

Youthful Energy Ignites a Passion for Giving Back

by Laurie Rizzo

On Saturday, April 26, the high school came alive with excitement and purpose as Talbot Thon 2025 took center stage. From 3:30 to 11:00 p.m., the event

brought together 303 high school students, along with parents and community members in a night of fun, teamwork, and dedication, all to support UPMC Chil-

dren's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Thanks to their collective efforts, this year's Talbot

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Photo by Terri Koprivnikar

Behind every successful event is a team of dedicated planners—Hampton's student council shining with hard work and creativity!
Front: Aiden Hanna Seated on floor (l-r) – Josh Dunmire, Addi Hanna, Brody Barry, Rocco Mangieri, Andy Palmer. Middle: Zane List, Andrew Craig, Maddy Rossi, Daniela Khoury, Mira Cupps, Ray Kirsopp, Brady Smith, Parker Valentine, Andrew Reschoff. Standing: Joey Kreshon, Sophie Shelkey, Teagan Turcsanyi, Addie Kass, Jake Killian, Josh Carr, Joey Posteraro, Miles Gindlesperger, Emerson Pryal, Gavin Copelin

Bogacz Elevates Pittsburgh to Global Fame

by Laurie Rizzo

In a blazing 36.84 seconds, Hampton High School's 2020 graduate, Perry Bogacz, clinched victory at the International Pizza Expo's Pizza Triathlon held in Las Vegas, NV, earning him the title of the fastest pizza triathlete in the world. This astonishing time not only broke records but solidified his place as an elite figure in the global pizza

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When is Stormwater Management Needed?

by Amanda Lukas

As the Planning Director for Hampton Township, educational outreach is an important part of my job. To that end, I am happy to write a short column for the Hampton News to explain permitting and land-use topics and answer frequently asked questions.

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Police Information

The Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. Thank you to the staff for helping to keep our community safe.

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 3/25/2025—4/21/2025:

DUI Arrest

On 4/7/2025, HTPD were dispatched to the area of Starbucks on William Flinn Hwy. for a two-vehicle accident. One person was transported to the hospital. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Disabled Vehicle

On 4/6/25, HTPD responded to a call for a disabled vehicle near Sheetz. Upon arrival, officers found the vehicle in the south turning lane of Route 8, just north of Hardies Road. Officers successfully pushed the vehicle into the parking lot of Sheetz. A private tow was called by the vehicle owner to assist him from there.

Vehicle Accident

On 4/7/2025, HTPD was dispatched to the area of 4706 Route 8 for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, it was confirmed that there were no injuries. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

On 4/7/2025, HTPD was dispatched to the area of Starbucks on William Flinn Hwy. for a two vehicle accident. One person was transported to the hospital. Both vehicles were

towed from the scene.

On 4/8/2025, HTPD was dispatched to the area of KFC on William Flinn Hwy. for a two vehicle accident with injuries. Two people were transported to the hospital. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

On 4/15/2025, HTPD and Fire were dispatched to the area of Bruster's Ice Cream for a two-vehicle accident with no reported injuries. Hampton Fire Dept. assisted with traffic control and containment of vehicle fluids/debris. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

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Auto Insurance: With more people on the road for vacations, it's essential to ensure that your auto insurance is up to date. Consider checking for adequate coverage, especially for road trips.

Home Insurance: If you plan to leave your home for an extended period during the summer, it's wise to review your homeowner's insurance policy. Ensure it covers potential risks like theft or damage that could occur while you're away.

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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 is on the 15th of each month.

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Library News



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Spring has arrived, and Hampton Community Library is ready to fill your season with exciting activities and events to make your days brighter!

May closing dates:

Saturday, May 17th CLOSED- it's Recycle Rama.

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday, May 24th- Monday May 26th.

It's a Wonder-full World! Drop-in Storytime!

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! Last day of storytime will be Thursday May 15th.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays *

starting now through May 15th 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.

Adults! 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!

News and Views!

Fridays, May 2nd and June 6th @ 1:00 p.m. in the library.

This longtime discussion group is led by local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith--with a new format inviting members to participate as guest leaders the *First Friday* of the month. Discussion topics welcome from all.

New members are welcome to come share or just listen.

This is the Book Club You've Been Looking For!

Friday, May 9th @ 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Title: *The Thursday Murder Club*, by Richard Osman.

Are you a book lover who craves variety, fresh ideas & rich discussions? Join our newest group: ***This is the Book Club You've Been Looking For!*** Explores new genres each month including short stories, memoirs, historical fiction & more. Help build a community that loves to explore every corner of the literary world. If interested, stop by the library so we can order the book for you!

Cooks-N-Books: *Secret Ingredient!*

Thursday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for peo-

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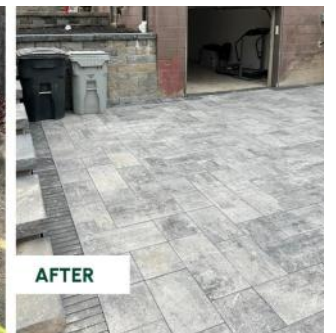
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Aquinas Academy Excels in Mock Trial State Finals For Third Consecutive Year

The Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's High School Mock Trial team were Co-Champions and advanced to the State Finals competition for the third consecutive year. Aquinas Academy was undefeated in Allegheny County beating Allderdice, Eden Christian, Hillel Academy, and Mount Lebanon high schools.

Aquinas placed fifth at the State Competition which took place on March 28 and 29 at the Dauphin County Courthouse in Harrisburg. Fourteen teams from across Pennsylvania qualified for the tournament. Aquinas won their first round match with a convincing victory over Central Bucks East, winning on a 5-0 vote from the jury. John Ortiz won Best Attorney and Alice Rothfus won Best Witness. The team lost in their second round against Nazareth Area in a close match 3-2. Anne



left to right: Seniors Samuel McGowan, Lucy Fowler, Brynn Burnsworth, Alice Rothfus, John Ortiz, Anne Dolan, Clara Yuo, and Coach Timothy Waxenfelter

Dolan won Best Attorney and Brynn Burnsworth won Best Witness. Aquinas' 5th place finish represents their highest-ever placement in their three State tournament appearances.

Aquinas Academy's Mock Trial team included seniors Brynn Burnsworth, Anne Dolan, Lucy Fowler, Samuel McGowan, John Ortiz, Mary Osburg, Alice Rothfus, and Clara Yuo; Junior Luke Crawford; and sophomores Alexandra Swift and Elise Metzler. This was Timothy Waxenfelter's fifth year coaching the team.

The Pennsylvania Mock Trial Competition is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. "One of the largest in the nation, the PBA/YLD Mock Trial Competition gives over 290 high school student teams from across the state the opportunity to act as lawyers and witnesses in simulated civil trials before actual judges and panels of juries. Lawyers volunteer to assist students as team advisors, scorekeepers and regional coordinators."

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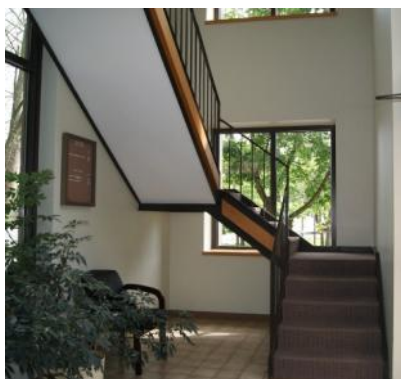
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Hampton's Stunning Production of Hadestown: Teen Edition

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton High School stage transformed into the underworld of Hadestown for four spectacular performances during the first two weekends of April. It took 97 students (between cast, crew, and orchestra) and eight adults to pull off the epic run of *Hadestown: Teen Edition*, which led to many standing ovations, even mid-show, and sell-



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ing out the entire auditorium, which hasn't been done since 2005 with *The Wizard of Oz*.

Hadestown: Teen Edition weaves together the mythic love stories of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, as well as King Hades and his wife Persephone. It is a sing-through musical that includes 36 separate pieces of music with complex vocal arrangements

and very little spoken dialogue. "For my co-director Mrs. Lavella, and myself, the biggest challenge with this production was figuring out how to stage and choreograph those 36 pieces of music," explained director Dan Franklin. "For the kids, it was a Herculean task to learn all the melodies and constant vocals. But they tackled it in the most beautiful way possible."

Three roles in the show were double cast (Hermes, Persephone, and Hades), meaning that two actors played the role in



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different performances, and those actors performed in the ensemble on the nights that they didn't perform in their role. Typically, roles in the Hampton musicals are not double-cast but during callbacks this year, there were several auditioners that had a unique way of portraying a character and Franklin and his other directors wanted to see all of these interpretations equally. Double-casting was a way to bring that to fruition.

Sophomore Logan Brady, who played Hermes during the Friday evening performances, was one of those actors. "I prepared with the help of both the directors and my peers for vocals

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Blood Drive: Students Step Up Amid Shortage

On April 9, 2025, Hampton High School hosted its Community Blood Drive, collecting 70 units of lifesaving blood products, enough to potentially save the lives of 210 area patients. Among the standout student donors was Sydney Pacek, who won a \$50 gift card sponsored by Caliente Pizza after nurse Kirsten Nelson drew her name from the raffle.

Student participation was the driving force behind the blood drive's success, as organizers noted a steep decline in community involvement. Only nine community members were scheduled to donate during the afternoon hours. Before the pandemic, the school's blood drives attracted over 120 donors regularly; this time, there were just 54 donors on the schedule.

This decline comes at a critical time, as Pittsburgh faces a significant shortage of blood supplies, highlighting the urgent need for community involvement. Blood donations are essential, with no substitute available for saving lives in hospitals.

Looking ahead, the next blood drive will take place on October 29, 2025, in the old library at Hampton High School. Event hours will be adjusted to better align with current participation trends, and organizers are hopeful that increased awareness and outreach will boost donor numbers and reenergize community support.

Hampton High School encourages residents to rally behind this lifesaving effort. Let's come together to restore the commu-

nity spirit that has long defined Hampton's blood drives. Mark your calendars and be part of the solution!



*Sydney Pacek won the \$50 Caliente Pizza gift card raffle for her generous donation during the 4/9 blood drive.
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"It's a dream I've had for years. I can't wait to finally make it happen." A highlight of her journey will be a stop at Watson Lake in the Yukon, home to the famed Sign Post Forest. With over 80,000 signs from around the world, Lorraine is thrilled to contribute. "I'll be proudly posting a street sign provided by



Lorraine Hudock is preparing for what she calls "the adventure of a lifetime"—a four-month road trip to the Yukon and Alaska. Known for her boundless love of travel and exploration, Lorraine shares,

Hampton Township there in June," she says. "It's my way of bringing a piece of home to this iconic place."

Lorraine's story is a testament to resilience and an unstoppable zest for life. She moved to Hampton in 1989 with her late husband, and together they raised their daughter, Meredith. Now 31, Meredith is happily married and teaching high school orchestra in Kansas.

After the loss of her husband, Lorraine found strength in her independence and a newfound passion for travel. In the past two years, she has spent over eight months annually exploring the country in her pickup truck and small fifth-wheel trailer. "I do travel by myself," she notes, "but I always make sure to stop and visit family and friends along the way."

As Lorraine embarks on her Yukon and Alaska adventure this summer, she carries with her the love and pride of the Hampton Township community.

Lorraine's travel map proudly displayed inside her fifth-wheel trailer, showcasing the many states she's explored on her incredible journeys across the country.



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Stormwater

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In 2008, Hamton Township enacted a Stormwater Management Ordinance, which requires property owners to install stormwater controls on their property when the amount of new impervious surface area that is added to the property exceeds 400 square feet. Impervious surfaces include paving, new gravel area, roof area, or any other hard surface that water will not absorb through. This number is tracked cumulatively across all new projects that have been undertaken since 2008. So, if you plan to add over 400 square feet of new impervious surface area, whether that's via one project or multiple smaller projects that add up to over 400 square feet, you will need to install stormwater controls to mitigate the new runoff that will be generated. Pennsylvania is one of the most flood-prone states in the country. In recent years, heavy storms have become more common, creating many flooding issues for low-lying properties and downstream communities. These stormwater requirements, which are mandated by the state, aim to prevent surface

runoff from being redirected to adjacent properties and to reduce the flooding impacts to the area's streams. To help residents with these requirements, the Township has developed several pre-engineered options for compliance with the stormwater requirements, which can be found in the Residential Small Project Stormwater Guide (available on the Township's website or in the Permitting Office). These options include things like an underground sump pit (aka gravel pit), and infiltration trench, pervious pavers, or a cistern/underground storage tank. However, these options are not "one-size fits all" and the best solution for your particular property may need to be designed by a stormwater engineer.

Also, if you live in a newer development the amount of new impervious surface area that can be added before stormwater controls are needed may be different, so please check with Permitting Office while your planning your project for an exact answer.



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4568 Nature Trail Drive	\$750,000	\$730,000	120
4235 Haut Brion Court	\$639,500	\$610,000	13
2783 Marra Drive	\$489,990	\$489,990	138
3118 Mohawk Drive	\$450,000	\$450,000	5
3293 Cramlington Drive	\$414,500	\$414,500	136
2912 Clearview Road	\$419,900	\$395,000	35
3098 Raintree Drive	\$409,900	\$385,000	98
5131 Willow Wood Drive	\$375,000	\$360,000	5
5112 Polo Fields Drive	\$312,000	\$305,000	19
2525 Oak Hill Road	\$304,900	\$297,500	105
2791 Florence Drive	\$250,000	\$285,000	6
2461 Oak Hill Road	\$275,000	\$267,500	33
4317 Hemlock Circle	\$242,000	\$242,000	61

TIP OF THE MONTH:

April showers bring May maintenance to **check on your drainage system** and prevent water damage to your home. It's also prime time to make sure your landscaping is ready for the hotter months when you may need to provide irrigation in lieu of regular rainfall.

Check the sprinkler system for any leaks or lawn spots that need coverage.

Refrigerator check up: makers release new models in the summer, so if you're in the market for a discounted appliance, this is the season to shop for the best price on last season's models.

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Library

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ple 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 the Adult Lounge 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.

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, May 16th @ 1:00 p.m.

Tell Me Everything, by Elizabeth Strout.

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!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

It's One of Us, by J.T. Ellison.

The Mystery Book Group meets in 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!

Save the Date for our first ever Craft Swap!

Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Did you start a hobby like scrapbooking, knitting, or cardmaking and now you don't have the time and wonder what to do with the stuff? Join us for our first ever Craft Swap! Bring something, take something! More details to follow in our online newsletter and Facebook.

Hidden Star: Dave Edmonds as a Background Actor

by Jenn Edmonds

We all love watching movies and tv shows that were filmed in Pittsburgh to see locations that we recognize, but if you look closely in the background, you may see Hampton resident Dave Edmonds. He was an extra in the explosion scene at Heinz Field in "The Dark Knight Rises" and has been in the background in movies and tv shows ever since.



Dave (Right)

If selected for a shoot, the background actor "extra" gets fitted or gets their clothing choices

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Rain Barrel Giveaway Results Are In!

This April, the township held a drawing for its annual rain barrel giveaway, and the response was incredible—428 residents entered for a chance to win. We're excited to announce this year's lucky winners: Patricia Jamieson and Molly Ross, who posed for a photo with her son, Cullen. Congratulations to both! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this initiative to promote sustainable practices in our community.



Police Log

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Fire

🚒 On 3/25/25, HTPD were dispatched for a report of a small brush fire. Upon arrival, they were able to see a large area of brush on fire in the area of Cavey Crest Circle. At the time of the fire, there was a good amount of wind. It is believed the wind reignited embers in a burn barrel and blew them into the dry brush pile causing it to ignite. Hampton VFD arrived and were able to put the fire out without issue. They heavily soaked it to try to prevent any further issues. They requested officers check the area through the night to ensure it did not reignite.

Solicitation Permit

🚒 4/21/2025 - Representatives for Trinity Solar will be canvassing the township for the next few weeks. Sales representatives have been provided with the no-solicitation list for residents who have requested not to be contacted by door to door solicitors. Each sales representative must have their ID clearly displayed so the homeowner can see their permit. If any resident experiences any issues with solicitors, they are advised to contact the Hampton Police Department.

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Sports

Opening Day Welcomes a New Season

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, Hampton Township welcomed the baseball and softball season with a spirited Opening Day celebration. Despite a brisk temperature of 46 degrees and windy conditions, the event brought warmth and excitement to players, families, and community members alike.

The festivities began at the community pool parking lot, where the teams gathered and were escorted to McCully Fields by Hampton Police and a fire truck, adding a sense of pride and importance to the occasion. Leading the parade was none other than the Pittsburgh

Pirate Parrot, who brought joy and energy to everyone in attendance.

At McCully Fields, the teams were greeted with a stunning arch of blue and gold balloons, a vibrant kickoff to the season. The announcements were made by disc jockey Mike Moser, whose lively music created a celebratory atmosphere and set the tone for an exciting season ahead.

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Komoroski: A Star on the Balance Beam and Beyond

Madelyn Komoroski is lighting up the stage, or should we say, the balance beam, at the University of Maryland.

Komoroski has been in the line-up for balance beam all three years during her college career and even made Regionals in 2023. But this year, she has reached peak performance, competing as the anchor on the team, earning a number one ranking in the nation, and not only qualifying to NCAA Regionals, but winning! Her near perfect score of 9.95, just a fraction away from perfection, tied her for first place, a remarkable feat given that some competitors are Olympic level gymnasts.

"We are all so proud of her," said Lainy Carslaw, one of Komoroski's first beam coaches. "She has always been at home on balance beam. She is unflappable."

And it's not just the beam where Komoroski shines. She also competes and boosts the team score with her stunning floor routine. Her consistency and beauty as an artistic athlete have earned her a lot of screen time during the televised competitions.

"Watching her on TV is such a joy," Carslaw added. "She's truly a hometown star."





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and choreography. Having to learn two separate parts was an exciting challenge," said Brady.

Many of the students worked behind the scenes in various roles to create the atmosphere of the magic underworld. Freshman Morgan Curry, part of the build and lighting crew, learned power tool safety, worked with the rest of the crew to build and paint the set and knew it better than her own home, and made great friends along the way. Her biggest challenge was "being patient and trusting that what we are told to do will make sense in the end (and picking out the splinters from my hands)."

Morgan's brother, senior Matthew Curry, who is Foreman of the safety and build crew, added how important it is "being able to work

together and communicate with each other. If everyone isn't on the same page, it slows down the productivity and potential for what we can do on a crew day."

"I am incredibly humbled and lucky to have had the most dedicated and passionate students to work with; they are the ones that created this unforgettable piece of art. I also want to thank all of the patrons who believed in us and came out to support our small performing arts program," added Franklin.

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Opening Day *(Continued from page 12)*

A standout moment was the performance of the Star-Spangled Banner by Rachel Hanlon, mother of fifth-grade baseball player Mikei. Her heartfelt rendition captivated the audience. Reflecting on her passion for music, Hanlon shared, "I teach voice lessons and truly enjoy singing at my church."

Families and attendees indulged in treats from the concession stand, which added to the day's fun. The Hampton Athletic Association board members received well-deserved gratitude for their dedication to keeping the tradition of Opening Day alive, ensuring that this annual event continues to be a cornerstone of the community.

The 2025 Opening Day proved that, even on a cold and windy afternoon, Hampton Township's baseball and softball spirit shines bright, uniting the community in celebration of its youth and sportsman-



L to R: Dan Sillianoff (VP Operations), Mike Moser (VP upper age baseball), Josh DeMasi (President), Pirate Parrot, Joel Papcunik (VP fields/equipment), Jason Barbiaux (VP umpires) Mitch Kampmeyer (treasurer). Missing from photo: Greg Holtz (VP lower age softball), Jason Fritsch ((VP upper age softball), Christina Carlin (secretary), and Julie Fritsch (VP fundraising)



Bogacz

community.

The Pizza Triathlon is no ordinary contest. It demands unparalleled precision, agility, and mastery. Competitors face a trio of tasks: folding a 12-inch pizza box, tossing a 22-ounce dough ball to cover a 16-inch screen, and repeating the feat for a 24-inch



screen. For Bogacz, the competition wasn't just a challenge; it was a stage to showcase a craft he has honed since childhood.

Growing up immersed in the vibrant world of pizza, Bogacz's passion was cultivated early at his family's Caliente Pizza & Drafthouse. Every moment spent learning, practicing, and perfecting his technique led to this pinnacle moment. "Winning this means every-

thing. It's not just about speed—it's about skill, efficiency, and a deep love for the craft of pizza-making," he said, reflecting on his triumph.

This monumental win is more than a personal milestone. It also brings global recognition to Pittsburgh's thriving pizza scene. Bogacz's journey from Hampton High and A.W. Beattie Tech to a world champion at the International Pizza Expo embodies dedication and an unwavering love for the craft. As he brings this honor back to the steel city, he cements his place as an inspiration in the culinary world.



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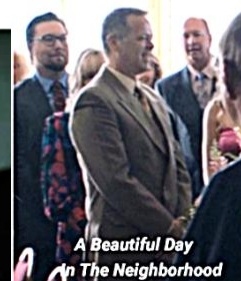
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approved in wardrobe, get makeup and hair done, and are sent to the "holding" area to wait for an undetermined amount of time. You may or may not be called to set to be in a scene but the extras get time to talk or read while they wait. "Every day is different," said Dave. They can be long days and you never know if you will be used. Everything has to come together to get into the scene."

Dave was lucky enough to be part of the Kingstown Police in *The Mayor of Kingstown* series, a wedding guest in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, and an FBI agent in *Manhunt: Deadly Games* among others.

"It's not for everyone but you should at least try it once," said Dave. "It's interesting to see how all of it comes together."

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Current Events

Pints In The Park

Friday, May 9 from 5:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m.

Recycle Rama

Saturday, May at 17 11 a.m. - noon at the Community Park

Pool Season Begins

Opening Day Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable
Jon-Erik Gilot presents
"The Hardest Campaign Ever Inaugurated:
Hunter's Retreat From Lynchburg."
Monday, May 19 at 7 pm.
Hampton Township Community Center,
3101 McCully Road, Allison Park.
Presentation is free and open to the public.

Opening Day at the Depreciation Lands Museum!

Join us as we kick off the 2025 season at the museum to celebrate Founders Day!

This year marks a special celebration as we honor the dedicated individuals who founded the museum in 1973. Thanks to their vision and hard work, we continue to share the history of the Depreciation Lands and the early settlers of Western Pennsylvania.

Come explore the village, visit our historic buildings, and experience life as it was in the late 18th century. Our costumed interpreters will be on hand to welcome you and share the stories of the past.

Regular admission applies. We can't wait to see you!

Date: Sunday, May 5th **Time:** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friendship Day!

Sunday, May 18th 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for Friendship Day, our annual free admission event where history comes to life! Explore our historic village, browse unique finds from local vendors, enjoy live music, and take part in fun activities for the whole family.

- Live music filling the air
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- Hands-on activities & historic demonstrations
- Step back in time and explore our 18th-century village

Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of history, community, and fun! Mark your calendars and help us spread the word.

Don't miss the PINK TAG SALE!

Join us on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, 4100 RT 8, Allison Park. Discover amazing bargains on household items, decor, jewelry, clothing, toys, books, and more. Best of all, every purchase supports A Glimmer of Hope and breast cancer research in Pittsburgh. Shop for a cause and make a difference!

Memorial Day Gathering

★ Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

★ This annual family event features music, speakers, and local scouts to honor and celebrate our fallen service members.

When: Monday, May 26, 2025

Where: Hampton Community Center, Veteran's War Memorial

Time: 10 a.m.—sharp, rain or shine!

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2025 Clean-up Day In Hampton

Hampton United for Community Clean-Up Day

On April 5, 2025, the Hampton Township community showcased the strength of teamwork and perseverance, even in the face of stormy weather. Under the inspiring leadership of Susan Bernet, this year's Community Clean-Up Day reached a historic milestone, with over 165 volunteers pre-registered—a record-breaking turnout for the event. "This is the biggest pre-registration I've had!" Bernet proudly shared. Notably, this figure excludes the invaluable support from Police, Fire Police (including Shaler Fire Police), Public Works, Environmental Services, and Administrative Staff.

The day began with thunder and lightning, casting uncertainty over the event's proceedings. Yet, as registration progressed, the community's unwavering spirit shone through. Enthusiastic participants, including members of the football team, scouts, and the lacrosse team, arrived ready to make an impact. Fortunately, the storm eased just in time for volunteers to head outdoors. Despite a persistent drizzle, approximately 90 attendees rolled up their sleeves to clean streets and public spaces, resulting in the collection of 365 bags of garbage, 11 tires, 1 commode, and various other items. The cleanup spanned 11 roads, Community Park, Hartwood Acres, and local schools.

This year's event stands as a powerful example of community spirit and collaboration, highlighting the dedication of volunteers and leaders like Bernet. Together, they've made Hampton Township a cleaner, stronger place to live.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmer's Market Opening Day

Wednesday, June 4 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Community Center Parking Lot

Township Touch-A-Truck

Wednesday, June 11 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Community Park Pool Lot

Pints In The Park

June 13, July 18, August 8,
September 6, September 12.

Summerween Evening Swim

Saturday, June 21 7:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Community Pool

National Ice Cream Day

Sunday, July 20 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Hampton Community Day

Thursday, July 3 4:00 p.m. until Fireworks

Christmas In July

Wednesday, July 23 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Community Pool

For additional information on these events,
visit www.hampton-pa.org

Pet First Aid 101 And Community Resources: A Free Event In Hampton

The Hampton Community Center is hosting an invaluable event for pet owners and animal lovers alike! Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6 p.m., and join us at 3200 Lochner Way, Allison Park, PA 15101, for a FREE Pet First Aid and Community Resources presentation.

Led by Cheri Herschell, a Certified Veterinary Technician and the 2022 American Humane Hero Veterinary Nurse of the Year, this session will equip attendees with essential knowledge for handling pet emergencies. Learn how to effectively triage emergencies at home, discover medications and treatments that are safe for your furry friends, and explore resources available for people and pets in challenging situations.

This event is presented in collaboration with Crisis Center North, emphasizing support for both the community and its four-legged members.

To sign up or for any questions, please reach out to Matthew Hawn at the Community Center at 412-487-7870. Additionally, Crisis Center North offers a 24/7 hotline at 412-364-5556 for those in need of immediate assistance.


Please note: This event is for humans only; pets are not permitted.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain life-saving skills and valuable insights while connecting with local resources. Let's work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our beloved pets!



Police Log Wires Down

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 On 4/15/2025, HTPD were dispatched to Woodland Circle for wires down across the roadway. Hampton PD blocked Woodland Circle until relieved by Hampton Fire. Duquesne Light was notified and responded.



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The 19th Annual Firecracker 5K

Get ready to lace up and join the Hampton Community on Friday, July 4, 2025, for the much-anticipated 19th Annual Hampton Rotary Club Firecracker 5K at Hampton Community Park (3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA). Starting at 8:30 a.m., this beloved tradition promises fun for the entire family.

Participants can enjoy a challenging course for runners and a shorter, new route for walkers, ideal for those looking to bypass the Middle School hill. Medals will be awarded to runners across various age groups, and both kids and adults can participate. To top it off, tech-style race shirts are guaranteed for registrants who sign up before the deadline, with a few extras available for latecomers. As always, past participants will receive reminders near the t-shirt order deadline.

Proceeds from the race support the Hampton Rotary's numerous educational and charitable initiatives. For more details, be sure to visit the Rotary's donations page and see how you can contribute to these wonderful efforts.

Join the Legacy of Service! The Hampton Rotary's unwavering commitment to community service continues to inspire residents and beyond. Whether it's repairing bridges, feeding families, or fostering education and leadership, the Rotary proves that positive change is possible when dedicated individuals come together. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this incredible journey through the Firecracker 5K—celebrating community, resilience, and the spirit of giving back.



Hampton Rotary: 39 Years and Counting

The Hampton Rotary, a remarkable nonprofit and all-volunteer organization, has been a cornerstone of the Hampton community for 39 years. Comprising local business employees, owners, and residents, the Rotary embodies the spirit of service and collaboration. Their dedication to making a difference earned them recognition as the North Hills Community Outreach Volunteers of the Year in 2022 for their impactful Eggs Butter Milk Cheese program and various other efforts.

In the past two years, the Hampton Rotary has made significant strides in enriching the community:

- Repaired damaged bridges on the Rachel Carson Hiking Trail in Hampton.
- Sponsored four high school attendees to the World Affairs Conference and one Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) student.
- Awarded nearly \$20,000 in scholarships to Hampton High School students and \$5,000 in scholarships to Beattie Tech students, while coordinating six clubs for Beattie scholarships.
- Provided \$15,000 worth of eggs, butter, milk, and cheese to multiple food banks during several delivery days.
- Delivered Meals on Wheels every week throughout the year.
- Assisted with post office food collection efforts.
- Supported several local and international charities.
- Hosted a high school exchange student from Turkey, fostering cultural exchange and understanding.

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Join the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh for a special screening of *Perseverance*, the latest installment in PA Cyber's Emmy-nominated *Moments in History* series. The 20-minute film shares the story of local Holocaust survivor Melvin Goldman and will be followed by a conversation with Melvin's daughter, Hampton resident and author Lee Kikel (*Perseverance: One Holocaust Survivor's Journey from Poland to America*), along with filmmaker Scot Rutledge.

"I participated in an interview for the documentary that explores my father's survival story, as well as my own journey discovering his testimony on cassette tapes," said Kikel. "Now, it's time for a public debut!"



This compelling event takes place on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Chatham University. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and reflect on an extraordinary story of resilience. www.hcofpg.org

Festive Fun and Togetherness

by Laurie Rizzo

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, over 300 registered children joined in an exciting Easter celebration at 11:00 a.m., bringing joy and laughter to families despite the chilly weather. Matt Hahn, program, event, and marketing coordinator at the Community Center, expressed his delight at the event's success: "I was extremely pleased with the turnout despite the cold weather. It's always nice to see the hard work pay off and see the community coming together to enjoy these events!"

The highlight of the day was a colorful egg hunt in the meadow, where children entered under a vibrant rainbow to collect 10 eggs each. Treasures inside the eggs included candy, stickers, and tattoos, while lucky participants found golden tickets to redeem for special prizes, adding excitement

to the festivities. After the hunt, families gathered in the hatchery area to open their eggs and share in the fun.

Beyond the hunt, the celebration featured activities such as hula hoops, bouncy balls, and games that kept children entertained. The Easter Bunny made a special appearance, creating memorable photo opportunities for attendees.

The event's success was made possible by the contributions of generous sponsors, including Resnick Roofing, Eat'n Park, and McDonald's, as well as refreshments from Knock About Coffee and lively music from DJ Rick. Special thanks were extended to the Township Police, First Responders, Public Works Department, and Parks and Recreation staff, along with dedicated volunteers who helped ensure the day ran smoothly. With laughter filling the air and smiles everywhere, this Easter celebration was a shining example of community spirit and togetherness—a day



Hampton residents Maria and Anthony Noone, along with their daughters Olivia (4 years old) and Amelia (1½ years old), shared a heartwarming moment with the Easter Bunny during the community celebration.

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Thon raised an astounding \$31,676.37—a testament to the power of community and the leadership of the student council.

Guidance counselor Terri Koprivnikar, who has been instrumental in organizing the event, shared her pride in the students. “Our student council works tirelessly to make Talbot Thon a success. From planning activities to fundraising, they take the lead on everything with just a little guidance from us. Watching their creativity and determination come to life is truly inspiring.”

The event was vibrant with class pride, as students donned their colors—orange for freshmen, yellow for sophomores, pink for juniors, and blue for seniors. This year’s top individual fundraiser was sophomore Brody

just \$4 in donations. Brody’s efforts earned him his choice of an iPhone or a \$1,000 Amazon gift card, while the top fundraising team secured 10 tickets to a Pittsburgh Pirates game in the coveted all-you-can-eat seats.

To keep the energy high, students enjoyed activities like volleyball, dodgeball, trivia, yard games, a photo booth, and more, while DJ Tony2Keyz kept the music pumping. Community hours from 5-7 p.m. opened the event to families, with games, a bounce house, t-shirt decorating, tutu-making, and an impressive basket raffle featuring 25 unique prizes, all put together by the student council.

The success of Talbot Thon 2025 highlights the dedication and heart of the Hampton students and their supporters. “It’s amazing to see how much they accomplish,” said Koprivnikar. “The way they rally together for such a meaningful cause is something special.”

Next year’s Talbot Thon is



Barry, a childhood cancer survivor, who raised an incredible \$3,500. The competition among teams was just as fierce, with two sophomore teams battling until the end, separated by



already on the calendar for March 27, 2026, and with this year’s momentum, it promises to be another unforgettable night of fun, generosity, and community spirit.

Photos: Juliette Lange

Social Services Launches Food Drive to Support NHCO

by Laurie Rizzo

This May, Hampton Social Services is partnering with North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) to host a food drive aimed at providing essential resources to residents in Northern Allegheny County. The drive runs from May 1st to May 30th, with donation boxes conveniently located at the Hampton Community Center, Hampton Police Department, and Hampton Municipal Building.

NHCO has a long-standing relationship with Social Services, working together to address residents’ needs through a variety of resources, including food assistance, financial help, and transportation support. “NHCO partners with us frequently to

assist residents with their needs,” said Angela Kenbok, Senior Police Social Worker. “When I visited the food pantry last week to pick up items for a resident, their food coordinator mentioned that they were low on a handful of foods, so we are currently collecting specific food items for the NHCO!”

Items requested for donation include canned chicken, canned tuna, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, and canned beans. Contributions from the community will help stock NHCO’s food pantry and provide much-needed support to local families.

Let’s come together to make a difference! For questions or more information, reach out to Hampton Social Services. Every donation counts toward building a stronger, more compassionate community.



Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District

Allegheny County

Tackling Medical Debt, Expanding Allergy Treatment, and Supporting Families

My bipartisan bill aimed at relieving the medical debt of many Pennsylvanians was recently amended to reflect a change in how to realize that goal. In the bill's updated form, the Pennsylvania Department of Health would develop standardized financial assistance forms. These forms would reflect a hospital's financial assistance programs, be shared with patients upon admittance and discharge at all Pennsylvania hospitals, and made available on hospital websites and the Health Department's website.

Too often, patients don't know if they might be eligible for existing hospital-based financial assistance programs. With this legislation, residents would receive access to that information and resources automatically.

I've also introduced a bipartisan legislative package of bills that would replace "epinephrine auto-injector" with "epinephrine delivery system"

in current statutes. Last summer, the FDA approved an epinephrine nasal spray to treat serious allergic reactions and anaphylaxis.

A quick response often means the difference between life and death for patients suffering from an allergic reaction, and epinephrine is the definitive treatment for this often life-threatening condition. By making a simple change in description, other FDA-approved formulations of epinephrine would be recognized under Pennsylvania law and ensure that serious allergic reactions can be treated rapidly in schools and other settings across the Commonwealth.

Additionally, I've authored or co-authored bipartisan bills that would hold health insurers accountable for consistently denying reimbursement claims, help put military family members through college, and give pharmaceutical professionals greater representation on the PA State Board of Pharmacy.

For more information about legislation I have introduced please call my office at 412-348-8028 or email me at RepVenkat@pahouse.net.

Local Pharmacists go to Washington, D.C. with Congressman Deluzio to Discuss Taking on Monopoly Power



CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS DELUZIO
— Pennsylvania's 17th District —

Small businesses are the lifeblood of communities like

Hampton Township, but big corporations consolidating power are squeezing them, crushing competition, and ripping people off.

That is unacceptable to me. So I joined colleagues in Washington to launch the "Monopoly Busters Caucus," aimed at restoring competition to American capitalism, lowering costs, and giving small businesses a fair shot.

Hampton residents Jon and Bob Akanowicz, father and son co-owners of Towne Drugs in Aspinwall, joined me at the Capitol to highlight the damage done by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs)—corporate middlemen dominating the pharmacy indus-

try. Jon shared, "Since early 2025, over 70 pharmacies have closed in Pennsylvania. The top three PBMs control over 80% of all pharmacy claims in the U.S. They under-reimburse pharmacies, making it hard for community pharmacies like ours to stay in business. This impacts patients' access to crucial medications."

PBMs are just one example of monopolistic practices hurting small businesses and consumers. From skyrocketing egg prices—where corporations exploit bird flu to inflate profits—to excessive junk fees from companies like Ticketmaster, monopolies are squeezing Americans at every turn.

The "Monopoly Busters Caucus" is committed to fighting corporate power and promoting a pro-worker, pro-consumer, and pro-small business agenda. It's time for Congress to juice competition and lay a path back to the American Dream.

For more on my work, sign up for my e-newsletter at deluzio.house.gov or call my office at (412) 344-5583.

Jeremy Shaffer



Supporting Our First Responders



I recently joined the bipartisan Fire and EMS Caucus in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I want to find sustainable solutions for our first responders and our communities that rely on these life-saving services.

In recent years we've seen a steep decline in volunteer recruitment and retention. At the same time, we've also seen increased costs to sustain these overburdened services. As a result, some fire and EMS departments across the state have been forced to close their doors.

Emergency services are something that affect everyone,

whether you live in a big city or small town, are young or old, and are Republican, Democrat or another party. If and when we need to dial 9-1-1, we need someone there to answer the call.

Fire and EMS agencies throughout the state are largely non-profit and staffed by volunteer personnel. According to the United States Fire Administration, volunteers account for nearly 97% of firefighters in Pennsylvania, which is the third highest percentage in the country.

The Fire and EMS Caucus will work on legislation focused on better funding and financial support for emergency service organizations, personnel safety and workforce development.

These men and women who put their lives on the line are heroes and I am looking forward to getting results so they know we've got their backs – and we're fighting to get them the support they need to keep doing their life-saving work.

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A Fare To Remember Welcomes New Owner Gina Griffin

A Fare To Remember, a beloved Hampton Township staple, has entered an exciting new chapter under the ownership of Giovanina "Gina" Griffin. Alongside her husband Steve, Gina has embraced the opportunity to preserve and enhance the store's reputation for home cooked meals and exceptional service.

The Griffins, both from Pine-Richland, have strong ties to the community. Gina's two children attend Pine-Richland school; Cayden, a 16-year-old junior, and T.J., age 14, an 8th-grader.

Gina purchased the store from Jeannie Lewis, a close family friend for nearly four decades. Their connection is deeply personal—Gina's father was the best man at Jeannie's wedding, and Jeannie officiated Gina and Steve's marriage. The store's countertop, built by Gina's father, adds another sentimental touch.

After years in the service industry and a love for cooking nurtured by her grandmother, Gina decided to take a leap of faith into entrepreneurship, leaving her real estate career behind. "Jeannie always encouraged me. When I reached out about buying the business, she said, 'You will literally be perfect.' One meeting led to another, and here I am!"

Gina and her staff will continue to prepare many of the recipes you know and love like Mom's Hot Chicken Goodness, while adding her own family favorites.



Family front: Cayden, Maria, Gina, Steve back: Alexandra and T.J.



The Staff: front l to r: Abby Molinaro, Maria Hunkele, Cayden Rock, Gina Griffin, Maryann Maxwell, Stephanie Desjardins Back: Alexandra Hunkele, Janelle DeCarlo, Steve Griffin, T.J. Rock, and Rebecca Dietz



Gina and Abby Molinaro

In addition to their in-house sweets, Gina has partnered with Abby's Purple Pantry. Abby Molinaro, a Hampton and Beattie Tech graduate, has her own line of delightful confections that will be featured.

Now with Gina's energy and vision why cook?

Stop by or order online to explore its delicious menu, packed with tradition and creativity. Follow the kitchen on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on Gina's exciting off-menu creations!

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