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## An Overwhelming Response for a Local Hero

by Jenn Edmonds

There has been an outpouring of support for Hampton Township police officer Sgt. Rob Kirsopp and his family since his cancer diagnosis, but it reached new heights at the It's About the Warrior Foundation (IATW) Cabin Fever Concert, held at Jergels on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The benefit concert featured camaraderie, music, food,

raffles and lots of generous people. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, Steve Monteleone, founder of IATW and the Cabin Fever event organizer, presented Kirsopp's family with a check for \$18,000 in front of a full house of officers, first responders, and community members at the Hampton Community Center.

"To say my family and I are overwhelmed is an understatement," said Kirsopp. "You have hearts of gold and I don't know how I could ever repay it." Kirsopp, who has been fighting his cancer battle for 5 years, was joined for the check presentation by his wife Roz, his son Ray,

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Pictured are several friends and colleagues that showed up for the check presentation for the Kirsopp family.

### Hues & Harmony Celebrates the Arts

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Showcasing artwork and music from Hampton students, this year's Hues & Harmony two-night event at Hampton High School created an art gallery of works from students across the district. The HHS walls were papered with paintings and drawings while display cases held sculptures and jewelry, all from the imaginations of Hampton students.

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### Plenty of "Firsts" for Wrestler

by Jenn Edmonds

You may have seen the McDonald's sign on Route 8 congratulating Hampton High School senior Isabella McNutt on her wrestling victory. She made history by claiming gold in the very first sanctioned WPIAL girls' wrestling championship on February 17<sup>th</sup>, pinning both of her opponents, and her accomplishments don't stop there. McNutt became the first female wrestler in Hampton school history to capture a WPIAL championship and was the first female wrestler to medal at the Chartiers-Houston tournament

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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 2/13/2024—3/6/2024:

### Two-Vehicle Accident/DUI

On March 5, 2024, HTP was dispatched to the area of Oakbrook Court and Ferguson Road, for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers observed the aftermath of a head-on collision between two vehicles.

The accident was said to have happened when Unit 1 attempted to turn left from Middle Rd. onto Oakbrook Ct. directly in the path of Unit 2, causing the vehicles to collide.

Both drivers were evaluated by Shaler-Hampton EMS and refused transportation to the hospital. Due to the severity of the accident, both units required a tow.

The driver of Unit 1 was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving while under the influence.

### Vehicle Accident

On March 1, 2024, HTP units responded to the area of Harts Run Rd. and Woodland Rd. for a report of a vehicle accident involving one vehicle that rolled over and was upside down in the creek. Upon arrival, officers found that

there was an occupant trapped inside the vehicle who they assisted in getting out through the rear driver-side door. The driver was transported to the hospital for further evaluation due to the severity of the accident. Officers surveyed the scene and found a patch of ice on the roadway caused by water runoff.

On March 6, 2024, HTP was dispatched to the intersection of Mount Royal Boulevard and Duncan Avenue for a single-vehicle rollover-style crash. The accident was said to have happened when the driver attempted to make a left turn from Duncan Avenue onto Mount Royal Boulevard and lost control. The driver did not complain of any injuries and refused medical transport.

### Residential Fire

On March 6, 2024, HTP was dispatched to Cross Creek Ct. for a residential house fire.

Upon arrival, all parties were outside the residence. Fire units advised the fire was most likely started by a faulty electrical outlet or wire in the storage room.

### Suspicious Person, Autos, Circumstances

On March 4, 2024, a resident reported a suspicious person. Officers responded and contacted the individual who advised he was

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**Kirsopp**

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and his daughter Rachel. His son Robbie could not attend as he is serving with the Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne stationed in Ft. Liberty, North Carolina.

Kirsopp told the story of how he initially found Hampton Township through a job posting and explained, "This is the golden

goose. I found it. I loved it. You helped me make a family here. You became my family and I appreciate it." Kirsopp also credited Monteleone and his organization for stepping up to help his family.

About 550 people attended the benefit concert. So many, in fact, that Jergels had to open the balcony to accommodate everyone. "The plethora of people coming through the door was overwhelming and outstanding," said Monteleone. "It was emotional when Rob spoke to the crowd with his twin brother beside

him. You could tell the overwhelming respect, love, and support they (the crowd) have for Rob." Monteleone presented a signed Mario Lemieux jersey to Kirsopp on stage at Jergels and the lucky 50/50 winner came home with \$2,000.

Monteleone thanked performers Morgan Gruber, Christian Beck, the Alt Rocks, and emcee Chad Tyson from WDVE for donating their time and talents. Additional thanks go to Mike Dorsch from Northern Regional Police Department, Rachel from Jergels, Patrick Jardini from the Sweetwater Cottage Band and all of the volunteers that did everything from getting basket donations to selling raffle tickets at the event.



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### It's a Spring-Wonder 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, Wednesdays and Thursdays\*

April 2<sup>nd</sup> thru May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Sew Hampton!

**Wednesdays, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> -6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

Do you like to sew, crochet, stitch? Join a bunch of creative friends to gather together to learn and sew! All sewing welcome (quilts, clothing, embroidery, etc) Please bring your machine or tools for hand sewing. Pressing station and extension cords for small machines will be provided.

### News and Views! First Fridays!

**Fridays, April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 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.

### Scrapbooking! No April session!

**We'll be back on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Are you new to scrapbooking or maybe got away from it and looking for a reboot?

This is the day for you. Come join us and scrap to your hearts

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## The Winners of Hampton Community Library's Annual Trivia Night held on Friday, March 1, 2024 were the Book Moms:

From left to right: Elizabeth Spoust, Angela Foote, Megan Youhouse, Barbara Weiderspahn, Lauren Kornick, and Hilary Garbon





## Library

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content! Marie Golio from Creative Memories will be here to share, teach, and support fellow scrapbookers and their goals! No need to register, class will be in the library!

### **Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion** **Wed, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

***Everyone Here is Lying*, by Shari Lapena**

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

### **Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group**

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.** ***City of Girls*, by Elizabeth Gilbert**

Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

### **Cooks-N-Books: Foodie Fan Favorite!**

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.**

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for people who love to cook and make new friends! No real experience or culinary expertise is needed- just a desire to share recipes and food!! We meet in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

- 1) Check out a cookbook or magazines from the library.
- 2) Cook that dish and bring it to the group the evening of the discussion. Please bring a copy of the recipe as well.
- 3) Sample all of the amazing recipes!

Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

## Children's Hospital Receives THON 2024 Proceeds

Hampton students along with the Hampton community raised \$38,929.44! All proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research and treatment at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



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## A Student Collaboration

This winter, students from all grade levels at Hampton Middle School had the opportunity to work with an artist-in-residence for a mural that will be displayed on opposing sides of the HMS courtyard. This grant was one of multiple provided by the Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE). Students took part in the design and development of the mural with the help of artist Alison Zapata, using the funds provided from the grant.

The organization, composed of 20 board members, fundraises with the intent to use monies received to enrich the lives of Hampton Township School District students beyond the traditional academic curriculum. The request for this project, spearheaded by Ms. Lisa Woods, was made in December 2023 after seeing the success of the student-led mural also done at HMS in coordination with the Light Initiative and artist Amanda Lynn.

Both opportunities allowed for students to step outside the confines of the classroom and bring art to life in a meaningful and lasting way.

HAEE – through donations, race sponsorships, and other community contributions – has been able to provide \$13,000 in funding for the 2023-24 school year as of March with more to come before the school year ends.

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## Odyssey of the Mind Scholarship

Jeremiah Bennett, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Commonwealth Charter Academy and A.W. Beattie Career Center and resident of Allison Park, was named the recipient of the Western PA Odyssey of the Mind 2024 Paul H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Jeremiah participated in Odyssey of the Mind in Western PA for five years and his participation in the program inspired him to pursue a career in engineering. Jeremiah is currently studying in the robotics engineering technology program at A.W. Beattie. Jeremiah will be pursuing a degree in Mechatronics and Electrical Engineering. Mr. Dunn was a structural engineer and long-time volunteer in the Western PA Odyssey of the Mind program. For more information about the Odyssey of the Mind program in Western PA, visit [wpaodyssey.org](http://wpaodyssey.org).



Jeremiah Bennett with Mrs. Linda Dunn and Mr. Ed Wilson, current Western PA Problem Captain for Structure.

## Beattie Students Heading to Pitt

by Shawn Annarelli

Congratulations to HHS seniors Katie Bishoff and Alyssa Lauria who earned early acceptance into Pitt's Dental Hygiene School!

"I am excited to be accepted into Pitt's Dental Hygiene School because that's what I've been working toward for the three years that I've been in Beattie's Dental program, Katie said. Katie and Alyssa are both in their

third-year at A.W. Beattie's Dental Career program. "Pitt is known for being a great medical school, and I've seen their clinical experiences," Alyssa said. "It's a hands-on, fast paced environment. I can be there for two years as opposed to four years at some other universities."

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



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## HMS Student Wins State Chess Championship

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Chalk up another first for HMS seventh grader Benjamin Lin! No stranger to competition, Ben frequently travels around the country with his father to participate in chess tournaments that test his skills against the best of the best among his peers. Last month in Harrisburg, Ben earned his biggest victory to date, besting all competitors to earn the title of State Middle School Chess Champion at the 2024 Pennsylvania State Scholastic Chess Championship. The two-day tournament pitted 46 players against each other in the K-8 Open section, and each competitor played five games. Entering the tournament as the No. 2 seed, Ben won his first four games, and managed to draw the No. 1 seed in the final round, securing the first place by a tiebreaker.

As champion, Ben will represent Pennsylvania at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions in Norfolk, Virginia, this summer (July 27-30, 2024). Smiling from ear to ear as he carried home a trophy that stands half his height, Ben is thrilled to have achieved this milestone in his chess journey. He looks forward to the national competition in July, hoping to bring even more hardware home to Hampton.



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Katie Bishoff and Alyssa Lauria



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## Shakespeare Competition's Showcase of Finalists

by Michael Burchill

Nine Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh students qualified for the Pittsburgh Public Theater's Showcase of Finalists in two scenes. The students performed live at the O'Reilly Theater on February 26. Fifth graders Theodore Burchill (Cassius), Nicholas Crawford (Messenger), Ethan Mullican (Brutus), John Paul Richthammer (Antony), and Luke Roney (Octavius) qualified in the Lower Scene Division for their portrayal from *Julius Caesar* Act V, Scene I. Alice Dingle (9<sup>th</sup> grade, Caliban), Ashlin Knox (11<sup>th</sup> grade, Ariel), John Ortiz (11<sup>th</sup> grade, Trinculo) and Elizabeth Swift (12<sup>th</sup> grade, Stephano) qualified in



Lower Division Scene Finalists: Left to Right - Nicholas Crawford, Ethan Mullican, Theodore Burchill, John Paul Richthammer, and Luke Roney

the Upper Scene Division for their portrayal from *The Tempest* Act III, Scene II.

"More than 800 area students from more than 70 schools competed in the preliminary rounds of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest at Pittsburgh Public Theater. Teams of judges evaluated each participant." Five finalists were selected in the four categories. Students in grades 8 – 12

competed in the Upper Division while grades 4 – 7 competed in the Lower Division. Aquinas Academy sent 15 high school students (4 scenes and 3 monologues), 28 middle school students (10 scenes and 2 monologues), and 15 fifth grade students (3 scenes and 2 monologues) to the preliminary rounds. The following Aquinas students received Honorable Mention recognition for their scenes

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## Chess Players Capture Six Awards

Six Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh students won awards at the Aquinas Chess Invitational Tournament. The tournament was held on a Saturday afternoon in early March. One hundred and seventy students in grades K-12, representing twenty-five schools, competed at six levels (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12). The tournament was unrated and open to beginners. Every participant played four or five games in a Swiss-system format.

The top six students in each division took home a trophy (top three finishers) or medal (fourth - sixth place finishers). The following six students from Aquinas took home awards: K - 2 Division - Jack Hannon (4<sup>th</sup> place) and Vincent Marcenelle (6<sup>th</sup> place); 3 - 4 Division - Daniel Austin (6<sup>th</sup> place); 7 - 8 Division - Ogden Pribich (6<sup>th</sup> place); 9- 12 Division - Alexander Beaven (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Jonah Burchill (4<sup>th</sup> place).

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh is Southwestern Pennsylvania's only independent K-12 Catholic school.

*Pictured Right: Back Row (left to right) - Alexander Beaven, Ogden Pribich, and Jonah Burchill  
Front Row (left to right): Vincent Marcenelle, Daniel Austin, and John Hannon*



## Shakespeare

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and monologues: Lower School Monologue: Thomas Lee from *Macbeth*

Lower School Scenes: Gabrielle Boright and Rebecca Bird from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Garvin Whetzel and Peter Dolan from *Two Gentlemen of Verona*

Upper Division Scenes: Felicity and Peter Koble from *Romeo and Juliet*; Victoria Lee and Onè Sihlangu from *As You Like It*; and Alexandra Swift and Lillian O'Neill from *Hamlet*.



*Upper Division Scene Finalists Left to Right - Alice Dingle, Elizabeth Swift, Ashlin Knox, and John Ortiz*



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4221 Timberlane Drive	\$419,000	\$430,000	139
3190 Morningside Drive	\$399,000	\$385,000	7
2549 Red Oak Court	\$409,900	\$385,000	113
4070 Tall Timber Drive	\$300,000	\$375,000	4
3885 Bonita Drive	\$324,900	\$330,000	4
4011 Forest Avenue	\$230,000	\$235,000	21
2531 Wildwood Road	\$239,900	\$218,000	10
3120 Camberly Drive	\$189,000	\$192,000	1

## TIP OF THE MONTH:

### Clean air and spring cleaning go hand in hand this month.

More allergens are floating around in the air this time of year, and you'll want to prepare your home with a routine air conditioning tune-up before the temperatures rise and you'll switch from heat to AC. If you have an outdoor pool, this is a great time to prepare for the swimming season with a routine check-up to make sure all systems are a go.

Change HVAC and furnace filters every three months (quarterly on average, and more often if you have allergies, are frequently using the fireplace, have pets that shed, etc.).

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## Hues & Harmony

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Each piece on display—whether in paint, pastel, plaster, papier mache, pottery, or mixed media—was as unique as its creator, giving the high school a museum feel as guests explored. Musically, performers from the HMS and HHS jazz bands, the Talbot Chamber Orchestra, HHS Honors Orchestra, the HHS concert choir, the Poff woodwind and percussion ensemble, and piano soloists kept patrons entertained, showcasing the range of music created all year by Hampton students.



Several visual art students earned recognition from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, a century-old competition whose notable alumni include the likes of Andy Warhol and Stephen King. HHS senior Amanda Elstner and junior Olivia Hoffman earned accolades for several works, including a total of three prestigious Gold Key awards, which is the highest honor awarded at the regional level.

Gold Key works automatically advance to national judging in New York City, where creative professionals will single out winners for national recognition.

The event required expert direction paired with hours of dedication, from both organizers and participants. All faculty members of the art and music departments took part, with Visual Arts Department Chair Lisa Woods, Music Department Chair Sean Desguin, and Dr. Jackie Removcik, Assistant to the Superintendent, handling much of the organizational logistics.

Ms. Woods acknowledged all who participated, explaining, "We really wanted to create a celebration of all the arts in its many forms, from performing arts to visual arts. It's been a lot of collaborative work, and we're extremely proud of our students."

## Gold Key award winners



HHS senior, Amanda Elstner HHS junior, Olivia Hoffman





## Basketball Shooting Contest

The Hampton Township Youth Basketball League held a fun shooting contest for its players at the end of the season. All of the players were invited to participate with the top players from teams moving on to the division finals.

A total of 30 players participated in the divisional finals on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Pictured Right:  
Boys Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Left to right:  
Truman Dranko (1<sup>st</sup> place)  
Cooper Merritt (2<sup>nd</sup> place)



Above: Boys Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> place - Colton Wetherill (left)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Andrew Barbiaux (right)



Boys Grades 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Finalists

Left to right: Christopher Foote, Jacob Moore, Logan Rampulla (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Caden Harding, Michael Ferris, Jack Sciulli (1<sup>st</sup> place)

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### Varsity Teams Recognized at Capitol

In March, the Hampton boys cross country team was honored and recognized at the State Capitol in Harrisburg for their PIAA Championship this past fall. The Hampton girls volleyball team was also honored for their WPIAL championship win and PIAA runner-up finish.

State Representative Arvind Venkat's office sent these photos for our community to recognize these young athletes! "It was wonderful to welcome to the State Capitol Hampton High School championship teams for Girls Volleyball and Boys Cross Country. Representative Rob Mercuri and I were happy to present them with citations on the House floor."



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## Wrestler

in its 29-year existence.

"Those definitely felt like big accomplishments and I was excited to have made history during the girls' inaugural season," said McNutt. After a big win, McNutt and her coach, Nick Endres, share a Mountain Dew, a tradition between the two of them that they started last year before States. McNutt finished the season with a 15-20 record.

She grew up doing martial arts, since the age of four, and as a sophomore began wrestling for the high school team. "I've always had a passion for these kinds of sports because it's always felt natural in a way. Signing up for wrestling seemed like a good choice for me in the long run," explained McNutt. Because there aren't girls on many of the teams, McNutt typically wrestles boys during the regular season but only competes against other girls in the post-season.

"I like the competition aspect of wrestling. You are the only one that goes out there on the mat against your opponent and it's up to you to give the match everything you have in that moment," said McNutt. "The training and practices aren't easy, and it's satisfying to know that all of your hard work pays off once your hand is raised."

McNutt credits her coaches and teammates with being very supportive. "I owe them a lot. If it weren't for them training and preparing me in the right ways for these tournaments, I probably wouldn't have been able to have these great accomplishments."

Isabella's family includes her mom, Becky, her dad Don, and her dog Argos. She will wrestle at Gannon University in the fall. She is not sure what she will major in but may decide to pursue a career in exercise science or nutrition.



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Isabella McNutt, the WPIAL Girls Wrestling Individual Champion

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## The Caring Cabinet

by Heather Brown

“Students who have all of their needs met are statistically more likely to focus on learning than those who do not have those same needs met.” Malea O’Neill, senior Advertising Design student from A.W. Beattie Career Center explained. “The goal of our Caring Cabinet project is



Tanner Mayne working on the cabinet

to help alleviate some of those needs to allow our student body to truly focus on becoming young professionals.”

Even in the North Hills region of Pittsburgh, there is often a silent need among high school students who are not as well-off as those around them. Many times these needs go unnoticed and unfulfilled. Three students on A.W. Beattie Career Center’s SkillsUSA Community Service team are attempting to change that. Malea O’Neill, Tanner Mayne, and Billy Schaeffer have spearheaded a project aimed at providing basic necessities, things many of us take for granted, to high school students from nine area school districts, including those who attend from Hampton Township School District.

Their “Caring Cabinet” project will be an additional resource for students in need of personal hygiene items, shelf-stable meals and snacks. Small zippered pouches of grab-and-go toiletries and drawstring bags of weekend needs will be available to all students without cost or judgement.



Left to right: Malea O’Neill, Billy Schaeffer and Tanner Mayne

## Meet Jacqueline Kostecki, Senior Medical Assistant, at the UPMC Outpatient Center in Hampton

Jacqueline Kostecki, senior medical assistant, began at UPMC in 2019. “When I moved here with my husband, I had the option of being a manager at chain restaurant or working at a personal care home,” said Kostecki. “I decided to give healthcare a try, and now I know this was where I was meant to be.”

As a senior medical assistant, Kostecki brings patients to their rooms, reviews medications, and gets them ready to see the doctor. “When COVID-19 hit, I hadn’t been here for a full year yet. It was moving to witness our team coming together in times where we were scared,” said Kostecki. “We worked for the greater good, not only for our patients and the Hampton community, but for each other too.” She remembered another day when the team had to work to-

gether quickly. “A man drove into our picnic tables after experiencing a medical emergency while driving. We were able to care for him immediately.”

“Hampton is a lively community, but I always want to be there for the small-town man,” said Kostecki. The UPMC Outpatient Center in Hampton, conveniently located in between UPMC Passavant and UPMC St. Margaret, offers world-class care closer to home for the residents of Hampton, Allison Park, and surrounding communities. Outside of work, Kostecki loves to travel. She can often be found camping in New York or spending a summer at Outer Banks.



### Community Easter Egg Hunt



## Navigating your Child's Orthodontic Journey


by Dr. Joe Stofko, Orthodontist at Smiles of North Hills


Have you considered whether your child needs orthodontic treatment and when treatment should begin? The evolution of orthodontic treatment has changed dramatically through the years. Forty years ago, it was common for patients to receive braces in late high school after growth was mostly complete. Treatment then mostly changed to being provided during the pubertal growth spurt generally during seventh and eighth grades. Today's recommendation by the American Association of Orthodontists has now evolved to screening patients at age 7 or younger for cross bites, large over bites, under bites, thumb habits, and tooth eruption disturbances. Orthodontics is its own dental specialty where orthodontists can decide how aggressive to recommend orthodontic treatment versus letting nature take its course to see if teeth may somewhat straighten naturally as the child grows. As the number of orthodontic patients has grown, so has the number of orthodontic techniques. It can be daunting for a parent to navigate between expanders, braces, clear aligners, and myofunctional therapy.

There is no doubt that phase 1 orthodontic treatment between age 4 to 9 will reveal dramatically different cosmetic results, but are these treatments necessary for the majority of children, or are many of these early treatment recommendations optional? I am happy to have a candid discussion about your child's treatment options as each child's case is unique. Please call my office for free consultation and evaluation.

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### Police Log

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participating in the Hampton High School "Assassin" games. The individual was advised to be careful in how he was acting. The individual was apologetic and left the area without an issue.

**The following companies have been issued Township Solicitation Permits:** Renew by Andersen from 2/26/24 to 3/30/24, Trinity Solar from 3/6/24 to 4/6/24, and TruGreen from 3/14/24 to 4/13/24. Each company has been given a copy of the Township's "No Solicitation List" which is maintained by the Police Department.

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Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery and retail store, co-owned by Christian Kahle and Joe Kiewra, originated in Millvale in 2020 and has found their niche in the industry and, fortunately for us, now in our neck of the woods. The distillery features Head Distiller Joe Jackson.

Due to his masterful creations, Joe Jackson had been approached by Digger Manes of the reality show *Moonshiners* and asked to appear on the show. Joe is a self-proclaimed hobbyist who left a successful career to become a producer of high-grade spirits. He partnered with Lucky Sign to lead their distilling production. His own line of pre-prohibition style spirits entitled Honest Hillbilly is featured at Lucky Sign Spirits along with their gin, whiskey, vodka and other home-made



*Joe Jackson, lead distiller at Lucky Sign*

liqueurs. The spirits are produced and sold at their 50 Oak Road location in Gibsonia. In addition to the distillery’s indoor bar, they have outdoor seating which offers the opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather with friends, family and fur babies while listening to music and even enjoying their firepits.

The drink menu includes seasonal specialty cocktails, local craft beers, ciders and select spirits, their own canned cocktails, and non-alcohol options.

Drinks are crafted using locally produced mixers while snack foods from Elfinwild Farms can be purchased to enjoy with your drink. Offsite food is also welcome.

Cocktail Classes are presented by Lisa Belczyk, Bartender & Spirits & Cocktail Educator. Classes will explore the (quite interesting) history of and flavors of select spirits, including light snacks and tastings as well as one cocktail.

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## Current Events

The **North Hills Chorale's Spring Concert** "Songs Through the Decades" is a walk through the last 100 years of popular American songs, including such titles as "It Had to Be You," "That's Amore," "Yesterday," and "I Just Called to Say I Love You." On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. the concert will be presented at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, 5825 Heckert Road, Bakerstown, PA 15007. On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m., it will be presented at St. Vincent Hall, 8150 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Free-will offerings accepted.

More information is available at [www.nhchorale.com](http://www.nhchorale.com).

### Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease Research

**WHAT:** Pittsburgh "Move It" Challenge Celebration benefiting The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease Research

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Rose Barn, North Park, 10280 Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

The event will feature food trucks, bingo, basket raffles and live entertainment. Admission is free, and donations are welcome on the day of the event. Donations can also be made online anytime and will be accepted from now through the picnic on April 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information about sponsorship opportunities go to <https://fit4boxingclub.com/move-it>, and to donate visit <https://give.michaeljfox.org/fundraiser/5146023>.

## Opening Day

### Baseball and Softball in Hampton

When: Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Where: The parade starts at the Hampton Community Center 3200 Lochner Way and ends at McCully Fields to kick off the baseball and softball season!

The baseball and softball games kickoff at noon!

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## Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Roundtable

"The Life of General William T. Sherman" presented by Derek Maxfield.

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Hampton Township Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park.

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## Current Events

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“Let’s Go Crazy,” April 19-21, 2024 at the Ross Township Community Center, located at 1000 Ross Municipal Drive (15237). Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 12 noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 and there is free parking.

Quilts of all types and sizes will be on display with an emphasis on items made using the Crazy Quilting technique. This technique lends itself to all kinds of artistic and interesting projects. Additionally there will be a full-size bed quilt raffle, specialty vendors, raffles baskets and a Treasure Chest Room with fabric and other quilting “finds.” We will also have daily Walk and Talk with a Certified Quilt Show Judge sharing insight into what gave the winning quilts their edge. Visit <http://www.npgq.org/> for more information.

### Hampton Township Community Clean-Up Day

REGISTRATION IS SUSPENDED!

Due to overwhelming response and public safety purposes, the registration to volunteer is suspended.

Thank you to those that registered early

-See you on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

## Giveaway

Enter To Win A Rain Barrel!

Deadline April 15, 2024 (winners will be notified 4/16)

The Township of Hampton is giving away two rain barrels! Spring is here and what can you do with some of that rain-water runoff from your gutters and downspouts? It can be used for watering gardens, washing cars, or for other multitude of needs for water outside the home.

There are two ways to register to win; stop by the Hampton Community Center to see one of the rain barrels and fill out a registration form, or you can register on-line through the Township’s website at

[www.hampton-pa.org/rainbarrelgiveaway2024](http://www.hampton-pa.org/rainbarrelgiveaway2024).

You must be a Hampton resident, and only one registration per family. Good luck!

## Pine Creek Clean-Up

Saturday, April 13, 2024

The Hampton and Shaler Public Works Departments assist the Allison Park Sportsmen’s Club in their annual Pine Creek Clean-up Day.

The APSC is seeking volunteers to help with this event.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at the ball field parking lot opposite St. Ursula’s Church off of Duncan Avenue, Allison Park.

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## Upcoming Events

### Pink Tag Sale 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

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Come join us for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sale. Our basement is full of all the treasures you have come to expect at our sale: decor, housewares, books, toys, clothing, office supplies, small appliances, gardening items, decorations, and more. The 25 Cent Room, the jewelry boutique, the PINK-tique, ReGift Boutique, and the famous Pink Grill hot dogs are all featured at our sale. Help us to reach our goal of \$100,000 total raised to fight breast cancer. A GLIMMER OF HOPE, located right here in Pittsburgh, is the recipient of all funds raised at our sale. Help them with their quest to find the cure for breast cancer. Questions about the sale or how to donate items to the sale, please reach out to Linda Pelkofer at 412-427-7403.



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### Give Your Garden a Face-lift at Shaler Garden Club's Plant Sale

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## The Depreciation Lands Museum

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### Opening Day is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

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- Unveiling of captivating exhibits showcasing our unique history.
  - Interactive talks with passionate historians.
  - Immerse yourself in the charm of a bygone era!
- Cost: \$5 Adult \$3 Children ages 2-11

### Friendship Day is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a day of joy, connection, and history as we host Friendship Day at the museum! We are opening our doors with FREE admission for all, welcoming friends old and new to share in the wonders of our heritage.

What's Happening:

- FREE admission to explore our captivating exhibits.
- Engaging activities for families and friends.
- Historical games, storytelling, and more!
- Create lasting memories in the heart of history.

Gather your friends and loved ones for a day filled with exploration and camaraderie. Let's make memories together at the Depreciation Lands Museum.

### Adventures in Pioneer Living is June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

A camp for children who enjoy the slower pace of 18<sup>th</sup> century lifestyle, making by hand the necessities of life, and learning about how our forebears lived here at the Depreciation Lands. For children 8-12 years. Children must be 8 years old prior to the start of camp.

*Registration is required for this event. Please visit [dlmuseum.org](http://dlmuseum.org) for more information.*

### Spring Plant Sale

Greybrooke Garden Club will host a Spring Plant Sale on May 11<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at McCandless Crossing on the Town Square Green between Old Navy and Ethan Allen. Featured will be floral hanging baskets and Boston Ferns that make great gifts for Mother's Day. There will be a variety of colorful annuals available for purchase. Children may participate in a fun spring craft workshop and will be able to take their craft project home. Proceeds from this sale support the club's annual donations to conservatory groups and worthy community organizations. For general information about Greybrooke Garden Club, membership and events, visit our website at [www.greybrookegardenclub.org](http://www.greybrookegardenclub.org).

## Upcoming Events

### Recycle Rama

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 9 am—12 noon  
Hampton Community Park, 3200 Lochner Way

### Pints in The Park

May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and September 27<sup>th</sup>

### Evening Swim

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

### Firecracker 5K Hosted by Hampton Rotary

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024—Save The Date

### Christmas In July

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

### Pool Member Appreciation Day

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

### Movie Night

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:45 p.m. (after Pints In The Park)

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## Rep. Arvind Venkat

30<sup>th</sup> District  
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### Venkat Announces Grants for Emergency Responders by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

My greatest priority as State Representative for the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District is to enhance the health and safety of our community. Some of the most important people in that effort are our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services providers. Recently, I secured for more than \$28,000 in funding for first responders serving Hampton Township, including:

- \$15,000 to Shaler-Hampton Area EMS
- \$13,839.63 to the Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department No. 1.

We currently have a shortage of emergency responders, which exacerbates issues, making it take longer to responder to 911 calls. I advocated for these grants to ensure that EMS providers and firefighters in the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District have the resources they need to respond to emergencies. With these grants, our first responders can move forward with facility upgrades and new equipment as well as training and certification efforts.

As a practicing emergency physician and legislator, I understand how important it is to enact policies that will improve the safety of our communities. That’s why I support Gov. Josh Shapiro’s proposal to double the state’s investments in the Office of the State Fire Commissioner’s Fire and EMS Grant Program – which allocated these funds to Shaler-Hampton EMS and Hampton Volunteer Fire Department – so we may keep our communities safe.

Organizations may learn more about the grants available at [www.pahouse.com/venkat/News/?id=133206](http://www.pahouse.com/venkat/News/?id=133206). My staff and I are always available to help with grants or address other concerns. Please call my office at 412-348-8028 or email me at [RepVenkat@pahouse.net](mailto:RepVenkat@pahouse.net) to share with us what issues are most important to you and how we can help you with state services.



## State Senator LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS 38th Senatorial District



Senator Lindsey Williams will host “Demystifying Harrisburg” with Pennsylvania’s Consumer Advocate Patrick Cicero at the Hampton Community Center on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. The Office of the Consumer Advocate is your voice in public utility matters and this event will address issues like utility rate hikes, choosing new utility providers, filing utility complaints, and financial assistance.

Senator Williams’ Demystifying Harrisburg series takes a closer look at how Harrisburg works—or doesn’t work—for people every day. This series also seeks to provide easy steps and access points for people to get involved and engaged in what can feel like overwhelming processes.

You can watch all of the previous videos in the series on her website at [SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/DemystifyingHbg](http://SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/DemystifyingHbg).



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- Learn how to make smart utility consumer choices.
- Learn about utility assistance programs.
- Learn how to work with the OCA to file utility complaints.

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