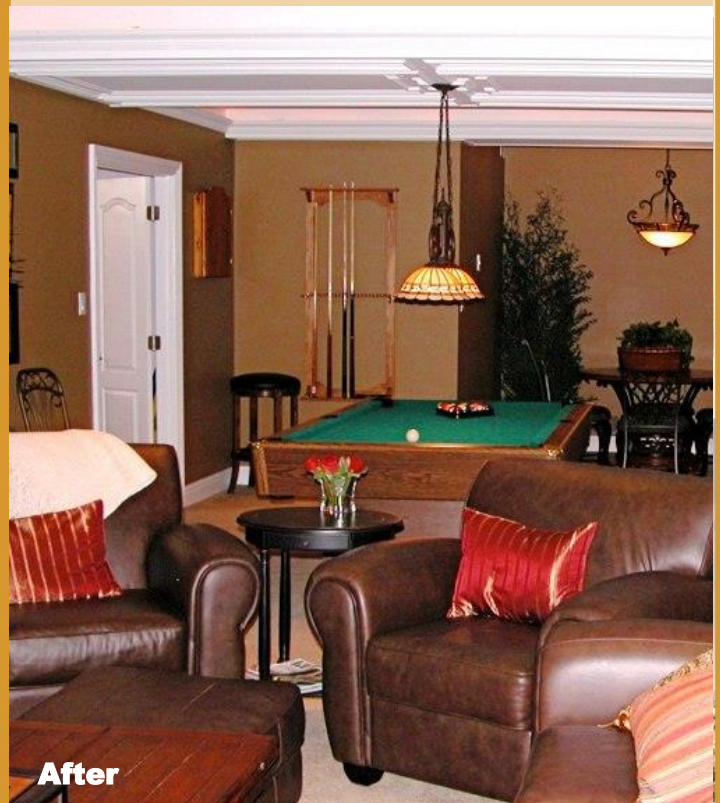
Regardless of what happens at Nationals, this team has developed something truly special. "My favorite part of being on the Spirit team is just being with my teammates and coach-growing and learning together," stated Loebig. "Our commitment to each other goes beyond cheering; we are all really good friends."

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## Current Events

### Mad Science Programs/Little Medical School

We are excited to announce we will be partnering with Mad Science and hosting TWO pop-up programs for children ages Pre-K through 2nd grade (4-7yrs old).

#### DINOSAURS -

Join us on February 17th from 9:00 - 11:00 am to investigate the habits, needs and characteristics of dinosaurs! Hands-on activities will assist students with their understanding of fossils and dinosaurs. Students will find out how big dinosaurs really were and make a cast of a dinosaur tooth!

#### Little Medical School Valentine's Day Pop-Up:

Join us on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Adult Lounge of the Community Center for this new pop-up program! Learn all about the heart before Valentine's Day for Heart Health Awareness Month. Your child will explore the heart through hands-on activities and role-play. They will identify the different parts of the heart and know what it looks like through building their very own model. They will discover how the stethoscope aids in hearing normal and abnormal heart sounds. Students will study how the human heart pumps through a hands-on stem model. During the pop-up we will also explain basic CPR.

Pre-registration is required. Please visit [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) to register. Program fee is \$35 per child. (Ages 5 - 10)

#### Little Medical School Winter Programs:

Little Medical School® brings medicine, science and the importance of health to children in an entertaining, exciting and fun way. Both programs aim to inspire children to aspire for careers in healthcare through demonstrations, crafts, and games! All programs are taught by a trained professional. Both programs will be held on Saturdays, at the Community Center, beginning February 4th - March 11th. Each child will receive a diploma as a graduate of Little Medical School upon completion, too!

*Future Nurse* will take place 10:00 am - 11:00 am and

*Future Dentist* will take place 11:15am - 12:15 pm.

The program fee for Future Nurse is \$125 and the program fee for Future Dentist is \$125.

#### *Future Nurse*

Students will discover the important responsibilities of a nurse and identify the primary instruments used. These future nurses will learn about the importance of immunizations, the role a nurse plays before/during/after surgery, parts of blood, and how to treat broken bones.

#### *Future Dentist*

Students will role-play the key responsibilities of a dentist and become familiar with basic dental instruments. These future dentists will learn about mouth structure, the parts of a tooth, oral hygiene, most common dental operations, and how to fill a cavity.

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! Registration is available at

[www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org)!

## Interested in Other Cultures? Invite an Exchange Student Into Your Home

Hampton Rotary is seeking Hampton school district families to host an international exchange student in the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The host family would have the student reside in their home and be a part of their family for one half of the school year. Interested families may contact Hampton Rotary President Hal English at 412-486-1923 or [henglish@nb.net](mailto:henglish@nb.net) for more information. Background screening is required and the application process requires time. Please apply at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

### Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

Monday, February 20, 7 pm. Hampton Community Center  
1301 McCully Road, Allison Park

Jon-Erik Gilot will present:

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## More Current Events

### The Depreciation Lands Museum Major Presentation!

Learn about disease and medicine in the 18th Century. February 22 (Washington's birthday!) at the Depreciation Lands Museum. 7-8:30 pm  
Event Tickets must be purchased in advance at [DLMuseum.org](http://DLMuseum.org)  
Limited seating in Tavern. \$10 members, non-member \$12

### What To Do With Your Old Trash Cans/Carts?

Now that Waste Management has started to roll out the new trash/garbage carts, many residents are asking "what do we do with our old trash cans???"

First, it will take approximately seven to ten days to roll out the new carts throughout the township. Once you receive your new cart, start using the new cart and you cannot place anything outside of that cart.

If you would like to dispose of your old trash can/cart, please place a note to "throw away" on the can and place at the curb on your normal garbage collection day. For the next month, Waste Management will collect the old trash cans/carts for disposal.

The bin for glass recycling at the Municipal Building was removed permanently.

Just a friendly reminder that you can recycle glass (glass bottles and jars only) in your green/yellow recycling cart at home; the large blue glass recycling bin located behind the salt storage building will be removed permanently.

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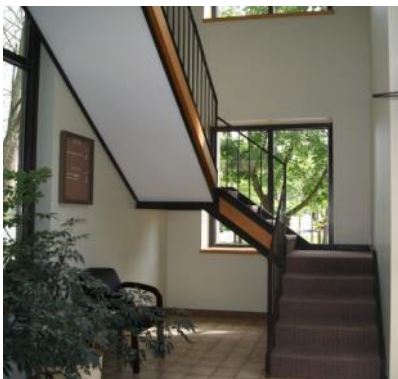
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## Local Author's Childrens' Books Displayed at Hampton Library

Hampton Township residents might be surprised to know that their community library was only opened in 1990. This newly created library was located in Shopper's Plaza on Route 8, many years before it was relocated to the Hampton Community Center. One of the local residents who worked hard to bring a library to our community was Norine Benzenhoefer.

Following in Norine's love of books is her daughter-in-law, Loraine Hayes. Loraine enlisted help from Marko Frey, Norine's 9-year-old great-grandson, to become a self-published author and illustrator of a new children's chapter book series called Small Fry Spy Club. The Small Fry Spy Club books are for middle grade children aged 8-12 and grades 3-7.

Loraine is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional with over 25 years' experience as a psychotherapist. She wanted to create a children's chapter book series that would help children navigate life with confidence

and self-respect. Loraine called upon her love of family to create fun and positive books for children that address many important issues. Some of them include: responsibility, bullying, self-esteem, friendship, acceptance, forgiveness, honor, teamwork, respect, managing difficult emotions, and problem solving.

Loraine established a publishing company called Point Breeze Press in 2022 and then published the first four books in the series in that same year. She will be ready to publish the fifth book in the series in early 2023. For more information, Loraine invites everyone to go to her website:

[SmallFrySpyClub.com](http://SmallFrySpyClub.com).

On a recent trip to the Hampton Community Library, Loraine and Marko were happy to see their books on display. The library director, Suzanna Krispli, had been kind enough to place the books in a prominent place in the library. Additionally, Suzanna knew of Norine's efforts years ago to help to create the very library in which she works today.

Photo by Denise Benzenhoefer



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## St. Patrick's Day STEM Party

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The cost per participant is \$30.00 per class. Both classes will be held in the Hampton Community Center Activity Room 1. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 20 registrants per class. Visit [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) to register!



## Upcoming Events

### Golf Outing

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Birdsfoot Golf Course for Aiden's

Helping Hands Golf Outing

email: [info@aidenshelpinghands.com](mailto:info@aidenshelpinghands.com)

[www.aidensHelpingHands.com](http://www.aidensHelpingHands.com)



### "Spruce Up Your Garden at Shaler Garden Club's Plant Sale"

Add some fresh flowers and plants to spruce up your garden affordably this spring at the Shaler Garden Club's 69th annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Kiwanis Park on Wetzel Road, Glenshaw. A variety of hardy perennials from members' gardens will be offered at bargain prices, along with herbs, vegetables, houseplants, bulbs, and potted arrangements for perfect Mother's Day gifts. A basket raffle and a bake sale will add to the fun. Come rain or shine. Proceeds benefit community projects and philanthropic donations of the Shaler Garden Club. For more information, go to [www.shalergardenclub.com](http://www.shalergardenclub.com).

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Enjoy An Energizing Evening with Ben Stein

St. Barnabas Founder's Day Celebration will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Twp. Founder's Day tickets are on sale now and event proceeds support residents and patients who rely upon the Free Care Fund at St. Barnabas.

Ben Stein will receive the 2023 St. Barnabas Hance Award. The St. Barnabas Founder's Day Celebration will bring together corporate sponsors, prominent business people and community leaders to honor Ben Stein for his contributions. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, auction and raffles – including a chance to win a trip or cash – followed by a dinner celebration. A VIP photo pass is also available to guests. Tickets range from \$300 – \$500. For event tickets or to purchase books or raffle tickets, call 724-625-3770 or visit [stbarnabashealthsystem.com/founders-day/](http://stbarnabashealthsystem.com/founders-day/). Proceeds benefit the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund, which supports elderly patients and residents who cannot afford their care.



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The 5K run takes place at the Hampton Community Center.  
We hope to see you there!



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## June

5-9th  
12-16th  
19-23rd  
26-30th

Too Cool 4 School  
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Flavortown Express  
Street Foods

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5-7th  
10-14th  
17-21st  
24-28th  
31-4th

Happiness is Homemade  
Kitchen Superheroes  
Mad Kitchen Scientist  
CopyKat Favorites  
Cook like a Celebrity Chef

## August

7-11th  
14-18th  
21-25th  
28-1st

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