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Teacher Raises Awareness for Visually Impaired Athletes

by Julie Mikus

Fourth-grade students at Wyland Elementary experienced a transformative lesson on perspective in their physical education class with Mrs. Paige Serbin and her student teacher, Mr. Jacob Brush, a student from Slippery Rock University. The teachers conducted a unit focused on

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Why Does Hampton Have So Many Vape Shops?

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.

In the past year, many new vape shops (businesses that sell non-tobacco vape products,

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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 9/16/2024—10/6/2024:

Vehicle Accident

On 10/4/24, HTP Officers, Hampton Fire and Shaler/Hampton EMS responded to the area of RT 8 and Craighead Road for a 3-vehicle accident. No injuries were reported, insurance information was exchanged between the involved parties, all of the vehicles were towed by Leo's Towing and Hampton FD cleaned up debris from the roadways.

On 10/06/2024, HTP and Shaler/Hampton EMS responded to a single vehicle on West Hardies Road. Upon arrival, Officers located a vehicle resting head on against a telephone pole. The driver, and single occupant, was transported to the hospital and Leo's Towing towed the vehicle.

Vehicle Fire

On 9/16/2024, HTP and Fire were dispatched to the area of Middle Road and E. Hardies Road for a vehicle with trailer on fire. The trailer incurred severe damage and was towed from the scene by Zang's Towing.

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There are more cars on the road than ever, and even more than you can imagine around the winter holidays! Here are some simple tips when heading out on the road:

- Inspect your tires, tire pressure, oil, brakes, and lights.
- Get proper rest. Driving makes people tired. (Especially long distances)
- Don't drive distracted. It's easy to surf your phone when stuck in traffic.
- Travel early in the day, while it is light out. The more you can see, the more you can prepare for hazards.
- Fuel up beforehand. Don't get stranded in cold weather.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season!

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Social Services Team Hosts Training Program for Law Enforcement Officers

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Currently under the direction of Senior Police Social Worker Angela Kenbok, the Social Services arm of the Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) has become a model program within the region. The Social Services team recently took part in presenting a five-day Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program for law enforcement officers and police social workers. The seminar provided 40 hours of training to officers and social workers from Hampton, Ross, Millvale, Mt. Lebanon, and VA Police, and upon completion, each participant received a certificate and a pin.

The goal of the seminar was to educate and raise awareness for law enforcement officers so they can learn methods for de-escalating situations and, when appropriate, provide alternatives to jail. If, for example, an individual has not committed a serious crime—for example, household conflict, hoarding, safety or zoning issues—a social worker can step in to work toward an alternative outcome. Over the course of the five days, participants engaged in a number of role-playing exercises to explore options for a variety of situations that may arise. The program also stressed the importance of self-care, emphasizing the need for officers and social workers to prioritize their health and to learn to relax and unwind after long hours on shift.

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2024-2025 Honorary Talbot

by Nicole Mishko

The Honorary Talbot Mascot contest was a tail-wagging good time this year! Between the three elementary schools and the middle school, ninety-four dogs competed for a chance to be the winner. An initial three-day voting round occurred at each school where the students "voted by pennies" (nickels, dimes, and quarters, too!) to select their school's Top Dog. This year, all proceeds went to the PTO of the school where the donation took place.

The winners from each school were:

Central Elementary, Cooper, Frank family
Poff Elementary, Tallulah, Pery family
Wyland Elementary, Lucy, Foreman family
Middle School, Zoey, Vida family

Voting restarted at the 2024 Hampton Talbot Tailgate between these four winners. Zoey, a seven-month-old golden retriever, received the most donations and has been bestowed the title of 2024 Honorary Hampton Talbot Mascot! All donations generated at this year's Tailgate have been distributed to Pittsburgh Bereavement Doulas. Overall, the contest made over \$5,000 which was allocated amongst the schools' PTOs and the Pittsburgh Bereavement Doulas. A special thank you to all the families that participated and to all those who supported the contest by making donations. Congratulations to Zoey and the Vida family!



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What a Wonder-Fall 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!

Tuesdays and Thursdays *

Now through December 12th 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 - "Parachute Play"

11:50 a.m.- "Stories and Songs" Noon - "Stay and Play"

*times are subject to go longer or shorter

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, November 1st, November 8th (for a special post-election discussion) and December 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.

Meet Me at the Movies!

Tuesday, November 12th @ 1:00 P.M.

The Department of Community Services and the Hampton Community Library are excited to partner in this new program for adults. Join us in Great Room A of the Community Center to watch this whodunit film about the wildly dysfunctional Thrombey family. Hint, Hint – the title features a sharp piece of cutlery! Please visit the library to find out what movie we will be viewing. Snacks are encouraged! No registration is necessary.

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!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 20th @ 6:30 p.m. Let Me Go, by Chelsea Cain.

The Mystery Book Group will meet back in the library.

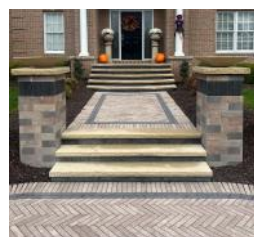
Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

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Library

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Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, November 15th @ 1:00 p.m.

Frozen River, by Ariel Lawhon.

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: Semi-Homemade!

Thursday, November 21st, (3rd Thursday) 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.

The Hampton Community Library would love to see you!

Please visit us during the following times:

Monday, Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.

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You'll want to go back for more after visiting Jerky & More

For years, Michael Mihuc would hear "you should sell this stuff!" when he'd share his homemade beef jerky with friends and family. When he found himself with lots of unexpected free time in March of 2020, he decided to transform his longtime hobby into the growing business it has become. He spent months perfecting his original jerky recipe as well as exploring new recipes and experimenting with freeze-drying new foods. Now, Jerky & More is delighting customers across Western Pennsylvania with multiple jerky flavors as well as dog treats, freeze-dried fruits, freeze-dried candies and, yes, even freeze-dried ice-cream.

As the first Pittsburgh-based business that does all their freeze-drying in-house, Jerky & More puts taste, quality and creativity at the forefront. They're sourcing the best ingredients available, creating original recipes and even putting out first-of-their-kind products like freeze-dried watermelon and ice-cream sandwiches. They do customized gift baskets for birthdays and events, and their product selection lends itself perfectly to holiday gifting. If a customer is looking for something special, Jerky & More employs a "just ask" policy that encourages customers to reach out and discuss their ideas, no matter how wild or wacky (for example, the Jerky & More team recently put together a banana-themed gift basket).

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Vape Shops

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CBD, and other items like Delta-8) have been popping up everywhere. Hampton has not been immune to this trend, with four such stores currently operating in the Township. I have had many residents ask me, "Why does the Township keep approving these?" The short answer is – because we have to. This sudden rise in vape shops has occurred in so many places that it has prompted articles and news segments by KDKA, PennLive, CBS Pittsburgh, The Atlantic, and many other outlets examining why these stores have become so prevalent. For more information, an online search of "Why are there so many vape shops" will return many results explaining this change. Some of those reasons include:

There is a growing demand for e-cigarettes, CBD, and forms of "legal marijuana" like Delta-8 and THCa that have been developed in recent years and are not regulated by federal laws. Unlike most other retail stores that must compete heavily with online retailers, licensed vape shops are the only place these items can be obtained.

These stores can be easily located in existing commercial storefronts, making them an attractive option for landlords looking to rent out vacant suites in strip malls, stand-alone buildings, or empty convenience stores. Landlords have seen the loss of many tenants in recent years due to changing shopping habits. These empty storefronts are the most common places to see these new vape stores.

Unlike restaurants, vape stores don't require many parking spaces or employees – the stores can often be operated with

just one person. They also deal with non-perishable products, so unlike restaurants they don't have to worry about using up their inventory before it goes bad.

The fee for a PA State license to sell these non-tobacco items is only \$25 per year, making it much more affordable for start-ups than other types of state-licensed businesses.

Residents who are curious about this trend can find more information online with other reasons for the sudden explosion in these types of stores. But the bottom line is, municipalities cannot prevent these types of businesses from opening since they are permitted under state law...unless there are provisions in their local zoning laws, which Hampton does not currently have. However, next year Hampton will be updating its Zoning Ordinance. At that time, we may consider enacting measures to limit these types of stores, such as listing them as a "conditional use" which carries extra restrictions and requires the review and approval of a land development application by the Planning Commission and Council. Residents can always consider contacting their local state representative to ask for changes to the state laws. Right now, the state is working on legislation that would increase the licensing fee and better regulate what types of items these stores can sell. In the meantime, market demand must dictate how many of these stores open in Hampton since there is nothing that we can legally do to deny these businesses the right to operate in the Township. As always, any resident with questions or concerns about this can contact me at amanda.lukas@hampton-pa.org.

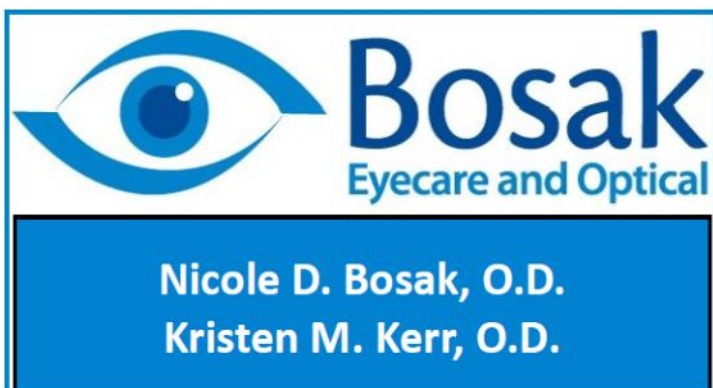


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Where Are They Now?

by Julie Mikus

Vince Matthews graduated from Hampton High School in June of 2022, and later that same year, he completed boot camp in October in Great Lakes, Illinois. He then embarked upon a challenging journey of highly specialized trainings.

Following his boot camp graduation, Vince served as an E3, or Fireman, before transferring to Charleston, SC, to embark on four specialized training schools. This rigorous pipeline tested the physical and mental endurance of the sailors within a challenging timeline. Designed by MIT, this program is renowned as one of the most demanding trainings offered by the military.

His series of training began with A School, where Vince studied mechanics, machinery, and basic engineering to qualify as a Machinist Mate Nuclear (MMN). After three months, he graduated with honors and was promoted to the rank of E4, or Petty Officer Third Class.

Next, he entered Power School, where he focused on the science and mathematics of reactors, tackling complex subjects such as physics and thermodynamics. Despite

the program's rigorous standards, Vince persevered, passing three challenging exams.

The third phase of his training was Prototype, where he applied his knowledge in hands-on settings. During this time, he worked on two submarines and gained insight into his future roles within the Navy. Qualified personnel guided him in the operations of nuclear reactors, and the demanding 24/7 shift schedule tested his resilience as he prepared for the qualifying exam to become a Machinist Mate Nuclear.

Vince excelled in his class and subsequently advanced yet again, where he was selected as an Engineering Laboratory Technician, further enhancing his skill set.

Vince was later presented with the opportunity to enter STAR Reenlisting, which came with a substantial bonus and a promotion to E5, or Petty Officer Second Class.

Soon, Vince will transfer to his next assignment in Newport News, VA, where he will serve aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79), equipped with the highest level of technology available in the Navy.

Vince said his journey was challenging, but has no regrets. "The best part of being in the Navy is meeting new people from diverse backgrounds around the world. I have forged lifelong friendships that I would never have made without taking the risk to pursue this path."

If you would like to learn more about the USS John F. Kennedy, visit: <https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/Aircraft-Carriers/PCU-John-F-Kennedy-CVN-79/>





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4742 Roland Road	\$980,000	\$950,000	19
2980 Woodland Court	\$775,000	\$765,000	22
3976 LeTort Lane	\$715,000	\$700,007	20
2154 S Villa Drive	\$844,900	\$640,500	91
5011 Summit Drive	\$525,000	\$515,000	5
3318 Cramlington Drive	\$449,000	\$415,000	109
3325 Cramlington Drive	\$419,900	\$414,500	4
2572 Red Oak Court	\$415,000	\$395,000	11
4364 Kenson Drive	\$309,900	\$315,000	7
2206 Linwood Drive	\$289,500	\$281,400	78
4522 Bucktail Drive	\$245,000	\$250,000	11
2408 Oak Hill Road	\$250,000	\$245,000	4
5055 Harvest Lane	\$210,000	\$210,000	4

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Prevent health and safety risks during cold months by updating the life-saving devices in your home with fresh batteries, evaluating the efficiency of your central heating system and ensuring your plumbing is prepared for potential freezes as well as clear of blockages or leaks.

"Change your clock, change your battery": Daylight saving's "fall back" means it's time for smoke and carbon monoxide detector maintenance. Test and replace the batteries in these life-saving devices at minimum twice per year, and replace any devices that are over seven years old.

Plumbing: Schedule routine maintenance by hiring a plumber to make sure all pipes, drains, faucets and more are running efficiently and without risk to your home, including protecting any exposed pipes from freezing.

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Tennis Team Goes Back to States for the Second Consecutive Year

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton High School girl's tennis team played all of their matches away this year due to renovations on the home tennis courts, but that didn't stop them from making history! Last year, the Hampton girls went to the PIAA state playoffs for the first time. This year, the team fought hard at the WPIAL championships to secure a victory in the 3rd place match, which clinched their back-to-back trips to the PIAA state championships in Class 2A.

"It is much harder to repeat a trip to states. The pressure and expectations of the previous team, and wondering if we were good enough, make the journey this year all that sweeter," said Coach Grant McKinney. "We had four 3-2 victories, including a 3-2 victory against Oakland Catholic to clinch the bronze medal and a trip the PIAA State Team Championships. Those close wins show the grit, hard work, and determination of the team."

"We were so proud to be back-to-back state qualifiers. It was an amazing moment to share with our families and each other," said senior singles player Abigail

Anderson. This was truly a team accomplishment. Assistant coach, Milt Squiller, helped by leading extra practices and trained many of these girls when they were on the junior varsity team. Seven of the girls on varsity were on JV last year. "The girls on our exhibition team and the girls on our JV are not recognized enough. Without those girls we would not be where we are. The JV and the exhibition teams work hard to make us better players," explained Anderson. Hampton junior doubles player McKenna Restori added, "Our coach says we are a 'deep' team. We work hard, we compete, and we have some fun out on the court."

Hampton Senior Grace Stitt has also made Hampton history in the singles realm. Stitt is the first player in 30 years to earn a PIAA singles berth, after just missing the bid to states last year.

She is only the 2nd player in Hampton history to advance to the PIAA singles playoffs. "My team helped to build me up countless times throughout the season. Leading up to both sections' singles and WPIALS, I was not feeling hopeful. My team, more specifically my fellow seniors (Abigail Anderson, Madison Holleran, Carolyn Clutter, Ellery Robertson, and Mack McGinnis), tremendously helped me to find the confidence I needed to pull out the tough wins." Stitt will compete in the first round of the PIAA playoffs on November 1st in Hershey, PA.



2024 Community Halloween Haunted Hayride



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Visually Impaired

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blind sports, which coincided perfectly with October, recognized as National Blind Sports Month. This initiative aims to raise awareness and celebrate the achievements of athletes with visual impairments.

Mr. Brush introduced the lesson plan, drawing on his extensive experience with the visually impaired through the organization Envision Blind Sports. This organization serves as a resource for athletes, families, schools, and communities, striving to enhance opportunities for blind athletes.

Mr. Brush collaborated with students to create sighted and non-sighted partnerships, engaging them in both sports and team-building exercises. "We developed a lesson where the ultimate goal was for students to learn how to interact with visually impaired individuals," he explained.

Students quickly gained insight into the challenges faced by those with visual impairments, while their sighted partners learned effective ways to guide them during sports activities. Fourth-grade student Sofia shared her experience, stating, "I didn't realize how difficult it would be when I couldn't see what I was doing. I had to really trust my partner

as she guided me."

Mrs. Serbin noted that the exercises aligned with the "Portrait of a Talbot," a shared vision within the Hampton Township School District that promotes the essential skills, knowledge, and attributes necessary for a successful future. "The lessons emphasized the importance of effective communication and perseverance," she added.

"Students had to communicate precisely," remarked Mr. Brush, "especially in their roles as guides." Students quickly adapted to the responsibility of assisting their peers. One student, Lennon, expressed, "I felt really scared at first being guided, but after a few attempts, I started to feel more comfortable."



Mr. Brush's passion for adaptive sports began during his volunteer work with Envision Sports. This experience familiarized him with adaptive physical activity (APA), prompting him to pursue it as a minor while working at camps and programs at Penn State University, Robert Morris University, and his alma mater, Slippery Rock.

The student teacher also educated the fourth graders about the Paralympics, a sub-

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Visually Impaired

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ject some students were already familiar with. "I explained that athletes with disabilities compete with the same determination as Olympic athletes," he noted.

Mrs. Serbin observed that some students revealed talents previously unnoticed during the unit. "One typically quiet student began using very descriptive language while directing his blindfolded partner," she said. "His leadership skills flourished as he felt a responsibility to care for his peer."

Most importantly, Mr. Brush hoped the lessons would foster empathy and understanding for those who are different. "Students can truly make a difference in the future. I hope they will know how to interact with visually impaired individuals in their schools, communities, or workplaces, and communicate effectively to assist them if needed."



He added, "Instilling awareness of people with special needs early in students' lives helps develop a lasting sense of empathy."

Mr. Brush will conclude his student teaching at the high school, where he will continue to teach health and physical education. To learn more about Envision Sports, visit:

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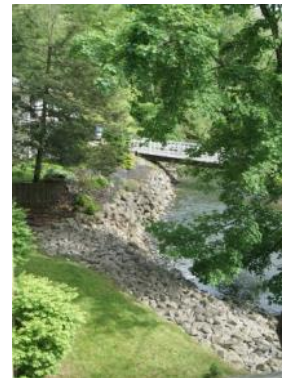
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The HAAE 5k run/walk took place on October 13th at the Hampton Community Center Complex. As the organization's biggest yearly fundraiser, this event directly supports the scholarships and grants that HAAE awards within the district. The grants provide important enrichment opportunities for Hampton students such as new and innovative programming, advancements in technology, and more.

This year's 5k brought in roughly \$30,000, surpassing last year's total and meeting the organization's fundraising goal. HAAE president Lissa Shulman said, "Our board really stepped up to meet our fundraising goal of \$30,000 and it is the hard work of every member doing their part that leads to a successful event each year!"

More exciting things are to come in 2025. For the first time ever, HAAE will present the Heart of Hampton Award. Historically, the award had been conferred by Hampton Magazine, but for many years had been shelved before HAAE set out to reconceptualize and reintroduce this important honor within the Hampton community. The award will be given to an individual or group within the community who exemplifies criteria such as innovation in education, commitment to excellence, impact on the community, leadership and mentorship, and collaboration and teamwork. HAAE will host an award ceremony and cocktail party at Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery in Gibsonia on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Tickets will go on sale in the new year and will be open to the community. In the meantime, HAAE invites and encourages people to nominate potential award recipients at <https://www.hamptonalliance.org>.

Shulman stated, "This award is a way to acknowledge organi-

zations and individuals who contribute to our excellent school district and the broader Hampton community. We also see the celebration event as a way to add a second signature event (especially for non-runners or non-athletes) which will help to raise additional funds, allowing us to grow our scholarship awards and grants to the schools."

Scan the QR code for more information.



2024 race starting line

See more photos on page 15, www.thehamptonnews.com, and the upcoming edition of Hampton Magazine.

Social Services

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Angela presented the program alongside Ross Township social worker Jordan Sager, and together they provided a range of models for the officers and social workers on hand. Pleased to participate with her co-workers as well as some Hampton officers, Angela was especially impressed that officers Austin Campanella and Nate Meade dedicated an entire week to learn crisis intervention techniques.

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to participate alongside my fellow Hampton social workers and the Hampton police officers," Angela says. "In particular, it speaks volumes about the officers' dedication to their community. Both were happy to spend their week in the training sessions, and they're looking forward to using the skills they learned."

Attendees from other municipalities who participated will share their knowledge with fellow officers, thereby expanding the reach of social worker intervention within law enforcement. The CIT is particularly important to the behavioral health system because research shows that individuals suffering from mental illness or substance-use disorders tend to have a higher rate of contact with the criminal justice system than others within the general population.



Social workers first joined the department during the summer of 2020 thanks to Slippery Rock University professor Yvonne Eaton-Stull, an expert in trauma and crisis intervention, and HTPD Chief Tom Vulakovich. The goal was to provide an added layer of expertise to the practice of law enforcement by introducing social workers who can offer support and ongoing case management as they enhance safety within the community.

As they continue to work to get the word out about the value they bring to law enforcement, the social services team has filled their calendar with events through the end of the year. Upcoming events include a booth at Santa's Sparktacular Holiday event on December 5th and a New Year's Eve raffle for HTSD students to win a ride to school in an HTPD vehicle. More information is highlighted on page 15.

Hampton has been a true success story in demonstrating the value of partnering law enforcement officers with social

workers, and other local townships have taken notice. Upon learning of the success in Hampton, several communities in the area are working on adding social workers to their law enforcement teams.

2024 HAEE 5K



Come visit HAMPTON SOCIAL SERVICES

**Santa's Sparktacular Holiday Event
December 5 - 7:00pm**

Stop by and visit the Hampton Police Social Workers and their furry friend at the Social Services booth on December 5th at Santa's Sparktacular Holiday Event!

This year Hampton Social Services will be accepting gift cards and toys for individuals and families in the community. Items and gift cards can be donated at Santa's Sparktacular Holiday Event or can be dropped off at the Hampton Police Department. There will also be a Social Services Giving Tree to sponsor a child or family this holiday season.

In need of:

Walmart, Target, Amazon Gift Cards or Ear Buds, Bluetooth Speakers, Sports Items (footballs, basketballs), Stainless Steel Tumblers, Skincare and Make-up Kits, Board Games/Card Games, Legos.

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24th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

On Friday, September 27th, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. five new inductees were welcomed into Hampton's Hall of Fame! Athletic Director Mike Gavlik introduced and recognized:

Bruce Alstad: Hampton Teacher, Varsity and Middle School Wrestling Coach.

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Front row left to right: Bruce Alstad, Kevin Green, Bruce Steckel
Back Row: Angie Raimondi, Laryn Edwards
Missing from photo: Byron Collier.



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Current Events

HMS Presents....

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton Middle School Drama Club is proud to announce their fall musical production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The directors, cast, orchestra, and crew are staging the full musical, not the youth edition, which comes with additional difficulty for the students and additional cost for the production due to increased licensing fees.

This is the only show in HMS musical history being repeated and was selected because it is an ensemble show, according to director Greg Shumaker, which gives the opportunity for more actors to be on stage.



Joseph is a sing-through musical, where the majority of the dialogue is replaced by song, and tells the biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, how jealousy caused his brothers to sell him into slavery, and how his dream interpretations led to his rise of power in Egypt.

You can see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the HMS Auditorium on Thursday, November 21st at 7 pm, Friday, November 22nd at 7 pm, and two performances on Saturday, November 23rd, at 1 pm and 7 pm. The entire show is funded through ticket sales, program ads, and program shout-outs. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at: <https://sites.google.com/ht-sd.org/hms-drama/tickets>

Earth-Friendly Sports Club!



Allison Park Sportsmen's Club is driven by the love of the outdoors and the conservation of natural resources. From assisting in the stocking of local lakes and streams, youth mentored fishing days, to stream clean, the mission is to

make the world a little

bit better than it was found! Along the way, they manage to have a lot of fun. Monthly meeting include presentations from members about their adventures as well as from world renowned guest speakers.

If you'd like to get involved or to get more information on the club, check out the website:

www.allisonparksportsmensclub.org or call 412-956-0539.

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Hampton Heroes

Monday, November 4th, 2024, Veterans Recognition Event
10:00 a.m. at Fridley Field (Rain Date is Wed., Nov. 6th)



HHS Drama Club Fall Play

"You Can't Take It with You"

November 7th, 8th, 9th

All shows are at 7:30 p.m. in the HHS Auditorium

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

"A Look into Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Its Gettysburg Artifacts"" presented by Michael Kraus.

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When: Sunday, November 10th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

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Race Director Alice McLaughlin would love to answer any questions you might have. Thank you for your attention. She can be reached at Gerardmac977@aol.com

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Who: Boy Scout Troop 17

When: Tuesday, November 5th
(Election Day)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Outside of the Community Center at outdoor firepit. If you have a flag to be properly disposed of, you may drop it off at the event or a box is provided at the community center directly across from the Service Desk.



Katie's Studio Offers More For The Holidays!

Saturday, November 2nd 11am to 1pm: Clay Turkey pinch pot, hand print day! These awesome clay turkeys are suggested up to the age of 10. \$39 each includes 2 visits. First visit is making the clay and the second is the glaze visit. Sunday, November 3rd: 12 to 1:30pm. Clay pumpkin push plates! \$35+tax each. Ages 5 and up. Stamp and press clay in to a pumpkin push plate. Return to glaze approximately 2 weeks after.

Friday, November 29th 11am to 6pm: Black Friday special! Buy 3 ornaments get 1 FREE flat ornament. Flat ornament from special selection of ornaments. While supplies last. 20% off of our retail store (Gallery items will be discounted based on artist discretion.)

Sunday, December 8th 12pm to 2pm: Get ready for a jolly good time at our **Paint with Santa** event! Join us for a magical day of creativity and holiday cheer with the big guy himself. For just \$12 per person, plus the cost of pottery, you can paint your choice of pottery and enjoy all the festive fun. Non-painting guests will still have a \$12 entry fee. Walk-ins will not be seated during the event. You can also add your child's handprint to a special **Santa & Me** custom plate starting at \$35 plus tax (salad plate size). Whether you're painting an ornament or any pottery piece you fancy, you'll enjoy delicious cookies and plenty of wonderful photo opportunities—so don't forget to bring your camera!

Reservations required for all holiday events! Call 724-502-4700 to reserve your spot for any of these fun-filled holiday events!

Hall of Fame

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Kevin Green: Hampton Teacher, Football Announcer, Score-board Operator for Basketball, Girls Soccer, Volleyball Middle School Assistant Track Coach.

Bruce Steckel: Graduated 1971, Varsity Golf Coach, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Varsity Baseball Statistician.

Angie Raimondi: Graduated 2008, Swimming.


Laryn Edwards: Graduated 2018, Basketball/Track.

Byron Collier: Graduated 1957, Basketball/Track.


Police Log

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Lost/Found Pet

 On 10/5/24, HTP was contacted by a resident who had found a wandering dog. The owner was located by utilizing a chip reader and the dog was returned.

Hazardous Conditions

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Upcoming Events

Santa's Sparktacular

Thursday, December 5th begins with:

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6:45 p.m. Premier Dance Academy's performance

7:00 p.m. Fireworks followed by Santa and Rudolph

Vendors are set up inside the Great Rooms serving beverages and samples to keep everyone's spirits bright and merry!

Be sure to visit the Hampton Police Social Workers and their furry friend! They will be accepting gift cards and toy donations for individuals and families in the community.

Elf On The Shelf Search—Happy the Elf will be hiding in different places throughout the Community Center on Monday, November 25 until December 23rd. Visit the Community Center Service Desk for details and to sign up.

Neighborhood Santa Tour

Santa Claus will be coming to your neighborhood on Saturday, December 14th with the help of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department!

There is a Santa Tracker for people to view the tentative time Santa will arrive in or around your neighborhood. Visit www.hampton-pa.org to view the app.

If your neighborhood is not on the route, come to the outside of the Community Center at 3200 Lochner Way at 9:00 a.m. to catch a glimpse before he starts his route.



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Depreciation Lands Museum

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Come to the Depreciations Lands Museum's Doll Tea. \$15 per child and doll companion \$12 for museum members. Space is limited; register by visiting our website: dlmuseum.org/events



*The cast of interpreters who participated with the Lantern
Tours on October 19th at Depreciation Lands Museum*

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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Physician Assistant Flexibility Closer to Taking Effect and Diwali Will Soon Become a State Holiday in PA

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Physician assistants play a critical part of the healthcare system but face the barrier of needing redundant licenses based on whether their supervising physicians are either a Doctor of Medicine or a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. I am proud to sponsor legislation to eliminate this unnecessary burden. House Bills 2294 and 2295, allowing physician assistants to practice under either MDs or DOs, have both passed the state House of Representatives and are now in the state Senate for consideration.

As a practicing emergency physician, I know my fellow medical professionals want to help as many patients as possible, and these common

sense bills eliminate a circumstantial barrier to performing their sworn duty. If enacted into law, these bills will make it easier for physician assistants to continue their important clinical work in our state.

I'm also pleased to see the companion legislation (S.B. 402) to my bill designating Diwali, the Festival of Lights, as an official Pennsylvania holiday be signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro. Diwali is celebrated by hundreds of thousands of Commonwealth residents of Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist background every year, and state recognition of this holiday fosters a stronger sense of community and inclusivity.

In that spirit, my office is partnering with the Baiert Family YMCA in Franklin Park to host a Diwali Celebration on Sunday, November 10th 5-7 p.m. Come help us celebrate the Festival of Lights and learn more about how my office can help you with state services. Dry food items will be collected for North Hills Community Outreach. Please RSVP by calling 412-348-8028.



State Senator
LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS
38th Senatorial District



November is a time to recognize and thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifice to our Country.

As part of paying tribute to our Veterans, my office is hosting a Veterans \$cam Jam with the PA Department of Banking and Securities on Thursday, November 14 from 10am until noon at the Allegheny Valley Marine Corps League. This free event helps Veterans and their families protect themselves from

investment fraud and exploitation. During this event, representatives from the PA Department of Banking and Securities, PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the PA Office of Attorney General, and local law enforcement will teach you how to avoid today's scams and frauds.

This event will include free lunch for all participants!

Because seating is limited, registration is highly recommended. To register, please visit SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/ScamJam.

Call or email our office if you have questions or need help registering: 412-364-0469 (Ross) or 724-224-2131 (Harrison) or email us at senatorlindseywilliams@pasenate.com.

We would like to wish all of our Veterans a Happy Veterans Day. Thank you for your service.



State Representative
Rob Mercuri
28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania



Keeping Jobs in the Pittsburgh Area

The economic future of Pittsburgh and our Commonwealth should not be held back by the political rhetoric we have seen far too often by some elected officials. By supporting anti-energy policies, such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and needlessly working to block a negotiated deal by U.S. Steel, policymakers have failed to see the potential of strengthening the steel and energy industries here in Pennsylvania. Expanding natural gas and steel production in a responsible manner brings immediate and long-term benefits to our community, including adding or saving thousands of jobs.

Opposition to these industries undermines the entire economic ecosystem. Small businesses and local governments, which rely on the region's economic growth, cannot afford to operate without energy's economic contributions.

I recently introduced House Resolution 562 urging the president to approve the deal U.S. Steel negotiated to stay headquartered in Pittsburgh. My resolution contains information on the economic benefits of U.S. Steel's presence in the Commonwealth, as well as information about the strong alliance that the U.S. has with Japan. Approving this sale will bring billions in regional economic impact, thousands of family-sustaining jobs, and millions in state and local tax revenue to Pittsburgh and our Commonwealth.

I'm in favor of making any strong economic deal that would inject much-needed capital into the steel industry, grow our economy, and keep union and non-union jobs in Pittsburgh. This effort to ensure the company remains headquartered in Pittsburgh would greatly benefit our region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a whole. Pittsburgh should once again become the focal point of America's steel production. Our region is also equipped with the necessary assets in delivering clean and affordable energy. It is time to restore the manufacturing and energy-producing stronghold our great region once was.

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Hummus w/Warm Pita
Each feed 40 people

Full Bar Service Available

Full Pan of Lasagna — Layered Noodles, Seasoned Ground Beef, Rich Tomato Sauce, Ricotta, Mozzarella, Provolone, Romano Cheeses	\$116
Full Pan Eggplant Parmesan — Tomato Sauce, Layers of Lightly Dusted and Fried Layers of Eggplant & 3 Cheeses Baked to Perfection	\$116
Full Pan Remo's Rigatoni — Our Best Seller, Imported Rigatoni with Our Signature Tomato Parmesan Sauce	\$116
Full Pan Stuffed Shells (30 pcs) — Ricotta stuffed shells in our own tomato parmesan sauce with Mozzarella/Provolone and Romano Cheese	\$90
Berry Brie Pastry — Whole Brie Wheel rubbed w/Raspberry Sauce, baked in a Pastry and served with crostini	\$123
Lamb Chopsicles (48 pcs) — Grass Fed Lamb w/Tzatziki	\$300
Full Pan Truffle Schmac — White Cheddar and Savory Truffle Cream Sauce w/ Light Garlic & Herb Bread Crumb Topping	\$135
Choose 1 (50 pcs) — Cocktail Franks in pastry w/Honey Mustard, Arancini Rice Balls w/Vodka Sauce, Caprese Skewers, Mini Crabcakes w/New Orleans Remoulade, Sausage or Cheese Stuffed Mushrooms or Mushroom Crostini	\$210