

Celebrating Homecoming

by Garrett Gess, HHS writer

The fall is in full swing in Talbot territory and it started with a blast for Homecoming weekend. Students throughout the district enjoyed a spirit week with theme days such as “Tacky

Tourist Day,” “Character Day” and “Blue and Gold Day.” Faculty got involved too!

When Friday came, the Hampton tailgate was a blast. Fans of all ages from across the township came to support the

blue & gold before the game. Booths were lined up near Fridley Field and offered a variety of food, games and Hampton merch. Many of the booths were run by

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2022-2023 Homecoming Court: Back row left to right: Aja Lynn, Andrea Quaglia, Rita Khoury, Molly Bernett, Hannah Kirkpatrick, Lucy Interthal, Kaitlyn Laffin, Kendall Solkovy, Giulia Mauro, Teresa Grimm. Kneeling: Paul Olivera, Ryan Apaliski, Kai Suyama, Benny Haselrig, Will Goetzman, Brennan Murray, Austin Wang, Tyler Welch, Ben Sheets, Liam Shields.

Halloween at the Park

by Melanie Martino

Hampton Township’s annual Halloween event will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 1 - 3 pm in the Hampton Community Park.

Join us this day for a costume contest for children 10 years of age and under, candy, cookies and treats for all, a haunted hayride through the upper orchard of the park, a Build-A-Bear raffle and much more!

Due to the ever growing popularity of
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Unselfish Acts of Kindness

by Jackie Smith

Aiden Hanna, a sophomore at Hampton High School, found out this past July that he has an osteosarcoma (a cancerous tumor) in his leg. The news was both shocking and devastating to Aiden and those who love him.

This was only the beginning of Aiden’s medical journey. Aiden said, “I had a port placed in my chest so they could give me chemotherapy; I will have a total of 27 weeks of treatments. My plan started with 10 chemotherapy treatments; each one can last anywhere be-
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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 7/23/2022—9/3/2022:


DUI Arrest

 On 9-03-2022, HTP were traveling southbound on William Flinn Highway when they observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The officer observed multiple traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, the odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected. The officer observed multiple signs of impairment and the driver was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Traffic Violation/Drug Arrest

 On 08/22/2022 at 12:19 a.m., HTP were conducting a business check when they observed a vehicle drive past at a high rate of speed. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Throughout the duration of the traffic stop, the officer discovered that the driver was in possession of illegal substances.

Vehicle Fire

 On 08/03/2022 at 4:33p.m., HTP were dispatched to Wildwood Road for a report of a vehicle on fire in a parking lot

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PTOs, sports teams, school clubs and alumni classes.

Before the game, the Class of 2022 Hampton Hall of Fame inductees were recognized. In an uncommon fashion, Joe Lafko was inducted into the Hall of Fame while being an active head coach with Hampton sports. Lafko has been the leader of the Hampton basketball program for 32 years and is still going strong. He has won 499 games, led the Talbots to the WPIAL Title in 2009, the PIAA quarterfinal three times (2009, 2011, 2012), and ten PIAA playoffs appearances since 2000.

The other nominations were: Denis Fischer, longtime sports announcer and outstanding social studies teacher at Hampton High School; Thomas Tobin, cross country and distance track coach for nearly two decades; Ron Gooden, current defensive line coach for Hampton and a heart transplant survivor; Ted Yester, a three-sport superstar at Hampton, who currently lives out west in Nevada; Steve Borgo, football and track star who is also the father of current Hampton running back Brock Borgo; and John Harford, who graduated in 1966 as a force in the

wrestling ring, who finally got his hall-of-fame recognition over half a century later.

The game started with Hampton getting the ball first and they entered Armstrong territory. But the drive stalled and Hampton turned the ball over to

Armstrong. The Riverhawks scored a touchdown on their first drive to draw first blood and went up 7-0. The Talbots once again entered the ball into Armstrong territory, but turnover spoiled their chance. At the start of the second quarter, the Talbots were on the doorstep of scoring a touchdown with the ball at the one-yard line. Hampton took a risk on 4th down, but the conversion failed and Armstrong got the ball again.

At halftime of the game, the homecoming court was brought onto the field. Among the 210 seniors at HHS, Kai Suyama and Molly Bernett were voted as the king and queen of the homecoming court.

The Riverhawks scored touchdowns, each in the third and fourth quarter. The Talbots scored the final points with a late touchdown, but it was too little too late. Hampton fell to Armstrong with a 19-6 score to put the Talbots' record at 2-3. The game in total had four interceptions (three given up by Hampton) and two fumbles (both given up by Armstrong).

The Talbots are eager to get a winning streak going so they can make the WPIAL playoffs for the third-straight year.

See page 6 for the Honorary Talbot Contest results.



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11:45 a.m. - "Stories and Songs;" 12:00 p.m. - "Stay and Play."

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Friends and N'at!

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 11:15 a.m.

October 12th - Boo! It's Halloween!

This 30-45-minute neurodivergent program is designed to bring everyone of all abilities together to interact, investigate, create and most of all make friends at the library! No registration required!

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Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, Oct. 19th @ 6:30 p.m.

No Exit, by Taylor Adams

The Mystery Book Group meets at the Rotary Pavilion, weather permitting (this is the pavilion closest to the police station/municipal building/soccer fields).

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, Oct. 21st @ 1:00 p.m. The Gown, by Jennifer Robson.

Betty's Book Group meets 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: It's Casserole Season!

Thursday, October 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
- 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.

Please note: The Library will be **CLOSED Saturday, Oct. 22nd** for the Halloween Parade sponsored by Dept. of Community Services. *There will be **no access** to the Community Center parking lots or circle that morning in preparation for the parade.*

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near a building. Upon arrival, the fire in the vehicle's engine compartment was already extinguished. North Hampton and Hampton fire departments made sure the fire was out and utilized oil dry to clean up some oil underneath the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

 On 08/13/2022 at 2:11 p.m., HTP were dispatched to the area of Pizza Hut for a report of a vehicle on fire. Upon arrival, the vehicle in question was located on Vernon Dr. near Clean and was fully engulfed in flames. Officers found that all occupants were out of the vehicle. The occupant stated that they were traveling north on William Flinn Hwy when they noticed a small amount of smoke. The driver stated that they pulled over and got out just in time. North Hampton Fire as well as Richland Fire and West Deer Fire were able to extinguish the fire. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Vehicle Accident

 On 07/31/2022 at 2:08 p.m., HTP were dispatched to Route 8 for a two-vehicle crash with entrapment. Upon their arrival, officers located both vehicles blocking the left lanes of northbound and southbound travel. At the time of their arrival, all involved persons were found to be out of their vehicles. Parties on scene reported that one vehicle was traveling north on Route 8, in the left lane, when the other vehicle suddenly pulled out of a parking lot directly in front of the other vehicle. Both involved vehicles sustained disabling damage and had to be towed from the scene.

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And the Winner is...

by Nicole Mishko

The Honorary Talbot Mascot contest officially went to the dogs in 2022! There was some major furry competition as one hundred and twenty-two submissions were received from around the district! An initial, three-day voting round occurred at each of Hampton Township's schools (Central, Wyland, Poff, HMS and HHS) where students



Chubbs Wymard and his family: Fran, Katie, Harper, August and Emmy.
See more photos on page 21.

“voted by pennies” (nickels, dimes, and quarters, too!) to select their school's Top Dog.

At the annual Hampton Talbot Tailgate, voting started from scratch between these five winning dogs. Chubbs, a handsome and adored two-year old bulldog, received the most donations and has been bestowed the title of 2022 Honorary Hampton Talbot Mascot!



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In all, the Honorary Talbot Contest raised over \$5,900 this year, which went to local PTOs and charities including Aiden's Helping Hands, Southwestern Pennsylvania's Retriever Rescue Organization, Central's Heart, and Talbot THON. A special thank you to all the families with participating dogs and to all of those that supported the contest through donations.

Congratulations to the Wymard family and Chubbs!

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Girls Volleyball Don't Miss a Beat

by Garrett Gess
Photo by Madia Photography

After a season so strong, Hampton doesn't just belong, they believe their time has come again. Last season the Hampton volleyball team went on an unprecedented journey to the PIAA State Championship. The year was filled with the excitement of their best season in program history. Now, the focus shifts towards this season.

Entering 2022, the Talbots have some big drawbacks, and were even snubbed from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette's Top 5 pre-season rankings for 3A. Head coach

Annie Bozzo left the Hampton volleyball program to coach for Shaler. Hampton lost four talented players at the end of last season: Claudia Braun, Taylor Fiscus, Kai Herchenroether, and Abby Stevens. Still, the Talbots retained Emmy Schrom (All-State junior), Addison Gindlesperger (Second-team all-section senior), and Emma Rick (Third-team all-section junior).



Bozzo's head coaching replacement is Dainen Holler, who has led the Talbot pack to a strong start thus far.

Senior Kaitlyn Laffin outlined the team's goals. "We want to make a strong playoff run in both WPIAL and state brackets. Coming off of a season like last year when we made it to the State Championship game has definitely encouraged everyone to work hard and hopefully make it back to states again this year!"

Hampton had a good start to the season. They took down Armstrong 3-1 and then Thomas Jefferson 3-2. Then, what was good turned to great as Hampton had a sweep in their next six matches to start 8-0 in the regular season.

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Girls Cross Country

by Garrett Gess
Photo by Madia Photography

With a successful season last year, the Hampton girls are looking to take a big step forward for 2022. Last season, Hampton placed 17th in the 3A WPIAL Championship with then-junior Ava Vitiello (20:00) and then-freshman Kevyn Fish (20:07) placing in the Top 15 at the meet. This year, Hampton is making the drop down to 2A and has the opportunity to make a big statement in WPIAL competition.

Senior Kendall Solkovy mentioned how "One of our major goals that we've talked about as a team since moving to 2A has been to be section champs, which would be the first time in girls cross country

history for that to happen. One of our bigger goals is to qualify for team states at WPIALS."

Challenges are still ahead. The

Hampton girls have a very small 8-runner roster this year, despite numbers usually in the 15-20 range in past years. Even with Vitiello's and Fish's strong efforts, there has been a need to rely on the other six runners to finish strong under head coach Heather Dietz's leadership. Those six runners are: seniors Adrianna Grimm, Teresa Grimm and Kendall Solkovy, junior Lydia Bailey and sophomores Abby Hall and Cara Herock. Head coach Heather Dietz has been leading the team from the start.

At the Boardman XC Invitational, Hampton had a very strong showing. Kevyn Fish placed 5th out of 322 runners with a time of 19:32, and Teresa Grimm, Abby Hall, Lydia Bailey, and Adrianna Grimm made the Top 100.



Standing back left to right: Lydia Bailey, Kevyn Fish, Coach Heather Dietz, Cara Herock, Abby Hall. Kneeling left to right: Adrianna Grimm, Ava Vitiello, Kendall Solkovy, Teresa Grimm.

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5044 Apple Ridge Drive	\$515,000	\$521,000	5
4986 Summit Drive	\$445,000	\$445,000	49
3184 Haberlein Road	\$357,900	\$370,000	30
2990 Chautauqua Drive	\$325,000	\$355,000	2
4211 Mount Royal Blvd	\$350,000	\$350,000	3
4078 Circle Drive	\$339,900	\$340,000	4
4531 Bucktail Drive	\$324,900	\$324,900	125
2500 Mae Drive	\$340,000	\$323,000	29
5125 Polo Fields Drive	\$315,000	\$313,500	4
4553 Bucktail Drive	\$240,000	\$240,000	8
2590 Harlo Drive	\$219,998	\$230,000	9
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Hanna

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tween 2 days up to two weeks." "My longest treatment so far," Aiden stated, "has been 6 days."

Aiden's mom, Tracy Hanna, shared, "Once Aiden has completed the 10 weeks of chemotherapy treatments, he will have surgery to remove the tumor from his leg, and then do an additional 17 weeks of chemotherapy treatments to be sure there are no cancer cells left."



Aiden decided to turn this challenging season into a philanthropic opportunity. "When I saw how much time we would spend traveling back and forth to the hospital, getting meals, and the cost of the treatments, and the way my friends, neighbors, and even strangers wanted to support me, I realized how fortunate I was. Even though I was going through this enormous challenge," Aiden stated, "I wanted to help others have something to look forward to at the end of a treatment." With this in mind, Aiden created Aiden's Helping Hands. According to Aiden, "My goal for Aiden's Helping Hands is to be a light for families going through a dark time, and help them financially and emotionally during this challenging journey. It makes me feel happy to know that I've helped someone else."

The Hampton Township community has rallied around Aiden in a multitude of ways. According to Aiden's father, Paul Hanna, "We are so humbled and blessed that in Aiden's darkest days, he wanted to give back. The generosity of the Hampton community truly brought this out. Aiden was blessed by our community and friends that gave him Grub Hub gift cards and Pasquale's Pizza gave him gift cards. He thought it was so nice that he could order food when he wasn't feeling well. He wanted other kids, kids that may not be as fortunate as him, to have the same blessings."

Numerous fundraisers have been held including the HMS Hat Day, where students paid to wear hats to school; the high school had faculty jean day, and other events are planned during the year. Since Aiden's Helping Hands start-

ed, they have raised almost \$25,000, all of which is going to benefit other families.

Aiden has played baseball for the Hampton Athletic Association (HAA) since he was 4 years old. Aiden also golfs and plays baseball for Hampton High School. The Hampton Athletic Association will host a charity softball tournament on October 2nd beginning at 10:00 AM to support this long time player. The tournament is open to the public. According to Julie Fritsch, Vice President of Fundraising for HAA, "There will be food provided by Pasquale's Pizza and Wieners on the Water; a cornhole tournament, and raffle items. All proceeds will go to Aiden's Helping Hands. Fritsch continued, "The fact that Aiden is thinking of others at this time, by establishing this charity to help families that are faced with fighting childhood cancer, is a testament to the wonder-

ful person he is, and we just want to do what we can to support him and his charity." When Aiden is healthy, he hopes to be able to take

kids to games or other events they enjoy as they are battling cancer; having something fun to look forward to is extremely helpful. Aiden's parents said, "We see firsthand how hard this is for him mentally. His charity is helping him get through some challenging times. He loves when the nurses and social workers tell him what a difference his gifts are making and the people he is touching. These patients become close and build strong relationships due to their ability to relate to what the family is going through. For the community to support his idea with so much passion, it is humbling." Paul Hanna firmly believes, "The world needs more love and less hate."



AIDEN'S HELPING HANDS
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To donate and/or get updates from Aiden's Helping Hands, visit his website at aidenshelpinghands.com.

For questions, please reach out to Christina Carlin, secretary@hamptonaa.org 412-726-8656 or Josh DeMasi, president@hamptonaa.org 412-589-5237

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Enjoying Hampton Community Park? Make Your Voice Heard!

by Heather Cuyler

Hampton Township has engaged the community over the last 12 months to develop a Comprehensive Recreation, Park & Open Space Plan which will guide staff, volunteers, and community partners as they develop new programs, connections and park amenities.

This plan was led by a robust public engagement process which included a Steering Committee, key stakeholder interviews, digital and paper questionnaire, and public meetings.

Key issues which were discussed included: connectivity; park





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 On 08/12/2022 at 12:51 p.m., HTP were dispatched to Haberlein Rd. for a report of a two-vehicle accident with reported injuries and tows needed. Upon arrival, officers checked on all occupants and confirmed that EMS was responding for evaluations. The individuals on scene stated that one vehicle was coming down a hill when they attempted to navigate a bend but traveled too wide and struck an oncoming

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Where Are They Now?

Bezilla & Whitlinger Team Up

by Jenn Edmonds

Hampton graduate Mike Bezilla (class of 2003) joined forces with fellow Hampton graduate Rachel Whitlinger (class of 2011) in an exciting collaboration in the form of a new children's book, *The S'mores Family*, which was released on September 1st.

After high school, Bezilla attended the Penn State University and earned a B.S. in Meteorology, which parlayed into his job as an Instructional Designer at Risk Management Solutions. RMS models natural and manmade disasters and he trains on responses to these issues.

Bezilla wrote his first children's book, *The Adventures of Michael John; X Marks the Spot* in 2018 and wanted to self-publish but wasn't sure of next-steps. "Once the pandemic hit, I had more time at home and could research more." He found an illustrator online and the book was published in early 2022. "The goal is to get the book published. You are the sole person marketing the book and trying to get the book out there."

Following a family trip to Hershey Park, the idea for the new book *The S'Mores Family* was sparked and "got the creative juices flowing." Bezilla resides in Richland Township with his wife Anny, daughters Sofia and Olivia, his dog Bruce, and his cat Elsa.

At a gathering of family and friends, Bezilla approached Whitlinger (his younger sister's friend) to gauge her interest in illustrating.

Rachel Whitlinger's passion for art throughout her school years led her to obtain a degree in Graphic and Communication Design from LaRoche College and subsequently a job with the Pittsburgh Pirates; where she currently works as a graphic de-

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signer. Whitlinger works on all forms of advertising for the Pirates, whether it is billboards, emails, t-shirt design or patchwork design, among others.

"When Mike told me he was doing a book, he asked me if I would like to try it and I said, 'sure'." Whitlinger had "doodled on her iPad" but hadn't done any real illustration up to this point. Bezilla provided illustrator notes on what he imagined it would look like and Whitlinger provided him with some initial sketches. They worked together to achieve the final product.

When asked about the differences in her job at the Pirates versus illustrating, Whitlinger explained that, "Graphic design is a lot more mathematical; more of a strategy. Illustrating is more freeform and allows me to do more of my own thing." Whitlinger resides in Hampton with her fiancée Tyler Elder and her dog Eva.

The *S'Mores Family* is geared toward younger children and will be available at mikebezilla.com or at select local bookstores.



Rachel Whitlinger and Mike Bezilla display their collaborated children's book

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August 2022 Monthly Report, Chief Michael Piovesan

Monthly Incident Summary:

Brush Fire	1
Commercial Fire Alarm	13
CO Alarm	2
Natural Gas Leak	4
Residential Fire Alarm	2
Residential Structure Fire	1
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	6
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	6
Vehicle Accident with Entrapment	1
Vehicle Fire	3
Total Incidents for the Month	39
Total Incidents for 2022	250

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD responded to the 4900 block of Route 8 for the report of a vehicle fire. First arriving crews arrived to find an SUV with an engine compartment fire with all occupants safely out of the vehicle. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire and remained on scene until the tow company removed the vehicle from the roadway.
- NHVFD responded to the 4700 block of Route 8 for a reported three vehicle accident with entrapment. First arriving crews confirmed that the occupants of one vehicle were entrapped. Crews worked to stabilize the vehicle and safely extricate the patients who were then transported by EMS to the hospital.
- NHVFD responded to the 39.0-mile marker of I-76 west bound for a reported tractor trailer on fire. First arriving crews confirmed that a box trailer was on fire because of malfunctioning brakes. Crews were able to quickly knock the fire down and prevent further extension into the trailer.

New Membership:

We can always use new members who are interested in fire-fighting, 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.

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Halloween

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our family-friendly holiday events, please note that the Community Park will be closed to the general public this day to accommodate for additional traffic and ensure the safety of all of our event guests. Pavilions, sports fields (including the soccer fields), and access to the upper orchard will be unavailable until the event concludes. The Community Center parking lots will also be unavailable to use until the event concludes.

The Community Center will remain open during this event; however the event will be held outdoors, rain or shine!

We would like to thank our event sponsors, Lightbridge Academy and The Goddard School, for their generous contributions! We would also like to thank the Township's assistant manager, Susan Bernet, for baking the cookies for this year's festivities!

Pre-registration is now required for this event to better prepare enough supplies for all attendees. Registration will close on Thursday, October 13th; please make sure you register by this date. Please visit www.hampton-pa.org to register today!

Please plan accordingly - walk-in registration is no longer available for this community event.



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Current Events

HAAE 30TH ANNUAL RACE / FUN WALK SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15, 2022



Join us in celebrating 30 Years of Educational Excellence by participating in the 5K race / walk being held on October 15, 2022 at Hampton Community Park. The event will begin at 9:00 AM and is sure to be a great time for everyone!

If you'd like to register, scan the QR code below, or visit the website at <http://www.hamptonalliance.org> to get more information!

PA Resource Council to Host "ReuseFest"

ReuseFest is a one-day event for the general public to drop off gently used materials destined for reuse by numerous local nonprofit organizations. Acceptable items include bedding/bath, clothing, furniture, kitchen items, medical supplies, pet supplies and more! The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at North Park.

Registration is required. To register and view a list of participating non-profits and materials accepted, please call Josh Schuneman of the PA Resource Council 412-488-7490 x7 or email: josh@prc.org.



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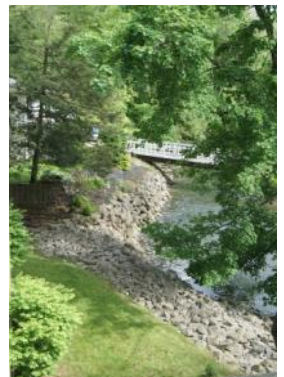


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Current Events

Local Rock Bands Join Forces to Support Cancer Patients & Families

On Saturday, October 8, three Pittsburgh-area rock bands will take the stage in a fundraising effort to benefit Cancer Bridges, a Pittsburgh-based non-profit focused on supporting all those impacted by cancer through a range of free programs and services. The second annual [Rock Against Cancer](#) event brings local bands Serious Moonlight, Major Morgan, and The Hip Waders to the pavilion at Richland Township Community Park in Gibsonia for an evening of live music, food, drinks, and dancing. Running from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m., the concert features a line-up of local musicians from Hampton, Wexford, Fox Chapel, Aspinwall, and Mercer entertaining guests as they enjoy delicious BBQ from Porky's in Etna along with a selection of beer, wine, and soft drinks.

With a suggested donation of \$30 per person, Rock Against Cancer is the brainchild of Cancer Bridges board member Mike Fitzgerald. Last year, the event took place at a private outdoor venue, and it was so well-received, Mike and his team elected to move it to a bigger, more public space this year.

Formerly known as two individual entities, Cancer Caring Center and Our Clubhouse, Cancer Bridges was established in 2021 to streamline outreach and support to the cancer community. To learn more about Cancer Bridges and ways to support its mission, please visit www.cancerbridges.org.

Free Health Related Workshops

are coming this fall to the Hampton Community Center!
Tuesday, October 4 from 12-1pm -- **BALANCE WORKSHOP**

Do you have trouble staying balanced? Have difficulty on stairs or uneven ground with holding on to something? Have you had a recent fall? If you answered yes to any of these, please attend the free Balance and Falls Workshop with Dr. Eric Stiglmeier. Eric is a Doctor of Physical Therapy who can help you understand what may be causing your instability based on your specific symptoms and explain how he can help you get back to doing what you love safely. The workshop will cover the 5 most common reasons for balance loss, and a variety of treatment options based on your specific needs. Registration is through the website www.hampton-pa.org. Contact phone number is 412-487-7870.

CHEERTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 1st, Grubbs Pavilion at Hampton Park
9:30—1:00 Yard Sale

11-2:30 pm Weiners On the Water

3:00 –6 pm Food Truck: Black Dog Wood Fire Pizza

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Hampton Resident Crowned Miss Pennsylvania

by Jackie Smith

Isabella Porta, daughter of Hampton residents Laura Valles and Anthony Porta, has earned the prestigious title of the 2022 National Miss Pennsylvania at the state pageant held August 29, 2022. Porta, a senior accounting major at Duquesne University, will be representing Pennsylvania at the National Pageant held in Orlando, Florida during Thanksgiving week. Isabella will have the opportunity to win her share of over \$100,000,000 in cash and prizes!

National American Miss is dedicated to developing the success of young women across our nation with a program that is designed to be age-appropriate and family oriented. Pageants are held in each state for girls age 4 to 24 in six different age divisions.

"The National American Miss Pageant was the first pageant I competed in back in 2015," Isabella shares. "As a dancer I was thrilled that there was a "Talent Optional Contest" and decided to compete! In 2018, I was the overall talent winner and had the opportunity to perform the finale! It has been my dream since my first pageant to one day be the girl whose name was called last. On August 29, 2022, that dream came true." According to Porta, "This pageant's mission statement is to build confidence and unleash everyone's potential. As a dance teacher at LDI DanceWorks, I am passionate about building confidence and unleashing the potential of my dancers."



Isabella's goal is to help the next generation grow into confident young women. Porta states, "My passion stems from my experience as a dance teacher, mentor, and social media influencer."

The National American Pageants are for today's girl and tomorrow's leaders. The Pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation. "It offers," according to Isabella, "an all American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, as well as setting and achieving personal goals. The Pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

When Isabella isn't working on her studies or preparing for a pageant, she is incredibly involved on campus at Duquesne University, as a two year Entertainment Chairperson for the Orientation Program, a former Commuter Assistant, brother of the Professional Business Fraternity – Delta Sigma Pi, and current Social Media and Events Intern at the Center for Career Development.

"I am currently working on a confidence podcast and confidence boot camp that will be accessible for all," Isabella advised. "My passion is to truly help the future generations become the best versions of themselves and unleash their potential. I hope to continue building confidence as a pageant coach and dance teacher."

You can follow Isabella's journey to Nationals at the following Instagram accounts:

@isbellavporta
and @thenampamiss.

HHS and Community Blood Drive

Visit vitalant.org to "Make an appointment" or "Donate" and search with group code HS010029 or call Kirsten Nelson at 412-492-6384. The blood drive will take place on October 20 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m at Hampton High School.

Lucy Interthal is a senior at Hampton High School and is always up for a challenge. But this year, she faced one of the toughest challenges of her life—a diagnosis of Chronic inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP). CIDP is an autoimmune disorder that requires

Lucy to undergo Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) infusions every three weeks for at least a year. IVIG is made from plasma, which is one of the components of blood. It takes thousands of healthy blood donors to make IVIG, so when you give blood at the HHS Blood Drive, you are helping to save the lives of patients like Lucy.



Lucy Interthal

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Monday, October 17, 7pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park. Michael Schaffer will present, "In Memory of Self and Comrades: Corporal Thomas W. Colley, First Virginia Cavalry."

Lecture is free and open to the public. Masks are required.

Rock Steady Boxing Fundraiser Changes Peoples' Lives

by Dr. Dean Julian

The 6th Annual Dr. Michael Bell's Punching Out Parkinson's Fight Night Gala will be held on Saturday, November 12th, 2022, at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center located in Cheswick, Pennsylvania. The annual Fight Night Gala honors Dr. Bell—a pioneer of the Rock Steady Boxing program at Fit 4 Boxing Club in Allison Park—and promotes fundraising activities to financially support new and current program participants.

Rock Steady Boxing (RSB) enables men, women, and U.S. military veterans with Parkinson's to fight their disease by providing non-contact boxing-style fitness programs that improve their quality-of-life, sense of efficacy and self-worth, and foster a happy and healthier lifestyle. Recent studies suggest that intense exercise programs may be "neuro-protective," causing delay in the progression of symptoms. RSB provides encouragement through a "tough love" approach, inspiring maximum effort, speed, strength, balance, and flexibility. Boxing works by moving your body

in all planes of motion while continuously changing the routine as you progress through the workout. RSB classes have proven that anyone, at any level of Parkinson's, can lessen their symptoms by participating in the program.

Fit 4 Boxing Club's owner, Rich Mushinsky, emphatically states, "We change peoples' lives! I have seen people rise out of wheelchairs and



overcome their walkers or canes. I have seen people walk who thought they could never do so again. I have seen people in their 60's, 70's, and 80's strap on a set of boxing gloves and fight back against their disease and rekindle a new life with their families."

There are three ways to participate in the Fight Night Gala: come join us and our sponsors for an evening of dining, dancing, and amateur boxing matches; donate to the Rock Steady Boxing fund; or become a new sponsor for the event. To find out more information on how to purchase tickets, donate, become a sponsor, or advertise in the Fight Night Gala program, go to <https://fit4boxingclub.com/gala-event>, or scan the QR code.



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November 19th at 1 PM and 7 PM
Hampton Middle School Auditorium

Hampton Band Association Holiday Extravaganza

Get a head start on your holiday shopping and baking at Hampton High School on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The HBA's biggest fundraiser of the year, this festive event will have something for everyone! More information will be coming soon at hamptonbands.org. Interested in being a vendor? Email Jen at extravanzavendors@hamptonbands.org.

The Goddard School is Coming to Hampton

Local couple to open play-based learning facility to better serve area families

The Goddard School is a nationally acclaimed early childhood education franchise, is set to open its first location in the Hampton area, bringing the play-based learning experience to area families in early 2023. The Goddard School of Hampton is the first location for owners Alyssa and Chris Stofko.

Located at 2306 Wildwood Road in Gibsonia, this 10,900 square-foot location will have 10 classrooms to provide care for and educate more than 150 children ages six weeks to six years old. Additionally, the school will add 20 teaching jobs to the community.

“Our goal is to create a safe and fun environment to help children fall in love with learning,” said Alyssa Stofko. “We saw the opportunity to bring a high-quality education center

for children and families in need in our area.”

The new school will have an indoor gym, two playgrounds and an outdoor classroom. The outdoor classroom will feature easels, a stage and instruments to encourage students to learn through music.

For more than 30 years, The Goddard School has provided care and education

for children using a play-based approach grounded in the most current, academically endorsed methods in early childhood education to ensure that children explore and discover their interests in a safe, nurturing environment. Starting in the fall of 2021, Goddard Schools across the country began offering families a new, targeted curriculum built around great works of children’s literature focusing on social-emotional development. Life Lesson Library is Goddard’s proprietary program that features a collection of award-winning best sellers and long-time favorite books designed to help children develop skills like self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.

For families interested in learning more about The Goddard School and how to enroll in the Hampton location, visit GoddardSchool.com or call 412-219-9130.

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Upcoming Events

Accepting Nominations for 2022 Hampton Heroes



If you know a veteran who lives or works in Hampton, is a graduate of Hampton High School, or is a relative of a current HTSD student or staff member, you are urged to consider nominating the veteran for recognition by filling out a form on the site: www.ht-sd.org under the *Community* tab. Nominations are due by October 22, 2022.

The 2022 Hampton Heroes program is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 at 10 a.m. at Fridley Field. The program will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. The event is open to the entire community.

Veterans Breakfast Club

Wednesday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Church at Grove Farm
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If you’d like to attend one of our monthly breakfasts, join us on a day trip or volunteer, please contact: Betty Karleski, 412-623-9029 Email: betty@veteransbreakfastclub.org

Horseback Riding Provides Physical And Mental Benefits To Participants

by Jackie Smith

Horseback riding is a great physical activity that helps build muscle, coordination and balance, but there is a mental benefit as well. Elliott Acres has been providing this benefit to participants with physical, mental and emotional challenges since 2003.

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only a handful of participants, and it has grown to approximately 20 riders all with a wide range of diagnoses, levels of communication and riding ability.

Jordan Somma, volunteer and social media coordinator, stated, "I was never a horse person; my brother, Joey was taking care of horses, and he got me interested. I have an Asperger's diagnosis, and started riding in the program, but quickly realized I was better served as a volunteer. I've been with Elliott Acres since 2017, and I continue to ride, but not in the program."

"The goal of the program," according to Somma, "Is to improve movement, concentration, social and emotional abilities. When a rider is on a horse, you are communicating through the reins. The

horse responds to non-verbal as well as verbal cues. When the leader or side walker gives directions to the participant, inadvertently, communication begins."

The program helps participants gain independence and acceptance, and they develop friendships not only with the riders and volunteers, but with the horses, as well.

Elliott Acres is always looking for volunteers; if you are interested in volunteering, you can visit the website at www.elliottacrestherapyriding.org or call 724-991-2477. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, you can reach out by calling Elliott Acres to get more information.

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Honorary Hampton Talbot Finalists

The winners of each of the schools went on to the final round at the Talbot Tailgate:

Central Elementary: 1. Chubbs, part of the Wymard family.

Poff Elementary: 2. George, part of the Youhouse family.

High School: 3. Max, part of the Beyerl family.

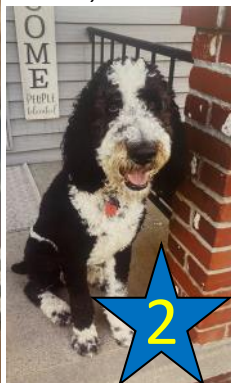
Wyland Elementary: 4. Jackie, part of the Jacquell family.

Middle School: 5. Buster, part of the Legal family.



Runners up pictured below in no particular order

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Police Log

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vehicle head-on. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.

Runaway Vehicle Accident

On 07/30/2022 at 4:51p.m., HTP were dispatched to the area of Mohawk Drive for a vehicle that was said to have driven through multiple yards and was currently sitting in front of a provided address. The reporting party stated that they did not observe anyone within the vehicle. Upon arrival, officers observed an unoccupied vehicle resting over a rocky embankment in the front yard of a property. The property sustained minor damage to the lawn on the right side of the property. The vehicle was not running and was locked. Upon further inspection, it was apparent that the vehicle had struck the front left corner of a residence as well. The fire department was requested to respond to evaluate the affected building, which was unoccupied at the time. Officers were able to locate the vehicle owner who was visiting a nearby residence at the time. The owner stated that the vehicle must have popped out of gear, as it is a manual transmission, and rolled away. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

Hazardous Conditions

On 7/23/2022, HTP responded to multiple locations throughout the township for hazardous conditions that were caused by inclement weather. These conditions included many fallen trees on multiple roadways, as well as powerlines that were taken down as a result of the storm.

On 08/05/2022 HTP were dispatched to multiple locations throughout the township for hazardous conditions caused by inclement weather. The calls for service involved flooded roadways, fallen trees, and downed wires.

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Fraud

On 08/03/2022 at 12:16 p.m., HTP were dispatched to Lakeview Drive in regard to a fraud complaint. The reporting party advised that they received a SMS message on their phone from "Amazon Criminal Department." The resident advised that they called the telephone number listed on the message. The individual that they spoke with advised that their account had been compromised. The caller advised that the resident needed to send the individual a photograph of their PA driver's license and possibly a social security number. This is a common fraud that is

used by scammers. Residents are encouraged to refrain from providing any sensitive information over the phone. *end*

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Local Book Club Trivia Bonanza

True or False? There are more public libraries in the US than McDonald's. The answer is true! That's just a sample of the trivia questions asked during the trivia bonanza held in the great room at the community center on September 15.

The directors of two local libraries teamed up with Suzanna Krispli and organized their book clubs for the trivia night. All the trivia questions were based on popular reads, celebrity book clubs, book to film etc.! There was more to the evening than trivia. The snacks, beverages, and raffle baskets were just as exciting as the trivia! All proceeds benefited the Hampton, Northern Tier and Shaler Libraries.



Congratulations "The Finer Things" winners of the first Local Book Club Bonanza!
From left to right. Hailey Steinhauser, Melanie Holcombe, Kaley Dryden, Courtney Longmuir, Amy Holcombe.

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