

Hampton Heroes

by Julie Mikus

On November 6th, a beautiful blue sky and mild temperatures provided the perfect backdrop for the Hampton Heroes event at Fridley Field. Commemorating its twenty-second year, this event honors military personnel who live in or are connected to Hampton Township.

During the remarkable ceremony, students took part in music, presentations, writing letters to veterans, fundrais-

ing, and a variety of other activities.

Peyton Szramowski, a Poff Elementary student, began the ceremony with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Flags waved proudly nearby, presented by Cub Scout Pack #13 and Girl Scout Troop #16718.

To explain what Hampton heroes mean to them, students read biographies, poetry, and essays to the crowd. One stu-

dent expressed their gratitude by saying, "They protect us. They are leaders. They make the world a better place." One student spoke of her mom who serves in the Reserves, bringing tears to those in attendance.

As part of their tribute to the Hampton Heroes, the Fifth Grade Elementary Band performed "Heroes and Glory," com-

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2023 Hampton Hero Inductees: Wayne Koble, Bill Daugherty, Timothy Tocci, Mark D'Amico, Bill Marsh, Gavin Church, and Robert Kuhn

Hampton Police Annual Fight Against Cancer

by Jackie Smith

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 39.5% of men and women will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetimes. About 15,000 children/adolescents younger than 20 years and over 21,000 young adults aged 20 to 30 years are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States.

The Hampton Police Department, once

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A Story to be Told

Did you know an important part of Pittsburgh history lived right here in our neighborhood?

Her name was Cindy Kernick, and she was a highly regarded lawyer who lived in Hampton for over 30 years.

After Cindy's passing in 2022, her siblings, Rock and P.J., discovered a manuscript she had been writing on her computer—over twenty drafts of this work-in-progress, to be exact. They were unsure which direction to go with this dis-

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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 10/23/2023—11/22/2023:

Suspicious Persons, Autos, Circumstances


 On 11/11/2023, HTPD responded to the area of Orchard View and Royal View for a report of a suspicious vehicle with two individuals inside wearing masks. Upon arrival, the involved vehicle was located, a grey Dodge Ram dually, unoccupied. Upon further inspection, the individuals with masks were determined to be reflective ghost mask headrest covers on the front seats of the truck.

Drug Equipment Violation

 On 11/7/2023, at approximately 2:00 a.m., an officer observed a red Nissan pull into the Allison Park Plaza lot, shut off its lights, and park. It should be noted that there are several

closed businesses in this plaza, and no one should be parked in the lot after closing hours. Officers approached the vehicle and found a male in the driver seat and a female in the passenger seat, both seats were reclined. The male and female advised that they were going to take a nap. When officers approached the vehicle, they immediately smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. The driver gave consent to search the vehicle. While searching the vehicle, officers located a glass jar with a burnt end of a joint and a small amount of marijuana on the passenger side floor. Also, officers located two 'Swisher' wrappers that were opened and had one remaining joint in each wrapper, 5 empty 'Swisher' wrappers, a broken THC vape pen, and a Jell-O shot in a plastic cup with a lid. 'Shake' (leftover marijuana residue) was also laying throughout the vehicle. Both parties stated that the marijuana and paraphernalia belonged to them both. Officers confiscated the marijuana and paraphernalia and advised both parties that charges would be sent via mail.

Alarm Activation

 On 11/3/2023, HTPD were dispatched to Middle Road for an activated burglar alarm involving a room motion. Upon arrival, they located an open door. Officers cleared the interior of the residence. They did not locate anyone inside, nor did they observe anything that appeared out of the ordinary. The residence was secured prior to clearing. The homeowner was contacted and notified.

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Heroes

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posed by James Swearingen, under the direction of Mr. Sean Desguin.

Dr. Laurie Tocci, Principal at Wyland Elementary, lovingly introduced her husband as the keynote speaker.

With his life story, Lieutenant Commander Timothy Tocci, retired, inspired students in the crowd and presented



them with a unique challenge. He explained even students have an opportunity to be heroes, by practicing acts of kindness and helping kids who encounter bullies.

"It was such an honor and privilege to be honored today with my fellow soldiers

and sailors. The whole event and the appreciation of the kids was so wonderful," Tocci said.

Notably, the students also ran a fundraiser called Pennies for Patriots. \$3,900 was collected for the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit dedicated to honoring and empowering military personnel who have suffered physical or mental injuries during their service.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Cunningham shared her enthusiasm and pride for the event. "We have the greatest country and we are so proud of our veterans who served. It is important for our students, faculty and our

community to see how much Hampton Township School District values our veterans!" she said.

According to Pennsylvania State Representative Robert Mercuri, events such as Hampton Heroes can impart the values that define American citizenship. "Veterans Day is an opportunity for us to not only honor our veterans who have served our great country, but also to teach the next generation the value of service and civic responsibility. What I saw here at Hampton School District was a really honoring ceremony that not only honored our veterans but also showed our young people what it means to be a citizen. Today was a wonderful example of what it means to be a citizen in America," he explained.



Lt. Commander Tocci

Navy Captain Bill Marsh was also inducted into the Hampton Heroes. With tears in his eyes he expressed his deep love for the United States. "Serving this country is a labor of love. I love my country and I love America. I love passing this spirit on to the next generation."

The inductees of the 2023 Hampton Heroes included:

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|----------------|---------------|
| Gavin Church | Timothy Tocci |
| Mark D'Amico | Robert Kuhn |
| Bill Daughtery | Wayne Koble |
| Bill Marsh | |

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The Hampton Community Library would like to wish everyone a happy, peaceful holiday season! Thank you for filling this year with good reads, great food, laughter and lively conversation.

Renovation Closings!

Monday, December 11th through Saturday December 16th the library will be closed for renovations. There will be no library services available during this time. You may have even noticed that we are temporarily missing a holds pick up location; this will return after renovations. Thank you for your understanding.

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, Dec. 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

***The Better Sister*, by Alafair Burke.**

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

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group. Friday, Dec. 15th -1:00 p.m.

***The Christmas Table*, by Donna VanLiere.**

Betty's Book Group will be meeting outside of the library for its annual holiday luncheon.

Cooks-N-Books: It's in a Pot – One Pot Meals!

Thursday, January 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 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.

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, December 1st and January 5th

@ 1:00 p.m. in the library.

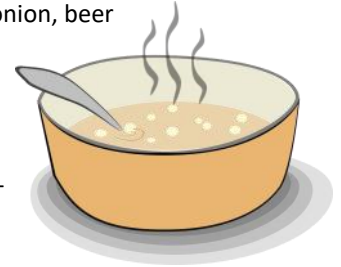
This longtime discussion group is led by local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith--with a new format inviting members to participate as guest leaders the *First Friday* of the month. Discussion topics welcome from all. New members are welcome to come share-- or just listen.

Save the Date!

It's a "Soup"er Bowl Cookoff!

Saturday, February 3, 2024 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Calling all home cooks to stir up their favorite homemade soups! Chicken noodle, French onion, beer cheese or salmon chowder-what is your claim to fame? Enter your soup in our "Soup" er Bowl Cookoff and gain bragging rights for a year! Entry fee is \$10. Registration begins January 2, 2024.



Holiday Hours: The Library will be

closed Saturday, December 23rd through Tuesday, December 26th.

Wednesday, December 27th - 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 28th – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 29th – 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 30th through Monday, January 1, 2024 we will be closed.

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Police Fight Cancer

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again, will be doing their part to raise awareness and money to help fight cancer!

It began as “No Shave November”, where members of the force begin a month-long period of growing their hair to increase awareness and engage in conversation that raises cancer awareness. The idea is to donate the money you would typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle. The fundraising endeavor has grown to include “Don’t Stop December, January and February” in order to increase donations and continue the conversation.



Kaylee Mantz, first grade
Madia Photography

This year, donations will be split between Kaylee Mantz, a 7 year old Hampton student, and once again, Mrs. Claus Pittsburgh North, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to local women and men undergoing cancer treatments.

Kaylee, a first grade student at Central Elementary, had just finished the wrestling season in April of 2022, when she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a type of blood cancer that affects

white blood cells. According to Kaylee’s mom, Carly, “Kaylee is currently getting chemotherapy once a month; she is in the last phase of her maintenance. She is expected to ring the bell in August, 2024.” Kaylee loves to dance and she started soccer this past spring. In spite of her diagnosis, she has still been able to find opportunities to be a child!


Fundraising will also benefit Mrs. Claus North Hills Club. President, Jeana Watenpool, has led the Club for 14 years. In that time, they have assembled and delivered over 1,000 care baskets - all with volunteers and donations. According to Watenpool, “It’s such a privilege to do what we do. The stories we hear, the people we meet - I feel so blessed to serve in this way.” Watenpool will also be delivering a special care basket to Kaylee Mantz.

Joseph Gault, the first male basket recipient, was just a 21
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Left: Club President Jeana Watenpool
with Joseph Gault

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HHS Sports Honors

Girls Volleyball Finishes 2nd in State

Congratulations to the players and coaches for finishing 2nd in the PIAA 3A Girls Volleyball Championships. The Talbots faced a formidable opponent in Pope John Paul II HS and were defeated 3-1 at Cumberland Valley HS. It was an historic season for the volleyball team as they finished 24-1 and netted the 1st WPIAL Championship in school history!

Boys and Girls Soccer Season Honors

Congratulations to the boys and girls soccer players that received individual honors for their outstanding play this season!

Girls:

3A All WPIAL - Sara Kenst

3A All Section - Sara Kenst, Olivia Hoffman and Molly Interthal

Boys:

WPSCA All State - Luke Fiscus

3A All WPIAL - Coleman Docherty, Luke Fiscus, Oliver Spinola

3A All Section - Hudson Struble, Conner Kilomeyer, Luke Fiscus, Coleman Docherty, Oliver Spinola

Section Player of the Year - Luke Fiscus

Section Coach of the Year - Matt McAwley

Grid Iron Gang Receive All Section Honors

Congratulations to the members of the Hampton football team that were recognized by their opponents' head coaches for their individual efforts:

1st Team Greater Allegheny All Conference

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Signing Day at Hampton High School

November 8, 2023 was a first in a series of national Letter of Intent days. Hampton student athletes participated and signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Dale Hall - Liberty University, Cross Country and Track

Emmy Schrom - Duquesne University, Volleyball

Avery Koontz - University of Pittsburgh Johnstown, Volleyball

Meghan Murray - Kent State University, Basketball

Peter Kramer - Lehigh University, Basketball

Mackenzie Reese - University of Pittsburgh, Softball

Charlotte Lomb - University at Albany, Softball

Zach Jacob - Westminster, Lacrosse

Aiden Petry - University of Mount Olive, Lacrosse

Madison Hurst - Robert Morris, Soccer

The next Letter of Intent Day at Hampton is February 7, 2024

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3006 Hartswood Drive	\$549,900	\$538,000	14
3012 Apache Court	\$430,000	\$440,000	3
4088 Tall Timber Drive	\$419,900	\$411,000	51
3201 Morningside Drive	\$387,000	\$396,000	5
2548 Red Oak Court	\$399,900	\$395,000	15
3277 Oaknoll Road	\$378,000	\$380,000	7
2973 E Hardies Road	\$375,900	\$375,000	42
4337 Kenson Drive	\$299,900	\$312,000	5
4500 Bucktail Drive	\$250,000	\$250,000	25
3153 Camberly Drive	\$195,000	\$190,000	49

TIP OF THE MONTH:

With daylight saving time ending the first Sunday of November and the days growing shorter, people will be frequently coming and going from your house in the dark. That, combined with slippery surfaces in damp weather, increases the chances of people falling. Make sure exterior handrails are secured and easy to use. Bigger screws might be enough to tighten a wobbly connection between a rail and its support brackets. If steps are slippery, consider adding traction tape, which has sandpaper-like grit on top. Some types come with a reflective strip — a safety bonus.

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Running Down a Title Championship

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton High School boys' cross-country team made history as Pennsylvania state champions! The team won the PIAA class 2A state title in Hershey on November 4th with a score of 66, a first in program history, after successfully achieving a 3-peat of WPIAL championships. The Talbots defeated the defending champions, Grove City, who scored 89. Only two other Hampton teams have ever won a state title; boys' soccer and boys' swimming.

"It was a dream season, but one they worked for," explained Coach Dean Longwell. The key was to put in two months of running in the summer. They started

optional runs 3 days/week in the third week of June and mandatory runs starting mid-August. The cross-country season is a long one. The boys won their section 11-0 and had four invitationals before the WPIAL playoffs and the PIAA state playoffs. "The whole team bought in this year. We had 8

guys there after practice stretching and doing core every day. Cross country is a sport where you have to have depth, and we all worked super hard together to make sure we achieved that," said the Talbots 1600M record holder, senior Dale Hall.

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From left to right: Miles McKinney, Jacob Bonnar, Lu Santos, Josh Wukitch, Nathan Gardner, Layne Haught, Chris Belch, Dale Hall, Coach Dean Longwell, Coach Heather Dietz
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Cross Country

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Hall placed 4th individually at states but was focused on a team win. "It's super fun and special, and really hard to put into words. The best way to put it is to go run over 700 miles with the goal of winning something, then have 16-18 minutes to decide if you win. Then you win it...just try and figure out how that feels," said Hall.

"We had this vision in 2021 and built on it; the top five runners that year were three sophomores and two freshmen," said Longwell. The team came in 11th in 2020. They experienced significant growth over the last four years. The top guys put in extra mileage over the summer and during the week in the fall. Training also included psychological and visual techniques. "We've had solid teams before and usually have individual qualifiers but it was fun watching it all come to fruition. It was a cohesive format for success," said Longwell. He explained that they don't necessarily have to be great athletes but lead by example and put in the work.

"The transition through the past four years has been huge. I went from the annoying freshman kid to veteran leader. I do my best to encourage the underclassmen, take some time to get to know them no matter how competent they are, and encourage them towards improvement. Athletically,

I've gone from one of the slowest kids on the middle school cross country team to a multiple time state medalist and a future collegiate athlete. God had blessed me abundantly these four years and it is so special to see how much others' investment in

me has paid off," explained Hall. The other senior athletes are Layne Haught and Jacob Bonnar. Both athletes plan to pursue their athleticism in college, Haught at St. Bonaventure University and Bonnar at Duquesne University.



Back row: Heather Dietz, Jacob Bonnar, Dale Hall, Layne Haught, Chris Belch, Nathan Gardner, Dean Longwell
Front row: Miles McKinney, Lu Santos, Josh Wukitch
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A Story to be Told

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covery until a fortunate meeting on September 17th at the home of another Hampton resident, Tim Wolfson. It was there that the Kernick family was introduced to writer Lainy Carlaw.

Carlaw agreed to look over the manuscript and knew it had potential right away. "I read a lot of work as an editor," said Carlaw. "But Cindy's story grabbed me immediately."



That story began back in 1998 when Kernick's friend and colleague approached her with a potential case. But there was a catch: the case would have to be *Pro bono* and would involve a massive amount of work for the already overloaded lawyer. But once she learned the details, she could not shy away.

The book is an account of Kernick's work on the historic Teenie Harris case. Harris is a household name in Pittsburgh but in case you are hearing it for the first time— he was one of the first Black photographers, working for the *Pittsburgh Courier* in the 1930s. His photos captured the Hill District in its heyday—a community during a moment of time filled with so much promise, so much prosperity, and later, so much turmoil. His photographs drew the attention of many, including the man who would seek to rob him of his life's work.

Dennis Morgan sold and profited from Harris's photographs for years, and it would be up to Kernick to return those historic photos to their rightful owner.

In her memoir, *A Lawyer's Promise: The Story of the Teenie Harris Negatives*, the reader will learn so much about the legacy of Teenie Harris, Pittsburgh's history, Kernick's grueling job as his lawyer, and how the case unfolded.

"It's an amazing story that deserves to be told," says Carlaw. "I am so honored that the family trusted me with this manuscript. As a lifelong Pittsburgher and fellow writer, I feel compelled to do anything I can to help this story get published—for Cindy and for Teenie."

Veteran's Day 5K

The 18th Annual Operation Troop Appreciation Veteran's Day 5K was held in the Hampton Community Park on Sunday, November 5th. More than 160 registered runners and dozens of spectators took advantage of exceptional weather to support our troops.

The event was marked by broad ranges in running ability, age and military connections. Organizer Alice McLaughlin noted that the top finishers clocked pace times well below 6 minutes per mile; while the race also served several walkers. She said runners ranged in age from 7 to 80 years, and everyone was inspired by veterans and family members of currently deployed troops.

Race festivities included entertainment by a local D.J. as well as the Hampton High School Pep Band.

Participants vied for hand-crafted plaques, medals and prizes. Age group winners earned apple pies, and the winners of the team challenge won tickets to a Pittsburgh Penguin hockey game. Dozens of door prizes were distributed as well, and all participants and spectators were treated to an All-American post race buffet.

McLaughlin says the participants' greatest motivation was the knowledge that they were providing comfort to American troops. She said proceeds from the race will be used to provide holiday care packages to troops deployed around the world through Operation Troop Appreciation Troop Support Program.

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(all are sophomores and running friends)

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Andrew Peigh (North Allegheny HS)

Jack Curren (North Allegheny HS)

Fiscus Becomes All Time Scoring Record Holder

by Jenn Edmonds

Hampton High School senior Luke Fiscus started playing soccer around the age of 4 and has now left his mark in Hampton history, finishing the soccer season with accolades and a school scoring record. In his position as striker, Fiscus broke the Hampton single season scoring record in the first round of the state playoffs, scoring 37 goals in a season. In the game against Bradford, Fiscus scored three goals to push past the record of 36 goals set in 2005 by his current assistant coach Jedd Cordisco. Cordisco remains the all-time scoring record holder with 99 goals across four high school seasons.

“My coach congratulated me a lot and told me the record would last a long time,” said Fiscus, the 2-year captain of the Hampton boys’ soccer team. “I did not think there

was any possibility of the record until the playoffs. I cared more about doing well as a team than my individual stats,” explained Fiscus. The first-round exit from the playoffs last year was motivation for Fiscus to train even harder this year. Fiscus said, “We (the team) support each other by trying to be as motivating and helpful as possible so everyone is able to play at their best.”

In addition to the school record, Fiscus was awarded WPSCA All-State, Section 3A All-WPIAL (with teammates Coleman Docherty and Oliver Spinola), 3A All-Section (with teammates Hudson Struble, Conner Killmeyer, Coleman Docherty, and Oliver Spinola) and Section Player of the Year. Their head coach Matt McAuley was awarded Section Coach of the Year.

In addition to Hampton soccer, Fiscus is Captain and plays center back for Steel City soccer and is kicker for the Hampton High School football team.



Asst. Coach Jedd Cordisco, former record holder for 36 goals in a season, with Luke Fiscus new record holder, with 37 goals in a season!

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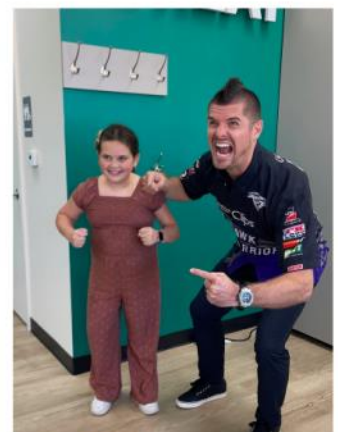
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Who Lives In A Pineapple...

by Jenn Edmonds

It was the “Best Day Ever” as the Hampton Middle School drama club presented “The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition” on November 16, 17 and two performances on November 18. The HMS auditorium stage was transformed into Bikini Bottom with an amazingly colorful and creative set with sea coral constructed from pool noodles and a volcano made to look like it was erupting.



Hip Hoppers

Auditions began the first week of school, in late August, and rehearsals began shortly after in September. It was a massive production that included 20 performance numbers, including “Bikini Bottom Day,” “No Control,” and “Best Day Ever.” Many numbers involved all 40+ actors on stage at once, along with stage crew assisting and the live orchestra in the pit, which that Hampton is fortunate to have. Many middle school musicals use a track instead of a live orchestra, something musical director and 7th grade history teacher Greg Shumaker is proud of. The orchestra learned all new music and performed it flawlessly within six weeks, including one student on the accordion!

Each ensemble actor spent about 120 hours rehearsing (including several Saturdays), and the leads spent even more

time. Eighth-grader Jordan Schafer, who played the role of SpongeBob, said that in addition to rehearsals with the cast, he “watched other productions of the musical to get a feel for the energy level and studied my lines and songs to make them the best I could.” The effort of the costumers did not go unnoticed, as many performers had several costumes and costume changes. Patty Annarelli led a small team of adults and students to create the costumes, fit the students for their costumes, and made sure all of the students were costumed correctly when going on stage.



Squidward Tappers

After spending thousands of collective hours together, the group of about 100 sixth through eighth-graders built a community that became much like family. It has been a musical tradition that the eighth-graders take the younger performers under their wings. “The eighth graders gave us tips and encouragement when we auditioned all the way through the performances. They even offered to keep in touch with us after,” said sixth-grader Chloe Edmonds, who was part of the ensemble.

When asked about seeing the show come together, Schafer said, “It is a very proud moment when you see how all the hard work that you put into the show is paying off but it is sad to think the musical is ending.”

“It has been a great run! The kids have done an outstanding job,” said Shumaker.





Aquinas Academy Presents *The Tempest*

Aquinas Academy high school students performed Shakespeare's *The Tempest* during the evenings of Wednesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 16. As in other comedies, the plot revolves around a series of misunderstandings that are resolved over the course of the play. The tempest, or storm, that gives the play its title causes a shipwreck, stranding many characters on an island.

This was director Mike Flynn's thirty-eighth drama production at Aquinas.



Above

Background - Harpies (left to right) - Elise Metzler (9), Francesca Hite (10), Lara Hainan (10), Ashlin Knox (11, Iris), Leah Anthony (10), Lucy Flynn (10), Caitlyn Abbett (10)

Foreground - Sam McGowan (11, Alonso, King of Naples) and Jonah Burchill (10, Antonio, Duke of Milan)

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Left to Right - John Ortiz (11, Trinculo), Elizabeth Swift (12, Stephano), Alice Dingle (9, Caliban)



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Current Events

Township Holiday Party

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Santa Claus is coming to our Township on December 7th at 7:00 pm with the help of the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments!

Fireworks begin at 7:00 p.m. and Santa and Rudolph will arrive at the Community Center after the fireworks!

Join us this evening at the Hampton Community Center & Park for festive fun with your family, neighbors and friends! Complimentary photos with Santa, compliments of Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate, and a festive fireworks display are just a few of this year's event activities!

Hot Bunz food truck, Old School Italian Sandwich Shop and Stuntpig will be available in the Community Center parking lot, prior to the event, beginning at 6:30 pm. Food trucks will be available until 8:30 pm this evening.

Premier Dance Academy will put on a festive performance outdoors at 6:45 pm followed by a welcome speech from Council and our fireworks display. Upon the fireworks conclusion, Santa and Rudolph will arrive!

Stop in the Community Center Great Rooms to visit our vendors Mazzotta Winery and Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery, who will serve beverages and samples to keep everyone's spirits bright this evening!

Please note in the instance of inclement weather, food trucks may not be available.

Happy the Elf will join us once again at the community center for the holiday season! Happy the Elf will be hiding in different places throughout the community center now through December 22nd.

"Elf on the Shelf Search" papers are available at the community center service desk. The dates that Happy will be changing his hiding spot are noted on the search paper. After you have found Happy, the community center desk staff will stamp your search paper. Be sure to keep your paper for each visit to the community center and collect all four stamps! Participants with all four stamps will be entered to win a prize.

Please turn in your completed search paper to the community center service desk on or before December 22nd! Winners will be contacted on Wednesday, January 3rd. The Elf on the Shelf Search is designed for young children; however, participants of all ages who are young at heart are welcome to participate!

Please remember: We want Happy to be with us all season long, so when you find him, please do not touch him; we would not want Happy to lose his magic!



Santa is Coming to your Neighborhood



Santa Claus will begin his neighborhood tour at the Hampton Community Park on Saturday, December 16th at 9 a.m. and then travel throughout the Township compliments of the Hampton & North Hampton Fire Departments!

For everyone's convenience we have a Santa Tracker for people to view the tentative time Santa will be in or around your neighborhood. Check the township website: www.hampton-pa.org to view Santa's route.

Everyone will once again be able to view where Santa has already traveled to! Follow the Santa Tracker on December 16th to check where Santa is on his route.

Please understand that these times are TENTATIVE and may not be exact.

While Santa wishes he could visit every Township street we have done our very best to try to include as many streets and areas throughout the Township as we could.

If you are visiting an area where Santa will be, please make sure that your vehicle is not parked in any turn around areas such as cul-de-sacs or anywhere that would prohibit a firetruck from driving by. Santa will remain on the firetrucks the entire time of the tour.

If you do notice your street or neighborhood on the route, and you would like to see Santa, please feel free to join us in the Hampton Community Park this day at 9:00 am. Santa will be driving through the Community Park before he heads off to the neighborhoods!

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The Krischke family, owners of *Three Rivers Paintball* and hosts of the annual Halloween event *Zombies of the Corn* (now in its 11th year!), will be utilizing their 70-acre wooded property located just outside of Cranberry to premier this magical holiday event. "We are so excited to launch Enchanted Lights! We've been planning and building for over a year, so finally sharing it with our guests will mean a lot," says Alex Krischke. "I've grown up helping produce events with my parents, and I've learned so much from them. This is a dream I've had for years, and I'm hopeful that it will become my stamp on the family legacy."

Parking is \$5 and all proceeds will go to "The LightHouse Foundation" and "Cross Your Paws Dog Rescue."

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday event! Ticket purchases can be made at www.EnchantedLightsPittsburgh.com.



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Current Events

Presents from Police Toy Drive

The Hampton Police Department is teaming up with other local police departments for the annual Presents from Police program. This year's donations will go to the Sun Rise School in Monroeville, the Children's Institute in Shadyside and Children's Hospital.

Donations can be made at the following locations:

- Police Building lobby
- Community Center
- Municipal Building

Drop off **unwrapped** toys during regular business hours before December 14th. Thank you!

16th Annual Bike Drive

Al's Bike Drive is celebrating 16 years of providing new bicycles to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots!

When: Thursday, December 7th

Time: 9 a.m.

Where: Walmart parking lot

If you are in a place to make a donation, please visit www.alsbikedrive.com

or a check can be mailed to:

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Park Pond Getting a Facelift

In conjunction with the recently adopted Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan as well as meeting DEP MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) requirements, the Township is embarking on a three-phase maintenance and enhancement project to the community park pond. This project will also include accessible recreation and educational opportunities once completed. A rendering of each phase of the project can be viewed by searching "pond" on the township website.

For your own safety, please do not access the pond area during the construction phases.

We understand that you may be concerned regarding how many trees are being removed during Phase 1. Phase 3 does include re-establishing some trees around the pond area. Also, please rest assured that our Public Works Department, Girl Scouts, and other organizations continue to plant trees throughout the community park, including the upper orchard.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this project. We look forward to our residents being able to enjoy the community park pond with more accessibility in the near future!!

Should you have any questions, please contact 412-486-0400 ext. 1303.


Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

"The Attack and Defense of Cemetery Ridge, July 2, 1863" presented by Scott Mingus. Monday, November 20 at 7 pm. Hampton Township Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park. Lecture is free and open to the public.


Police Log

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Single Vehicle Accident

 On 11/22/2023, HTPD were dispatched to McNeal Road for a report of a single vehicle colliding into a pole. Upon arrival, the vehicle was off the roadway in a yard with severe disabling damage to the driver's side rear door/quarter panel area. A Duquesne Light pole was sheared because of the crash and was hanging over the roadway. Both the driver and passenger denied any injuries. The accident was said to have happened when the driver was traveling down a hill on McNeal Road towards William Flinn Highway and attempted to negotiate a left turn. He then lost control due to the wet road conditions, causing the vehicle to slide off the roadway and into the pole. Leo's Towing towed the vehicle. Duquesne Light arrived on the scene to repair the pole. There was property damage done to the yard on McNeal Road.

Three Vehicle Accident

 On 11/2/2023, HTPD were dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and Old Route 8 for a report of a three-vehicle accident. There were no injuries, and two tows were needed.

Unit 1 stated they were traveling southbound on William Flinn Highway in the right-hand lane when the vehicle directly in front began to execute a right-hand turn onto Old Route 8. Unit 1 saw the turn signal of the vehicle and continued slowing down. Unit 1 believed the vehicle completed the execution of the turn but did not fully turn into the intersection. Unit 1 then collided with Unit 2. Unit 1 sustained disabling damage to the 11 o'clock position and was towed from the scene by Leo's. Both the driver and passenger were wearing their seatbelts. No airbags were deployed. Both parties denied any injuries. Unit 1 estimated their speed to be approximately 30 MPH.

Unit 2 stated they were traveling southbound on William Flinn Highway in the right-hand lane. Unit 2 was attempting to make a right-hand turn onto Old Route 8 when they slowed down because they were unsure if they would be able to execute the turn due to a vehicle in the intersection. As Unit 2 was executing the turn, Unit 1 struck Unit 2 in the 5 o'clock position. Unit 2 received moderate damage and was towed from the scene by Leo's. Unit 2 was wearing their seatbelt, and no airbags were deployed. Unit 2 denied any injuries.

Unit 3 stated they were stopped on Old Route 8 waiting to turn onto William Flinn Highway. Unit 3 observed Unit 2 attempting to make a right-hand turn onto Old Route 8. Unit 3 witnessed Unit 1 come out of nowhere, struck the right-hand curb as they were attempting to stop, and then struck Unit 2, which sent Unit 2 into Unit 3. Due to the impact of Unit 2 into Unit 3, Unit 2 spun almost 360 degrees and came to final rest facing northbound. Unit 3 sustained minor damage to the 11 o'clock position. No airbags were deployed, no injuries were sustained, and Unit 3 was able to be driven from the scene.

There was roadway evidence that coincides with the statement of Unit 3, officer observed scars and marks on the curb and damage to the entire passenger side of Unit 1. Due to the collision, there were fluids on the roadway. HFD arrived and cleaned the fluid and debris. The MS-4 was then transported to the station by HFD and logged. All parties had information exchanged at the scene.

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Police Against Cancer

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year old college senior when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer, which can affect male fertility. According to Gault, "It started as a small lump in my breast, and after testing, I was told I needed to have surgery and then chemotherapy." Joseph met Jeana during his chemo treatment. Gault recalled, "The basket contents were unbelievable, and so well thought out. A common occurrence when going through chemo is hair loss. Your scalp can become extremely sensitive, and laying your head on anything is painful. The basket had silk pillowcases which were amazing, a colorful chemo hat that totally fit my personality and so many other things. I felt like the basket was made specifically for me." According to Watenpool, "You wouldn't believe how often that happens - it's a God thing!"

Joe finished chemo in December of 2014; by February of 2015, he was officially deemed in remission. Cancer free for 9 years now, in 1 more year, he will no longer have to do any more follow-ups!

At the time of diagnosis, Joe had been dating Megan for all of a week. They stayed together through it all, and in November of 2017, they were married. They now have a daughter, and a son on the way! Joseph and Megan Price-Gault continue to be active with Mrs. Claus. According to Watenpool, "Their friendship and support is amazing."

If you would like to team up with the Hampton Police Department, donations will be accepted through February. You can make a cash or check donation to the Hampton Police Department

Charity Fund. Checks can be mailed to 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. If you have any questions, please contact the Hampton Police Department at 412-486-0400.



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7 p.m. HMS Auditorium

Thursday, Dec. 14

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4th Grade Band Winter Concert
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Wednesday, Dec. 6

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Poff 4th/5th Grade Chorus;
4th Grade Band Winter Concert
7 p.m. HMS Auditorium

Monday, Dec. 11

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4th Grade Band Winter Concert
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Wednesday, Dec. 20

HHS Chorus Holiday Concert
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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
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Updates for Hampton Township Residents

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

In our last week in session in November, I voted in favor of H.B. 612, sponsored by Rep. Jordan Harris, D-Montgomery, to provide funding for our state-related universities.

After a political impasse, we passed H.B. 1461 on concurrence, sending the bill to Gov. Josh Shapiro's desk. This bill would support students at our state-related universities, including Pitt, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln University, by

providing much-needed funding. I will continue to advocate for funding to benefit students in Pennsylvania, as well as work to ensure we do not delay funding for our state-related universities simply because of partisan politics. Instead, we should unite as members of the General Assembly to ensure students receive a high-quality education in our commonwealth.

On November 12, my staff and I welcomed more than 150 residents at an open house in my office in celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. While there, we discussed my work in the 30th Legislative District and in Harrisburg, including progress on designating Diwali as a state holiday, and the ways my district office can assist constituents with the state services available to them. In addition, in partnership with North Hills Community Outreach, we collected more than 390 items of nonperishable food for the NHCO food pantry. A donation bin will continue to be available in my district office until Friday, Dec. 15.

My district office will be closed for the holidays December 22-25 and December 29-January 1. Otherwise, we will be open to assist you with any state related issues. I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a prosperous 2024!



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28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania

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As a member of the House Education Committee, I recently helped chair two public hearings, in Pittsburgh and Monaca, where we talked about school funding and challenges, the growing demand for our educational improvement tax credit program, and the role of charter schools. All are important tools to help meet the varied needs of our students.

We have also been looking to establish a Lifeline Scholarship Program to help students in the state's lowest-performing school districts. Not every community is as fortunate as ours when it comes to having quality public schools. It's time we provided these students who need it most other options to help them succeed in their education and in life.

Finally, it's exciting to see innovation through initiatives like LU-CA.ai, which has been working with the assistance of state grant dollars to solve the challenge of educating children with dyslexia. I was proud to help advocate for this grant funding for LUCA which even paid it forward by donating a portion back to support Provident Charter School in its great educational work.

By working together, we can help all children build a successful future.



State Senator
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38th Senatorial District



A Salute to Our Veterans

Over the last month, I've had the opportunity to participate in several special events that recognize and thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifice to our Country.

First, I joined the Hampton community and school district in celebrating the 2023 class of Hampton Heroes. Every year, Hampton students work incredibly hard to put on a spectacular program, and this year was no exception. Congratulations to the Hampton Heroes Class of 2023!

On Veterans Day, I had the privilege of joining resident veterans at the Southwestern Veterans Center and Scout Troop 9329 for a new flagpole dedication at the Center. The flagpole replacement and sur-

rounding accessible courtyard redesign were done by Life Scout Brenna Coltery as part of her Eagle Scout Project. Brenna designed the courtyard for maximum accessibility, which will allow all residents to participate in flag raising and lowering every day. Thank you to Brenna for this thoughtful and meaningful tribute to our veterans!

I also had the honor of being the special guest for the Allegheny Valley Detachment 827 of the Marine Corps League at their annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. I've worked alongside the Detachment to help them secure funding for a new roof this past year, and it's been my pleasure to give back to those who give so much to their community.

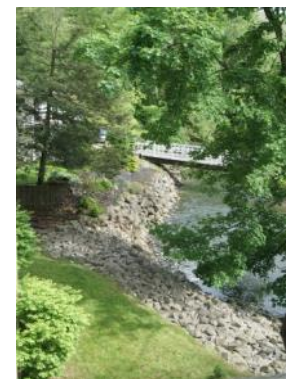
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Who: All Barbie Fans over 5 years old (children 4 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult)

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- ◆ Eat lunch with Barbie and enjoy a day filled with games, crafts, and fun!
- ◆ Choose a hotdog meal (hotdog, chips, cookie) or salad meal (tossed salad, chips, cookie).
- ◆ Dress up like “Barbie” and strut yourself on the runway to win a prize.
- ◆ Visit with “Barbie” and receive a free picture link.



Registration ends December 6. Space is Limited! Email Beth Rupert at erupert1@msn.com with any questions.
 Children 4 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult.

STUDENT: _____ AGE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER _____

LUNCH CHOICE (circle one): Hot Dog Salad

Anything we should know about your child? _____

Parent Signature: _____