

Service Above Self

Hampton Rotary has completed three of their scheduled five food drives to the neediest Hampton school district families as part of their commitment to donate \$10,000 worth of food. Club president Hal English thanked the many volunteers and reminded them that their donation of time and

dollars will help sustain a family for a few more meals to give those students an opportunity to not be distracted from learning. Club members have shopped; packed trucks full of food, reassembled them into delivery packages and delivered the meals. The project is totally funded by club members and donations they have

raised through past 5K races. Past donations have helped with scholarships and other projects for our community and its residents. As last year's 5K race was canceled and this year's race is in jeopardy, incoming president Larry Vasko reminds residents that Rotary is grateful for any
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Left to right: Steve Cupcheck, Les Dieckmann, Roger Eichner, Cindy Rylands, Larry Vasko and Dick Sittler

Business Competition: Coaches and Judges Needed

Business owners and professionals from a variety of industries are being sought to serve as coaches and judges for the Talbot Tank high school business competition. Judges will serve in an online panel for the contest in May. Coaches are business owners who have experience starting and growing their own company and can provide business coaching to high school students. The

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Housefire Victims Grateful for First Responders

by Gail Scott

Hidden Pond residents Angela and Alex (last name withheld) and their two cats (Noodle and Kid) escaped from their house at midnight on January 28 as it was engulfed in flames from an internal fireplace failure. A three-alarm fire call was issued where Hampton, North Hampton, West Deer, Richland and Peebles fire departments all responded, along with Shaler Hampton EMS and Hamp-

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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 12/22/2020—1/20/2021:

Accident/DUI Arrest

 On December 23, 2020 at 10:39 pm, Hampton Township Police (HTP) responded to Route 8, at Harts Run Road, for a two-vehicle accident. The accident occurred when one vehicle was stopped in the southbound turning lane of Route 8, waiting to turn left onto Harts Run Road, when the vehicle was struck from behind. While speaking to the operator of one vehicle, the officer observed indications of impairment. The operator submitted to field sobriety tests, which they failed to complete as had been explained and demonstrated. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to extensive damage.

 On January 9, 2021 at 6:07 pm, HTP responded to the area of William Flinn Highway near Clearview Road for a report of a disabled vehicle in the roadway. Upon arrival, officers discovered a vehicle that had struck a large curb on the side of the roadway, which had caused disabling damage to the vehicle. The driver showed visible signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

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Homes Decorated to Raise Money for NHCO

Back in December, the Greybrooke Community held their 1st Annual Holiday Spirit Celebration, benefiting North Hills Community Outreach, (NHCO). The residents encouraged neighbors to decorate their homes with holiday cheer. The participants placed a small container outside their homes where attendees left a donation casting their vote for their favorite decorated

home. Baierl Acura in Wexford matched the donations up to \$850. The neighborhood raised \$4,686.37 for NHCO! NHCO, Baierl Acura and the Greybrooke Neighborhood Association presented the winners with prizes and gifts on Tuesday, December 22.

1st Place— Bernie Lynch on Post Road

2nd Place—Marcia & Robert Coleman on Lammerton Drive

3rd Place—Thomas Fernandez & Lisa Benner on Post Road



Bill Brown, General Manager at Baierl Acura presented Bernie Lynch with a prize for winning the Greybrooke Community's First Annual Holiday Spirit Celebration.



NHCO Executive Director Tom Baker, left to right, talks with Bernie Lynch, Samantha Siboulet and Danny Siboulet after awarded prizes at the Greybrooke Community's First Annual Holiday Spirit Celebration.



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On the Road:

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Wednesdays Mornings @ 8am!

We care about the important learning that happens through reading, writing, singing & playing. Tune in to a new adventure each week with Ms. Annie & get ready to go places, make things, think about stuff & share ideas. This will be posted on the Hamp-

ton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Now through March.

ABC Storytime, Thursdays @ 1pm

Miss Suzy is still traveling down Alphabet Lane. Each week will feature a different letter of the alphabet with stories, songs & smiles! Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Now through March.

Listen Up!, Friday Afternoons @ 1pm!

Somewhere between book club, podcast & digital workshop lives an opportunity for children & youth to get inspired by a story. Each week, listen to the first chapter of a book guaranteed to light a fire in the brain. Explore discussion questions, a journal prompt & project extension, or just check out the entire story using your library card (eBook, print book & audiobooks available.) Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Now through March.

Good Night – Sleep Tight!, Sundays @ 7pm

Sundays are a good time to relax and wind

down from the weekend. Join Miss Suzy and Fluffy in your pjs and with your favorite bedtime friend for bedtime stories, songs and rhymes. Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Now through March.

Murder by the Book!

A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Then She was Gone, By Lisa Jewell

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting by ZOOM. Books will no longer be available at the circulation desk. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group

Friday, February 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Marley, By Jon Clinch

Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library, after the library closes. This will only happen weather permitting and when we are actually open! Books will no longer be available at the circulation desk. Please call the library to request a copy of the book.

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COVID Vaccine: Round Two Underway for Local Healthcare Providers

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Last month, Hampton Township Council Member and family medicine physician, Dr. Joseph Dougherty, shared his experience as a front-line recipient of the first of two shots in the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine regimen. After receiving the second dose in early January, Dr. Dougherty remains confident in the vaccine's safety and efficacy, and he encourages all who are able to get the vaccine to consider it. Of the second shot, he reports, "I



L to R: Dr. Sam Urick, Dr. Natalie Gentile, Dr. Kirsten Lin, Dr. Lela Dougherty

had no side effects other than a sore arm at the injection site. My wife, [Dr. Lela Dougherty], had her second shot as well, and she developed muscle aches for about 12 hours." Since then, both have had no other side effects, and they

feel optimistic about the vaccine's potential for getting the nation on the road back to normal. A major step on that road is vaccinating all healthcare workers, many of whom work within large healthcare systems that are providing the vaccine to their employ-



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ees. For the hundreds of unaffiliated healthcare workers in our region, however, access to the vaccine is a bit more complicated, requiring a dedicated and sometimes frustrating search. To streamline the process, a group of local physicians took matters into their own hands and created a series of clinics specifically aimed at vaccinating unaffiliated and private healthcare workers. The clinics have been a true team effort between Hampton's Dr. Lela Dougherty and Dr. Kirsten Lin of Family Matters Direct Primary Care and their partners at Direct Care Physicians of Pittsburgh. While the doses are administered free of charge, the volunteer physicians have asked those receiving a vaccination to consider

donating to RIP Medical Debt, a national nonprofit organization whose aim is to provide medical debt relief for those in need. To date, the vaccine clinics have raised nearly \$3,000 for the group.

Through the clinics, which have been featured on several local newscasts, first-dose vaccines have been administered to 700 caregivers, all of whom will receive their second dose in coming weeks. In pulling together to ensure access to the vaccine for an often "forgotten" group of caregivers, the dedicated clinic team is inching us further along the path toward herd immunity and its promise of a return to normal.

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DUI Arrests


 On January 4, 2021 at 8:44 pm, HTP were dispatched to the area of Sample Rd and Laurel Lane for a reported intoxicated driver. The reporting party advised that the vehicle was driving in the oncoming lane and was traveling at a high rate of speed. A responding officer was able to intercept the vehicle in question and observed traffic violations. A traffic stop was initiated, and the vehicle operator showed visible signs of impairment. The operator was unable to complete field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. The operator was also found to be in possession of illegal substances and paraphernalia.


 On January 19, 2021 at 12:22 am, HTP initiated a traffic stop on Route 8 after observing multiple traffic violations. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator submitted to field sobriety tests, which were not completed as had been explained and demonstrated. The operator showed visible signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

Traffic Violation/Active Warrant

 On January 4, 2021 at 9:30 am, HTP officers initiated a traffic stop on Route 8 after observing multiple traffic violations. Upon stopping the vehicle and making contact with the operator, it was discovered that the driver had a suspended drivers license. The operator was also found to have an active warrant for their arrest. The operator was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia.

Vehicle Accident

 On December 30, 2020 at 4:31 pm, HTP responded to West Hardies Road for a single vehicle accident that initially was said to involve a mailbox. Upon the arrival of the responding officers, they located a vehicle in the front yard of a residence. The vehicle had struck a gas meter, shearing the stem, which resulted in a gas leak. The vehicle also struck a sewer pipe in the front yard, which flattened one tire on the vehicle. People's Gas responded to the scene to fix the gas meter break. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

 On January 5, 2021 at 1:09 pm, HTP responded to Route 8, near Aldi Foods, for a two-vehicle collision. Upon arrival, officers found one vehicle still in the roadway, blocking a lane of travel. The accident was said to have occurred when the operator of one vehicle was attempting to pull out of a business parking lot to then travel south on Route 8. There was a line of vehicles stopped in the northbound curb lane, and the operator did not see an oncoming vehicle traveling in the passing lane. The operator attempted to exit the parking lot to turn left and collided with the oncoming vehicle. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

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3124 Mohawk Dr	\$352,900	4337 Kenson Dr	\$260,000	2424 Oak Hill Rd	\$138,000
2612 Herron Rd	\$325,000	5104 Polo Fields Dr	\$250,000	5150 Hardt Rd	\$92,000
4860 Cherry St	\$285,000	4173 Wallace Rd	\$238,000		



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On January 13, 2021 at 12:59 pm, HTP were dispatched to Mount Royal Boulevard for a vehicle accident. Upon the arrival of the responding officers, they located both vehicles off of the roadway. The accident was said to have occurred when the operator of one vehicle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway, resulting in the vehicle entering the oncoming lane of travel and striking another vehicle traveling the opposite direction. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and had to be towed from the scene.

On January 20, 2021 at 6:47 pm, HTP responded to Wildwood Road for a vehicle accident. Upon the arrival of the responding officer, they located a vehicle blocking one lane of travel. The vehicle had struck a concrete barrier at the beginning of a bridge. The vehicle operator stated that the vehicle had slid on black ice and struck the barrier. The vehicle sustained disabling damage as a result of the crash and was towed from the scene.

Fire

On January 20, 2021 at 8:05 am, HTP were dispatched to a business on Wildwood Road Extension for a report of a fire in the boiler room within the establishment. Members of the Hampton Township Fire Department arrived on scene and found smoky conditions within the building, but no active fire.

Hazardous Conditions+

On January 20, 2021 at 7:56 am, HTP responded to Wildwood Road for a power line that was reported to have fallen on the roadway. Upon arrival, officers located a live high-tension wire on the roadway. The downed wire created a power outage in the area, which caused loss of power to the traffic signals at several intersections on Route 8, as well as several businesses. Generators were brought in for the affected traffic lights. Duquesne Light Co. responded to the scene and fixed the wire.

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Drama Club to Perform Pippin

by Gail Scott

Pippin will debut this spring as the Hampton High School Musical for 2021 and will be performed by the Hampton Drama Club. There is a lot of excitement surrounding the musical because the pandemic caused the cancellation 2020 show *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.

As told by a traveling troupe of actors led by the cunning and charming Leading Player, "Pippin" is the story of a young prince, heir to the throne, who is searching for his own "corner of the sky." Pippin returns from university certain that he will find a fulfilling purpose in life. Encouraged by the Leading Player, Pippin dabbles in bloody battle, licentious entanglements, and savvy political maneuvers, only to discover that true happiness is more complicated



than he thought. The story of "Pippin" is both a humorous allegory about growing up and a dark tale of the danger of false appearances and empty promises.

Dan Franklin is the musical director and producer. He said, "Like all things during the pandemic, we've had to greatly rethink the process we use to produce a musical, with student safety being our biggest focus. The creative team was fortunate to have most of the fall semester to develop rigorous safety protocols for every rehearsal and crew meeting." Mr. Franklin added, "Last year, we were

about a month away from opening night and progressing with rehearsals quite well when everything shut down. We were three days away from tickets being available to be purchased online. Having "Drood" torn out from under the students was devastating for them and the directors. This year, we made a promise to the company of "Pippin" that no matter what, they would have a musical. Our goal for the late spring is to have limited capacity performances and we've added two additional shows to our usual four, to

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High School Musical

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compensate for the smaller sized audiences. If we aren't able to perform for a live audience, we preplanned by purchasing the rights to be able to live-stream "Pippin" so that the audience can still enjoy the hard work that the students are putting into this production in this temporarily skewed new landscape."



The number of students involved in "Pippin" is a much smaller number than what the students are used to, with a cast of only 32, an orchestra of 15, and a stage crew of 25. The directors' idea behind this was to keep student involvement at a manageable level for safety. Sophomore Brooks Brady, who plays Pippin, said, "I'm really happy to get back to working with everyone. We were so disappointed when "Drood" had to be cancelled, even though we understood. I think that makes us more excited to do our show this year. We're all having so much fun, even with Covid precautions in place." The role of Fastrada is played by sophomore Leah McConnell, who said, "I'm really glad we are able to have rehearsals and put on a show this year. Pippin is such a fun musical! There's a lot of acrobatics and energy-packed jazz numbers. Although it's not the same as it usually would be because of Covid, I can tell it'll be an awesome show." Junior Lindsay Liebro plays the Leading Player and she said, "Despite the uncertain times, we are a family more than ever, and I pinch myself because of how lucky I am to share a stage with these amazing people. This show has a few tricks up its sleeve



and we are excited to be able to perform again."

Without a doubt, producing live theatre during a pandemic has to be carefully orchestrated and every detail needs to be determined in advance with a backup plan. It is easily twice the amount of work

than in previous years for directors, actors, crew, musicians, and all involved. Yet already, Franklin said they have learned so much during this process as they started to rethink what theatre is and why is it so important to our society. Dan said, "Theater is so important now, when people have been isolating for nearly a year and those human interactions are starting to erode. Theatre is the healing balm that so many of us desperately need for our souls right now. "

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Hampton Diving Team Loaded with Talent

by Hope Walton, HHS Junior Writer

Despite setbacks and delays because of Covid, the Hampton High School's swimming and diving team has come out stronger than ever this season. It was a tough start with practices and meets being very inconsistent, and many are still up in the air currently, but the team has stayed optimistic. Coach Keith Hart explained that although the lack of a normal routine can be frustrating, "safety is the most important thing and we are thankful to have a season." They have had quite a successful few meets recently, and on Thursday the 21st, the swimming and diving teams had a huge victory against Gateway, with the boys winning 100-85 and the girls 94-92. This was following a win against North Hills for both boys swimming and diving.

So far several divers have qualified for the WPIAL championships as well, including Annaleise Craig, Kayla Berkibile, and Koda Carslaw. Carslaw, who is currently a sophomore, has set a whole new bar for the team. Mr. Hart explained, "with what

little practice time we have had this season, he still steps up his game. I have been coaching for 37 years and have never had a diver with this much natural talent." In the Talbot's last meet Carslaw broke his school record from last year going from 252.5 to

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Registration for Hampton Junior Football Opens February 1

by June Gravitte

Hampton Junior Football Association, (HJFA) is coming up on its 26th year anniversary, however, due to a significant decline in interest in tackle football, the community is in danger of losing this great athletic program for youths. The program consists of three separate age groups for both football and cheer-



Photos by Ed Adams Photography



leading: Spikes (5-8 years old), K9 (9-10), and Dawgs (11-12). In addition, the HJFA is running a developmental flag football program throughout the year not only to teach teamwork but to hopefully save the tackle football program.

New HJFA president, Doug Johnson, commented, "Safety is always the number one priority in any contact sport and our coaches and staff are consistently looking for safer drills and training for our kids. We are hoping to turn around the HJFA program so that we can last another 26 years

in our community." He was excited to announce that Hampton will be proudly hosting the United Youth Football League Super Bowl (championship game) this year! Other new board members include: Vice President, Eugene Smith, Treasurer, Nicole Briggs, and Cheerleading, Katie Sullivan.

Sign-up fees will be \$100 OFF during the entire month of February. **Registration for Football & Cheerleading are opening up on Feb. 1st, 2021. Be sure to take advantage of the best pricing all year. The costs are:** \$140 if you register during February 1st – February 28th, \$190 if you register March 1st - April 30th- \$190, and after May 1st—\$240.

They will also be offering a 100% refund if your child decides that the sport is not for them before the first game. For more information please email Doug at doughjfa@gmail.com.

The Facebook page is facebook.com/hamptonjuniorfootball

2021 Spring Baseball and Softball Registration

The Hampton Athletic Association (HAA) is excited about offering quality baseball and softball programs and hope you sign up. Practices for the upcoming season begins in early March. Games will begin in early April and will run thru mid June for the majority of age groups. The games for age groups 15U and older will begin in May and will run thru early July. Teams will be assigned in February. Registration is open until February 8th, 2021.

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Promising Season for Girls Basketball

by Hope Walton

Even a three-week shutdown can't stop the Hampton High School girl's basketball team from a successful and high energy season. After Gov. Tom Wolf called for a three week pause, the team relied on individual workouts and zoom meetings for training. Despite the circumstances, the team worked harder than ever, adopting a high intensity plan to catch up. Last week the Lady Talbots kept the season's momentum going, with wins against both Mars and Plum, two of the top teams in their league. Their recent victory against Kiski ended with an impressive 49-21 score, marking the 6th consecutive win in a row.

Coach Tony Howard praised their effort saying, "The girls have worked so hard this season and to see it all come together was a pleasure to watch from the sideline. This has been such a great group of kids to coach and be around for the past couple of months. There is new energy in the gym every day, and they truly love to play the game. I am thankful they are getting an opportunity to compete and play the game they love."

Seniors Liv Bianco, Cass Reinhart, and Kate Schmitt have been

very impactful in the team's success. The three players are all acting as captains, and have helped set the bar high for communication and trust amongst their teammates and coaches.

Howard explained, "Liv Bianco is our starting point guard and helps set the fast tempo we like to run. Cass Reinert plays a major role off the bench and her versatility allows her to play any position on the floor. Kate Schmitt, despite suffering from an injury this season, has been a sounding board for both players and coaches."

As of now spectators are not permitted at games, aside from team parents, but fans can enjoy live streams of all games on the Hampton Athletics website.



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Boys Basketball Developing Young Players

by Hope Walton, HHS Writer

The Hampton High School boys basketball team has proven their resilience through this season of unpredictability. The boys' offseason practices were largely taken away because of COVID cases at the time, then from the 12th of December until January 4th their practices were shut down once again, and once more for a four day period after winter break. Despite the setbacks Coach Joe Lafko is thankful saying, "We're very fortunate to be able to play the game, and have a season even it's cut short."

Recently the team had a tough week, falling to Mars and Plum teams, but regained some confidence in their latest game against Highlands. Juniors Zander Plizga and Matt Dematteo worked energetically to earn a combined 34 of the 55 points Hampton scored. Bobby Oliver has been another driving force, and helped secure Hampton's win against Indiana.

The boys have stayed optimistic, and according to Coach Joe Lafko, team building will be the focal point throughout the rest of the season. Lafko ex-

plained, "The majority of the team is very young, consisting of mostly freshmen and sophomores. This season they've been gaining a lot of experience and visibly improving, so that's our focus, working hard to get better everyday. We have some very motivated kids, and I see a lot of future potential in this group." This will be an interesting season to watch unfold, as Lafko believes the recent game against Highlands will be a real turning point for Hampton. You can enjoy the basketball team's games through the Hampton Athletics website's live streams and updates.



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Contest

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time commitment for coaches is a single Saturday morning in June. For more information or to be considered, please visit the contest co-sponsor, My 4-Year Plan, at www.my4yearplan.com (Click on Talbot Tank at the top of the home page). You may also call My 4-Year Plan at 412.720.9802.

Hampton-based college planner **My 4-Year Plan** will partner with the Hampton Magazine in sponsoring Talbot Tank, a spring business competition that will culminate in a Shark Tank-style pitch of business ideas presented to a panel of Hampton business professionals, and live streamed by My 4-Year Plan, on Saturday, May 15. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$500 to be used by the student in kick-starting their business idea and a feature article with their picture in the August issue of the Hampton Magazine. The winner and the runners-up will also be invited to a morning of free professional business coaching provided by Hampton professionals.

The contest runs from February 1-May 10, when contestants must submit a PowerPoint presentation to My 4-Year Plan. Contestants will compete in May before a panel of local business professionals, at which time the winner will be announced.

"The goal of the contest is to encourage young entrepreneurship," says Cathy Lueers, owner of My 4-Year Plan. "Hampton students are creative achievers and being able to both kick-start a business while in

high school and enhance their positioning to competitive colleges through their entry in a contest at this level has the potential to serve a dynamic two-fold purpose."

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Rotary

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donations that can be applied to our future food drives or other Rotary projects. People can donate by check to Hampton Rotary, PO Box 685, Allison Park PA 15101 and specifically indicate food drive or projects. Vasko says, "We will utilize those additional donations to purchase gift cards for the families' direct use". Pasquale's Pizza is donating pizza certificates for the families to use, hoping to challenge other restaurants and merchants

to make similar donations. First National Bank and Sherwin Williams have also donated boxes of food. The motto of Rotary is service above self. Hampton Rotary meets each week and good-hearted individuals who wish to help the community are invited to donate or consider joining. Donations and inquiries to join can be made to Rotary through henglish@nb.net or their website at www.HamptonRotary.com



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Volunteer Fire Department

December 2020, Chief Michael Piovesan's Report

Monthly Incident Summary:

CO Alarm- No ill effects	2
Commercial Fire Alarm	6
Commercial Structure Fire	3
Gas Leak	1
Odor / Smell of Burning	3
Residential Fire Alarm	8
Residential Structure Fire	3
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	9
Vehicle into Structure	1
Wires down or on Fire	1
Total Incidents for the Month	37
Total Incidents for 2020	433

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD responded to Wildwood Road for a report of a vehicle into a residential structure. NHVFD crews arrived to find a vehicle into the side of the house with significant damage to the front porch of the house. Crews assisted with stabilizing the structure as well as utility control.
- NHVFD responded as mutual aid into West Deer Township for a commercial structure fire on Frontier Drive. Crews arrived to find a large commercial warehouse with fire showing. NHVFD crews assisted for several hours with extinguishment of the fire.
- NHVFD responded to 5 separate incidents on 12/16 as the result of the winter storm that blanketed our area.

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Outdoor Pool Registration

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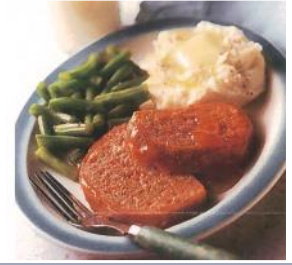
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HAEE Grant Enriches Music Programs

by Darcy Harrison

The year is 2013, at Wyland Elementary School. The band room, adjacent to the multipurpose room, is crowded with students eager to learn their concert music and play their instruments. However, the students learning percussion wait patiently for their turn to practice on the sets. Some of them looked hopeless--would they ever get to play?

For years, this scenario was all too common for students at all three of Hampton's elementary schools. Luckily, with the help of a new HAEE grant, future students will not have to experience this.

If there is one thing Hampton prides itself on, it's our 'Tradition of Excellence'. One of these traditions is the upkeep of our arts programs. Occasionally, maintenance will be necessary to stay on par with tradition. The Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence recently granted Central, Poff, and Wyland Elementary Schools funding for Orff Musical Instruments, as well as a Musician in Residence. The



proposal enriches the musical education program at Hampton and provides a more hands-on opportunity for learning abstract content. The Orff Musical Instrument approach focuses on an introductory musical

learning environment to bolster creativity, teamwork, and movement. This will give the students more time to spend on the instruments rather than having to take turns on a few. The Musician In Residence will help the children get the individual help each one needs to learn.

The total cost of the grant is \$22,335.70. There are three sets of a 15-piece sonor beat kit, each one separated according to each school's need. Additionally, the grant includes Soprano Mellophone, Soprano Metallophone, Soprano Xylophone, Pen-

tatonic Contrabass Bars, Hand Drums, Triangle, Guiro, and Maracas.

I spoke with Dr. Colleen Hannagan, principal of Poff Elementary and author of the grant, about how the Orff Instruments are benefitting the students across the schools.

Have the schools received the Orff Instruments? If so, how are the students responding? Is the music program now more efficient with the surge in instruments?

"We actually received the instruments on the day that the buildings closed last March. We were first able to get them into the students' hands this fall. They love them! They are so excited to use them in their music classes. At Poff, we didn't have anything like the Orff instruments before, so it hasn't made us more efficient but it has made the music classes more hands-on and exciting."

How do you believe students will benefit from this creatively?

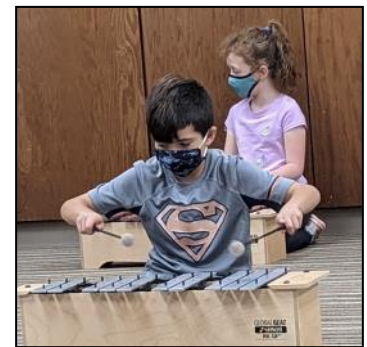
"My hope is that they will begin to write their own songs, because they will understand some basics of music theory. I think that even if they don't all take to writing music, it will help them to think differently about everything they do in the arts, in reading, and in mathematics."

The proposal stated that the instruments will allow students to work together and collaborate more. Has this begun to happen in the classroom?

"It's hard to have the students collaborate because they can't share instruments right now. But they are all working together as the music teachers show them how to play the different instruments and make music together."

A Musician in Residence will also be in the classroom to help students learn music. Do/Have we seen a positive response from both the faculty and students?

"Unfortunately, because of the COVID restrictions we can't have the Musician in Residence, Mr. Shawn Funk, come into the school to work with the students yet. He has worked with the



music teachers a number of times and they are enjoying working with him to implement the instruments into our curriculum."

Is there anything else you would like to mention about the grant?

"I am so thankful that HAEE funded this grant. I have seen a positive impact in just the four months we've been using the Orff instruments. I look forward to seeing the long-term positive impact for our students."

It appears that this grant has already begun to fulfill its mission, and the Musical Arts at Hampton are upholding the 'Tradition of Excellence'.

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High School 50th Reunion

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First Responders

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ton police. The Hampton couple moved in about a year ago and had their wedding delayed from spring until fall due to Covid 19. The young newlyweds just wanted to recover their wedding photos, and Hampton police Sgt. Kevin Thornburg was able to safely deliver the photos at 3 am. Extensive water damage and reconstruction will be underway over the next few months, while the couple will be displaced. Hidden Pond residents have been helping with replacement of personal items; kitty litter, food; cash; and offering shelter and clothing. Alex recently started a job as a paramedic with Shaler Hampton EMS this past summer and has responded to numerous other situa-

tions in our area, never thinking something like this would happen to him and his wife. They are most grateful for the volunteer fire departments, Hampton police and Alex's EMS co-workers who responded to save their house during the frigid night. The couple is appreciative of the offers of monetary help, but Angela and Alex have suggested donations to the aforementioned fire departments instead. They are most impressed with the amazing response by so many volunteers from the fire departments and commented that they are deserving of financial help so that they have the equipment, training and volunteers to help prevent or minimize future Hampton family misfortunes.

Residential Street Parking Reminder

As a reminder to all township residents, please do not park on residential streets during the winter months. The Department of Public Works does an exceptional job keeping our roads treated during inclement weather. Keeping cars off the streets will assist them in maintaining cleaner, safer roads for everyone.

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