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Celebrating the Season's First Snow Storm



Zegar and DiMaria Reach Eagle Scout Status

by Jocelyn Behr

Hampton High School students Matthew Zegar and Anthony DiMaria, who are part of Boy Scout Troop #17, both earned the title of Eagle Scout by creating projects that have a lasting impact on the community. Both young men joined the program in early elementary school. With dedication, hard work, and determination being key aspects that go into earning the

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Township Hosts Program for Teen Drivers and Parents

Hampton Township School Resource Officer, Carl Good and the Hampton Township Police Department are offering a community program for teen drivers and parents on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 or Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 7pm-8:15pm at the Hampton Community Center. Reservations are required. RSVP to michelle@impactteendrivers.org. Seating is limited



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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 11/25/2021–12/9/2021:

Traffic Alert - Mt. Royal Blvd. Single-Lane Restrictions

PennDOT announced utility work on Mt. Royal Boulevard in Hampton Township will begin today, Wednesday, January 12th, weather permitting.

Single-lane restrictions will occur on Mt. Royal between Craighead Road and Old Mt. Royal Blvd. from 7 am to 5 pm daily through late March. Crews contracted by Peoples Gas will conduct pipe installation work.

PennDOT is not involved in this project and is providing this information as a public service announcement only.

Wires Down



On December 11, 2021 at 3:07p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of McCully Road and Rosanna Drive for a report of wires down. Upon arrival, officers located high tension wires across both lanes of McCully Road at the intersection of Rosanna Drive. Officers shut down the road and provided traffic control until Duquesne Light Company arrived on scene to reattached the wires.

Traffic Accident/Deer Struck



On December 1, 2021 at 6:17p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Simon's Farm Market on Middle Road for a report of a vehicle struck by a deer. The vehicle was driving in the area of Central Elementary when the operator heard something crash into their vehicle. The vehicle had

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A NOTE FROM THE HAMPTON NEWS

As *The Hampton News* continues to strive to bring you informative and interesting stories, we welcome feedback, ideas and submissions. We are always happy to hear from you and want to help keep the neighbors connected! The deadline for submissions are on the 15th of each month.

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The Discovery School Offers Innovative Learning for Young Students

by Gail Scott

Hampton families, the Discovery School is an outstanding early childhood program that is moving to Hampton Township. The Discovery School has just purchased the former Winchester Thurston North Campus across from Hartwood Acres at 4225 Middle Road and will be expanding their program for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Discovery School is a Reggio Emilia inspired nature preschool. Their approach to learning values children's innate sense of wonder, and allows them to construct meaning of the world around them through play and exploration. The school carefully designs learning experiences that build upon children's natural curiosity, encourage exploration of our natural environment, and foster creative expression. The preschool emphasizes the connections between children, family, and school and engages families as an active part of their child's educational experience. They are currently located at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve in Fox Chapel, but will be moving to Hampton and registering students for the 2022-2023 school year.

This beautiful new location provides an idyllic setting with two charming school buildings as well as over 7 acres of natural land. Director Jessie Handron said, "Our move to the new nature campus location will enable us to serve more children and families through our child-centered program, as well as set down roots from which to build upon year after year. It is truly a dream to call "home" with wooded trails, a natural pond, garden spaces, grassy fields, and a nature playground area." The Discovery School will expand preschool program offerings, and add a pre-kindergarten program and full-day kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year. More information on all their programs and upcoming open houses can be found here:

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It's a Wonder-ful World! Drop-in Storytime!
Why do animals hibernate? Where does snow come from? What kind of trees make pinecones? Winter is a wonder filled time! Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to celebrate discovery as we interact with our environment. All ages and abilities welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide!

Tues. and Thurs. Now thru April 7th from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
10 a.m.- "Stories & Songs", 10:15- "Investigate and Create"
10:45- "Stories and Songs", 11 a.m.- "Parachute Play"
11:30- "Stories and Songs", 11:45- "Stay and Play"

Please note, HCL will stay with its current children's programming mask policy: Tuesdays- masks will be required, Thursdays- masks will be optional.

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Fluffy's Storytime! 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 on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. February through March.

Card Club!

Wednesdays, Now thru April 6th from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us Wednesday afternoons for a game of Euchre, Bridge, Gin Rummy, etc. Depending on the number of players we will divide up for different card games depending on what the majority decides! Come show your skill, teach someone a new game or just enjoy some time out with friends!

Inspiration Inc!

Thursdays, Now thru April 7th from 1 p.m. -3 p.m.

Calling on adults! Bring your knitting, crochet, needlepoint, coloring, sudoku, scrapbooking, crossword puzzles or whatever to the library. Work on your piece or decide to let your creative juices flow with one our crafts! Each month we will have a featured craft that you can choose to make! This month will be a Valentine Mason Jar!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Magpie Murders, by Anthony Horowitz.

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. 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 18th @ 1:00 p.m.

The Life We Bury, Allen Eskens.

Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library. 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 conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

Cooks-N-Books: Blog-a-licious!

Thursday, February 24, 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 or magazine from a blogger featured on Pinterest or another site.
 - 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.

Hampton Community Library Trivia Night- The Covid Edition!

Friday, March 18th, 2022.

Covid put our Trivia Night on hold for 2 years but we are back!

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Eagle Scouts

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award, this is an honor that is not commonly achieved. Each candidate earned a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrated leadership abilities, and submitted their completed proposal workbook to the Jappechan district, to which the troop belongs.

Matthew chose to create a canine agility course for his project, which is located at Seville Park in Ross Township. The course is complete with stairs, ramps, jump stations, a bench, a tunnel, and climbing wall. The project involved over 267 service hours, which ensured that all aspects were completed. Some of the necessary funds were gathered from a carwash that Matthew hosted in June, which earned over \$900.

Anthony decided to enhance the trails that are located within Richland Community Park. The main part of the project involved building and placing maps at each trailhead, making the trails more accessible to walkers and bikers. The trails are now clearly 'blazed', according to the constraints set by the Pennsylvania

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This entailed painting "2x6" rectangles on the trees, providing a directional resource, as well as marking the beginning and end of the trail.

Both would like to thank their leaders, fellow troop members, family, and friends that gave their time and resources to help the projects become a reality. The projects would not have been able to be complete without generous donations from HP Starr, VekaDecking, Parks and Recreation of Richland Township, Shoop Engineering Firm, Public Lands, Sherwin Williams, and DesignMaker 21. The Court of Honor Ceremony is set to take place this spring.



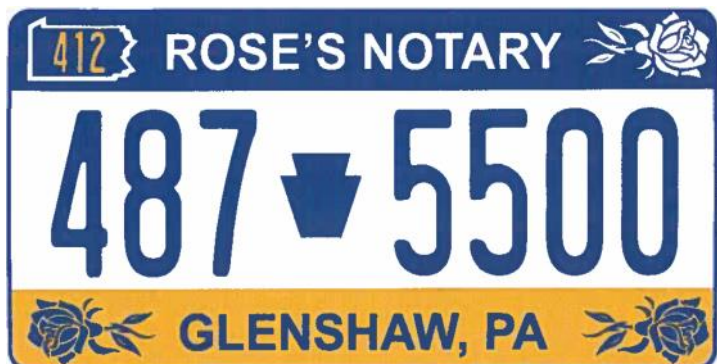
Anthony DiMaria (left) and Matthew Zegar (right)

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(Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System not required!)
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Program ends by 9:30 p.m.

Assemble your pod/team and get ready for a night of laughter and friendly competition! \$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. (BYOB) Space is limited; Registration required. Space/Teams will be limited. Registration opens February 1st!



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Liebro Wins Singing Competition

by Jenn Edmonds

The third time's a charm. Hampton High School Senior Lindsay Liebro entered the Williams SING-OFF competition for the opportunity to sing at Highmark First Night Pittsburgh for the past three years. This year was her first time as a finalist and ultimately the winner!

Liebro performed live on an outside stage in the Cultural District on New Years' Eve, kicking off the event. She sang her original song "Wasted Potential" to the excited crowd just before the fireworks were launched.

"I've been singing as long as I can remember. I sang at age 4 or 5 at my aunt's wedding," Liebro explained. "I really love music, especially Taylor Swift, how she wrote her own songs and how music makes you feel. I want to make people feel that too." Liebro's song is on various streaming platforms and has garnered approximately 170,000 streams. She wrote the song and worked with a producer for nine months to perfect it.

As winner of the Williams SING-OFF, Liebro was awarded \$500, the opportunity to perform at First Night and \$1000 to donate to the Hampton High School performing arts department. "The best part was I was on my phone when I came back from performing and I was on the news. It was so cool!"



Photo by Redd Vision

A Little Added Protection

by Sandy Giannuzzi

Hampton is now part of a new community resource program that has been implemented by Allegheny Health Networks (AHN) Pre-hospital Services Department. AHN has placed a Community Paramedic Response Unit at their new location in Wexford. The Unit vehicle, a Chevy Tahoe, is staffed 24 hours a day and is designated as Medic 955. It will be used to assist EMS, Fire, and Police and will service the communities in the North Hills. Dave Bianco, a

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Dave Bianco, Paramedic and owner of CPR Simplicity



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Several Band Members Honored

Hampton Township School District announced that several Hampton music students were accepted into the annual Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Honors Band and Orchestra. More than 600 students from five counties auditioned for this group.

The PMEA is the Pennsylvania state-level affiliate of the National Association for Music Education. PMEA is a statewide non-profit organization of over 5,000 members reaching thousands of students, dedicated to promoting the musical development of all Pennsylvanians, especially through music education. PMEA specializes in providing competitive venues for musical performance, and in adjudicating middle and high school bands. They are the second-largest state music educators association in the United States. They have been active since 1933.

The following students auditioned and were accepted into PMEA Band and Orchestras:

PMEA District 1 West Band

Jason Andrews, trumpet
 Michael Bacasa, tuba
 *Brooks Brady, trumpet
 **Zach Harrington, trumpet

PMEA Elementary Band Fest

Samantha Nicely, clarinet
 Jenna Backus, tuba
 Richard Ma, alto saxophone
 Lillianna Mazzotta, tenor saxophone
 Seth Mihok, percussion

Gianna Morelli, clarinet
 Sydney Osborne, trombone
 Aiden Rauso, trombone
 AJ Saponsky, baritone
 Brendan Sprinkle, trumpet

PMEA District 1 Orchestra

Katherine Chapman, violin
 Samantha Eaton, violin

PMEA Jr. High Orchestra

Aidan Casey, trumpet

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Spence Recognized For Outstanding Volunteer Efforts

by Jenn Edmonds

Every exceptional community has exceptional people and Hampton resident Liz Spence is a great example. Recognizing her intensive volunteer efforts in Hampton, Spence was nominated by members of Council and awarded the "Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award (STACVA)." The STACVA is an annual program that honors 100 extraordinary public service volunteers in localities with populations of under 25,000. Though she did not place in the top 3, she is in the top 100 which qualified Hampton Township to receive a management module with 12 months of complimentary support services from CivicPlus, a web development business.



After retiring as a History and Gifted Ed teacher in Shaler, she started seriously volunteering around 2005. When asked how she chose where to volunteer, Spence said, "They were all things I was connected with, at least as a visitor." Spurred by her love of reading, she was a past member and past president of the Hampton Community Library and she enjoyed walking at Beechwood Farms which led to being a volunteer naturalist, leading hikes and school programs to provide nature experiences for children.

As president of the Pine Creek Land Trust, Spence works as part of a group of volunteers to help protect the land at Crouse

Run Nature Reserve. "The work at Crouse Run combines most of my interests; protecting and promoting nature, citizen science, and community involvement," explained Spence.

A current project of the Land Trust is to protect the hemlock trees that line the valley from the insect named the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). It has the potential to destroy the hemlock forests as the Emerald Ash Borer did to ash trees a few years ago. The Land Trust is working with guidance from state DCNR to treat the trees and to release a beetle known to attack the HWA. A few years ago, they were awarded a \$130,000 grant to fix the bank at Crouse Run.

During the pandemic, Crouse Run provided a unique opportunity for Mormon missionaries to volunteer since Covid restricted the face-to-face volunteering they planned to do in countries like Portugal or Brazil. When the missionaries left for new assignments, they expressed how much they enjoyed their work at the reserve. "My favorite group to work with is young people of that age," said Spence.

Spence's volunteer work doesn't end there. She is a docent at the Pittsburgh Zoo helping with presentations and programs to connect visitors with animals, and acts on the Environmental Advisory Council for Hampton. She worked with residents and staff on writing the new Comprehensive Plan and updating oil and gas regulations for the zoning ordinance. Spence was recently appointed to North Park Friends to help promote the park and projects.

When asked about the award, Spence said, "I was pleased that I won but I don't do this to have any recognition. I just like it. It is important to recognize volunteers."

Spence encouraged those interested in volunteering with the Pine Creek Land Trust to email pclctrust@gmail.com.

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3291 Long Meadow Drive	\$585,000	2912 Kilcairn Lane	\$275,000
4900 Meadow Crest Drive	\$421,900	2401 Saddle Drive	\$275,000
4659 Sylvan Drive	\$380,000	2937 Kilcairn Lane	\$259,900
4694 Magnus Drive	\$378,000	2343 Highland Avenue	\$237,600
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Memorial Park Church presents TWILIGHT NIGHT
A starry preview of local high school musicals on
February 3 & 4 at 7:00 pm

Performers include students from Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, Avonworth, and Shaler school districts, as well as Eden Christian Academy!

Twilight Night has been a North Hills tradition for the last several years and was sorely missed in 2021 as schools were still virtual, but this year, MPC welcome student performers back to the stage for the return of Twilight Night: A Starry Preview of High School Musical! This year, Jim Lueers, Memorial Park Church's Minister of Worship and Arts is thrilled to welcome back this much-loved tradition of hosting high school musical

performers from North Hills area schools for a sneak peek of their spring musicals. The show lasts across two nights when students put on an exciting showcase, offering the community a chance to preview the talented performers who will grace the stage this spring.

Throughout the evening, a give-what-you-can donation will be collected benefiting North Hills Community Outreach, which provides food and financial help to those most in need in northern Allegheny County communities.

"This event provides an opportunity for all students to perform on an even playing field with no costumes or props-truly a way to showcase the talent of these young people, and all to benefit a great cause," says Lueers.

All are invited to enjoy watching the stars come out! Masks are required apart from optional masking for the performers while on stage. Memorial Park EPC, 8800 Peebles Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.



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moderate damage but was able to be driven from the scene.


Traffic Accident

 On December 9, 2021 at 9:08a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Ridge Lane and Letort Lane for a report of a two vehicle accident. The accident occurred when one vehicle made a wrong turn and was attempting to back up but did not see the other vehicle behind them. Both vehicles had minor damage and both were able to be driven from the scene of the accident.

Hazardous Conditions

 On December 6, 2021 at 3:34p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Woodland Road and North Hampton Drive for a report of a fallen tree blocking the roadway. Officers arrived and assisted with removal of the tree and traffic control.

Water Break

 On December 4, 2021 at 6:15a.m., Hampton Township Police located a water main break on Banks School Road near West Hardies Road. Officers notified Hampton Shaler Water Authority who responded and repaired the water main break.

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Fencing is Alive and Well

by Garrett Gess, HHS writer

The Aquinas Academy Crusaders have gotten off to a strong start for this year's fencing season. Aquinas has roughly 150 students in grades 9-12 and around a dozen members on their high school fencing team. The school also has a middle school team with a similar roster size that plays exhibition matches. They compete in the PIFA with other public and private high schools in the area. Aquinas Academy has a major commitment to academic excellence but has also shown a commitment and passion in fencing. The Aquinas Academy Fencing team was founded seven years ago and has been coached by John Carroll for the past five years.

This year, the boys have started off strong by taking down Winchester Thurston 8-1 and Mount Lebanon 5-3. In their next two matches, Aquinas came just shy of victory by losing to Peters Township and Shady Side Academy, both by a score of 4-5. The Crusaders have a strong group of fencers with Sam Everson being the team captain and three-year letterman. Head coach John Carroll said, "Although Sam Everson is leading the team with an individual bout record of 7-3, the team is extremely well balanced with any one of four starters able to win handily." The girls have also found successes as well, de-

spite having a short roster of 2 fencers. Officially, their overall record consists of 2 losses and 2 ties, but Aquinas would likely have 2 wins if they didn't suffer from the 3 bout handicap of not having a 3rd fencer. This puts Aquinas at a big disadvantage, but Grace Burchill and Nadine Hokaj have still stayed persistent and performed their very best despite it. The Crusaders are looking forward to the rest of the season and building on their success.



Front row (Left to right): Jack Hoerster, Tony Shen, Sam McGowan, Steven Giacobbe, Sam Everson, Ben Everson, Will Hoerster, Coach John Carroll
Back row (left to right): Evan Gounaris, Nadine Hokaj, Gracie Burchill, Megan McGee

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Fall Sports Recap

by Garrett Gess

Girls Volleyball

Hampton's girls volleyball team made a run to the 3A State Championship. The Talbots had a 14-3 regular-season record and were the 3-seed in the WPIAL playoffs. Hampton defeated Albert Gallatin and Montour in the first two rounds. In the semifinals, Hampton fell behind to Plum 2-0 but rallied back for a 3-2 victory. After splitting two games against Franklin Regional in the regular season, the Talbots lost to the Yellowjackets in the WPIAL Championship 3-1. In the PIAA playoffs, Hampton defeated DuBois and Armstrong to set up a matchup with Franklin Regional for the fourth time this season. In the PIAA semifinals, the Talbots emerged victorious over the Yellowjackets 3-1. Hampton lost to undefeated Spring Grove in the PIAA Championship by a 3-1 score. Senior Kai Herchenroether and sophomore Emmy Schrom were nominated to the 3A PVCA All-State team. Herchenroether committed to Carnegie Mellon University to continue her volleyball career.



Girls Soccer

Talbots girls soccer had a great season and followed up on their success last year. Hampton had a 12-3-2 overall record and was just edged by Franklin Regional for the Section Title. After the Talbots' 0-2 start, they won 11-straight games to be the No. 7 seed in the WPIAL playoffs. They took down Thomas Jefferson in the first round 4-1, but fell to eventual PIAA semifinalist Plum in the Quarterfinals 3-1. Hampton had five players earn All-Section honors with senior Ava France and freshman Madison Hurst making the All-WPIAL team.



Boys Soccer

Hampton is now home to the 2021 PIAA 3A Boys Soccer State Champions. Hampton had a perfect 14-0 record in conference play and stood strong in the playoffs. Hampton ranked as the No. 2 seed in the WPIAL playoffs and took down No. 1 West Allegheny at the championship with Zach Panza's goal, winning 1-0. Hampton met up with West Allegheny again in the PIAA semifinals and took them down 2-1 after double-overtime. Thomas Bradfield made two pivotal saves in the shootout to preserve the win and advance, saying, "This has been our goal. We're a bunch of seniors, and it's our last time playing together." Hampton won the PIAA Championship 1-0 against the same team that they defeated in 2010, Archbishop-Wood. The win ranked Hampton as the 11th best high school soccer team nationally by *MaxPreps*.



Cross Country

The Talbots had a very special cross country season last fall. The boys took home the WPIAL championship and placed 7th overall in Hershey. At states, their top runners were Nathan Garrett (35th; 17:20), Christopher Belch (47th; 17:27), and Jacob Bonnar (88th; 17:58). The girls placed 17th in the WPIAL but competed in 3A with bigger schools while the boys were in 2A.



The girls had two individual qualifiers at states. Their top runner was freshman Kevyn Fish placing 57th overall with a time of 20:16, putting her in the Top 10 out of all 9th graders at states.

Football

The mighty Talbots had a breakthrough football season. Hampton compiled an 11-1 overall record and went undefeated in the regular season for the first time since 2001. The Talbots won the conference title for the fifth time in program history (1988, 2001, 2005, 2014, 2021). Now that Hampton is in 4A, they can put their late 2010's struggles when they were in 5A in the rearview mirror. In the WPIAL playoffs, the Talbots defeated Plum 14-13 but lost at home to Thomas Jefferson 42-14 in the quarterfinals. Hampton piled up many individual accolades as they had nine players earn first-team honors: Matt Dematteo, Benny Haselrig, Christian Liberto, Joey Mayer, John Morris, Jayden Resch, Logan Rutledge, Logan Schwartz, Mike Witherup. QB Matt DeMatteo found success through the air and remarked on his favorite play: "Hampton 90 hot dash and

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Sports Recap

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go. This is a roll out to the right and the WR fakes a comeback route then keeps going and I throw the deep ball." In the future, Hampton will lose a lot of key seniors, but they have a strong JV team that went 12-3 in their last two seasons combined to lead into 2022.



Golf

The Hampton golf team has seen a large senior class depart after 2020 but the rest of the team has stepped up in a big way. The Talbots lost their first three matches but went 8-4 the rest of the way. After qualifying for seven straight WPIAL playoffs from 2013-2019, the Talbots missed out on the playoffs for their second straight year. However, junior Daniel Venture represented the Talbots at the individual WPIAL Championships and tied for 19th in the Class 3A semifinals.



Girls Tennis

The Talbots girls tennis has made major strides of improvements since last year. They finished 4-9 overall and 3-5 Section play, a big step forward from a winless 2020. Senior Megan Kang and freshman Grace Stitt competed at the WPIAL doubles championships but fell to a pair of Latrobe seniors who went on to win the WPIAL doubles title. Around half of Hampton's tennis team consists of underclassmen so they're looking forward to more success in the next few years.



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Fire Station 164 & N. Hampton

Hilliard Elected as Fire Chief

by Gail Scott

Brian Hilliard is the new Chief of the Hampton Fire Station #164. Elections are held every year for the officers at the fire department. Hilliard said, "A chief cannot do it alone as all of our members make the department run. I would like to thank all of the members and the outgoing officers for all they have done over the past year. I look forward to working with everyone again this year." Brian grew up in Shaler and now resides with his family in Hampton Township. He joined the Hampton Fire Department in 1997 when a friend asked him to join. Brian works for Performance Plus as a mechanic and he is a retired EMT with the Shaler Hampton EMS. Currently, he has 3 children at Hampton High School and an older son who graduated from Hampton. Hilliard's fiancé, son, and daughter are members of Hampton department #164.

A Note From the Chief

Fiore Londino and his team oversaw 1107 calls for the year along with getting the majority of the trucks licensed to run QRS. Many strides were made with communication through social media and news outlets. His efforts have been noticed and appreciated by the firehall. We hope to continue the progress that he started and expand it as well. We hope to see everyone at the famous firehall fish fry starting the first Wednesday in March and going through Good Friday. Keep an eye out for other events such as Fire Prevention, and possible child car seat safety inspections.

Congratulations goes out to the following individuals who made some accomplishments at the end of the year: Nikki Lemke for taking and passing the National Child Passenger Safety Certification

Brian Mitchell for passing Firefighter 1

Joanne Robinson for getting her Master of Arts - Human Services Counseling: Crisis Response and Trauma

Respectfully, Brian Hilliard, Chief of Department Station: (412) 487-1114 www.htwpfd.com

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North Hampton Volunteer Fire Dept. by Chief Michael Piovesan December 2021 Incident Summary:

Commercial Fire Alarm	1
Commercial Structure Fire	1
Natural Gas Leak	3
Odor of Something Burning	2
Residential Fire Alarm	8
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	3
Traffic Control/Fire Police	1
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	11
Vehicle Fire	3
Total Incidents for the Month	33
Total Incidents for 2021	448



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Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD assisted Dorseyville VFD with a motor vehicle fire on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. First arriving crews found a tractor trailer carrying pineapples on fire. NHVFD crews assisted with water supply and extinguishment of the fire.
- NHVFD responded to the Pennsylvania Turnpike for a passenger vehicle fire. Crews arrived on scene to find an SUV on fire that had also started to catch the adjacent hillside on fire. NHVFD crews extinguished both the vehicle and brush fire preventing any further damage.

New Membership:

We can always use new members who are interested in firefighting, fire police or as drivers only. There is a place in the department for anyone who is interested in helping. Please contact an officer at 724-443-5250, or visit our website at www.northhamptonvfd.org

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The early life of each will be discussed, the meeting of the two great men, their involvement in the War for Independence, and the French Revolution. Mr. Jonathan Klemens, DLM Historian, will compare and contrast the life of George Washington and the life of Marquis de Lafayette, their meeting, their friendship, the

French alliance to defeat the British, the French Revolution, and the celebratory return of the Marquis to America in 1824.

The presentation will exhibit many artifacts and memorabilia including a replica of Washington's favorite pistol and an original Lafayette signed letter.

Advanced tickets must be purchased on the DLM website, <http://dlmuseum.org>, under the events tab. Seating is limited.



Gabriel Moser enjoying the snow at Parkwood Church



The neighborhood kids worked on an igloo!

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2022 Township of Hampton Community Events & Activities

Township's Litter Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 2nd
Hampton Community Center
Registration begins at 8 am

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9th
Hampton Community Park, 1-3 pm

Recycle Rama

Saturday, May 14th, 9am-12 pm
Hampton Community Park

Pool Season Begins

Saturday, May 28th
Outdoor Pool Complex Opens 11 am

American Legion's Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 30th at Veterans War Memorial (Community Center) 10 am

Farmer's Market Opening Day

Wednesday, June 1st, 1-3 pm
Community Center parking lot

Hampton Community Day

Sunday, July 3rd at Community Park
1 pm—Fireworks at dusk

National Hot Dog Day

Wednesday, July 20th, 1-3 pm
Hampton Community Pool

Christmas In July

Wednesday, July 27th, 1-3 pm
Hampton Community Pool

Dog Swim Day

Saturday, September 10th
Hampton Community Pool
12-3:15 pm

Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 22nd, 1-3 pm
Hampton Community Park

Holiday Event

Thursday, December 1st, 7-9 pm
Community Center & Park

For additional information on these events and more, please visit the township website: www.hampton-pa.org for the most up to date information!



The Ontko children busy clearing the snow

EMS

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full-time paramedic and a resident of Hampton Township, is one of several paramedics who staff the unit. He said, "The response unit is a valuable asset and will provide that extra set of hands for EMS to utilize as needed. We are very proud to represent AHN and are extremely excited to partner with our EMS brothers and sisters who serve the communities in any way possible." Whether assisting in patient care, carrying equipment, or simply participating in a community event, the unit is always available to help," added Bianco. The unit carries the same equipment as an ambulance, but doesn't have the capacity to transport patients.

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Herschel Walker will receive the 2022 St. Barnabas Hance Award. The Hance Award was named in honor of St. Barnabas founder Gouverneur Hance, who was inspired to provide medical care for poverty stricken and chronically ill and injured men and boys in 1900. The Hance Award is presented to a person of national acclaim who exemplifies Hance's ideals of benevolence, patriotism and service to others. Previous Hance awardees include President Gerald Ford, First Lady Barbara Bush, Elsie Hillman, Fred Rogers, Dr. Patch Adams, Rocky Bleier, Debbie Reynolds and many others.

Herschel Walker is nationally known for his 15-year NFL career and his outstanding collegiate performance at the University of Georgia, where Walker carved out an equally successful business career. To this he adds the role of mental health awareness advocate. His compassionate, enlightened leadership has earned him the St. Barnabas Hance Award in memory of Gouverneur Hance, whose compassionate leadership led to the founding of St. Barnabas in 1900.

In his business endeavors he is President and CEO of H. Walker Enterprises and Renaissance Man Food Services, a certified minority enterprise that supplies poultry, pork and bakery products to the marketplace, custom bedding, solar blinds and draperies to the hospitality industry as well as promotional products.

Walker's book, *Breaking Free*, tells of the joys and hardships of his childhood leading to his remarkable college and professional career. He is living testimony of the strength of the human spirit and the ability to overcome challenges.

The St. Barnabas Founder's Day Celebration will bring together corporate sponsors, prominent business people and community leaders to honor Herschel Walker for his contributions. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, auction and raffles – followed by a dinner celebration. A VIP photo pass is also available to guests. Following the Hance Award presentation, Herschel Walker will deliver a speech inspired by his career.

Tickets range from \$300 – \$475. For event tickets or to purchase books or raffle tickets, call 724-625-3770 or visit stbarnabashealthsystem.com/founders-day. Proceeds benefit the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund, which supports elderly patients and residents who cannot afford their care.

