

## A Heartwarming Bocce Match

by Gail Scott

The crowd went wild as the Hampton athletes entered the gymnasium to participate in the first Unified Bocce match at the high school on January 25th. The Unified Bocce event was part of the Special Olympics Interscholastic Unified Sports. On the team, Special Olympics athletes compete with their peers in an inclusive environment.

The gymnasium was full of energy as the cheerleaders cheered for the athletes as they entered the gym while the Hampton band played. There was a tremendous outpouring of support from the families, cheerleaders, band, and also the students that showed up to cheer them on.

Special Education teacher Mike Zdniak started organizing the bocce club in the

fall. He worked on recruitment, team building, and the logistics of the club and their upcoming matches. Mike Zdniak suddenly became ill this winter and is on leave from the school while he recuperates. Special Education Teacher Sarah Rassau took over as head coach on January 15<sup>th</sup> for the remainder of the season. Mary Price is the

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Photo by Hampton High School Yearbook Staff

Left to right: Abby Molinaro, Amanda Moser, Isabella Carde and Sydney Loebig

### Youth Scrimmage at Palumbo Center

by Gail Scott

Two Hampton 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys travel basketball teams faced off in a scrimmage at the AJ Palumbo Center on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Hampton Blue and Hampton White played at halftime of the Duquesne-Rhode Island Atlantic 10 matchup.

Both teams compete in the Pine Richland Youth Center Travel Basketball League. The games are between teams from the surrounding communities. They also compete in 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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### Local Climbers Qualify for Nationals

by Lainy Carslaw

There is only one way to describe the USA Climbing Youth Bouldering Divisional Competition: *Intense*. It is a two-day event, with the top ten from day one, half qualifying to the second day. On day two (the finals), the top six will make Nationals.

The competitors are held in an isolation area for up to three hours

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## DeMatteo Makes Singing Debut at Heinz Field

*by Gail Scott*

**A**nna DeMatteo had the honor of singing the national Anthem in front of a large audience at Heinz Field on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Anna was chosen to sing for the WPI-AL football championship 6A division. She said it was a great experience to stand in the middle of Heinz Field and it was also a little intimidating. Anna said, "Life is always full of opportunities. You just have to be brave enough to take them."

You may have heard Anna sing the national anthem at one of the Talbots football games last fall. She also sings for some of the Hampton boys basketball games. She has been singing all of her life but she just started taking voice lessons 4 years ago. Anna is a senior at Hampton High School. Her future plans involve going to cosmetology school and singing when she can and writing music.

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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.


Between the dates of 12/15/2018- 01/15/2019, the Hampton Township Police Department handled 590 incidents. A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following examples:

- Traffic and Parking Problems 26
- Non-Criminal Investigations 7
- Animal Complaints 14
- Traffic Accidents 29
- Traffic Enforcement 54
- Public Service Calls 19
- Thefts 14
- DUI Arrests 4
- Harassment 7
- Suspicious Persons/Circumstances 28
- Disturbance Calls 29
- Medical Emergencies 43

### Vehicle Accident

 On December 21, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at McCully Road, for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers verified that there were no reported injuries. The accident occurred when one vehicle turned right off of Craighead Road to travel south on Route 8. The vehicle operator then attempted to change lanes to ultimately make a left onto McCully Road but collided with another

vehicle that was traveling south in the passing lane. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to extensive damage.

 On January 9, 2019 at 3:34 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at McCully Road, for a two-vehicle accident. The two involved vehicles were still in the roadway upon the officer's arrival. The accident occurred when one vehicle was stopped on Route 8, in the southbound passing

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lane, waiting to make a left turn onto McCully Road. A second vehicle then rear-ended the stopped vehicle, causing disabling damage. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

On January 12, 2019 at 6:10 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Middle Road, at Haberlein Road, for a two-vehicle accident. Both vehicles were found to be in the roadway upon the officer's arrival. The involved drivers reported that one operator was attempting to travel left off of Haberlein Road, onto Middle Road, when their vehicle spun 360 degrees and entered the opposite lane of travel, striking another vehicle. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage but were able to be driven from the scene.

On January 12, 2019 at 8:08 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to West Hardies Road for a vehicle that had slid off of the roadway. The accident occurred during a period of poor weather conditions, which resulted in the roads being covered in snow and ice. Due to the position of the vehicle, which had slid over a small hillside, the fire department responded to the scene to assist in extricating the occupants of the vehicle. The involved vehicle was towed from the scene.

On January 14, 2019 at 7:03 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, near Harts Run Road, for a three-vehicle accident. Upon the officer's arrival, the drivers of the vehicles stated that one vehicle had been fully stopped in the northbound passing lane of Route 8, waiting to turn left, when the accident occurred. A vehicle traveling two cars behind the stopped vehicle then rear ended the vehicle directly in front of it that was slowing down for the stopped vehicle ahead. The second involved vehicle was then pushed into the stopped vehicle as a result of getting rear-ended. All three vehicles were towed from the scene and two vehicle occupants were taken to the hospital by ambulance.

**Vehicle Accident/DUI Arrest**

On December 28, 2018 at 6:13 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to the intersection of Route 8 and West Hardies Road for a two-vehicle accident. Upon the officers arrival, they located both vehicles still in the roadway. The accident occurred when one vehicle rear ended the other while it was stopped at a steady red light. The operator of one vehicle showed visible signs of impairment and was observed to be

unsteady on their feet. The operator failed to complete field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence.

**DUI Arrest**

On December 16, 2018 at 3:01 a.m., Hampton Township officers were dispatched to Middle Road for a vehicle that had traveled off of the roadway and was parked in a front yard. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the vehicle operator, who showed visible signs of impairment. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI following attempted field sobriety tests.

On December 21, 2018 at 3:41 p.m., Hampton officers were dispatched to Ferguson Road for a male who was observed to be slumped over the steering wheel of his car and appeared to be unresponsive. Upon the officer's arrival, they located the vehicle operator still slumped over the steering wheel. The first officer on scene was able to wake the operator, who showed signs of impairment. The officer also detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The

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# The Dome House is No More

by Gail Scott

Just about everyone in Hampton has driven by the geodesic dome house on Haberlein Road near Poff Elementary School. The dome house was designed by an architect and built for Thomas and Janet Ammons in the late 1970's. It was designed to be highly energy efficient, but it never quite worked out that way.



The interior had 3 stories and featured an unusual spiral staircase that hung on chains and moved when used! The space was surprisingly



efficient with a kitchen and living room on the main floor, and a bedroom and bathroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor was a bedroom at the top of the house.

The home was sold in October and torn down this winter. Sciulli Classic Homes purchased the lot and will be building a beautiful "spec" home in the near future which will be for sale. For more information on the new home call Anthony Sciulli 724-531-0690.



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**Tuesdays, now thru February 27<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, now thru February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

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

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

**Wednesdays, now thru February 28<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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**Wednesdays, now thru Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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Join us as we discuss, *Monkeewrench*, by P.J. Tracy. Books available at the library. Make new friends, discover new authors, and get a clue!

**Betty's Book Buzz:**

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**

Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about *The Hamilton Affair*, by Elizabeth Cobbs. Copies of the book will be available at the library.

Make new friends, meet new books!!

**Cooks-N-Books: Paula Deen!**

**Thurs., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>—6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for people who love to cook and make new friends! No real experience or culinary expertise is needed- just a desire to share recipes and food!!

We meet in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

- 1) Check out a cookbook by Paula Deen from the library, find a recipe.
  - 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.

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## Library

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### News and Views!

#### Fridays, starting February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>.

This lively discussion group, led by Gerry K. Smith, explores all kinds of topics – headlines in our world and around the world – nothing is off limits! Join us in the **Adult Lounge** from **1:00pm -3:00 pm**. Registration is appreciated.

### Mindful Fridays!

#### Fridays, now through March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Do you have a hobby that you like but are tired of practicing it alone while watching the Hallmark Channel? Then bring your knitting, crochet, needlepoint, coloring, sudoku, crossword puzzles or whatever to the library. Join a set of like minded people who are looking for quiet conversation while enjoying their favorite hobby!

### It's Time for Winter Book Bingo! Did you get your card?

Adults, warm up your winter at the library! Pick up your bingo card at the library. Read books listed on the Book BINGO squares. When you have made a BINGO (across, down, or diagonally) you will receive a raffle chance for "hot" prizes! Cover the card to get an additional five raffle tickets, (maximum of 10 chances)! All entries must be received by March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Each person may only complete one BINGO card. Each book title can only be used once to complete one square.

### 2019 Chess Tournament!

Hampton Community Library will be hosting the 2019 CHESS TOURNAMENT sponsored by Pittsburgh Chess Club on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Registration has started! Must preregister at the library.

Please register in person since application requires a signature. Space is limited. Competition is divided into two divisions-grades K-4 and 5-8.

### SAVE THE DATE for TRIVIA!

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Community Library Trivia Night

#### Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

(Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System not required!) Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. Program ends at 9:00 p.m.

Assemble your own team, or let us put one together for you that night. \$20/person, (6 -10 people/table). Test your general trivia knowledge! Perhaps **your** team will surprise them all! Please note this is an adult program. Space is limited; Registration required. Registration opens February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Hooray for Play K! A Kindergarten Readiness Program!

#### Fridays, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

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2831 Ridge Dr	\$375,000	4499 Birchwood Ln	\$212,800	3967 Kirk Ave	\$119,900
3935 Farmview Dr	\$269,000	2516 Royalview Dr	\$179,000	2107 Duncan Ave	\$55,000
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## Aquinas Academy's Margaret Maglio Commits to Playing Lacrosse at MIT

Aquinas Academy senior Margaret (Molly) Maglio, daughter of Mike and Wendy Maglio of Hampton Township, has committed to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She will continue her lacrosse career playing for the MIT Engineers. She plans to major in biology.



Maglio is known for her outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments at Aquinas Academy. Maglio earned Academic All-American in lacrosse, All WPIAL lacrosse, two time All Section lacrosse, and All Section in

field hockey. She qualified for both the True Pennsylvania State Team and True National Team for lacrosse and won the MVP award at the Brine New England Cup Tournament. Maglio has won the Aquinas Sportsmanship award and twice named Most Improved in field hockey. She received the Player to Watch recognition in field hockey. Maglio also competed on the varsity golf team.

Academically, Maglio has achieved National Merit Semifinalist status, Summa Cum Laude each of her five semesters, National Latin Exam Perfect Score, PJPAS Competition Perfect Score, *Rising Star Science Award*, and multiple Scholar Athlete awards, in addition to taking many Advanced Placement classes, including AP Biology at John's Hopkins University and Pre College at Brown University—*Infectious Disease and Epidemics*.

A well-rounded student, Maglio has participated in many extracurricular activities including supporting and lead roles in four Aquinas Academy dramatic productions of *The Christmas Story*, *The Crucible*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Pride and Prejudice*, Head of the Spirit Club, Math Team and Science Bowl participant, Student Ambassador, Mentor, Tutor, Aquinas Academy Leadership Team, Medallion Ball, Cinderella Ball, Aquinas Choir, and a Finalist for the *Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award*. Maglio also volunteers four hours a week at UPMC Passavant.

## Thomas Commits to Muskingum



Garrett's mom BJ Thomas, Muskingum men's bowling coach David Jones, head coach Doug Smith, dad Glenn Thomas, brother Jacob and seated Garrett Thomas.

Hampton High School senior Garrett Thomas signed a Letter of Intent to Muskingum University, New Concord, Ohio to bowl for the Muskies. Garrett will be studying early education along with special education. Congratulation and good luck at Muskingum!

## Youth Basketball

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tournaments with two scheduled in March. They are a little more than halfway through the season. The boys attend Poff, Wyland, and Central Elementary. Hampton Blue assistant coach Drew Bosetti said, "The PRYC League has been very good for the boys growth and love of the sport." Bosetti is a Duquesne University alumni and was able to reach out to the athletic department and set up the scrimmage at the Palumbo Center.

The roster for Hampton White is Mikey Solomon, Luca Romero Lauro, Andrew Butler, Christian Kornick, Brody Junker, Hunter Richardson, Gavin Guinn, and Ethan Phillips. They are coached by Mike Solomon and Brian Junker.

The roster for Hampton Blue is Chad Moore, Colin Custer, Drew Interthal, Andrew Bosetti, Drew Bucci, Holden Midgley, James Derence, and Zack Danner. Hampton Blue is coached by Steve Custer and Drew Bosetti.



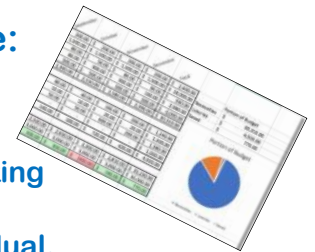
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## Hampton Girls Varsity Basketball

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Varsity Girls' Basketball team has not enjoyed a lot of wins so far this season. However, the girls have been working hard and they are an extremely coachable group according to their coach Anthony Howard. There is only one returning senior, Maddie Stevens, on the team this year. Six seniors from last year's section cham-

ampionship team graduated in 2018.

Coach Howard said, "The girls are learning how to play basketball and the coaches are looking forward to the future when all of that comes together and the girls get used to playing with each other. Sometimes you have to go through it to get to it." Hampton is starting two freshmen and two sophomores this season and the team has been pretty competitive. With the physical nature of the game, the other league teams that are

headed by seniors tend to wear down the young Hampton team, according to Howard.

Hampton played a highly competitive game on January 22<sup>nd</sup> against Montour. The Talbots were leading until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and almost lost the game. In the final seconds, freshman Sophie Kelly hit a game winning shot at the buzzer to beat Montour 59-58.

The basketball season is winding down and the last regular season game is on Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Kindergarten Registration Dates

School year 2019-2020 registration for kindergarten and any grade one students new to Hampton Schools will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. as follows:

Poff Elementary—Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>


Central Elementary—Wed., Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

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## Hampton Wrestling Amongst the Top in the County

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Left to right: Zach Wright, Tyler Kocak, Gage Guluska, Justin Hart and Dawson Dietz.



Left to Right: Conrad Harold, Corey Scherer and Josh Campbell

### HAA Fundraiser

Hampton Athletic Association is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night at the Races fundraiser on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department. The HAA is a recreational community baseball and softball organization in Hampton Township that focuses on building sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill in our youth. The HAA cannot accomplish this mission without community support. To register for the event, donate or to become a sponsor, visit our website at <https://www.hamptonathleticassociation.org>.




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### Bocce

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assistant coach. The season runs from late December to mid-March. The students meet to practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There are 4 student athletes on the team: Liam Wallace, Mara Andrews, Sydney Loebig, and Abby Molinaro. Their partners in the club are Amanda Moser, Brooke Hathorn, J.T. Nelligan, and Isabella Carde. When asked how she felt about being announced on entering the gymnasium with all the cheering, Sydney Loebig said she felt "happy and excited!" Sydney's sister Saige was one of the cheerleaders and said the moment was emotional and she held back her tears when the players took their position. Liam Wallace had a great time. He was hamming it up with the crowd and gave several bows after each throw. The crowd loved his enthusiasm! The students that showed up to support them brought an amazing amount of energy to the event. It was heartwarming.



Liam Wallace & JT Nelligan

The first match held on January 25<sup>th</sup> was against Fox Chapel. Hampton will compete against Mt Lebanon on February 4<sup>th</sup> and then Shaler on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a county-wide championship on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the athletes on a successful first match!



Photo by Madia Photography

## A Memorable Senior Night for Inline Hockey

by June Gravitte

Hampton Inline Hockey recognized its class of 2019 seniors on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 seniors among the 3 high school teams. The 2019 seniors are, by team:

HS 5 Joey Baker

HS 2 Nic Michielli, Dillon Glock, Ben DeRose, Alexey Stewart, Michael Hays, Jared Thomas, Peter Andrews.

V1 JT Nelligan, Zach Schreiber, Shane Yobbi, David Butler, JJ Lee, Michael Radinovic, Noah Radomski.

The HS 5 team defeated Shaler 5 - 1, HS 2 defeated Canon Mac 3 - 2, and V1 lost to Canon Mac 7-6. A great crowd turned out to support and honor the seniors, and there was also a strong showing from the Hampton High School student body. In addition, the elementary and middle school teams also attended.

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## Hampton Ice Hockey Improving as Season Goes On

by June Gravitte

The Hampton Talbots Varsity hockey team is having a great season. After falling behind to start the year, losing 3 of their first 4 games, they have managed to climb into 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the northwest division of the PIHL. The team recently sent 5 players to participate in the PIHL Allstar Game (Michael Orban, Matthew Commendatore, Justin Adamski, Will Meglio, and Jake McGee) at RMU Island Sports Center. The team captain is Michael Orban, and the alternate captains are Will Meglio and Matthew Commendatore. Justin Adamski and Michael Orban are currently in the top 5 in all scoring for the AA division of the PIHL. Jake McGee and JT Nelligan have done an excellent job in net thus far. The Talbots

were able to take down the league leading Pine Richland Rams (14-0-0-1) by a score of 4-3 in a shootout on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Senior night is Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Frozen Pond Arena in Valencia at 8:40 p.m. where they will look to fight off division rival Quaker Valley. Senior Jake Schwarzbach remarked, "Obviously our team started off slowly with all of the young guys we have and all of the seniors needing to step up and lead. We rearranged the lines and I think that Matt, Mike and Justin are a perfect fit and Adam, Josh and I work super well together.

We've been on a roll lately and we are looking to keep that up going into playoffs."

Though the Talbots have already clinched a playoff spot, with 4 games in the regular season remaining, "they maintain focus with their eyes on making a deep playoff run," commented head coach, Luke Leya.



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## Swimming and Diving

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Swimming and Diving team is nearing the end of their season with a current record of 3-3 for both the girls and boys. The team has gained a lot of depth this season. They have gone from a smaller team with a few stand-out swimmers to a larger team where every swimmer makes a difference and earns points.

This is Morgan Zwegardt's third year as the head coach of the swim team. Zwegardt said, "I am really proud of the depth our team has this year. We have athletes that are getting 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place which is so important to the overall score for the team. Every swimmer and diver that we have makes a difference. We focus a lot on all the different strokes instead of just specializing in one stroke or one event." The swim team assistant coach is Erica Reynolds and the diving coach is Keith Hart. Coach Zwegardt said they have so much depth this year that it is difficult to list all the stand-out swimmers but a few of them are: Lia Appel (senior),

Drew Scheib(junior) who has qualified for WPIAL in many events, Richie Donato (sophomore), Rosy Oh (junior), Caitie Kress (sophomore), Matt Belch (junior) and Ethan Apaliski (sophomore). Currently, there are 4 divers on the diving team coached by Keith Hart: Caitlin McCarthy, Ethan Apaliski, Emily Felitsky and Sophia Gonzalez. Hart has been coaching diving at Hampton for

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## Swimming *(Continued from page 15)*

at least eight years and can see natural talent in a few of his divers. Apaliski has been in the water since he learned to walk, but the diving board is new to him this year. The great talent he has and eagerness to learn the arts of diving is opening the path for WPIALs. Hart has very high expectations for the first year divers Ethan and Caitlin as well for Emily in her second year. This year he is very pleased with all four divers and encourages other students to give it a try.

Several of the seniors are first year swimmers. The senior swim team members are: Lia Appel, Sophia Gonzalez, Hannah Bernett, Jillian Greer, Nathan Kwiecinski, Natali Lara, Rachel McGinley, Ava Retsch, Connor, Michael White and Abigail Wolf.

The season began in November and the regular swim season will end on February 14<sup>th</sup> with WPIAL's held on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Indoor Track Team?

Hampton High School's Winter Track team has been in existence for almost a decade. How does a track team operate in the winter one might ask? The 20-25 students practice after school Monday through Thursday after school at the

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The Hampton High School dance team competed in America's Best Steeltown Championship on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Petersen Events Center in Oakland. The team had a great day and they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Varsity Jazz division. This was their last competition for the season. Pictured from left: Gabby Dillon, Molly Baker, Sierra Linke-Kohan, Kylie Karam, Chloe Sinagra, Coach Leighann Bacher, Lauren Bagnato, Heather Scott, Paula Ott, Karlie Karam, Brooke Hathorn.

## Police Log

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individual was ultimately placed under arrest.



On December 23, 2018 at 10:22 p.m., Hampton Police were dispatched to a business on Route 8 for a report of an individual who was said to be passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle. Upon the responding officer's arrival, they located the vehicle in question with a male passed out in the driver's seat. The officer was able to wake the driver, who was eventually asked to step from the vehicle. The operator was observed to be unsteady on their feet and

showed visible signs of impairment. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest.

## Public Drunkenness



On January 6, 2019 at 2:21 a.m., Hampton Township officers were dispatched to Grand Avenue for a report of a male standing in a front yard, screaming and yelling. Upon the officer's arrival, they located the male in question, who was visibly intoxicated. The male was subsequently taken into custody.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizens Police Academy

The first Citizens Police Academy hosted by the Hampton Police Department was such a success, we look forward to offering it to our residents again this year. Throughout the academy, students are presented with information on several key law enforcement topics. Such topics may include police academy training, crime and vehicle codes, narcotics investigations, the role of the court system, use of force issues, evidence collection, and much more. The Hampton Township Police Department is offering a new program to qualified residents – the second annual Hampton Township Citizens

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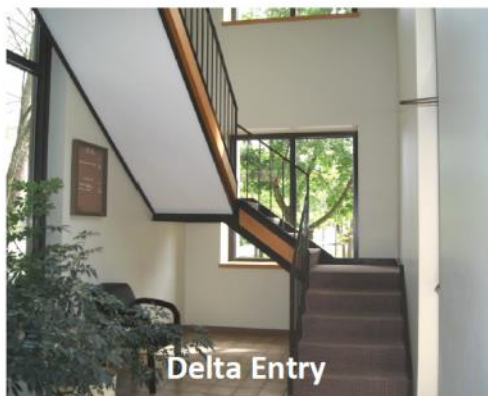
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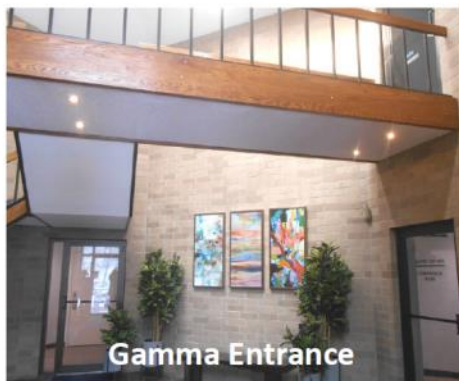
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## Climbing

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before they get their turn to compete. They come out one at a time, walking with heads down, eyes averted from the climbing wall. This way, it is ensured that each climber will have to figure out their own way up the wall because they can't watch the person before them. The audience is not allowed to give advice or feedback.

When it is the competitor's turn, they will have four minutes to figure out how to climb the set route of rocks that span the twenty-foot wall. These routes are called "problems" and will become a test of the climber's problem-solving skills, strength, flexibility, and tenacity. Many times, a climber will visualize the route he is going to take up the wall before he actually begins to climb it. Fore-arm, bicep, and finger strength are key elements to success as some of the rocks on the wall are nearly as small as a

dime, and only twice as thick.

At the end of the competition, the climber who has made it the highest up the wall in the least number of attempts, will win. Because there are no ropes in Bouldering, sometimes the falls taken can be pretty hard. The public will get a better idea of this high-pressure, high intensity sport when it is unveiled in the 2020 Olympic Games.

At the Divisional competition in Richmond, Virginia on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, two local climbing youths overcame this pressure and qualified to the Nationals, which will be held next month in Bend, Oregon.

Andre Marcais, a junior at Hampton who trains at Climb North, placed 4<sup>th</sup> over-all in the Youth A category, as did his 5<sup>th</sup> grade teammate from Fox Chapel, Gavin Youkers, in the Youth D category. With many teammates and friends cheering them on, Andre was



able to "flash," or "complete the route on his first attempt," his first two climbs and Gavin flashed his third and final climb. Those strong performances solidified their placement among the top six.

Their coaches, Justin Mech and Mylauna Swango are excited to be taking two climbers to the National competition because they understand just how difficult this is to accomplish.

"These boys train hard and deserve to make it to the next level. They were able to stay calm and use their strength and training to help them reach their goals," said Mech.

## Indoor Track

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high school and when the weather is bad they use the halls to get in their workouts. If the weather is mild they workout outside and at the track. They use the weight room 2 days a week in December, and one day a week through-



out January & February. There is individual competition at the 4 meets held at Youngstown State University that are held on Saturdays in January & February. The events are all of the running events, long jump, and triple jump.



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## Boy Scout Troop 17 Celebrates 90 Years (continued from January issue)

by Tina Harper

These monthly Troop 17 articles might seem like the movie, *Groundhog Day* ... but they're not. Each month we're reminding current and alumni Scouts and Scouters of Troop 17's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and inviting them to attend. Different than the movie though, we feature a different aspect of the troop.

So far, we've given an overview of the troop and its weekly meeting activities along with introducing summer camp, the Altoona Curve game and campout, family camping at Moraine State Park (November issue); Webelos recruitment weekend, scouts' involvement in community service (December issue); and sharing troop history and the annual spring break trip (January issue).

There is still more! Each January, Troop 17 embarks on an annual ski trip, where families are invited to take part. Again, this year, the troop traveled to Peek 'N Peak Resort in Clymer, NY for a weekend of snow fun – skiing, snowboarding, tubing. The troop cooks for the scouts and families, usually a crock pot meal (using many crock pots) that can be prepared while everyone is on the slopes. As the troop prepared to depart the resort, an impromptu snowball battle ensued, including scouts and leaders. Just more snow fun!

Another tradition of Troop 17 is to participate in a high adventure trip each year. The location and style of trip rotate ever four years. For five days this past summer, the troop canoed 50 miles and portaged (hiking while carrying their canoes) over three miles in Algonquin Provincial Park, Canada. This coming summer, scouts 14 and over will attend Seabase, a hands-on sailing adventure in the Bahamas. Summer 2020, the troop will head to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM to backpack 150 miles over seven days. The fourth year, the scouts attend a Boy Scouts of America jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

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*Has anyone found the special guest for the Troop 17 90<sup>th</sup> celebration - the oldest living*



Troop 17 enjoys ski weekend at Peek 'N Peak Resort.

## Police Log

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Police Academy. The program is designed to give the average citizen a better understanding of the criminal justice system, in particular, the role police officers play in the community.

The Academy is free and will be held every Thursday from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. The classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hampton Township Community Center, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park.

Applications can be picked up at the Hampton Township Police

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Focuses on Service

For Mrs. Julie Mitchell's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Blessed Trinity Academy, their annual class Christmas party was about more than making crafts and eating treats. This year they choose to focus on spreading the joy of the holiday season to others. During their class Christmas party, the students spent part of their time participating in a service project for the seniors living at the Lloyd McBride Court in Millvale. Instead of sending in holiday treats for each other, the students brought in items to donate to the seniors. They filled 27 stockings filled with toiletries, household items, snacks and crafts. Then Mrs. Mitchell delivered the stockings (with the help of two local scout troops, Brownie Troop 16293 and Junior Troop 60098) to the seniors, who were thrilled with the

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## Current Events

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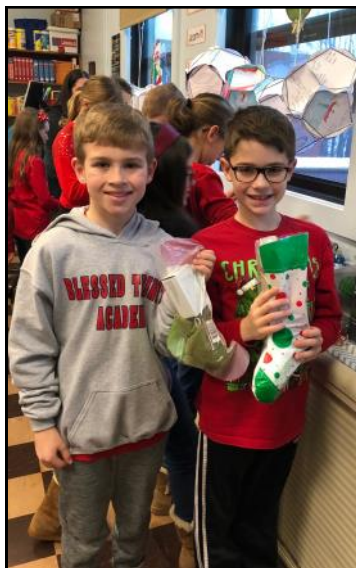
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### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students *(Continued from page 20)*

thoughtful gifts. The class had so many extra donations that were not able to fit into the stocking that they were able to help the director replenish some of their much needed supplies. Their thoughtful gesture illustrated exactly with that Christmas season is meant to be about.

## North Hampton Fire

December 2018, Chief John Schwend

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Fire Police	1
Gas Leak/Odor	1
Other	2
Residential Fire Alarm	6
Smoke Investigation	3
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	2
Wires Down / Transformer Problem	4
<b>Total Incidents for the Month</b>	<b>29</b>
Total Incidents for 2018	498

### Noteworthy incidents and events:

NHVFD was dispatched to the report of smoke filling the Dunkin Donuts location on Rt. 8 in Hampton. Crews investigated and found a malfunctioning heating unit.

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### Pennsylvania House of Representatives

State Rep. Lori Mizgorski (R-Allegheny) is pleased to announce that her district office is open and ready to serve the residents of the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in Allegheny County.

Mizgorski's district office is located at Castletown Square South, 4284 William Flinn Hwy., Suite 105 in

Allison Park. The office phone number is (412) 487-6605.

"I am excited that our office is open and ready to serve the residents of the 30<sup>th</sup> District," said Mizgorski. "I invite my constituents to stop by or call the office for assistance with state-related issues."



Mizgorski's district office staff can assist constituents with state-related issues, such as PA driver's licensing, vehicle registration, PennDOT, senior citizen placards and bus passes, PACE and DHS applications and other state resource referrals.

Mizgorski plans to host a district office open house on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

"This open house will be a great opportunity for constituents to come to the office to meet me and my staff," said Mizgorski. "They will also learn more about state services we can offer to assist residents."

Open house details will be available soon on Mizgorski's website, RepMizgorski.com. Residents can also sign up to receive emails on events and other state related information.

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## Upcoming Events

### Hampton High School Presents "Chicago"

by Gail Scott

The Hampton High School Drama Club is excited to announce "Chicago" as their spring musical for 2019. The show will be presented on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. The musical is set in the roaring 20's in the legendary city of Chicago. The story tells of two vaudevillian murderesses who are locked up in jail on Murder's Row. Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly become celebrity criminals. "Chicago" is filled with fantastic music and incredible dancing. Bob Fosse choreographed the original production, and his style is strongly identified with the show.

# CHICAGO

There are over 100 students involved in the spring musical including orchestra, the set "crew", costume designers, actors, directors, lighting and behind-the-scenes individuals. Musical director Dan Franklin said, "We're extremely excited to be producing Chicago, the high school edition. The Creative Team has been looking forward to producing this for 8 years, and the timing couldn't be more perfect. When we auditioned and saw the talent, we knew that fate had played a hand and indicated that this was the perfect year for it. Even though we're still early in the rehearsal process, I can't express how happy I am with what the company is bringing to

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the table." Franklin added, "Our vision is being brought to life through these talented and hard working students, and I can tell you that it is not going to be the predictable version of Chicago that everyone thinks of. This will be THE Hampton musical

not to miss." Tickets go on sale in early March and more information will be included in the March issue of The Hampton News.

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