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More Than Just Emergency Services

by June Gravitte

It is the mission of the Shaler Hampton EMS to provide an efficient, high quality community-based system of prehospital/emergency medicare for the citizens in Etna, Hampton, and Shaler. In addition,

they provide for safe non-emergency transportation of the elderly and chronically ill to medical facilities. Also, they hold educational programs that enhance public health and well-being.

As Shaler Hampton EMS begins its 2nd year of service they are proud to report that they responded more than 4,700 times in 2018 and that 93% of those calls

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Left to right: Brian Mitchell, EMT-P & Supervisor, Cynthia Kolupajlo, EMT-P & Supervisor, Fran Laffey, Paramedic, Todd Skirble, EMT, Ray Dietz, EMT & Crew Chief, Rachel Schutzman, EMT-P & Crew Chief, Timothy Banyas, Administrative Coordinator & EMT, Eric Schmidt, Executive Director & EMT-P

New Children's Librarian

by June Gravitte

The Hampton Community Library welcomes Annie Avondolia as the new Children and Youth Librarian. Annie has a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh and worked previously as an art educator. She commented, "My background working with high risk children and youth has helped me to see what an incredible gift a community like Hampton can be for the children and families served. I feel super lucky to be a part of the magic, working in the library."

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Hampton Band Marches Through New York

by Gail Scott

It was an exciting day for the Hampton High School Band as they performed in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The band traveled to New York City on Thursday and enjoyed the sights before marching in the parade Saturday afternoon. The NYC parade is the oldest and largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world. The pa-

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Odyssey Of the Mind

The Hampton Township School District's Odyssey of the Mind program had seven teams from Central, Poff, and Wyland Elementary Schools participate in the regional Odyssey of the Mind tournament held at Keystone Oaks High School this year on March 2. All teams solved spontaneous problems and participated in one long-term team problem category. Four primary teams from grades K-2 participated in a non-competitive team problem called Museum Makers.



Teams from grades 3-5 from Poff and Wyland elementary schools competed in the moving vehicle category in which they had to fit all parts of a moving vehicle that would carry a driver into a suitcase, assemble the vehicle, ride in it, take it apart, put it back in the suitcase, reassemble it and ride it to a different location on the course all in 8 minutes while performing a rescue scenario skit. Central Elementary's grades 3-5 team competed in a problem called Opposites Distract in which they had

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Police Log

The Hampton Township Police Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. The twenty-two officers and two civilian clerks take pride in serving the community in a professional and proactive manner. 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 2/23/2019 — 3/17/2019

Hazardous Conditions

On February 24, 2019, Hampton Township Police responded to multiple hazardous conditions calls throughout the day due to high winds. Officers responded to many locations for trees that had fallen on roadways, and in multiple locations power lines and utility wires were also affected. Duquesne Light Co. responded to the different areas for clean-up, as well as the Hampton Township DPW and Allegheny County Maintenance.

Dumpster Fire

On March 13, 2019 at 4:03 p.m. Hampton Township Police responded to a business on Route 8 for a report of a dumpster fire. Upon arrival, the dumpster was fully engulfed, but was not posing any danger to the surrounding businesses. Members of the fire department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire.

DUI Arrest

On March 3, 2019 at 8:02 p.m., a Hampton Township officer observed a vehicle traveling southbound on Route 8. After observing a traffic violation, the officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon making contact with the operator and sole occupant, the driver was observed to show visible signs of impairment. The operator was un-

able to complete field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest.

On March 6, 2019 at 9:42 p.m., a Hampton Township officer observed a vehicle traveling on Middle Road

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Suyama Performs Brilliantly at Shakespeare Monologue Competition

by Deb Brady

Hampton Middle School eighth-grader Kai Suyama was recently in the spotlight when he participated in the Pittsburgh Public Theater's annual Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Competition. In this, his first attempt, (and going up against much older students!) Kai made the finals. Overall, he placed fifth out of 1,000 entrants with his portrayal of the Porter from Macbeth. Kai says, "I chose this piece because it fit my personality. I knew early on that I would be better suited for a comedic role." The monologue focuses on the Porter of hell gate, dejected and drunk, conjuring up characters and stories to distract himself from his monotonous job and his loneliness. In the end, this helps him accept his lot in life, and he asks the audience to remember him despite his simple existence.



Kai Suyama

Kai went to the O'Reilly Theater to see Shaun Hall, Director of Education and Community Engagement, and go over the nuances of his piece. "I found it shocking that there could be so many interpretations of Shakespeare's words. The Porter condenses a constant change of liveliness to sorrow and back again into just two minutes. Mr. Hall, and Miss Cohen from HMS, were very supportive of my efforts. I'm a theater fanatic but being onstage is stressful for me! I was thrilled that I made it so far in the competition."

Kai's parents are thrilled, too. Says his dad, Joe, "Being the youngest in his age group, Kai could have felt a lot of pressure, but the environment was designed to let everyone shine, and he seemed much in his element. I was so proud that he was able to participate in this event, and I think it will inspire him to continue learning about the performing arts."

2019 marked the 25th time the Pittsburgh Public Theater hosted the Shakespeare Competition. Kai is already looking forward to being a part of it again next year. He says, "Everyone was so kind and supportive. It was such a great experience."



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Celebrate National Library Week! Apr 7th through the 13th!
Join in our celebration! There will be a bake sale, games, scavenger hunt and so much more! Have you filled out our survey yet? Stop in and let us know how we are doing and what more would you like to see? You can fill the survey out at the library or by going to the website.

Preschool Storytime: Learn, Explore, Discover!
Tuesdays, Now through May 7th at 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Join us for stories, songs, and music and give your child a solid foundation for their future! Storytimes aren't just entertaining, they're educational and help your child develop a love of reading and provide early learning skills that will help your child succeed in school and in life. While designed for 3 -5 year old's, all ages are welcome.

Parachute Dance Party!
Tuesdays, Now through May 7th at 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Moms, dads, caregivers of preschoolers. Join us as we dance, sing, jump, twirl and float away all with a colorful parachute! This is an interactive program where everyone joins in the fun! This program will be held in the Library.

Baby/Toddler Storytime: Learn, Explore, Discover!
Wednesdays, Now through May 8th at 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Join us for stories, movement and music geared for babies and toddlers. Storytime is a great way to introduce growing children to books, social interaction and lifelong learning. While designed for babies and toddlers, all ages are welcome!

Stay and Play!
Wednesdays, Now through May 8th at 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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Betty's Book Buzz: **Thursday, April 18th, 1:00 p.m.**

Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about *The Wife*, by Alafair Burke. Copies of the book will be available at the library. Make new friends, meet new books!!

Cooks-N-Books: Rocco DiSpirito or Bobbie Flay! **Thursday, April 25th, 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

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Local Student Selected for Prestigious Youth Summit

by Gail Scott

Hampton High School junior, Searrah Bierker, has been chosen to represent Gibsonia as a National Youth Delegate at the 2019 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University. National Geographic, the National Zoo, and George Mason University are excited to welcome the select group of 300 young scholars to Washington D.C.



The selected students will participate in an intensive week-long study of leadership in environmental science and conservation. The youth summit on the environment offers the nation's young aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience on the George Mason's state-of-the-art campus. Bierker was chosen for the youth summit based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies. Searrah said, "I'm honored and most grateful for this opportunity to be a National Youth Delegate. I'm

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Swimming and Diving Standouts

by June Gravitte

During a home swim meet on February 12th, Hampton High school Junior, Drew Scheib qualified for states and competed in the 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly with times 1:43.49 and 51.19 and placed 3rd and 7th respectively at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. Hampton is one of (if not) the smallest schools in the WPIAL AAA division. "I wish I could've had more of the boys be there swimming with me since they're a ton of fun to be around," said Scheib.

Sophomore, Catie Kress finished 11th in the 500 free and 14th in the 100 backstroke, highest finish of the girls. Next year there is hope that she'll qualify for state placement.

Sophomore Ethan Apaliski, broke the all-time Hampton High school diving record. An integral part of the swim team, Ethan was named February's Athlete of the month. It wasn't until half way through the season that he picked up diving. He explained, "I've always loved playing on the boards in the summertime but I really wanted to compete and see what I could make out of it."

After placing first during his initial few dual meets, he quickly

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Library

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- 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.

Mindful Fridays!

Starting now through May 24th at 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
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Hall in Oakland. Awards are given to the best Sailor, Marine, Coast-guardian, & Sea Cadet. Geoffrey is in his 3rd year and has ranked up to Petty Officer 3rd class in the Pittsburgh Battalion of the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

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most excited to meet with people who are influential in the environmental field and to learn more about and discuss current environmental issues." Searrah has started a Go Fund me site to raise money to offset costs for this opportunity. <https://ca.gofundme.com/the-washington-youth-environmental-summit>

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On the Road to Recovery

Just three years ago, the future was bright for Hampton Senior, Katrina Jones. She was the WPIAL gymnastics champion for Hampton during her Freshman year, setting new WPIAL records. She was a level 10 Junior Olympic gymnast, with hopes for an athletic scholarship. She was healthy.



It was the spring of 2017 when everything began to take a turn. After experiencing pain in her chest, Jones discovered she had been doing gymnastics with a broken sternum. Because of the sternum injury, Jones's body became out of alignment and her ribs started over-lapping each other.

"It was hard for me to breathe," said Jones. "The pain became almost unbearable."

The doctors decided the only way to eliminate the pain was to remove rib cartilage, a very risky and painful surgery. Her first surgery for "slipping rib syndrome" was in June of that year. Then in March, 2018 she underwent another surgery to remove cartilage from two more ribs. At first, these surgeries seemed successful and Jones went back to school and even began to work part time at Jewart's Gymnastics, as a coach.

"It was so great to have her back in the gym," said her former coach, Lainy Carslaw. "Losing Katrina was devastating for all of us, not just because of her talent but because of her infectious spirit and leadership."

A year went by, and it became evident that Jones had never fully recovered from her previous surgery, thus, at the start of 2019, Katrina had to under-go yet another surgery, this time with a complication to her lung.

"Kat rarely complains and the doctors all remark what a great patient she is," said her mother, Kathleen Vinay. "I am blessed to learn from her everyday."

Today, Jones continues to improve and is expected to make a full recovery. But that future that was once so bright, has become more uncertain for Jones. She will always have to be careful with her physical activity. With so many of her rib cartilages removed, she has to ensure she does not put her major organs at risk.

And yet, Jones remains optimistic. As so many elite athletes learn to do: she kept going. She kept working. She didn't give up on greatness—she found it elsewhere. No, she didn't get that full athletic scholarship—she got a full academic one. Just a few months ago, Jones accepted the Promising Scholars Award from IUP University. And beyond that, her bravery and toughness continue to be an inspiration to all who know her.

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Flag Football Championship

Hampton Junior Football Association (HJFA) held its 1st Annual Winter Flag League which was played at Wildwood Sports Complex (Dome) on Wildwood Road. The league consisted of 92 players on Hampton teams and the season ran eleven weeks long. There were six teams in each age bracket.

The ages 8-10 bracket (orange team) went 8-0 coached by Jason May. The champion players are (left to right) Caden Kaforey, Eli Schwarzbach, Xavier Ware, Isaiah Ware, Holden Dunstan, Braden Guinn, and Jackson May (Miles Sedlacko not pictured)

The ages 11-13 bracket record 7-1 coached by Pete Halli and Jason Midgley. The players are pictured in blue shirts below. Front row: Evan McAneny, Jack Halli, Heath Borgo. Back row: Ethan Phillips, Holden Midgley, Adrian Midgley and Paul Zwigart.





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Varsity In-Line Hockey Takes First in Championships Series

by June Gravitte

Hampton inline Hockey celebrates another great season! Three of our teams made the semifinals in their tiers - Elementary, Middle and the HS 5 team. The elementary team lost a tough series, as did the middle team. The HS5 team lost a tough game 3 in their series but fought hard all the way. The HS2 team had a good season but lost earlier in the playoffs. The Varsity 1 team, coached by Rick Yobbi and Dave Beam, won the 2019 (PIRHL) Pennsylvania



Interscholastic Roller Hockey League Championship, sweeping Canon Mac in 2 games. They had to win a game 3 in OT in their semifinals over Seneca Valley. Coach and president of the organization, Rick Yobbi, remarked, "All teams had a lot of success and can be proud of their seasons. We also celebrate our 15 seniors on great careers with the program and wish them best of luck in their future endeavors!" The teams play at Alpha in Harmar, RMU Complex in Neville Island, and HotShots in Mt. Pleasant, PA.

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Undefeated Season for Youth Basketball Team

by June Gravitte

Congratulations to the 5th & 6th grade Hampton recreational basketball team for going undefeated (10-0) for the season. Every player scored and contributed to the team's success throughout the season. "The team showed significant improvement both individually and as a team and it was a fun season for all," remarked Head Coach, Joe Claus. The players on the team were: Sam Brown, Eric Carson, Luke Claus, Braden Cox, Brody Dunstan, Sam Holmes, Danny Kenst, Stephen Larson, and Giovanni Valenti. The team was coached by Joe Claus and Brad Cox.



Ringeisen Named to Big 56 All-Section Team

Ben Ringeisen, Hampton High School basketball



player, has been named first team all section 5A section 3. Ringeisen received his award at a banquet in Monroeville on March 7th.

2019 Hampton Girls' Summer Basketball Camp

Who: All Girls entering grades 1st—8th

When: August 5th—8th

Time: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

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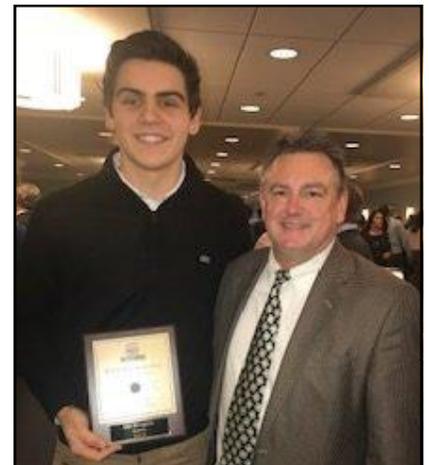
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Hampton Swimming Alum Earns NCAA All-American Status

Matthew Ramsey, Hampton class of 2016, garnered Ohio Athletic Conference records in 6 out of the 7 events he swam at the University of Akron February 14th-16th. The John Carroll University junior's record time of :20.47 in the 50 free was an NCAA "B" cut and ranked him tied for 20th in Division 3 in the event. He also broke the OAC record in the 100 free with a time of :45.53 during the morning pre-lim swim. His personal best time in the 200 free captured 2nd place.

Ramsey anchored the 200 free relay, 200 medley relay, 400 free relay and 400



medley relay, setting new OAC records in each race. All but the 400 free relay were swum in NCAA "B" cut times. The 200 free relay was ranked tied for 14th in Division 3 swimming and resulted in an NCAA championship meet selection.

The NCAA meet held in Greensboro, NC March 20-23rd resulted in a few surprises for the John Carroll men. On day 1 of the meet, the 200 medley relay team placed 15th to earn honorable mention All-America status. On day 2, their 200 free relay was disqualified for a false start. The 400 free relay on the final day landed the JCU men in 16th place for a 2nd All-America recognition. The morning prelim swim in the 400 free relay was an NCAA B time and a school record for the team.

Charity Basketball Game Honors Hampton Residents

The Pittsburgh Steelers Footballers Basketball team will be playing at La Roche College's Kerr Fitness & Sports Center on Friday April 26th, 2019 at 8:00 pm in a Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) fundraiser.



We are raising money for this fantastic organization, on behalf of two significant Hampton residents: Nick Vizzoca and Sam Triulzi. Nick is President and CEO of Vincentian Collaborative System, has been nominated for LLS man of the year and is a pediatric Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor. Sam is a Hampton

High School junior who is battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia after being diagnosed in May of 2018. We are leveraging LLS's annual "Man & Woman of The Year Campaign" to raise FUNDS THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE so that other families do not have to suffer the fate of this disease.

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Game event tickets are \$7.00 each. You can get them at the door, but to guarantee a ticket please call La Roche at 412-536-1044.

The Steeler legends will sign autographs at half time.

As a non-profit agency, the organization relies exclusively on donations from individuals and corporations. All proceeds go directly to LLS.

If you can't make the game, you can still support LLS by donating on-line at this secure website: <https://pages.mwoy.org/wpa/pgh19/lhayward>. We hope to see you on the court!

Opening Day Celebration For HAA Baseball

Saturday, April 27th Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. with festivities following: Food Trucks * D.J., * Pittsburgh Pirates Perogies, Pizza Penny and Oliver Onion * Bake Sale * Raffle Baskets * Customized Spirit Wear * Baseball/Softball Games throughout the day
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Blessed Trinity Wins 3rd Championship of the Year

Blessed Trinity Academy's Varsity Basketball Team knew they had the potential to go all way to the Diocesan Championship finals this season. And they were determined to get there with hard work and perseverance. After an extremely successful regular season, which ended with a record of 37-2 (13-1 in the section), they went into the playoffs as heavy favorites to win the

Diocesan Championship. The only team standing in their way was Sacred Heart, who they beat 7 times during the regular season, but was also their only section loss. On Sunday, March 10th the BTA Bulldogs took on the Sacred Heart Crusaders at Central Catholic with a packed arena of fans cheering them on. In the end, the Bulldogs' tight defense and success at the foul line were too much for the Crusaders to handle. BTA brought home a 39-36 victory to win the Diocesan Championship! This is the fourth Diocesan Championship for the Bulldogs this season with

the others coming in Varsity and JV Boys Cross Country and Varsity Fall Soccer. They now move on to the State playoffs.



Left to Right:
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for service were in Etna, Hampton or Shaler, the communities served by Shaler Hampton EMS. In order to provide such great service, they hold an annual subscription drive, which should have recently arrived in your mailbox. It provides for zero out of pocket expense to subscribers, and protects them from the costs of insurance copays and deductibles for medically necessary emergency ambulance transportation. This year they do have a modest price increase of \$5 at each subscriber level but have maintained 100% coverage for copays and deductibles. Your subscription helps the EMS to provide the best equipment and staff.

"We are passionate about what we do and fully embrace the challenges to be ready to respond at a moment's notice to your call," remarked Executive Director, Eric Schmidt. Eric has been

active in the EMS community for more than 35 years, 15 of which was with the Allegheny Health Network's LifeFlight program. Schmidt further comments, "My focus is simple, we are *your* community ambulance service and will be here and ready on your worst of days, while focusing on meeting your basic human needs for compassion when you call us."

Some of the community programs that are offered consist of CPR and Stop the Bleed training, car seat checks and installations, and they offer speakers to local community groups, businesses, schools, and clubs. These speakers can discuss a variety of important public safety topics.

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at a speed that was well below the speed limit. The officer observed multiple traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator showed visible signs of impairment. The operator was observed to be unsteady on his feet upon exiting the vehicle and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 On March 8, 2019 at 11:41 p.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of East Hardies Road and East Bardonner Road. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The officer also observed what appeared to be vomit on the door of the vehicle. The operator was asked to submit to field sobriety tests, which they were unable to complete as had been explained and demonstrated. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest.

Single Vehicle Accident/DUI Arrest

 On February 25, 2019 at 4:12 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Duncan Avenue and Route 8 for a three vehicle accident with reported injuries. Upon their arrival, officers located the three involved vehicles blocking the roadway. The accident occurred when one unit attempted to make a left turn in front of an oncoming vehicle. This action resulted in a collision between the two vehicles, which then caused one of the vehicles to strike a third car. One operator was transported to the hospital by ambulance. Two vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

 On March 3, 2019 at 1:03 a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to East Hardies Road for a single vehicle accident. The responding officer observed that the vehicle in question had traveled off of the roadway, struck a fire hydrant and a utility pole. While speaking with the operator, the officer observed multiple signs of impairment. The operator was unable to complete the field sobriety tests as had been instructed and demonstrated, and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.



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Marcouiller to Compete at Robotics World Championships

A.W. Beattie Career Center will send Ben Marcouiller, one of its FIRST Robotics student leaders, to compete in April at the World Championships in Detroit for the opportunity to earn one of eight full college scholarship.

FIRST Robotics is an international high school robotics competition, in which A.W. Beattie competed as Team 2051. The most recent competition in March was against 44 other teams at the California University of Pennsylvania where Marcouiller earned the Dean's List Award, which is given to about 200 students worldwide out of more than 50,000 eligible participants. "When I heard my name called it was insane," Marcouiller said. "I didn't know how to feel. I kind of flashed out a little bit while I was running down these steps to accept the award. I was high-fiving everyone as I went down. It felt so good."

A junior at Hampton, Marcouiller was nominated by A.W. Beattie Engineering Design and Robotics Manufacturing instructor Mike Purucker and FIRST Robotics adviser Cliff Bossong. He was also interviewed by a panel to be considered for the honor. "Ben lives and breathes every aspect of FIRST Robotics, from its technical content to its spirit of gracious professionalism to its mission of STEM



left to right: Alex Mekovsky, Dawson Skelley, Ben Marcouiller, Marvin "MJ" Posadas, Logan Husek and Ming Chen.

outreach," Purucker and Bossong said in Ben's nomination letter.

Marcouiller's volunteer efforts extend beyond FIRST Robotics. He attends career day events at local middle schools to promote A.W. Beattie's FIRST Robotics team and its robotics program. He is the crew manager for Hampton High School's Gene Kelly Award-winning performing arts ensemble and an Information Technology intern at A.W. Beattie.

The team largely consisted of participating students from A.W. Beattie's Engineering Design and Robotics Manufacturing, Advanced Computer Programming, Computer Systems Technology and Building Construction programs. Participants included seniors Dom Miller (Deer Lakes), Peter Millhoff (Northgate), Ben Marcouiller, Josh Karkaria and Alex Mekovsky (Hampton), Benjamin Zou (North Allegheny). Juniors Marvin Posadas and Sanjay Johnson (Hampton), Dawson Skelley (Shaler, Homeschool). Sophomores Taylor Blair (Hampton), Max Romano and Aakash Kottakota (Pine-Richland), Logan Husek and Ming Chen (North Allegheny). Freshmen Ella Graham (Deer Lakes), Sabastian Pike (North Hills) and Brayden Devinney (Pine-Richland).



Ben Marcouiller

Forensics Team Makes Strong Finish

Blessed Trinity Academy's Forensics team came into this year's season as one to watch after winning the Diocesan Championship last year. This year the team had another successful season coming in 2nd out of 23 teams for the year and 4th out of 20 teams at the Diocesan Finals Tournament, which were held Saturday, March 9th at Butler Catholic. The team competed in three tournaments throughout the school year placing 2nd overall in their first tournament at St. Killian, 1st in their second tournament at East Catholic, and 2nd in their final regular season tournament at Holy Trinity. For the Finals Competition the team is only allowed to bring 10 students, who are allowed to compete in only one category and read their piece only one time.



Bottom Row L to R: Ben Kandravý finished 2nd in prose, Anthony Zavolta finished 2nd in prose, Sophie Neelan finished 1st in poetry, Sarah Stevens finished 3rd in prose, Madeline Meier finished 2nd in impromptu.

Top Row L to R: Mia Flaherty finished 2nd in declamation, Elisa Tolomeo finished 1st place in poetry, Jordan Dilleý finished 1st in poetry, Claire Stevens finished 1st in drama, Liam Shields finished 1st in drama.



Congratulations to the winners of the 7th Annual Hampton Community Library Trivia Night: Team Comrade Collusion (Friends of Russia)

Front Row: Jason Kikel, Lee Kikel, Anita Napierkowski, Sydney Napierkowski, Parker Napierkowski, Ashley Woss **Back Row:** John Kikel, Kenneth Napierkowski, Brandon Starr, Peter Bergman

Avondolia

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At the foundation of her educational philosophy is a belief that all people should be able to access information, ask questions, problem solve, reflect, collaborate and utilize tools to amplify their voices/

and when necessary, make a mess! It has been very exciting working with families during our fall and winter story times, which will continue through the spring and summer (Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10:15-10). Parachute dance party (Tuesday 11:00-11:30) is really keeping me on my toes with all the singing and playing, although our regular patrons will note that the Bubble Machine has become quite obstreperous and often refuses to cooperate. A new program we have had a lot of really great feedback is the Stay-n-Play

(Wednesdays 10:45-11:30). After story time, children and caregivers are invited to play cooperative learning games and explore lots of wonderful toys. It has been great seeing children and their caregivers start to form a tight bond of friendship and support!"

Annie further explains, "We also started Play K (Fridays from 10:00-11:15) a program designed to give preschoolers an opportunity to practice school readiness skills. We still have a few more spots available in the second session, starting in mid-April; information is linked to our website/please register in-person at the library. We also enjoyed a special story time with local author, Nancy Douglass in February and she donated a copy of her new book "Snook-a-Pie Gets Adopted" to our collection. March Madness will be coming to an end this weekend, and we will find out who will win our book tournament: the final faceoff between "The Cat in the Hat" and "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish". (Come in to the library and cast your vote before Saturday!) Be sure to check our calendar and website for upcoming events including *Love Your Library Week, May the Fourth Be With You!*"

Annie is super excited to start planning summer activities, including the summer reading program, Pirate Tales, camps, lunch book buddies, pop-up maker space and campfire story times. Also, she thanks everyone in the community who have helped to make her first 6 months full of laughter and learning! Next time you are at the community center, pop in and say hello!



Annie Avondolia and friends

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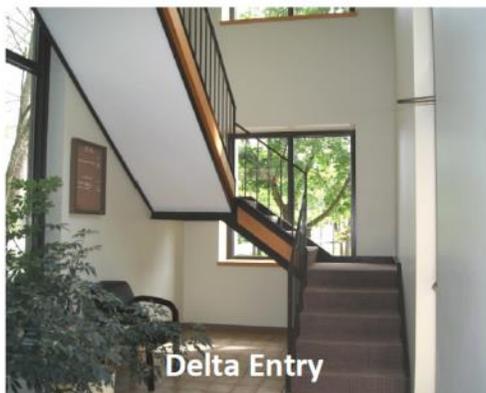


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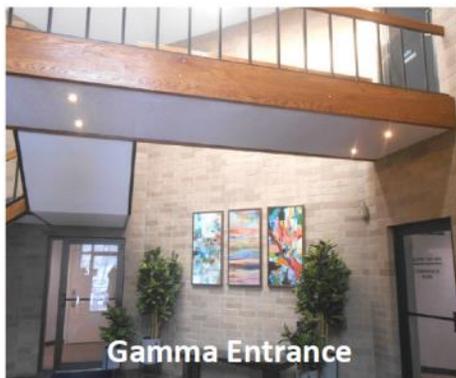
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Free Breakfast for Senior Citizens

Reservations are being accepted for the annual Swing Into Spring Senior Citizens Breakfast. The free breakfast is open to Hampton Township senior citizens and is being held from 8:15 to 10 a.m. on Friday, April 5th at the Hampton Middle School, 4589 School Drive, Allison Park.

Breakfast will be prepared and served by the students of the Hampton Middle School Breakfast Café program. Entertainment from the Middle School Jazz Band and theater arts program will follow the breakfast.

Reservations are required. To R.S.V.P. for the event, please call 412-492-6355 during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Guests attending the event are reminded not to arrive prior to 8:15 a.m. to allow time for student drop off that morning. Parking is located in the front of the school and assistance is available for handicapped guests.

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A Well Deserved Honor

by June Gravitte

On Monday, March 18th, Hampton High School Teacher Ryan Scott was presented with an "All Star Teacher" award. He was selected from the Pittsburgh Pirates Foundation based on the strength of a fellow teacher's nomination, Mr. Scott Stickney. As part of his recognition, representatives from the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Pirate Brigade, along with representatives from Chevron, made a surprise visit to the school to announce the award. In addition to the visit, he will be recognized on the jumbotron at PNC Park during the month of April, as well as on the field on April 7th and invited to watch the game from a suite with his family and

other winners of the All Star Teacher awards in 2019. Mr. Scott received a \$1,000 donation for his use in the classroom, gifts for his students, a custom Pirates jersey and other prizes from the All Star Teachers Program partners.



Technology teacher Ryan Scott celebrated receiving the All Star Teacher award with students

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Hampton School Board Recognized

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The award will be presented at the 71st Annual School Board and Distinguished Educator Banquet on March 7, 2019 at the Edgewood Country Club, Pittsburgh.

The Board was nominated for the award by Superintendent

Dr. Michael Loughead. "Since coming to Hampton nearly three years ago, I have been impressed with the individuals who serve on our Board, and with their cooperation and dedication to advancing the Tradition of Excellence at Hampton. Each one focuses solely on the betterment of the School District and are motivated to serve the entire Hampton community."

The Tri-State Area School Study Council was founded in 1948 by Dr. Maurice Thomas. The primary mission of the council is to seek ways to increase organizational capacity in schools through problem-solving, technical service and staff development so all students will be better prepared to make contributions to both



Left to right: Board members Denise Balason, Lawrence Vasko, Robert Shages, Gail Litwiler and Jill Hamlin (Board VP). Holding the plaque is Dr. Diane Kirk of the Tri-State Area School Study Council, presenting the award to Board President Bryant Wesley. Dr. Loughead is on the far right next to Mr. Wesley.

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democratic society and the world community. The D. Richard Wynn Award was commissioned during the 1988-89 school year to symbolize the contributions of Dr. D. Richard Wynn, who was the executive secretary of Tri State from 1974 to 1980.

"The stability and longevity of this Board, and their ability to carefully consider all sides of a situation to make the decisions that are in the best interest of our students, is what makes this Board worthy of this distinction," said Dr. Loughead.

Hampton Township School District works collaboratively with the community to support all children in becoming creative and innovative problem-solvers and communicators. The District maintains high expectations by furthering our tradition of excellence as our students develop the knowledge, character and integrity to impact the world.

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Nativity Lutheran Church Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 14th - 10:15 a.m.
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February 2019, Chief John Schwend

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Other	1
Residential Fire Alarm	4
Residential Structure Fire	9
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	5
Vehicle Fire	1
Wires down or on Fire	11
Total Incidents for the Month	45
Total Incidents for 2019	84

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD was dispatched to the report of a kitchen fire on Stella Drive. Crews made quick entry and were able to contain the fire to the kitchen area. Crews assisted with ventilation and salvage and overhaul.
- NHVFD was dispatched to the report of a patio home on fire on Red Oak Court. Crews arrived on scene to find fire through the roof in the rear of the structure. Crews worked to contain the fire to the building of origin and extinguished the fire. Units remained on scene for the fire marshal to arrive.
- NHVFD was dispatched for twenty calls over a two day period for heavy winds including wires down, fire police calls and fire alarms.
- NHVFD responded to five chimney fires in February. Residents are reminded to have their chimneys cleaned at least annually and to only burn proper wood in their fireplaces.

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Traffic Incident

 On March 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., a Hampton Township officer came across a vehicle that was over an embankment near East Bardonner Road. The vehicle operator stated that they were attempting to back out of a parking space when their vehicle went over the embankment. The vehicle became stuck, was partially blocking East Bardonner Road, and had to be removed from the hillside by a tow truck.

Vehicle Accident

 On March 6, 2019 at 7:22 a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Route 8, near Anderson Drive, for a two vehicle collision. One vehicle was blocking a portion of Route 8, and the other vehicle had been moved onto Anderson Drive. Both involved parties were transported to the hospital by ambulance

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Pennsylvania House of Representatives

MONTHLY INFORMATION

State Rep. Lori Mizgorski to Host Legislative Open House on Friday, April 12th

State Rep. Lori Mizgorski will host a Legislative Open House at her district office at Castletown Square

South Office Bldg., 4284 William Flinn Hwy, Suite 105 in Hampton Twp. on Friday, April 12th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Information on legislative issues will be available and residents will have an opportunity to visit with Rep. Mizgorski and her staff. Light refreshments will be served.

State Rep. Lori Mizgorski to Host Seniors For Safe Driving Refresher Course on Thursday, April 25th

State Rep. Lori Mizgorski will host a **One Day Refresher Course** on Thursday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Training Room at Shaler Township Municipal Bldg., 300 Wetzel Road, Glenshaw.

Seniors For Safe Driving is a PennDOT approved business offering mature driver improvement courses. The courses are for drivers 55 years of age or older, and the fee is \$16.00 payable to Seniors For Safe Driving. Participants, who complete the course, will receive a minimum five percent discount on their auto insurance as require by State law. Refresher courses are required every three years after the "first time" course. No exam will be given, and the course is classroom instruction only.

The **First Time Senior Course** will be hosted by Rep. Mizgorski on Thursday, July 18th and Friday July 19th from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Northern Tier Library 4015 Dickey Road Gibsonia.

To register, call 1-800-559-4880 or go online to www.sfsd-pa.com.



Odyssey

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to create a skit with special effects that included two factions that got into an argument and a villain character who escalates the argument. The Wyland grade 3-5 team competed in a balsa building problem with a carnival theme in which they had to toss a structure made of only balsa wood and glue over a line, keep it intact, then place weights on it until it crushes while performing a skit. The Wyland balsa team took first place in their division and will go to the state tournament in the Poconos on April 6th. Team members in the picture are, from left to right: Coach Colleen Turcsanyi, Giovanni Valenti, Braden Krysinski, Levi White, Andy Yu, Caroline Sullivan, Teagan Turcsanyi, and Ashley Rothenberg. This is the third year in a row that Wyland's balsa teams have placed at the regional and gone to the state tournament. This year, the Wyland Balsa team is sponsored by SSI People, www.ssipeople.com.

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Police Log

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and personal vehicle. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and had to be towed from the scene. The accident occurred when one vehicle was traveling south on Route 8 and was stopped to turn left onto Anderson Drive. As the vehicle began to turn, it was struck from behind.

 On March 12, 2019 at 5:10 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Mount Royal Boulevard for a single vehicle accident involving a utility pole. The vehicle was reported to be smoking. Upon the officers' arrival, they located the vehicle in question resting against a telephone pole with heavy front-end damage. The operator had sustained injuries during the crash, and medics responded to the scene. The operator had lost control of the vehicle around a bend in the roadway, struck a mailbox and then struck a telephone pole. The operator was transported to the hospital by ambulance and the vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to extensive damage.

 On March 17, 2019 at 6:08 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to West Hardies Road, at Oak Hill Road, for a two-vehicle accident with entrapment. Upon the responding officer's arrival, both vehicle operators were found to be out of their vehicles. The accident occurred when one vehicle was stopped in the east bound lane, waiting to turn left onto Oak Hill Road when the vehicle was rear-ended. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and had to be towed from the scene. One operator was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

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Swimming



Ethan Apaliski

Others: Isabella Donato, Lydia Quaglia, Emily Berkebe, Ansley Haugh, Joe Fish, and Davis Gindelsperger.

went on to break 200 points in a meet, qualify for WPIALS and then he broke the HHS boys diving record. Ethan and Coach Keith Hart, quickly got busy working on 11 total dives in the unlikely chance that he would make it to the final round at WPIALS...which he did! Ethan ended up placing 15th out of all the AAA boy divers in the Pittsburgh area. Ethan remarked, "It was a great experience. I'm really looking forward to learning bigger dives and working on my technique for next season." Other individual and relay swimmers were Richie Donato, Will Retsch, Matt Belch, Rosy Oh, Lia Appel. Relay only swimmers:

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Drew Scheib

Boy Scout Troop Celebrates 90 Years

by Tina Harper

To recognize and appreciate Troop 17's longevity, activity, and camaraderie, a celebration for the 90th anniversary will be held Saturday, May 25, 2019. Troop 17 alumni are invited to the celebration.

The Scouts are planning the 90th anniversary celebration, including hosting activities where current and alumni Scouts can test their scout

skills and engage in friendly competition. The Scouts are also designing the event patch.

In April, Troop 17 has two trips planned, one touring Washington, DC and the other participating in the annual field sports weekend, where Scouts go fishing and target shooting.

We'd like to honor the oldest living Scout or Scouter connected to Troop 17. If you think you're it or know someone who might be, please contact the committee at troop17is90@gmail.com.



Troop 17 in Washington, D.C. in 2014

Hues & Harmony Fine Arts Festival held on March 19th and 20th, 2019



Ruth Madden pottery



4th Grade Faces



Megan Roth (left) & Regan Edgerton

Band

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rade draws over 2 million spectators annually.

The parade began on East 46th Street and the 176 band members marched up 5th Avenue all the way to East 80th Street. They passed famous sites along the ways such as Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Thomas Church, Trump Tower, The Consulate of France, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Temperatures were mild in the 50's but there was a strong gusty wind that made the color guards' flags wave.

Friday was spent visiting noted sights. In the morning, the group visited the 911 Memorial and Museum. All were in awe of the site and museum, which covers 8 acres. Lunch was enjoyed at various restaurants around Times Square. The Empire State

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building hosted the afternoon tour where the students viewed Manhattan from the observatory on the main deck of the 86th floor. Dinner was enjoyed by all at the Hard Rock Cafe. In the evening, the band group split up to take in a Broadway show. Choices were made in January and some students had tickets to see *Dear Evan Hansen* while others enjoyed *The Lion King*.

It was a whirlwind trip as the students departed NYC Sunday morning and returned to Hampton Sunday afternoon. Each year the band performs at a different event. Next years' trip has not yet been announced.



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Upcoming Events



The 12th Annual Recycle Rama will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 9 – 12. Electronics recycled for free along with many other items.

Access the flyer under Community Links on the HTSD website: <http://www.htsd.org> or the Hampton Township website at <http://www.hampton-pa.org/275/Recycle-Rama>

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The Township of Hampton is accepting applications from farmers and vendors for the Farmers Market which is scheduled to begin June 2019. Farm fresh produce, homemade items, baked goods, jams/jellies, are just some of the items as potential offerings. The market, which will take place on the Community Park in Hampton Township, will operate on Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. The market is a rain or shine event that continues through mid-October (no market July 3).

A recent poll by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) concluded over 85% of Americans believe access to locally grown fresh produce, including farmers markets, is important. The Hampton Township Farmers Market allows consumers to have access to locally grown, farm fresh produce, and homemade or fresh baked goods.

Interested vendors are welcome to contact the Dept. of Community Services at 412-487-7870 or email bill.ryder@hampton-pa.org to obtain a vendor application.



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