

# Be The Kind Kid Club

by Gail Scott

**T**here is a new club at Poff Elementary quickly growing in popularity with the students. The club is called "JAM bethekindkid" and it promotes kindness and positivity.

The club was started by 2nd grade teachers Amy Rein, Marilyn Adams, and Kelly Phillips. "The main reason for JAM is to spread kindness," according to the three teachers. The nonprofit JAM organi-

zation began in 2016 in Avonworth School District when two first grade students approached their teacher Maureen Frew

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## Lindell Honored For His Dedicated Service

by June Gravitte

Shine a light on Hampton resident Dave Lindell for receiving an award for his tremendous dedication to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at the EMS West Annual meeting & banquet held at the Airport Marriot. Lindell has been devoted to making this world a better place for years and continues to dedicate his life to improving pre-hospital care for patients. The award was pre-

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## Candy For A Cause

by Stephanie Rizzo

Yinz want to satisfy your sweet tooth while supporting a nonprofit that is sure to hit close to home?

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## Bailey's Now Singing at Penn State

*by Gail Scott*

You might remember Brooke Bailey singing the national anthem at one of Hampton's varsity basketball or football games during her junior or senior year at HHS. She graduated from Hampton in 2017. Now, Brooke is performing the national anthem at events on Penn State University's main campus. She is currently a junior majoring in Marketing with a minor in digital media trends and analytics at PSU.



Brooke has been singing the National Anthem at Penn State University's sporting events since she was a freshman. Last year, as a sophomore, she sang at the Penn State vs. Michigan wrestling match at the Bryce Jordan Center. The match was sold out and was attended by close to 16,000 people. Currently, she has sung the anthem at every one of Penn State's sporting venues except for Beaver Stadium. She sang at Penn State's THON last year, and is scheduled to sing at THON again this year. THON is a 46 hour dance marathon that benefits the Four Diamonds and research for a cure to childhood cancer. Brooke says, "Being able to perform on stage at THON and encourage dancers and observers to keep dancing to my music was something I will never forget. I was able to see everyone in the stands and could even hear them sing along with me! While it was nerve-racking, it is one of my favorite Penn State memories!"

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## Police Log


The Hampton Township Police Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. The twenty-two officers and two civilian clerks take pride in serving the community in a professional and proactive manner. Thank you to the staff for helping to keep our community safe.

A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 9/18/2019—11/12/2019:


### Phone Scam

 On November 12, 2019 at approximately 1:40 p.m., Hampton Township Police received a report from a resident from Chessman Street regarding a phone scam. The reporting party stated that they received a call from an unknown male claiming to be from the IRS stating that her social security number was suspended. This is a common phone scam and residents are encouraged to refrain from providing any personal information over the phone to unknown entities.

### Theft from Vehicle


 On October 22, 2019 at 8:59 a.m., Hampton Township Police received a report from a resident on Toner Avenue regarding items being stolen from a vehicle. The reporting party advised that sometime during the overnight hours, an unknown person(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a sum of money.

### Fraud

 On November 9, 2019 at 2:55 p.m., Hampton Township Police received a report from a resident from Polo Fields Drive regarding fraud. The reporting party stated that they received a phone call from a young male who claimed to be their grandson. The caller told the resident that they had rented a vehicle and then got into

an accident. They stated that they needed a large sum of money to pay an attorney to settle the case and told the reporting party to respond to Home Depot to purchase gift cards totaling the requested amount of funds. The phone call was found to be a scam.

### Hazardous Conditions

 On the evening of October 31, 2019 Hampton Township Police responded to multiple locations

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## Kind Kids

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to start a club that making items to sell for charity. Since then, the club has spread to other school districts.

At Poff's first meeting, the teachers and students discussed the purpose of the group and learned about the seven different types of kindnesses: compassion, generosity, gratitude, inclusiveness, integrity, respect, and self-care. The club also came up with craft ideas they could make and then sell in the mornings at school. So far, the club has made Rainbow Loom bracelets and next they will make beaded lizard keychains. The money earned by the kindness club will be donated to the Network of Hope Food Pantry in Allison Park.

While the group is coordinated by Adams, Rein, and Phillips, there are numerous parent volunteers, high school and middle school students who help spread the word throughout the community. Poff's JAM kindness club students meet twice a month to brainstorm ideas. Amy Rein says, "The club has been going really well. The students are so enthusiastic about the idea of helping others and watching them work together is truly awesome! I know that, as teachers, it gives us great joy to see the kids give their time and efforts to the kindness club."

In the coming months, the club will brainstorm on other ways to spread kindness and will continue to create crafts to sell for charity donations. #Bethekindkid.

## Regardless of Community Opposition, Cell Tower will Be Erected as Planned

*by Lainy Carslaw*

Despite wide-spread resident concerns and opposition, the Hampton council voted unanimously to approve the Crown Castle cell tower installation across from Poff Elementary at the council meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Council member, Richard Dunlap spoke at length about his dislike of having to vote yes but said, "we are a country of laws" and he was going to follow the law. He said there was no legal ground to deny approval of the tower and he had no choice but to approve. He also praised Crown Castle for applying for conditional usage rather than simply a public utility, which would have required no vote from the council at all.

Outside legal counsel was brought in and echoed the fact that Hampton council had no legal grounds to deny the permit. Loss of quality of life due to anxiety over the tower or fear of health issues including radiation are not viable or legal reasons that can be considered.

Council member, Carolyn Johnson said that "voting no could cost tax payers thousands of dollars" and would put them in legal jeopardy. Prior to the vote, several residents walked out of the meeting, including the home owners of the tower's planned location on Haberlein Road.

Perhaps the only bright spot for those concerned residents was that Bethany Blackburn suggested an amendment that would require Crown Castle to allow a third party to test the radiation level in the soil thirty days from installation to make sure it was in compliance with FCC regulations. This would ensure that it's not emitting more radiation than allowed by law.

The council also stated that they are looking into their zoning laws and will do everything they can to prevent structures like this going in in the future.

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## Playwright Isabella Voinchet Acknowledged

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Isabella's Yearbook photo


Hampton High School alumni Isabella Voinchet (now a freshman at Pitt) received an honorable mention for her submission *Growth* in the annual EQT Young Playwrights Contest in June sponsored by City Theatre. The festival stages professional productions of six winning, one-act plays chosen from nearly 400 young playwrights contest submissions. Her parents Bob and Susan were present at the Hampton school board meeting to accept her certificate.


### Police Log

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throughout the township for hazardous conditions that were caused by excessive rain and high winds.

### Vehicle Accident

 On September 25, 2019 at 8:57 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at Duncan Avenue, for a two-vehicle accident. Witnesses on scene advised that the accident occurred when the operator of one vehicle was traveling north on Route 8 and attempted to make a left onto Duncan Avenue. The operator attempted to turn without proper clearance and struck an oncoming vehicle that was traveling south on Route 8. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene due to extensive damage.

 On September 27, 2019 at 7:52 a.m., Hampton Township Police responded to the intersection of Route 8 and Duncan Avenue for a two-vehicle accident. The accident occurred when one vehicle was stopped at a steady red traffic signal on Duncan Avenue. The operator was waiting to turn right to then travel south on Route 8. Another vehicle was traveling south on Route 8 in the curb lane and as the ve-



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hicle was approaching the intersection, the other vehicle operator entered Route 8 from Duncan Avenue without proper clearance and collided with the oncoming vehicle. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

 On September 30, 2019 at 6:40 a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of West Hardies Road, at South Pioneer Road, for a single vehicle accident. Upon the responding officer's arrival, they located a disabled vehicle resting against a guide rail at that location.

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4186 La Tache Ct	\$506,000	3130 Haberlein Rd	\$290,000	2912 McNeal Rd	\$180,100
4619 Hidden Pond Dr	\$435,000	5002 Graphic Dr	\$266,000	3994 Old Route 8	\$160,000
5068 Apple Ridge Dr	\$399,000	3117 Raintree Dr	\$263,000	2372 Highland Ave	\$117,500
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The following were inducted this year:

**Joe Babik** of Johnstown, PA, served in the U.S. Navy as a Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class during the Vietnam Conflict from 1966-1969. Babik is a current member of the Catholic War Veterans Post 954, where he serves as treasurer. He also performs military rituals and services with the Marines Corps League and places flags on gravesites of deceased veterans annually. His grandson has assisted him for the last two years with the flag duty. He and his wife Sue have been married 44 years and they have three children and five grandchildren.

**Steve Bukovac** of Pittsburgh, PA served in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, Company L329, during World War II. He was involved in three campaigns during the war: Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland and Central Europe. Steve is a retired truck driver for lumber yards. He and his wife Barbara have seven children.


**Bernard Ignacic** of Allison Park, PA served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1968-1971. He served in the Vietnam Conflict as a Team Leader with Special Operations, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star and two Army Commendation Medals for Valor. He is engaged to Darla Gerlach and has two children.

**Frank Klatte, Sr.** of Robinson Township, PA served as a Technician Fifth Grade (Model T Corporal) with the U.S. Army during WWII. He was in service for 42 months, spending six weeks in a combat zone around the Rhine River and Central Germany. His group helped to build bridges across the Rhine River. He raised his family of five children with his late wife, Jeanne, in the Wexford area. He has five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Raymond E. Linter** of the Oakmont Hanna Health Center served as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp during WWII. He served from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Theater as part of several campaigns. While serving he contracted malaria and was sent back to California in 1945 for several months of recovery before being honorably discharged from service. He worked as a civil engineer for the PA Department of Transportation for 30 years. Along with his late wife, Pearle, he raised two children and has one grandchild.

**Harry Van Ripper** of Allison Park, PA served as an SP4 in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was drafted in 1967 and following basic training, he was assigned to Fort Knox for Armored Personnel Training. While in Vietnam he was hit by an RPG rocket and suffered serious injuries that resulted in the loss of his left arm and had a 15% chance of survival following the surgery for a collapsed lung. For their bravery during the conflict, his battalion received a Presidential Unit Citation. He and his wife Susan lived in Hampton for more than 30 years. He retired in 2014 from CCAC.

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## Schmitt Earns AP Scholar Award

Hampton Resident and Aquinas Academy student Pedro Schmitt received the AP Scholar Award from the College Board in recognition of his success taking AP Exams.

AP Scholar designation is “granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams” according to College Board. As a junior, Pedro took the AP Spanish and AP United States History exams this past spring and AP World History as a sophomore.

Fifteen additional Aquinas Academy students also earned AP Scholar Awards. Pedro's senior classmates Anna Plazek, Helen Rothfus, and Sam Schirra also received the AP Scholar Award from the AP Exams.

Twelve Aquinas Academy graduates from the Class of 2019 have also earned AP Scholar Awards. Louis D’Angelo, Harry Hardman, and Anthony Hite were awarded the AP Scholar designation after completing their AP Exams in the spring of 2019.

Seniors Anna Plazek, Helen Rothfus, Sam Schirra, and Pedro Schmitt are currently taking additional AP classes at Aquinas Academy during their senior year and have the opportunity of



L to R: Pedro Schmitt, Samuel Schirra, Anna Plazek, and Helen Rothfus



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## Letters of Intent



### Tyler Kocak

by June Gravitte

High school senior, Tyler Kocak, committed to George Mason University in Fairfax, VA on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They are a DI wrestling program and competes in the MAC (Mid-Atlantic Conference) as of this year. He will study Civil and Infrastructure Engineering. He will compete in the 165/174 lb. weight

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Madia Photography

Above Left: **Ali Resch** will be attending Seton Hill University to study health sciences and play soccer for the Griffins.

Above right : **Logan Nicklas** will be attending Gannon University and play soccer for the Knights. Logan will major in engineering.

Bottom left: **Lanie McLaughlin** will be attending Youngstown State Honors College to study biology and playing soccer for the Penguins

Bottom right: **Sydney Seymour** will be attending Carlow University to study nursing and will be on the track and field team for the Celtics.



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## Student Accomplishments

### Arianna Erka

by June Gravitte

High school junior, Arianna Erka, was recognized at the November school board meeting for qualifying to compete in the WPIAL Individuals Girls Golf Championships. Her first-place win at sectionals enabled her to qualify for the WPIAL Championships held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Diamond Run Golf Club, Sewickley, PA.



Erka remarked, "Playing in the WPIAL finals was definitely a fun experience. The girls I got the opportunity to play with were great; unfortu-

nately, I wasn't playing my best that day. Nothing was really on for me. My driver got me into a good amount of trouble on different holes and looking back on it, I could've made some smarter decisions with how I was going to play a shot or what club I was going to use. You live and you learn, and that's how golf is. Next year I'll be coming back with more experience and can apply that to my game. I also think a lot of it for me is the mental part of it. In golf, you have to learn to move on from a bad shot or bad hole, because that's what will really ruin your game, and that take time to understand. Hopefully next year as a senior, I'll be able to apply everything I've learned over the years and really put it all together."

### Kocak

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class. His record for Hampton is 92-23 so far and his senior season will begin with Dawg Duals on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Tyler began wrestling in kindergarten. Coach Chris Hart remarked, "Tyler is a very talented young man and works hard on and off the mat. Making it to states two years ago then having a season ending injury keeping him from competing last year, I believe, has driven him and has made him work very hard this offseason. I'm looking forward to seeing him not only compete this year but at the next level as well. I'm very proud and as a coach, he is my first "committed" D1 wrestler!"

The **North Hills Chorale** Christmas concert on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., and 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m., in the Visitation Chapel at Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park. Program will include an audience sing-along for Handel's *Hallelujah* Chorus. Free-will offerings accepted. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for the NHCO Food Pantry. More information is available at [www.nhchorale.com](http://www.nhchorale.com).

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### Josh Holmes

Senior **Josh Holmes** placed at #17 in the WPIAL Cross Country championships, and also competed in the PIAA state championship, finishing at #57 out of 227 runners. Josh was recognized by the school board at the last meeting.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> row (left to right) Macy Thiel, Jack Kandravym, Shane Restori, Jack Britt, Colin Glass, Nick Graper, Jude Rottmann, Nico Slmakas, Liam Regan, Tommy Rottmann, Jude Caliguiri, Maggie Tatar, Kaitlyn Miller  
 3<sup>rd</sup> row (left to right) Coach Chuck Graper, Coach PJ Kandravym, Coach Mike

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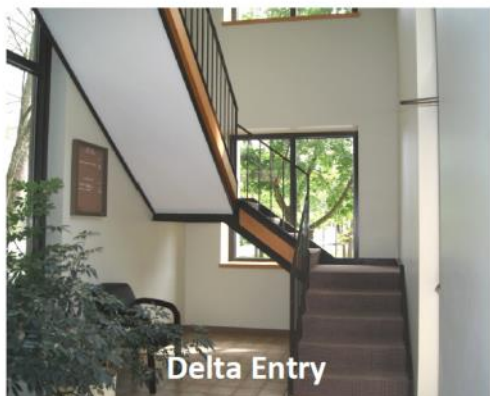


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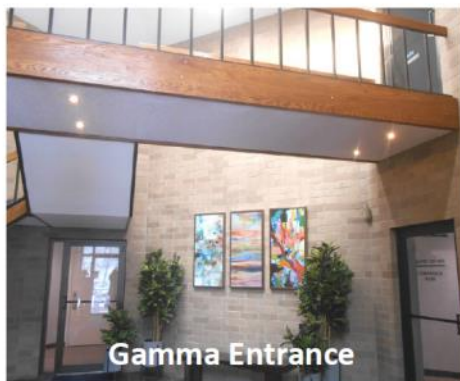
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Commercial Structure Fire	1
Gas Leak	2
Odor / Smell of Burning	1
Other	3
Residential Fire Alarm	1
Residential Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	6
Vehicle Accident W/ Entrapment	1
Wires down or on Fire	1
<b>Total Incidents for the Month</b>	<b>21</b>

Total Incidents for 2019 375

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD was dispatched with mutual aid to a two vehicle accident with entrapment on Wildwood Road at Rt 8. Crews stabilized the vehicles and used hydraulic tools to remove two patients from an overturned vehicle.
- NHVFD completed educational programs at Poff, Wyland and Central, as well as four sessions for the Hampton Presbyterian Church Preschool

**New Membership:**

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**Police Log**

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The operator stated that they were traveling north on South Pioneer Road. As the operator approached the intersection, they applied their vehicle's brakes, which resulted in the vehicle hydroplaning and striking the guide rail, causing disabling damage to the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

On October 10, 2019 at 12:18 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to the intersection of Mt. Royal Boulevard and Ferguson Road for a two-vehicle accident. The accident occurred when one operator was traveling north on Mt. Royal Boulevard, and was stopped in the lane of travel, waiting to turn left onto Ferguson Road. The vehicle was then struck from the rear by another car. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On October 29, 2019 at 5:07 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Middle Road for a report of a vehicle that struck a utility pole. The operator stated that their vehicle drifted off the roadway and struck the pole. The vehicle sustained disabling damage as a result of the collision and had to be towed from the scene.

**Vehicle Accident/DUI Arrest**

On October 11, 2019 at 5:06 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Route 8 for a two-vehicle accident. Upon the officer's arrival, they located both vehicles in a nearby parking lot. Both vehicles had sustained heavy damage and had to be towed from

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## An Amazing Performance

by Gail Scott

Mark Twain's comedy "*Is He Dead?*" was expertly performed by the Hampton High School Drama Club on Nov. 7-9. It is a laugh-out-loud comedy that had the audience entertained from start to finish.

The play follows a talented but impoverished painter played by senior Harry Hamlin who decides to fake his death in

the hope that his artwork will increase in value. He is surrounded by his good friends who help him in this endeavor and encourage him to dress up as his widowed sister, which causes lots of laughs and comical mayhem.

Putting on a high school play takes a lot of student involvement including actors, musicians, behind the scenes staff, directors, and crew, plus costumes, set designers, lighting, sound, hair dressers, make-up artists, and stage managers. It is a big

undertaking and the students began working on the play in September. The play was directed by seniors Noah Lewis and Rachel Simms, with advisory assistance from Mr. Dan Franklin. Rachel commented, "I am so proud of the entire company! My favorite part was watching our cast perform the show and noticing all the characterization they all put into their hilarious characters. We put on an amazing show and I couldn't have asked for anything more."

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## And The Musical Is...

by Sydney Andrews, writer for Hamptonian and contributor to THN

The HHS musical was announced on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The students had been waiting all day to find out the big question, "What is the musical this year?" The answer is now here; this year's musical is *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

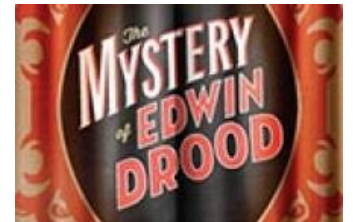
A little bit about the musical:

Creator Rupert Holmes based this play on the last novel ever written by Charles Dickens. The Victorian genius died halfway through writing it, and over 100 years later in 1985, Holmes decided to adapt it into a clever musical.

Set in the Victorian Era, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* has lots of twists and turns. The ending of this "musical within a musical" is decided by the audience, which means it will change every single night! Mr. Franklin mentions, "This musical is unlike any other musical we have ever done." Not only does it break the fourth wall when the actors ask for the audience members to choose the murders, the cast will have no idea how their show will end until they receive their answers. And according to Mrs. Lavella, show choreographer, there are over fifty possible storylines!

The cast list is: Leah McConnell, Noah Lewis, Emily Cross, Rachel Simms, Joseph Fish, Kai Suyama, Aja Lynn,

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# Talent is Abundant in Hampton Middle School

by Gail Scott

Hampton Middle School presented their fall musical production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* on November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> to a packed theater each night. The songs were delightful and the melody stayed in your head through the next day.

There were approximately 100 students involved in the musical from actors, set designers, crew, technical staff, orchestra, and more. Production of the show began shortly after the school year started and it continued until opening

night. HMS teacher Greg Shumaker has been directing the musical for the past 8 years. Shumaker said, "I get excited at every musical number. I'm really lucky to get to work with such talented young students. They're easy to direct." This show was very special with musical numbers involving the whole cast with village scenes and a large ballroom scene filled with dancing, singing, and beautiful costumes created by the costume department.

The musical score by Rodgers and Hammerstein is beautiful and eighth grade students Kathleen Milon (*Cinderella*) and Andrew Kaehly (*The Prince*) did a great job in their roles and



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Left to right: Clara Mauro, Madeline Snoke Watts, Carissa Williams

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with their solo performances. One of the favorite moments of the show was a duet called the "Stepsisters Lament" performed by Carissa Williams and Clara Mauro, who were incredibly funny in their roles as the stepsisters.



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Kathleen Milon starred as Cinderella and Andrew Kaehly as the Prince

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## Among the Elite

Emily Krull, 2003 Hampton graduate, was recently honored by being chosen as one of the winners in Pittsburgh Magazine's "40 Under 40". Forty people who have been alive for less than four decades are chosen because of their career accomplishments, dogged volunteer work and commitment to the Pittsburgh region. Krull, 34, is the Vice President, Senior Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility, The PNC Financial Services Group.



That's largely thanks to Emily Krull, who built the company's corporate social responsibility program from the ground up. Most notably, Krull developed the company's first corporate social responsibility report produced in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative in 2015 and ensured that each subsequent report has been

more transparent than the last.

"In other words, our reporting has become more strategic, thoughtful and informative to those who care about PNC's environmental, social and governance practices," Krull says.

Krull is also involved in PNC's Women's Business Development program, which helps the company attract and serve female financial decision makers.

## Lindell

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sented by Robert McCaughan, President of the EMS West and board & Vice President of Prehospital Care Services at Allegheny Health Network.

Eric Schmidt, Executive Director of Shaler/Hampton EMS has worked with Dave over the years. They first met on a cardiac arrest call at a local shopping center in O'Hara when Eric was a brand-new paramedic. Dave responded with Medic 1 from the City of Pittsburgh, where he worked then, because it was on "the line" between O'Hara and Pittsburgh. They worked the call together and afterwards when Dave found out that Eric was a trainee, he wrote a note to endorse Eric's patient care abilities. "It wasn't something that he had to do, but it is certainly quintessential Dave," Eric explained. Schmidt further commented, "I've been at this for 38 years and Dave is, without a doubt, one of the very smartest EMS people that I know and is the best EMS/medical educator that I have ever heard teach. He is a gift to the region, and I am especially proud that he chooses to work part time with us at Shaler-Hampton EMS as a Paramedic."

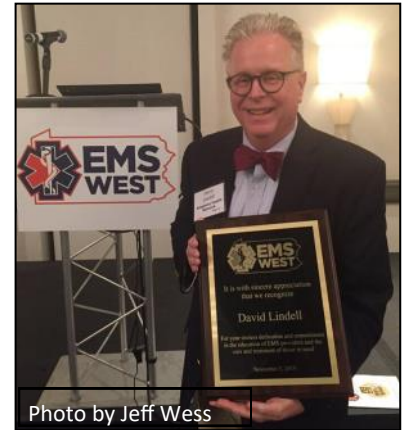


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## Current Events

### Holiday Celebration

The Township of Hampton Holiday Seasons Greeting Celebration will be held Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the community center, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park. Event is free to the public. Event opens with a 5-minute fireworks show at 7 p.m. followed by Santa and Rudolph arriving by Hampton & North Hampton fire trucks. Free pictures with Santa compliments of Berkshire Hathaway, dance performances by Dance Premier Academy, holiday themed cookies compliments of Hefren-Tillotson, live holiday music, and a fire pit outside. For more information 412-487-7870




### Civil War Round Table

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Hampton Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101  
The program is free and is open to the public. Topic: Steve and Lisa Ball will perform a collection of Stephen Foster melodies.

### Police Log

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the scene. The accident occurred when one operator attempted to enter Route 8 from a business parking lot and struck the other vehicle. One vehicle operator showed visible signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 On October 23, 2019 at 8:51 hours, Hampton Township Police responded to the area of Mount Royal Boulevard and Royal View Drive for a report of a possibly intoxicated driver. The caller reported that a vehicle had struck a tree near the intersection. The responding

### Elf On The Shelf Search


Join us for the Elf on the Shelf Search at the community center! Happy the Elf will be hiding in different places throughout the center on November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The 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 desk staff will stamp your search paper. Be sure to keep your paper for each visit to the community center and collect all five stamps! Participants with all five 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 20<sup>th</sup>! Winners will be announced on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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!

officer was able to locate the vehicle in question, and upon making contact with the vehicle operator, observed signs of impairment. The driver was asked to submit to a series of field sobriety tests, which they failed to complete as had been explained and demonstrated. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

### DUI Arrest

 On October 3, 2019 at 8:14 p.m., a Hampton Township officer responded to the area of Hemlock Drive and Sample Road for multiple calls regarding a vehicle that was *(Continued on page 19)*

### Delivering Christmas to Kids



Hampton Police Department is participating in **Presents from Police**. Donations of new and unwrapped presents can be brought to the Hampton Township Police Station or the community center until Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

This Christmas will mark the ninth 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.

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Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:45-8:45pm, Ages 11-18

## Spencer

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the hearts of many.

Spencer's Voice Fund at the Pittsburgh Foundation is an organization working to end drug epidemic in young adults while honoring the spirit and voice of Spencer Flowers, a 2015 Hampton High School graduate. Spencer passed away at the age of 20 on January 1, 2017 due to an accidental heroin overdose.

Spencer was known by his friends, family, and classmates for his friendly personality, kind heart, and witty sense of humor. Spencer left a lasting impression on many, as he was an active community member; he sang in the school choir, rowed for the Crew team, and was an outstanding member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Spencer's mother and founder of the organization, Tina Flowers, was caught by surprise and excitement to learn the foundation was chosen as the beneficiary of proceeds from the Yinzer Bars.

"We are elated Spencer's Voice was chosen as the beneficiary of proceeds from the Yinzer Bars," Tina said.

The collaboration seemed more than fitting as the bar's reflect Spencer's sense of humor and inner "yinzer". "Spencer was definitely a Yinzer to the extent that he loved Pittsburgh and its idiosyncrasies," Tina said, "He certainly reflected the social/friendliness aspects and used many Yinzer expressions - duhntuhn, going home, slippy."



Since March 2017, the foundation has made grants totaling in excess of \$80,000 to the following organizations: Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Hope 4, Family links (Power Forward Program), Holy Family Institute (Shores Program), Gateway Rehabilitation, and Recovery United.

"Our friends, family, and acquaintances have been incredibly supportive of our events and have embraced our mission," Tina said. "The organizations with which we work and to which we make grants to are incredible groups doing important, life-saving work - very often with limited resources."

Tina continues to speak to middle and high school groups, church organizations, community organizations, and health care organizations focusing on her experience and what she and her family has learned as well as how addiction affects a family. The foundation strives to stop the stigma of addiction by educating the public.

The collection of milk chocolate bars are hitting the shelves at select Giant Eagle locations, Laurie's Hallmark stores, and the Heinz History Center for \$2.99 each. For more information on Spencer's Voice Fund, visit <https://pittsburghfoundation.org/spencer-fund>.

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## Police Log

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reported to be driving erratically. The responding officer was able to locate the vehicle and observed traffic violations. A traffic stop was initiated, and upon making contact with the operator, the officer observed visual signs of impairment. The operator then failed to complete field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 On November 3, 2019 at 6:47 p.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing multiple traffic violations while traveling on Route 8. Upon contacting the driver of the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator showed visible signs of impairment and was found to have a suspended driver license. The operator then failed to complete field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. *end*



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