

# FREE The Hampton News

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## Unprecedented Success for Hampton Girls Soccer

by Gail Scott

The Hampton girls soccer team had a fantastic season. The team made it to the WPIAL semifinals and the PIAA quarterfinals. It was the first time they won a state playoff game in over ten years.

The team was led by a strong group of seniors: Courtney Coholich, Valerie Fischer, Sammy Joyce, Abby Wolf, Maude Antol, Grace Kleunder, Molly Wojcik, and Amanda Moser. Courtney, Amanda, and junior Logan Nicklas made all section and all WPIAL. Junior Lanie McLaughlin also made all section. The team's leading scor-

er was Logan followed by Courtney. Head coach Bill Paholich said, "One of the keys to the season was Sammy Joyce and junior Rylee Obringer moving to the center back position and stabilizing the defense. We got a nice surprise when freshman Sophie Kelly stepped in to play goal at the halfway mark of the season and played very well. We had contributions from a lot of players this season and I have 12 juniors who will step up to lead next season."

In the WPIAL playoff run, the Hampton girls beat Elizabeth Forward with a score 3-0 in a hailstorm. Next, they prevailed to

win in overtime against Ambridge on a Courtney Coholich penalty kick. The semi-final round was next and Hampton lost to Mars 1-0. The team won their state play-in a game against South Fayette 4-3 in overtime. Junior Lanie McLaughlin scored the tying goal with 2 minutes left in regulation and also scored the game winner five minutes into overtime. When asked about the season, Lanie responded, "This season has been amazing! I feel like making it to WPIAL playoffs and then states has reminded us just what we can really

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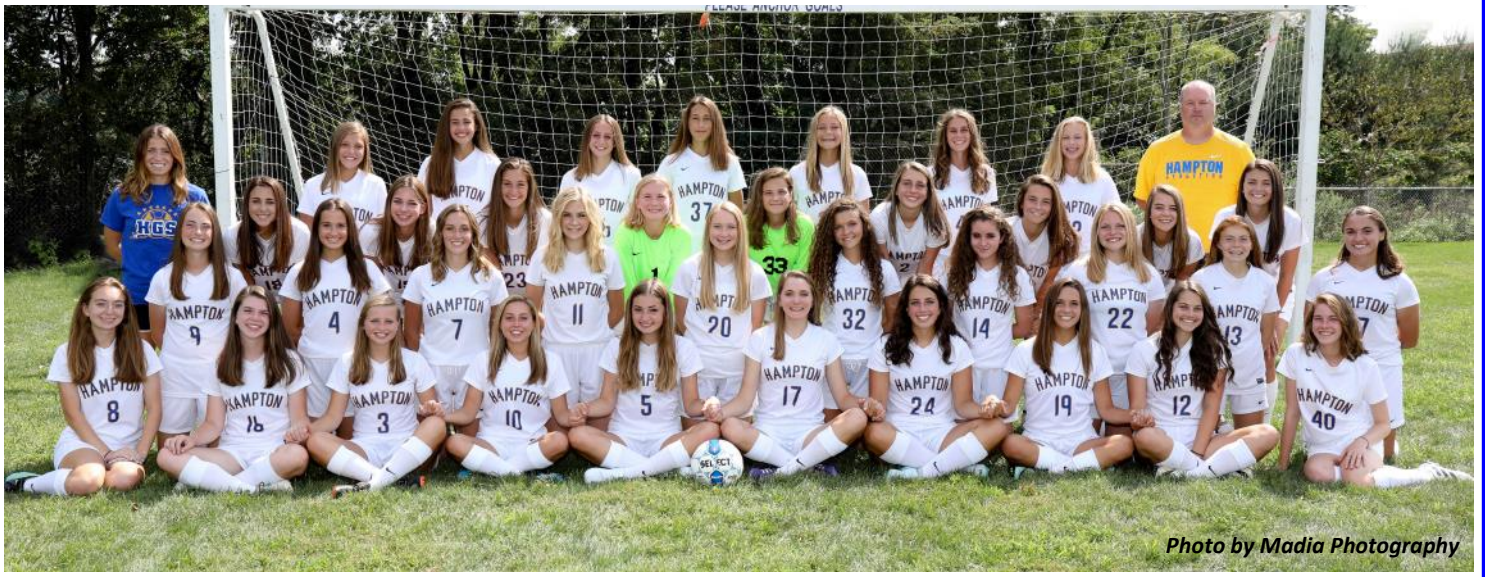


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### A Time of Healing

by June Gravitte

A Concert for Peace and Unity was held on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at Heinz Hall to honor the Tree of Life Synagogue victims. Sixth grade Hampton Middle School student Hannah Kramer, was selected to hold a candle during a part of the program to represent the life of David Rosenthal. David and his brother Cecil were among the 11 victims of the synagogue shooting in Squirrel Hill.

The evening was filled with music and prayers in an effort to bring comfort, peace, and strength. World renowned violinist

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### Veteran's Day Celebration

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Township School District celebrated Veterans Day with their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Hampton Heroes event, held at the high school on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The district recognized and honored veterans with a breakfast followed by a special ceremony in the high school auditorium.

The Hampton Heroes program has been an ongoing effort by the Hampton Township School District to honor local veterans. To date, over 200 men and women who have served in the Armed Forces have been inducted into the program. This year, the Dis-

trict inducted 9 new members to its ranks. The 2018 inductees were: Maj. Brian Hamlin, U.S. Air Force; Dr. Charles (Tom) Brophy, U.S. Army

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## Al's Annual Bike is Looking for Volunteers

*by Gail Scott*

Al's bike drive is in full swing as they gear up for their Christmas delivery to the Marines *Toys for Tots*. This is Al's 11<sup>th</sup> year raising money to purchase bikes to be given to local children through the *Toys For Tots* program. This year their goal is to donate 1000 bicycles. Currently they are at 625 bikes so a big push is on raise money to reach 1000. Their delivery is scheduled for Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Donations are needed as well as volunteers to help load the new bikes onto trucks, vans, and cars. Volunteers can also help transport the bikes as part of Al's caravan when they gather to load bikes and deliver to the Marines in December. Donations can be made securely on their website at [www.alsbikedrive.org](http://www.alsbikedrive.org). All the rest of the information is listed on their web page, including how to volunteer. Check out their Facebook page by searching for Al's Bike Drive to watch videos and more. If you would like to make a donation by check, make it payable to "Al's Bike Drive" and mail to: Al's Bike Drive at 1736 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park PA 15101. They can be reached via email at [alsbikedrive@gmail.com](mailto:alsbikedrive@gmail.com) or by phone at 412-229-7783.



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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 between October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018—November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

### DUI Arrest/Vehicle Accident

 On October 23, 2018 at 10:52 a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to East Hardies Road for a single vehicle rollover accident. Upon the officer's arrival, the operator was still sitting in the vehicle, and appeared to be confused, with slurred speech. The officer also detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the operator. The accident appeared to have occurred when the involved vehicle was negotiating a bend in the roadway. It traveled off of the roadway while trying to negotiate a bend and struck a tree stump, which caused the vehicle to rollover. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the operator was transported to the hospital.

 On November 4, 2018 at 3:15 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, near East Hardies Road, for a disabled vehicle. Upon arrival, the vehicle was found have substantial damage to the front of it, as well as airbag deployment. Immediately upon making contact with the driver and sole occupant, the responding officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The driver stated that they lost control of their vehicle and struck a concrete barrier dividing the northbound and southbound lanes. The driver

showed visible signs of impairment, and was asked to perform field sobriety tests. The operator was unable to complete the field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence.

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### Vehicle Accident

 On October 26, 2018 at 12:43 a.m., Hampton Township Police responded to the intersection of Route 8 and West Bardonner Road for single vehicle accident into a pole. It appeared that the vehicle had been traveling south on Route 8 when it left the roadway and struck the pole. Upon speaking with the operator of the vehicle, they claimed that they did not remember how the crash happened. Responding medics removed the driver from the vehicle and transported the individual to the hospital. The fire department was also on scene and assisted with traffic control and with cleaning up debris. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to damage.

 On October 29, 2018 at 6:19 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to West Hardies Road, at Richland Road, for a two-vehicle accident. After speaking with the vehicle operators and witnesses, it appeared as though the accident occurred when the operator of one unit was stopped in the roadway, waiting to turn left, when the driver that was traveling behind the other vehicle was unable to stop their vehicle in time to avoid a collision. The operator swerved into the oncoming lane, resulting in a head-on collision with another vehicle. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

 On November 1, 2018 at 6:45 p.m., Hampton Police were dispatched to the area of West Hardies at Wildwood Rd. for a report of a two-vehicle accident with unknown injuries. It was determined that one driver attempted to make a left-hand turn onto West Hardies Road from a side street, which resulted in a collision with another vehicle that was traveling on West Hardies Road. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene due to disabling damage. One operator

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## Tree of Life

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Itzhak Perlman joined Music Director Manfred Honneck, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, PSO Principal Clarinetist Michael Rusinek, and the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. They all donated their services for the performance as additional volunteers collected contributions for the Jewish Federation's "Our Victims of Terror" fund and for the six injured police officers through the "Injured Officers Fund."

Hannah was selected through the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater School for her part in the concert. She was chosen due to her experience and excellent stage presence. If you would like to see this beautiful event, PBS will be broadcasting the concert nationwide on December 11<sup>th</sup> as well as other re-air dates.



Hannah Kramer



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### Shop Till You Drop! Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

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### Preschool Storytime: Learn, Explore, Discover! Tuesdays Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 olds, all ages are welcome!

### Parachute Dance Party!

Tuesdays, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Moms, dads, caregivers of toddlers and 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 Youth Lounge of the Community Center.

### Baby/Toddler Storytime: Learn, Explore, Discover!

Wednesdays, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

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**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Stay and Play!**  
**Wednesdays, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
After storytime stay and play with Miss Annie! Join in some fun with music, songs, free play and dance! This program will be held in the library after baby/toddler storytime.

**Sharing with Sherry! A Cooking Demo Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
Join Sherry Esser as she shows us how easy it is to get back to the basics. Learn to cook food that both you and your family will love. This month Sherry will teach us how to make pitzelles and fried knot cookies and stuffed shells! YUM! Come watch, taste and enjoy! Registration appreciated!

**Murder by the Book!**  
**A Mystery Book Club!**  
**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us as we discuss, *Bad Move* by Linwood Barclay. Books available at the library. Make new friends, discover new authors, and get a clue!

**Betty's Book Buzz: Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**  
Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about

*In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende.  
Copies of the book will be available at the library. Make new friends, meet new books!

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**A Coloring Program for Adults!**  
**Fridays, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
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#### HCL 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM-7:00PM**

*Doors open at 2:30pm*

An afternoon in the Great Room filled with chili tastings, a basket raffle, a bake sale, some music and lots of fun!

**Chili Masters:** Bring on your best! Entry fee is only \$10. Prepare your best chili, and bring enough for 20 people to taste (along with all necessary condiments and a heating source, such as a crock pot). Applications available at HCL, or on the website.

**Chili Fans:** You be the judge! Come taste as few or as many chilis as you like!

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## Even Woody Allen Would Have Been Impressed

by Gail Scott

November was a busy month in theater as the Hampton High School Drama Club presented the Woody Allen classic "Don't Drink The Water". The show ran from November 8-10 with large audiences laughing from the beginning to the very end.

It took more than 70 students to put on the play, including actors, musicians, behind the scenes directors and crew, plus costumes, set designers, lighting, sound, hair and make-up and stage managers. It is a big undertaking and the students began work on the play in September.

"Don't Drink the Water" is a comedy about an American family who visits an unnamed European country and accidentally sneak in to a high-security area to take photos. Mayhem ensues as they all become trapped in the American embassy as it is surrounded by Communists.

Harry Hamlin played the leading role of the American tourist Walter Hollander who accidentally snapped the photos in a re-

stricted area. The comic timing between Walter and his wife Marion, played by Rachel Simms, was perfect and they kept the action moving. Harry says, "The fall play was a fun and exciting experience and it was a pleasure to work with my fellow hilarious cast mates." Another notable performance was given by Evan Vay for his portrayal of the unusual Father Drobney as a priest and part-time magician. Evan had a quirky accent and his performance was outstanding. One of the highlights of the show was when Father Drobney got stuck in a magician's straight jacket and he and Rachel Simms rolled across the stage trying to loosen the straight jacket. The audience enjoyed all the eccentric characters, which was evident by the steady laughter throughout the show.

The student directors Mia Saltrelli and Allison Crouch did a fantastic job casting the actors and directing the show. The talented orchestra sounded great and was directed by seniors Tejas Badjuar and Kero Kamel.



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The high school drama club's next production will be the spring musical, **Chicago**. The dates for **Chicago** will be in April 2019 so watch for dates and times in an upcoming issue.

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## Hampton Home Sales: 10/16/2018 – 11/15/2018

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Address	Sold Price	Address	Sold Price	Why Home Sales Are Falling? What Buyers & Sellers Should Know
2114 N Villa Ct	\$1,025,000	4000 Auld Ave	\$228,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rate of home price increases has slowed.</li> <li>The home prices have not started coming down yet.</li> <li>Mortgage interest rates have been rising.</li> </ul> <p><b>What does this mean?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sellers will find it taking longer to sell their homes.</li> <li>Buyers will have more homes to choose from.</li> </ul>
2799 W Bardonner Rd	\$440,000	4667 Sylvan Dr	\$219,000	
5078 Hardt Rd	\$355,000	3088 Camberly Dr	\$210,000	
4947 Apple Ridge Dr	\$327,520	2518 Sample Rd	\$185,000	
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## Soccer

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do as a team and it will help us start out strong next season. I am so happy for our seniors who had a great last year with HGS and we all made great memories together. Hopefully, we can make it back next year and take the team even further."

Hampton beat the team from Hickory in state play 3-1. The team went down early and Valerie Fischer set up Courtney Caholich with the tying goal. Logan Nicklas scored a beautiful goal from 20 yards out to put them up in the second half and she scored the winning goal to seal the victory. In the quarterfinal State game, Hampton lost to Oakland Catholic 2-1 to end the season. Reflecting on the team, Coach Paholich commented; "I enjoyed coaching this team this season. They were a lot of fun to be around. They never quit. Several of the seniors have been four year starters and will be tough to replace. On the other hand, we played as many as 18 players in tight games this year and will have a lot of experience coming back. It will be up to the juniors to lead us next season and to help us continue with our goals."

Seniors standing: Molly Wojcik, Valerie Fischer, Amanda Moser, and Grace Kluender. Kneeling: Courtney Coholich, Sammy Joyce, Abby Wolf, and Maude Antol.

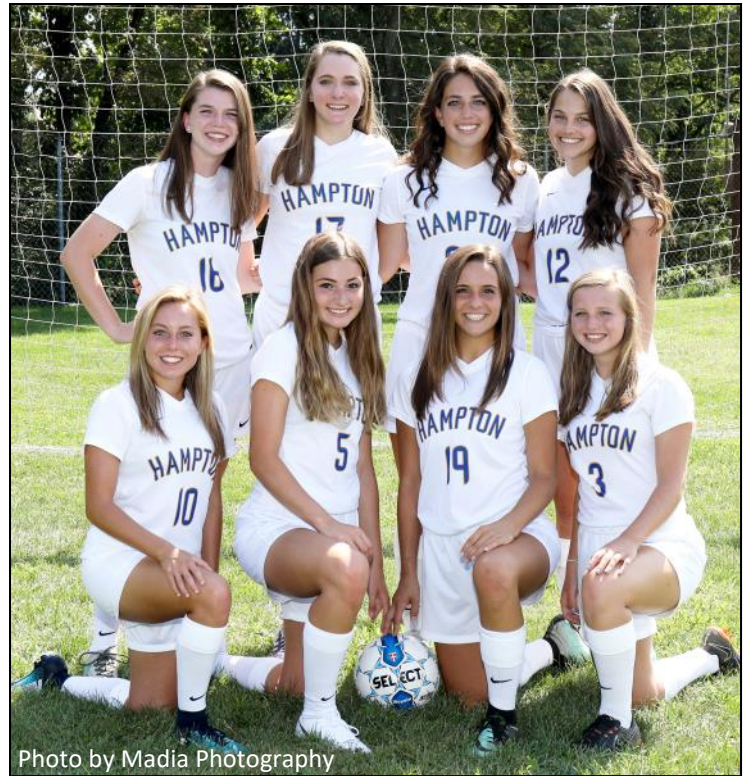


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## Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE) had their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk. There were over 600 participants registered for the event, and below is the list of winners. Thank to everyone who took part in this day! Poff Elementary had the most participants again this year!

### Overall

Zach Ronald  
John Ference  
Layne Haught

### Male Age 5-7

Lucas Pott  
Deklan Flaherty  
Calum Shaltes

### Female Age 5-7

Maya Regotti  
Sylvia Shelkey  
Karina Williams

### Male Age 8

Emmett Okerberg  
Seth Mihok

### Female Age 8

Kameron Solkovy  
Simone Panza  
Sydney Kinmonth

### Male Age 9

Kenny Foltz  
Josh Wukitch  
Leo Jarrell

### Female Age 9

Grace Daugherty  
Dillon Perry  
Karina Bonnar

### Male Age 10

Christian Kornick  
Teddy Klocko  
William Venture

### Female Age 10

Ashley Kimmell  
Ellie Klocko  
Rachel Kirsopp

### Male Age 11

Nathan Gardner  
Griffin Jarrell  
Daniel Kenst

### Female Age 11

Cara Herock  
Maya Daugherty  
Sydney Lewis

### Male Age 12

Liam Butler  
Logan Kaforey  
Jacob Bonnar

### Female Age 12

Meghan Murray\*  
Ella Kornick  
Sophia Delpercio  
Anna Houpt

### Male Age 13

Zach Ronald  
Layne Haught  
Nathan Garrett

### Female Age 13

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### Male Age 14

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**B**lessed Trinity Academy's Cross Country team went into the final meet of the year with one goal: to bring home another Diocesan Championship. At the Diocesan Championships on October 20, BTA's JV Boys and Varsity Boys teams accomplished that goal by each earning a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. The

championship victories capped off an impressive year for the BTA runners in which the Varsity Boys not only won their second championship in a row, but also went undefeated for the second year in Diocesan competition. In addition, BTA's Developmental Boys, Developmental Girls, and Varsity Girls teams each took 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors at the championship meet. Head Coach Eric Pazskowski noted that this has been the overall most talented team he has ever coached, which was evident by the accomplishments of the whole team.

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**Second Row (standing):** Liam Shields, Matt Graper, Max Regan, Erik Schneider, Tyler Cannon, Aiden Herman, Max Noullet, Coach Eric Paskowski, Joseph Heller, Ethan Gannon, Xander Hill.



**JV Team left to right:** First row: Aiden Flaherty, Will Waskiewicz, Jack Kandray, Jude Rottman, Donnie Schubert, Nick Graper, Joe Waskiewicz, Ben Kandray, Calvin Vento. Second Row: Nolan Thiel, Sam McGowan, Michael Bridgeman





## Fall Diocesan Champions

Blessed Trinity Academy's Co-Ed Varsity Soccer team won the fall Diocesan Championship on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They played a very evenly matched game against Aquinas, who was a tough opponent.

**Kneeling (front row) left to right:** Justin Katz, Max Regan

**Standing 2<sup>nd</sup> row left to right:** John Caliguiri, Ethan Gannon, Liam Shields, JP Byrnes, Joseph Heller, Matt Graper, Max Rottmann, Skylar Byrnes, Claudia Clontz, Kaitlyn Tavella, Abby Stover, Kya Broskey

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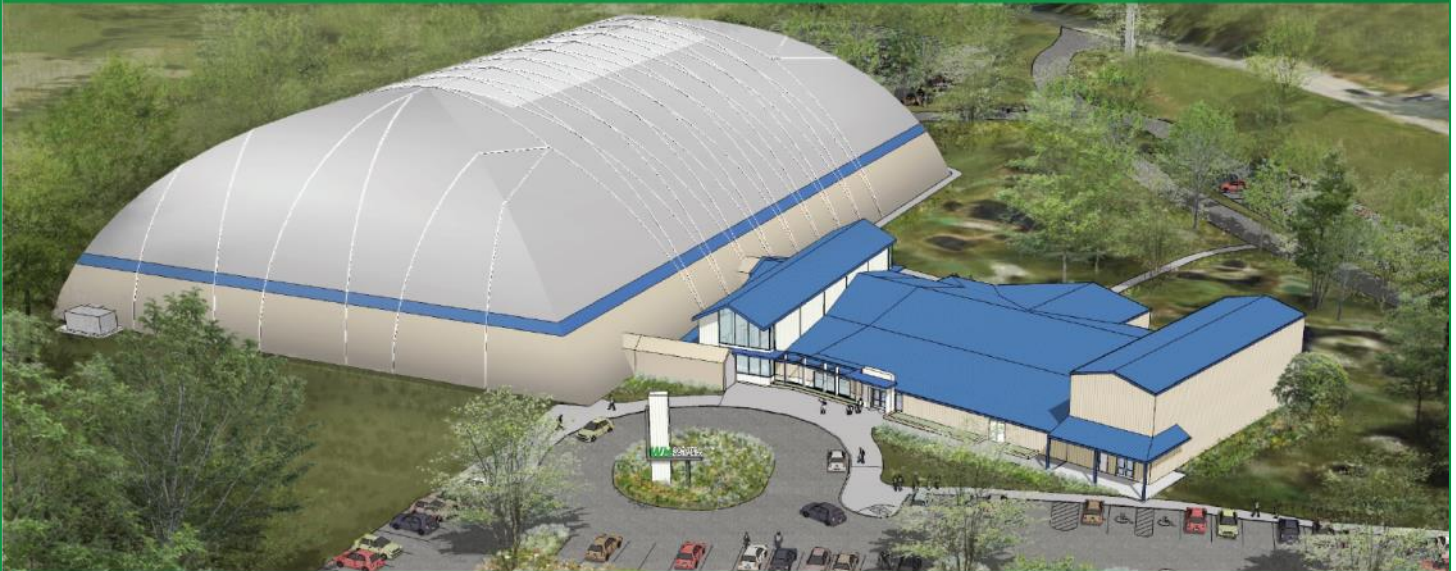
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## Elite Hampton Baseball Players Make their College Commitment

by Gail Scott

Three Hampton senior baseball players have committed to colleges where they will play baseball beginning next fall. Tyler Bischke will attend Kent State University. Burke Camper will attend Towson University in Maryland. Casey Marshalwitz has committed to attend Youngstown State University.

Tyler Bischke plays middle infield, short stop and second base. He plans to major in Business Management or Physical Therapy at Kent State University in the fall. Bischke started playing Hampton baseball t-ball at age 6. At 8 years old, he joined the Diamond Dawgs travel baseball team. Tyler said, "I'm extremely grateful to the Pittsburgh Diamonds Dawgs for developing me as a player and a young man in preparation for the next step in my life and baseball career. Without the help of my family, Frank Merigliano, Ryan Flannigan and Dom Merigliano I would-

n't be where I am today." Tyler is also a Hampton Honor Roll student and has played varsity baseball all 4 years at Hampton.

Casey Marshalwitz has committed to Youngstown State University as a pitcher and outfielder. He has not declared a major but is interested in the computer science. Casey started playing Hampton baseball at 6 years old and has been playing with travel teams since he was



8. Most recently, Casey played for nationally recognized DBat Elite coached by Eric Crozier and West Hills Baseball, coached by Jason Malatak. "I will be forever grateful to my coaches and my family for their dedication, love and support by providing me with the opportunities to achieve my goals. I am looking forward to the future challenges at YSU, both on and off the mound," said Marshalwitz, whose fastball is consistently clocked at 88 mph. Casey received the WPIAL First Team All-Section Award as a junior and will be a 4 year letterman at Hampton this year.

Burke Camper plans to major in Exercise Science when he attends Towson University and will play the position of catcher on their baseball team. He began playing on a travel team at age 9 with Beaver Valley and last summer with Steel City. Burke is an Honor Roll student and he will letter for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in baseball this year at Hampton. Interestingly, Burke has also played travel ice hockey with the Arctic Foxes from age 11-17.

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**Police Log**

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was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

🚓 On November 6, 2018 at 6:53 p.m., the Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Clearview and Route 8 for a two-vehicle collision. The operators stated that one unit was traveling southbound on Route 8 and stopped in the passing lane to make a left turn onto Clearview Road. While one car was waiting for northbound traffic to clear to turn left, the operator of the other vehicle did not see the car was stopped ahead until there was not enough time or space to avoid a collision, and subsequently rear-ended the other vehicle. One vehicle did require being towed from the scene while the

other was able to be driven.

🚓 On November 9, 2018 at 2:27 p.m., Hampton Twp. Police responded to Richland Rd. for a report of a vehicle accident involving one vehicle with no reported injuries. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the driver of the vehicle, who stated that she was traveling northbound on Richland Rd. and was traveling around a bend when the rear end of her truck slid out from underneath her as she traveled. The vehicle slid across the oncoming lane, traveled over the hill and struck a tree. The road was noted to be slippery due to recent heavy rain.

🚓 On November 12, 2018 at 6:39 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Sample Road for a single vehicle rollover crash. Upon their arrival, the officers located a vehicle on its roof blocking both lanes of travel. The driver and sole occupant was able to crawl out of the vehicle and denied EMS transport. The operator stated that they drove off of the roadway, up a small hill, and struck a tree, which caused the vehicle to roll over. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

🚓 On November 19, 2018 at 2:58 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, near Woodland Circle, for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers confirmed that there were no injuries reported. The accident occurred when the operator of one vehicle attempted to change lanes into the curb lane of Route 8 to pass a slowing vehicle in the passing lane. The passing vehicle struck an object with the passenger side tire, which resulted in the vehicle spinning around and striking the other vehicle. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene after a flat tire was replaced on one of the involved cars.



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🚓 On November 6, 2018 at 1:24 p.m., the Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Duncan Avenue for a vehicle that was struck by a tree. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the vehicle operator, who said that he was traveling westbound on Duncan when a tree came down onto his car. The operator was not injured, and was able to drive the vehicle from the scene.

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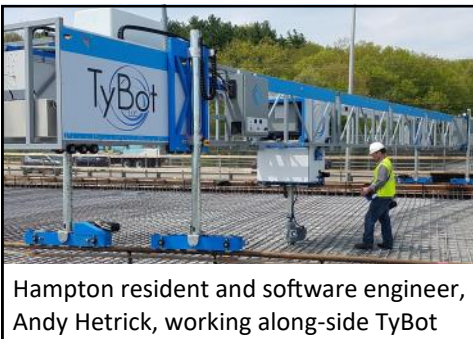
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## Boy Scout Troop 17 Celebrates 90 years

by Tina Harper

**WANTED:** We're looking for a special guest at the Troop 17 90<sup>th</sup> celebration - the oldest living scout or scouter connected to Troop 17. If you think you're it or know someone who might be, please contact [troop17is90@gmail.com](mailto:troop17is90@gmail.com).

Boy Scout Troop 17, based at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, Allison Park is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, May 25, 2019. All current and past Scouts and Scouters are invited, whether you went on one campout or all of them, earned a few merit badges or many of them, became an Eagle Scout or not. We would like to see any and all Scouts and Scouters, no matter the length of time involved with the troop.

A motto of scouting is "Do a good turn daily." The scouts of Troop 17 do this by being involved with many service projects throughout the year. In the spring, the troop participates in the Parkwood Clean-up, which is a way to thank their host, Parkwood Church. They honor veterans by participating in the annual Hampton Memorial Day event held at the community memorial. The scouts help with the Poff Trail Clean-up that beautifies the trails around Poff Elementary School. Every Eagle Scout project is a volunteer venture. Many organizations are beneficiaries of Eagle Scout projects.

Every month until the 90<sup>th</sup> celebration, we will offer information about Troop 17 happenings. Stay tuned. There will be more activities to share.

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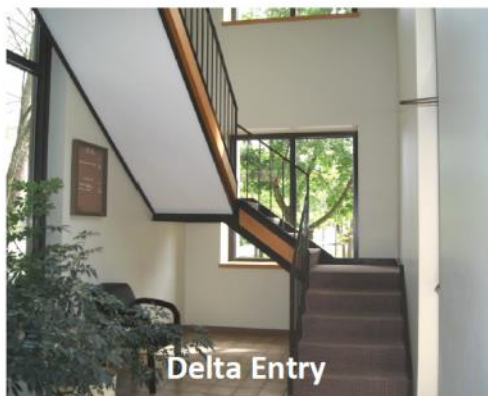
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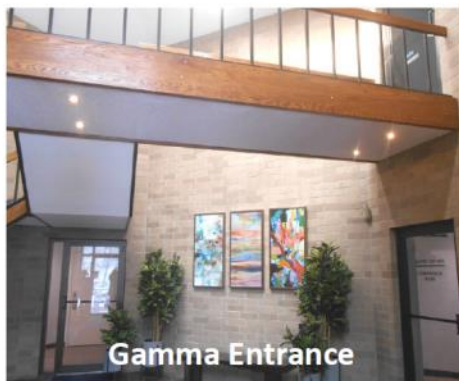
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## Lego Display Entertains Voters

by Gail Scott

If you were lucky enough to vote at the Hampton Presbyterian Church on Election Day in November, you had the opportunity to view a huge display of LEGO creations. The displays were created and exhibited by a group of adult LEGO enthusiasts and they were wonderful.

There were over 20 intricate displays including the Duquesne Incline, a Pittsburgh bridge, the Hartwood Acres mansion, a spooky Halloween village scene, LEGO guitars, King Friday XIII's castle, a large library building, Harry Potter "Weasley's Flying Car" London street scene, the PPG Ice Rink with Christmas tree, the Polar Express train village scene, the Eiffel Tower, a roller coaster that actually moves, and a "North Pole Winter Village" including Santa and his reindeer.

Greg Schubert created many of the LEGO displays shown at Hampton Church. He said, "Each LEGO creation

can take several days to several months depending on how much free time and inspiration I have. The King Friday XIII's castle took a couple of months in the summer. The bridge was made in a process that lasted over three years." An interesting fact that Greg mentioned was, "another thing to know is that true fans and the LEGO company itself never use

the term "legos." These would be referred to as LEGO elements and LEGO parts."

Greg was asked if he keeps his displays intact or if they are disassembled after a few months. Greg commented, "I have kept things for many years before disassembling them. One time we built a Great Wall of China display for a children's library, but after that was over, everything got taken apart. On the other hand, I have a mountain range back drop that I have kept together for a long time."

Some of the amazing LEGO creations were built by other adults, including Mike Basista, Tom Frost, Bob Grier, and Walter Whiteside. All of the builders are members of the same group called Steel City LEGO User Group, a.k.a. Steel City LUG. The word "LUG" is an acronym used by LEGO to designate adult LEGO clubs. There are clubs like this all over the country. Steel City LUG has a website ([www.steelcitylug.com](http://www.steelcitylug.com)), a Facebook page, and quarterly meetings for anyone who is interested.



Greg Schubert stands by his Duquesne Incline

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October 2018 Report by Chief John Schwend

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Residential Structure Fire	1
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Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	8
Vehicle Fire	3
Wires Down / Transformer Problem	2
<b>Total Incidents for the Month</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Incidents for 2018</b>	<b>394</b>

**Noteworthy incidents and events:**

- NHVFD was dispatched to the report of a tractor trailer on fire on the PA Turnpike. Crews arrived on scene to find a trailer full of potatoes on fire. Crews extinguished the fire and cooled the hot potatoes.
- NHVFD was dispatched to the report of a residential structure fire on Harts Run Road. Crews arrived to find smoke filling a house with a small fire in the basement. Firefighters worked quickly to contain the fire and evacuate the house of smoke.
- NHVFD responded to the report of a fully involved vehicle fire at the Walmart in Richland. Crews responded and assisted Richland VFD with extinguishing the fire.
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**Police Log**

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**Presents from Police Program -  
Delivering Christmas to Kids**

Hampton Police Department will once again be participating in this years **Presents from Police**. Donations of new and unwrapped presents can be brought to the Hampton Township Police Station and the Community Center until December 19<sup>th</sup>. Below is a brief history and information about this GREAT event!

This Christmas will mark the eighth year for local law enforcement officers from area boroughs and municipalities to come together and collect Christmas presents to be delivered to kids at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Children's Institute of Pittsburgh who cannot be home for the holidays.

Presents will be collected until Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Presents From Police is a certified 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and all contributions qualify for a charitable tax deduction in accordance with Pennsylvania Law. Checks may be made payable to "Presents From Police" and sent to 840 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 (Attention: Officer David Nemeec). *end*



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The 2018 inductees were honored during a special ceremony, featuring guest speaker Maj. Brian Hamlin. Maj. Hamlin served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing out of Langley Air Force Base from 1999 through 2003. He was deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Al Khari, Saudi Arabia from November 2001 through February 2002. Jill Hamlin nominated her husband Brian for the Hampton Heroes program. At first, he didn't

feel worthy of the Hampton Hero name but then he decided it might be a good opportunity to share his story and talk to high school students about service. Brian Hamlin said, "I was glad to share my story and maybe it will encourage some students to consider the military when mapping out their career plan." He mentioned he didn't drive a tank or carry a weapon, but served as an orthopedic surgeon, taking care of our active duty men and women, which was incredibly rewarding work. It is important to remember that military service also effects families. While Major Hamlin was deployed to Saudi Arabia, Jill was at home in the

states with 2 young children, Brian(5yrs) and Hannah(4yrs) and she was expecting their 3<sup>rd</sup> child Harry at the time. The Hamlin family attended the Hampton Heroes event with their children Harry, Greta, and Gavan. All the veterans invited family members and special friends to attend the event. Hampton resident Clint Hurdle also attended the event and spent time thanking veterans for their service after the program concluded.



Major Brian Hamlin

Bob and Mary Pflumm with Clint Hurdle

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