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Old Fashioned Caroling Benefits Children's Hospital

by Gail Scott

A jolly group of Hampton students and parents visited homes in the Glades neighborhood in early December and sang Christmas carols to neighborhood families. This is the 2nd an-

nual Glades caroling event to raise funds for Children's Hospital in honor of Will Pilarski.

Fifty-six students sang carols and eight Hampton Middle School students played

music on trumpets, saxophones, trombones, a clarinet, and a French horn. The caroling group collected \$2,566 for Children's Hospital, which was more than

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Al's Amazing Bike Drive

by Gail Scott

It was another big year for Al's Bike Drive as they donated 1073 bikes to the Marine's Toys for Tots. It's the 11th year for the bike drive and this year the big delivery took place on December 6th, with a huge caravan of fire trucks, police cars, and private vehicles all delivering bikes from the Walmart parking lot to the waiting Marines at the Wildwood Country Club.

Over 100 volunteers worked in very cold temperatures on this December morning as
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Taste of Hampton

by Gail Scott

The 3rd annual *Taste of Hampton* event will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at the Hampton Community Center. The event will feature mouth-watering food from local Hampton eateries and live music by Hampton's own Tullycavy band.

The fun will start at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. A cash bar will be available with beer and wine and locally brewed beer from Bone Doc's brewhouse. Tickets for the Taste of Hampton are \$25 a person and include a
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Kramer Returns to the Benedum

by June Gravitte

For the 4th consecutive year, Hannah Kramer, a 6th grader at Hampton Middle School, performed in Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's performance of *The Nutcracker* at the Benedum Center.



She started performing in *The Nutcracker* at the age of 7. She attends the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School, an American professional ballet company based in the Strip District of Pittsburgh. Her typical training schedule is 4 days a week from March through May and 6 days a week from the end of September through December.

The *Nutcracker* is a classical ballet in two acts. It is based on E. T. A. Hoffmann's 1816 fairy tale *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. This year, Hannah played the role of Kaufman's oldest daughter who reads to the younger children during the party scene in the first act. During the second act she played the role of a carousel child. She danced in 13 of the shows this season. Dancing at this level is very rigorous and takes a lot of dedication. Many types of dance are studied in order to pre-

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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 November 15, 2018—December 16, 2018, the Hampton Township Police Department handled 333 incidents:

Thefts	6
Fraud	7
Narcotics Arrests	7
DUI Arrests	5
Harassment	7
Ordinance Complaints	11
Suspicious Persons/Circumstances	34
Domestic Disturbances	10
Civil Problems	7
Alarm Related Calls	57
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Animal Complaints	36
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A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred between November 15th, 2018—December 16th, 2018:

Theft from Vehicle

 On December 4, 2018 Hampton Township officers took reports from multiple residents on Red Oak Court, Vitullo Drive, and Willow Oak Drive for items that had been stolen from vehi-

cles. The residents each advised that an unknown person(s) had entered their unlocked vehicles sometime during the overnight hours and stole items. Residents are encouraged to lock their vehicles, and to refrain from leaving anything of value within their vehicles.

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Police Log
DUI Arrest


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 On November 22, 2018 at 12:47 a.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle, on Harts Run Road, after observing multiple traffic violations. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer immediately detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator showed other signs of impairment and was asked to submit to field sobriety tests. The operator was unable to complete the tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.


 On November 29, 2018 at 10:45 p.m., a Hampton Township officer conducted a traffic stop on Route 8 after observing multiple traffic violations. Upon making contact with the driver, the operator showed signs of impairment and was asked to submit to field sobriety tests. The operator was unable to complete the tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 On December 1, 2018 at 2:31 a.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a


traffic stop on Route 8 after the officer observed multiple traffic violations. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator showed visible signs of impairment and was asked to submit to field sobriety tests. The operator was unable to complete the tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 On December 11, 2018 at 1:34 a.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on Route 8 after observing the vehicle was unable to maintain its lane of travel on multiple occasions. Upon activating the patrol vehicle's emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop, the vehicle in question attempted to pull over, striking the curb with both passenger side tires. Upon making contact with the vehicle operator, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle, and the operator showed visible signs of impairment. While outside of the vehicle, the operator was unsteady on their feet and failed to complete the field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated. The

operator was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 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.

Single Vehicle Accident

 On November 30, 2018 at 7:21 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Wildwood Road, at West Hardies Road, for a two-vehicle accident with injuries. Upon the officer's arrival, two involved persons complained of pain and were evaluated by EMS. The accident occurred when one involved vehicle was stopped in a line of traffic at a red light in the west-bound lane of travel on Wildwood Road. Another vehicle that was traveling west rear ended the stopped vehicle. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage as a result

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The Art Cabana is the place to go to escape and forget about the cold of winter! The Art Cabana is a BYOB arts and crafts studio that opened in Hampton in November 2018. This homegrown business was co-founded by Mark Litzinger and Christine Paterra.

The studio is not just a visual experience but also a sensory experience. They feature coastal-themed arts and crafts in a warm beach-like setting, with tropical decor and music to match. There is always fresh popcorn for visitors. Mark said, "We want it to feel like our studio was plucked from a boardwalk and then situated in a cozy spot in Gibsonia."



Their offerings include paintings on canvas, painting on cork coasters, gel wax candle dishes, and wooden welcome signs. The Art Cabana plans to expand their offerings as they grow so that the calendar is always filled with exciting new events. Visitors can stop in without booking ahead during open studio hours and enjoy doing a painting or craft at their own pace. It is a great place for parties for adults or children, date night, girls' night, work parties, or corporate team-building events. The studio is located at 4961 William Flinn Hwy. in Gibsonia near Brusters. The phone number is (724) 939-3965. Check out the Art Cabana on Facebook, too. Remember "It's a beach scene!"

Advertorial

Carolers

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twice what they collected in 2017. Flyers were sent out in advance to alert homeowners of the date for the event and some residents who were not home even taped money to the door for the carolers.

Maura White, of the Children's Hospital Foundation, said this was a unique event and was very impressed with the kids' efforts. This was a group effort of parents and children. Parent Stacey Kaforey hosted a post-caroling gathering of cocoa, warm cider, and cookies. Moms Maureen Perkins, Peggy Stufft, and Rose Kreshon sent out emails and hung flyers on doors to help make the night successful and fun for the kids. Countless parents drove carpools when it was too far for the children to walk on the cold night. The most important part of the night was the children giving back to other kids at Children's Hospital and letting them know how much they care.

Kramer

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pare for a role in a ballet such as classical, point, and character.

Hannah explained, "I adore ballet because it relieves stress. I've been doing ballet since I was 18 months and I hope to continue to dance for the rest of my life. I enjoy performing because I love the interaction I have with the professional dancers of Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. Performing has also given me confidence in front of crowds and the friends that I have at PBT are life-long friends!"



Gail & Cody



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If you live in Hampton then you probably know the white stucco house on the corner of Mt. Royal and Sample. Locals affectionately call it the "Underground Railroad House" since it served as a safe house for runaway slaves fleeing north for freedom in the mid-1800s. Evidence of the underground tunnel can still be found in the basement: a two foot wide hole that was the entrance to the house from a wood-lined tunnel that led out into the yard. The house was originally owned by Robert McCaslin, the son of John McCaslin, a Revolutionary soldier and one of Hampton's first settlers. Maps from the mid-1800s indicate that the house also served as a tavern and stop for stagecoaches on the way to Butler. One interesting story about the house, however, has nothing to do with helping slaves or serving beer to travelers. Legend has it that when the Barnum and Bailey circus came to town, they would tie their elephant to a large tree in the yard to keep it safe. The tree is no longer in the yard, but the story lives on...

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Preschool Storytime:
Learn, Explore, Discover!
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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, Starting January 8th
thru February 27th 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!
Weds, Starting Jan. 9th thru
Feb. 28th 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!

Stay and Play!
Wednesdays, Starting January
9th thru February 28th at
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
After storytime stay and play with Miss Annie! Join in some

fun with music, songs, free play and dance! This program will be held in the library after baby/toddler storytime.

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Club!
Wednesday, January 16th, 6:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss, *Just Between Us*, by Rebecca Drake. Books available at the library. Make new friends, discover new authors, and get a clue!

Betty's Book Buzz:
Thursday, January 17th, 1:00 p.m.
Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, by John Berendt. Copies of the book will be available at the library. Make new friends, meet new books!!

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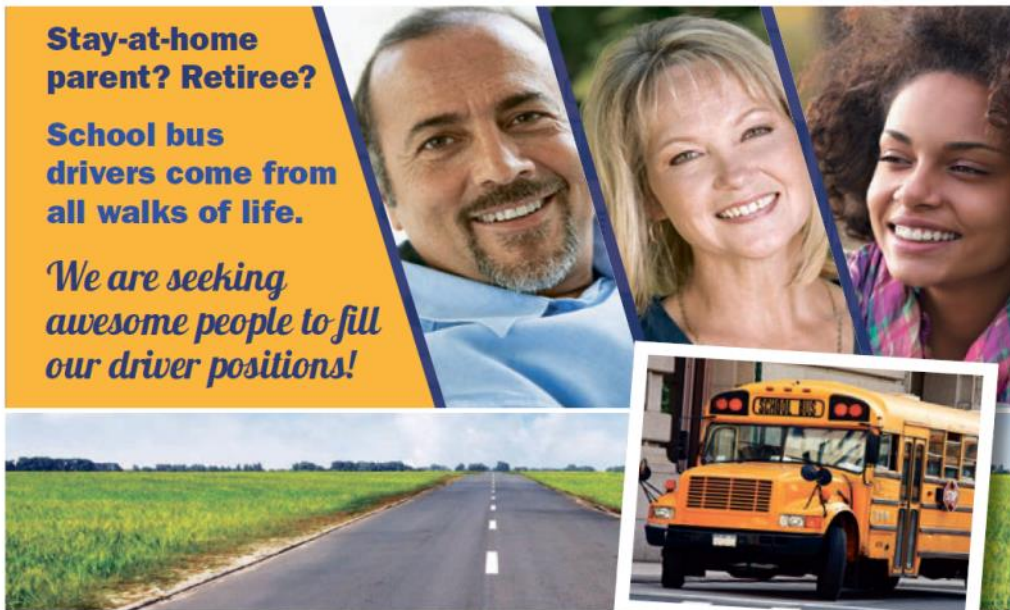
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It's Time for Winter Book Bingo!

Adults warm up your winter at the library! Beginning January 2nd 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

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Light Up Night was Merry and Bright

by Gail Scott

Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer arrived by firetruck at the Hampton Community Center to kick off the annual Hampton Township Light Up Night ceremony on December 6th. The night sky sparkled with a low level fireworks display. The colors were glorious and you could hear the "ooh's and ah" from the crowd. It was a very cold night so everyone headed indoors as soon as the fireworks ended so they could enjoy more indoor activities.



There was excitement in the air inside the community center as Santa visited with the children. Cookies and hot chocolate were served by local boy scouts and other community members. Lou Schreiber played Christmas music on his piano and Rudolph and the children danced and laughed. Also, volunteers held demonstrations from the Depreciation Lands Museum and craft vendors filled the library. A fire pit burned brightly outside and many people gathered around it to talk. Little children could run around the gym with beach balls for a fun time. The center was packed and neighbors and friends stood about talking and

laughing into the evening.

Hampton Township wishes to thank Gateway Engineers for sponsoring the music and cookies, Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate for taking photos with Santa, the entire DCS staff for all of their time and energy spent on the beautiful decorations, and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for participating in the event. This is a wonderful evening given by the Hampton Township Leadership. Make sure you don't miss it next December. It is fun for all ages.



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 raffle chance for "hot" prizes! Cover the card to get an additional 5 raffle tickets, (maximum of 10 chances)! All entries must be received by March 21st, 2019. Each person may only complete one BINGO card. Each book title can only be used once to complete one square.

HCL 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF Saturday, January 26th

3:00PM-7:00PM

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. An afternoon in the Great Room filled with chili tastings, a basket raffle, a bake sale, some music and lots of fun!

Chili Masters:

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

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

Admission is \$8.00 (children under 5 are free). Beverages will be available (BYOB Wine or Beer w/corkage fee).

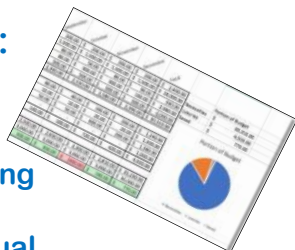
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3292 Long Meadow Dr	\$640,000	4931 Wickloe Dr	\$254,500	4424 William Flynn Hwy	\$190,000
2109 Chablis Ct	\$599,000	3036 McCully Rd	\$246,000	4328 Beauland Dr	\$178,000
4977 Gittings Dr	\$334,900	2459 Naomi Terrace	\$242,000	2500 Oak Hill Dr	\$150,199
4842 Cherry St	\$325,000	3867 Isabella Ave	\$237,000	4025 Cole Ave	\$130,000
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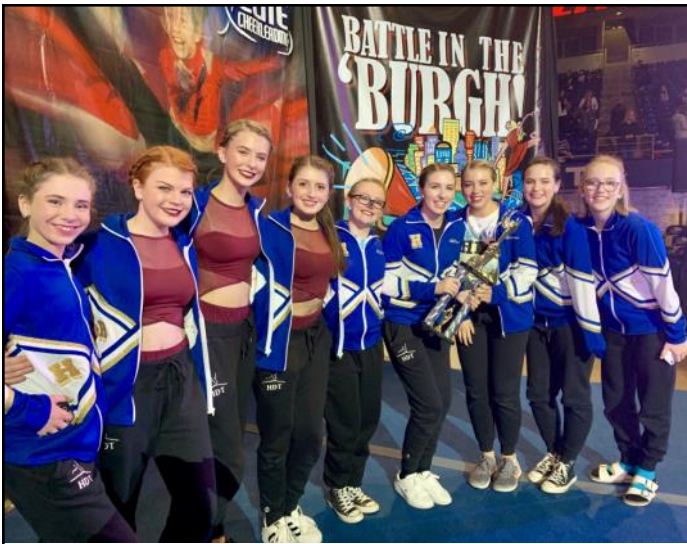
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HHS Dance Team Takes Second at Battle in the 'Burgh

by Gail Scott

The Hampton High School dance team participated in the *Battle in the Burgh* at the Petersen Events Center on December 9th. This was the first competition for the team this year and they will have another event in January. The girls had a successful day and they placed 2nd in the Varsity Jazz division. During the fall, the dance team performs as a part of the Hampton Marching Band at all the football games and band competitions. The team is coached by Leighann Bacher.



left to right: Paula Ott, Molly Baker, Gabby Dillon, Heather Scott, Kylie Karam, Chloe Sinagra, Lauren Bagnato, Sierra Linke-Kohan, Karlie Karam. **Missing:** Brooke Hathorn

HMS Cheer Debuts Well at Allegheny Regionals

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Middle School Cheerleaders competed in the UCA Allegheny Regional Championship on December 2nd at Slippery Rock University. The girls took 3rd place in the small junior high category. This is the very first middle school cheer competition for the HMS cheer team.

There are 14 girls on the cheer squad and they cheer for HMS football and basketball throughout the school year, as well as participating in competitive cheer events. Nikki Niehaus is their coach and she said, "I am so impressed with this group of girls. The talent, hard work and dedication they all have makes it easy as a coach. I am so proud of them. A lot of the girls have never competed before so for them to go out there and hit their stunts and have fun is all I could have asked for!"



Pictured above: LaNiya Spiker, Sarah Dietz, Brianna DeSabato, Maya Obendorfer, Laynie Loebig, Justyce Fink, coach Nikki Niehaus, Kayla Swanger, Madison Schwend, Anna Stroud, Jessica Lange, Mary Maloy and Avery Koontz.

Missing from photo: Kayla Berkebile and Haley Nicklas.

Police Log

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of the crash and had to be towed from the scene.

On December 1, 2018 at 9:24 a.m., Hampton Township Police responded to West Hardies Road at Lakewood Drive for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, the officers located on vehicle partially off of the roadway, into a tree. The accident occurred when one vehicle was stopped at a stop sign at the intersection. The other vehicle, which was traveling behind, failed to stop in time and crashed into the rear of the other unit, causing the vehicle to leave the roadway and strike a tree. Both vehicles had to be towed from

the scene due to damage.

On December 3, 2018 at 8:07 p.m., Hampton Township officers were dispatched to Wildwood Road for a report of a single vehicle accident. Upon the officers arrival, they located one vehicle off of the roadway and over a hillside. The operator stated that they were traveling around a bend in the roadway when they lost control of the vehicle, struck a guide rail, and then drove over the hillside. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to damage.

On December 3, 2018 at 12:58 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at Duncan Avenue, for a two-vehicle accident.

The accident occurred when one operator was stopped in the southbound passing lane of travel on Route 8, waiting for stopped vehicles ahead to turn left, when their vehicle was struck from behind. The impact caused the other vehicle to spin 180 degrees and jump over the curb on the side of the roadway. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

Vehicle Accident Involving Unoccupied Vehicle

On December 13, 2018 at 6:39 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to

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Boxing Event To Benefit Parkinson's

by June Gravitte

Local resident Jim Williams has been vigorously training for the 1st amateur fight of his life. He will be boxing in one of 8 amateur fights including both men and women boxers during the "Punching Out Parkinson's Fight Night". He trains at Fit 4 Boxing Club, Hampton Township, which is hosting the 4th annual fight night at the Syria Shrine in Cheswick, PA on Saturday, January 26th from 5-11 pm. It is an amateur boxing event that will benefit The Rock Steady Boxing Program of Pittsburgh. This year the event will be in memory of Dr. Michael Bell, a former Fit 4 Boxing client who passed away last year. He was instrumental in establishing the program here in Pittsburgh along with Fit 4 Boxing Club owner, Rich Mushinsky.

Rock Steady Boxing is an extremely therapeutic international program offered at Fit 4 Boxing Club that is designed for individuals, both young and old, living with Parkinson's disease. The pro-

gram has been found to minimize the symptoms and slow down the progression of Parkinson's disease. The vigorous motion and movement help to reduce tremors. Fit 4 Boxing holds Rock Steady classes five days a week including 4 different levels of intensity for the participants. There are many caring local individuals who also volunteer to help out during the classes.

The proceeds from the fight go directly to expanding and continuing the Rock Steady Program in Pittsburgh at both the Hampton and Murrysville Fit 4 Boxing locations so that even more people in the


community with this disease can be helped. It funds the 3-day certification, dues and fees that the instructors incur to be able to hold the Rock Steady classes. Although this event is an awesome opportunity for Jim to get into top physical shape and participate in his first amateur boxing match, it is a chance to help others like his grandfather who had Parkinson's. Ticket options are as follows:

- ◆ \$150 VIP Tickets (includes ringside table seat with sit down dinner and dessert with one drink ticket)
- ◆ \$75 Seated Tickets (includes a seat, access to food stations and cookie table with cash bar)
- ◆ \$40 Standing Room Tickets (standing room will have the option to purchase food stations for \$25 the night of the event and will have access to the cash bar)

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please visit either of the Fit 4 Boxing Club locations. Hampton (412-213-3584) (Murrysville (724-575-7486). If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please email info@fit4boxingclub.com for more details!



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No Bad JuJu, one of the Pittsburgh region's hottest acts, will perform at North Hills Community Outreach's Neighborhood Block Party Sunday, March 24 in The Chadwick in McCandless (Wexford). The event is 4:30-8pm. No Bad JuJu is a dynamic eight-piece powerhouse, blending an eclectic mix of classic r&b, rock and cutting edge contemporary music into their signature style.

The whole family is welcome at this all-ages event, which includes food stations, live music, games, kids' activities, a silent auction and much more. **Tickets are all-inclusive.** Early bird tickets through

March 3 are \$30 for adults, \$14 for children. Tickets March 4 through 20 are \$33 and \$15. Proceeds support NHCO's many programs that help local families in need. Purchase tickets online at <https://nhco.org/neighborhood-block-party/> or by calling Cheryl at 412-487-6316 opt 1.

Seniors need volunteer snow shovelers

Seniors in all neighborhoods in northern Allegheny County need volunteers to keep their yards and sidewalks safe by shoveling snow. Please contact Cathy at North Hills Community Outreach at 412-307-0069 x 3313 or clp-schirer@nhco.org to register to volunteer.

NHCO seeks funds for Sharing Winter Warmth

Funds are urgently needed for North Hills Community Outreach's *Sharing Winter Warmth* program so that families in need can receive one \$50 credit toward a heat or light bill.

Donations can be made online at <https://nhco.org/donate/sww/> or by check payable to NHCO, memo line Sharing Projects, and mail NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101. For more information, please call 412-487-6316 opt 1.

Run for the Hills! NHCO seeks 5K runners, relay teams and marathoners

North Hills Community Outreach invites runners of all abilities to run one of the races of the Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon May 5 and 6, 2018. Registration is FREE when you run for NHCO and help local families in need. Runners can choose the 5K, form a relay team, or run the half or full marathon. Visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/north-hills-community-outreach-pittsburgh-marathon-2019> or contact Harriet at hzklatte@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x 3204.

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A New Look and Exciting Change for Hampton Junior Wrestling

by June Gravitte

The Hampton Youth Wrestling Program has undergone a few changes this year. Chris Hart and Brian Zimmerman, co-founders of LTD Wrestling Club, have taken the program over and are running it through their club. Hart is the head coach for Hampton High School wrestling and Zimmerman is the assistant high school coach. They are trying to rebuild the program and bring it back to the prominence that it once had. There are about 30 wrestlers ranging in ages from 4 years of age to the 6th grade, and a lot of them are new to the sport.




Jayden Stammer (left) & Jon Benaglio (right) find success at the Emma Bur-sick Memorial Tournament at Hampton High School in mid December

The goal of these coaches is to really concentrate on rebuilding the program.
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Boy Scout Troop 17 Celebrates 90 years (Part 3)

by Tina Harper

Happy New Year! We invite Scouts and Scouters of Troop 17 to *resolve* to attend the Troop's 90th anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 25th, 2019. All current and past Scouts and Scouters are invited, no matter the length of time involved with the troop.

The original charter of Troop 17 was granted by the Boy Scouts of America National Council on May 1, 1929 for Allison Park Community Church, part of the Guyasuta District within the Allegheny Council. In 1962, Allison Park United Presbyterian Church merged with Wildwood Presbyterian Church to become Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, Troop 17's current chartered organization. In 1967, 1993, and 2011, Councils merged to form the current Laurel Highlands Council, of which Troop 17 is a member.

In 1929, the initial enrollment of 21 scouts formed four patrols and met every Friday evening. In the early 1960's, the Troop nearly went out of existence with only six registered scouts. At its largest, the Troop registered over 80 Scouts in 2012. Since 1930, Troop 17

has proudly awarded well over 100 Eagle Scout Awards, the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

In January, the Troop will host its annual Cultural Dinner, a potluck meal shared with families. Each scout announces the food item they brought and how it relates to their culture or heritage. The Cultural Dinner also serves as a Court of Honor, where scouts are awarded rank advancements and merit badges earned.

Each spring during the public schools' spring break, it has been tradition for Troop 17 to take a trip. The trips rotate each year and have included Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Washington, DC, New York City, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. During each trip, scouts camp and visit historical landmarks and tourist sites.

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

WE'RE STILL SEARCHING for a special guest at the Troop 17 90th celebration - the oldest living scout or scouter connected to Troop 17. If you think you're it or know someone who might be, please contact us at trop17is90@gmail.com.




Troop 17 on the Staten Island Ferry in New York City.

Police Log

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Vitullo Drive for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located one damaged vehicle partially into a front yard. The other vehicle, which sustained heavy damage, was still in the roadway. The accident occurred when the operator of one vehicle got distracted and struck an unoccupied vehicle, which was legally parked on the roadway. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

Burning Complaint

 On November 25, 2018, at 3:42 p.m., a Hampton Township officer responded to Nature Trail Drive for a burning complaint. Upon arrival, the responding officer found that the fire was not in compliance with the township's burning ordinance. For information on this ordinance, visit the township's web site. Information can be found at <http://www.hampton-pa.org/187/Open-Fires-Burning>.



The Township's Police Department wishes to extend a big THANK YOU to all those who participated in this year's Presents from Police Program! The support received by those who participated was nothing short of amazing and brought a lot of smiles to the children at Children's Hospital. Below are some of the pictures of the toys donated this year as well as the police officers who took an active part in this event.

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Once on This Island

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Middle School performed their fall musical *Once on This Island* to packed houses in November. Despite the ice storm on Thursday night and school being cancelled on Friday, the show went on with the biggest crowd in attendance Friday night.

Once on this Island is the story of a peasant girl named Ti Moune who falls in love with a boy named Daniel above her class. It is a Caribbean flavored musical set on an unnamed island and told around a fire by a group of peasants as they wait out a terrible storm. HMS Musical Director Greg Shumaker said, "*Once on This Island* was a high energy sing through musical that stopped at intermission and at the end. Our set was beautiful, our tech side was fantastic, crew rocked it, orchestra pit rose to the challenge of the music, and our

actors shined."

This was probably the toughest and most rewarding musical for the Hampton Middle School, according to Shumaker. The set and lighting were amazing. Many audience members commented that this was their favorite set to date. The actors put on a stunning performance and it seemed like they really enjoyed putting on this show with the Caribbean island rhythms.

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Heere arranged and conducted the music for the show, with 24 HMS students playing in the orchestra pit. This was very challenging music for middle school musicians and they rose to the occasion to play perfectly.

One of the best times to see the show was at the Saturday afternoon matinee performance where family, friends, and audience members were invited onto the stage after the show. Cast members and musicians snapped photographs with fans and signed autographs books.

NHCO

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NHCO urgently needs volunteer drivers and on-board dispatchers for our senior shuttles

North Hills Community Outreach needs volunteer drivers and on-board dispatchers for its two Free Rides for Seniors shuttles, which transport seniors in the Route 28 communities to UPMC medical appointments and shopping during weekdays. No special license is needed and training is provided! Shifts are short. Please contact Kerry at kkmulhern@nhco.org or 412-449-0151 for more information.

NHCO's Pathways program offers goal-setting help for those who are struggling

North Hills Community Outreach's free Pathways program helps low-income people set goals such as employment or education. Our coordinators meet one on one with people to coach, set short- and long-term goals and provide free resources and support. Appointments are available. For information, call Abby in North Boroughs (Bellevue) at 412-307-0069, Nicole in Millvale at 412-408-3830 or Shela in McKees Rocks at 412-331-1685 ext. 233.

Employment help is available at NHCO

North Hills Community Outreach offers free help with career counseling, updating a resume, job search techniques and more. Please contact NHCO Resource Coordinator Jackie Boggs at jmboggs@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x 3217.

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Hampton Grad featured at Seton Hill

Kimberly Hayes was recently featured on Seton Hill University's website for participating in the schools **Fast Forward to an MBA** program. Kim is a 2013 graduate of Hampton High School. She graduated from Seton Hill in 2017 with a B.S. in business marketing and human resources. She started working full time in project management with PNC right after graduation and she loves her job.

While still an undergrad, Kim began taking graduate courses through Seton Hill's **Fast Forward to an MBA**. She was able to continue completing her MBA courses while working at PNC. Kim just received her MBA in December 2018 through this 5 year program.

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Hampton Band's Holiday Extravaganza

The Hampton High School Band hosted their Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 1st and this year it was bigger than ever. There were sundaes with Santa Claus, Dad's Cafe with delicious food, over 100 different vendors selling crafts, pottery, holiday gifts, food, jewelry, and many other items. Everyone was entertained by the musical performances of the elementary band students, the middle school band, and



the high school wind ensemble. The students are so talented and the music got everyone in the mood for the holidays.

The cookie walk was incredible, boasting over 6,000 homemade cookies. This is the Hampton Band Association's biggest fundraiser and this year they raised over \$12,000 to benefit the Hampton

band students. If you missed the Extravaganza be sure to attend next year and don't miss the cookie walk!

Junior Wrestling

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ing the program along with the help of additional coaches, Jon Benaglio, Benny Shapert, and Ed Berry. Coach Hart explains, "Every great high school wrestling program has to have a feeder system that is successful so we are doing our part to recruit new kids to the sport, teach them about wrestling, and most importantly to have fun at a young age. We encourage kids, both male and female of all ages, to come out and give the sport of wrestling a try."

The season runs from November through March. The kids are working extremely hard and having a lot of fun. Anyone can sign up at their club by visiting www.ltdwrestlingclub.com.



Chris Hart



Brian Zimmerman

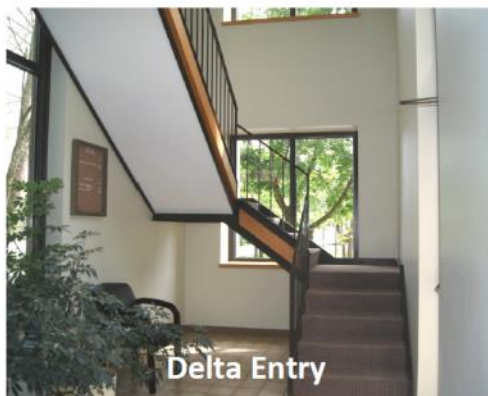
Hampton Varsity Wrestling Christmas Tournament

by June Gravitte

Hampton varsity wrestling was invited the prestigious Powerade Christmas Tournament held at Cannon Mac high school December 28-29. It is ranked the 2nd toughest tournament in the USA with 52 of the best teams from around the country. Justin Hart became Hampton's first sophomore to place taking 5th out of 52. Tyler Kocak and Dawson Dietz both made it into the top 12. The Talbots are 5-2 and host Fox Chapel January 2nd and Shaler January 9th.



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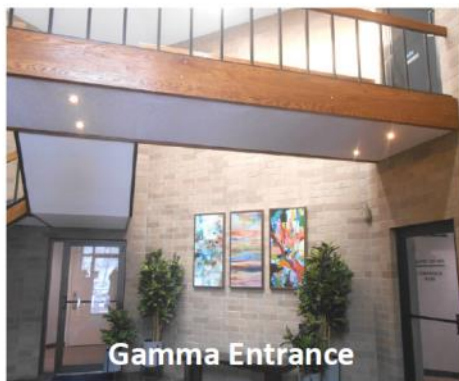
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Al's Bike Drive

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they loaded bikes onto waiting vehicles. Sometimes they even rode the bikes to get them to the loading area. Everyone was given hand warmers which was a big help against the chill. There were also pastries, hot chocolate, and coffee. There was a lot of laughter and happiness as everyone worked together. The volunteers were grateful to warm up with a hot lunch at the Wildwood Country Club as they all celebrated with speeches from Al Todd, the Marines, and others who were very involved in this project. Al said, "1,073 children will be surprised on Christmas morning thanks to all of you who have supported Al's bike drive this year! Thank you for helping bring joy to these kids on Christmas morning!" After the luncheon, gift baskets were raffled off to the lucky winners. There were a variety of

baskets with games and puzzles, gardening items, a golf package, a television, a Clint Hurdle autographed jersey, an Antonio Brown autographed framed photo, and more.

Another big thanks goes out to Thrivent Community- Three Rivers who provided a bike lock for each of the 1,073 bikes. Hampton Volunteer Fire Stations 164 and 165 helped the group achieve their goals. The Marines will be distributing the bicycles to un-



derprivileged children throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Consider volunteering to help transport the bikes next year on December 5th. Lots of hands are needed for this fun project. Also, monetary donations for the 2019 Bike Drive can be made securely on their website at www.alsbikedrive.org. All the rest of the information is listed on their web page, including how to volunteer. Check out their Facebook page by searching for Al's Bike Drive to watch videos and more. If people would like to make donations by check, make them payable to "Al's Bike Drive" and mail to Al's Bike Drive at 1736 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park PA. They can be reached via email at alsbikedrive@gmail.com or by phone at 412-229-7783.



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Hampton Community Opioid Partnership Summit

Mark your calendars for the Hampton community Opioid Partnership Summit.

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

When: Tuesday, January 15th, 2019

Where: Hampton Township Community Center

What: Special Guest Speaker: Kevin Stevens, former Pittsburgh Penguin.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Allegheny County is again offering its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program this holiday season. County residents may drop off Christmas trees now through Monday, January 14th, 2019, at all nine regional parks from 8:00 a.m. until dusk.

All lights, decorations, tinsel and stands must be removed from trees prior to drop-off. Trees will be mulched and used in the county parks. Drop-off locations are Deer Lakes park (Veterans Shelter parking lot), Hartwood Acres Park (Mansion parking lot), North Park (swimming pool parking lot).

During the 2017-18 program, more than 2,000 trees were received and recycled, with the resulting mulch used for various purposes throughout the park system's 12,000 acres.



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Taste of Hampton

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drink ticket. Event tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com. Appetizers are included in the price of the ticket and the food vendor tables will be set up in the ball room station syle. The Hampton Community Association is sponsoring the event and proceeds will benefit improvements to the Hampton Community Park.



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Residential Structure Fire	1
Smoke Investigation	4
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	6
Vehicle Fire	1
Wires Down / Transformer Problem	17
Total Incidents for the Month	75
Total Incidents for 2018	469

Noteworthy incidents and events:

NHVFD was dispatched to the report of a residential structure fire in Richland Township. Crews arrived and found fire in the attic and on the outside walls of the house. Crews assisted with extinguishment and overhaul.

NHVFD was dispatched to thirty three incidents for a variety of calls between 7 p.m. on November 15th, and 7 p.m. on November 16th due to extreme weather and ice conditions.

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Upcoming Events

Crash Course Theater

by Gail Scott

Crash Course Theater Fest is a completely student run fundraiser for the HHS Spring Musical. Designed to be a "Black Box Theater" type event, the students will write, direct, act, and stage 10 minute short plays. Prior to the event, the students will only have 24 hours to put their play together. The event will take place on Saturday February 9th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the HHS cafeteria.

Between the plays, there will be a variety of musical interludes to showcase the talented orchestra pit. There will also be refreshments and desserts available for purchase, as well as opportunities to purchase raffle chances on Auction Baskets. Tickets for the *Crash Course Theatre Fest* are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with an additional charge for a "Chicago style" dinner.

All proceeds support the production of the HHS spring musical *Chicago*. For additional details and information, go to Hamptoncats.org. *Chicago* will take place on April 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th.

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History Lecture at The Depreciation Lands Museum

Eager to Serve: Young George Washington, the Venango Path and Logstown

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