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More Than A Random Act of Kindness

by Stephanie Rizzo

Rylan Lennex, age 10, brought a whole new meaning to the term “team player” this past year when he found out his Hampton wrestling teammate, Kaylee Manz, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).

Kaylee is six, and known throughout the

Hampton Wrestling program for her sass and spunky attitude. She was diagnosed with ALL in April of 2022 and the Hampton Youth Wrestling program quickly rallied around her and her family to provide support by setting up a fund to help cover costs as they maneuvered through this

new journey. While the organization had fundraisers and events in place to raise money and reach their goal of \$10,000, Rylan Lennex saw an even greater opportunity ahead.

Lennex spent his summer raising mon-

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Left to right: Former Steeler JuJu Smith-Shuster and Rylan Lennex.

Pictured front: Kaylee Manz, back: Rylan Lennex, John O' Brien (Kaylee's brother), Carly O'Brien (mom), Ali Manz (Kaylee's sister)

Trash Talking...

2023 Changes For Trash Pick Up

by Jackie Smith

As is so common today, trash pickup is just the latest service that will cost more, while you will get less!

Hampton residents have enjoyed unlimited trash collection, as well as special pick up for bulk items, free of charge for years. There are not many communities that still have this luxury. After putting the contract out for public bid with several other North Hills municipalities, it became appar-

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The Wizards' Showmanship Did Not Disappoint

by Lainy Carlaw

On Wednesday, December 7, the Harlem Wizards came to town to play HTSD teachers for a fundraising game the whole community could enjoy. In this very successful event, the Hampton boys' basketball boosters presold 400 tickets with another 85 sold at the door raising over \$5,000. Funds raised support the middle school and high school teams at Hampton.

Several staff members from the middle

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HPD Participates in Cancer Awareness Program

by Jenn Edmonds

The Hampton Township Police Department (HTPD) protects and serves our community every day and now they are reaching out to help others in different ways; through Presents from Police and No-Shave November.

The Hampton police officers work in conjunction with other area police departments to deliver presents donated by the community to children in need. Local residents donated new unwrapped toys at the police station, the community center, and at State Farm, 5006 Route 8. The officers coordinated the delivery of the toys to deliver at the same time on the same day to Sunrise School in Monroeville. The Sunrise School serves students with special needs ages 5-21.

"The officers put time and effort into this. The community really comes together in the spirit of giving. It's amazing how many residents turnout to donate gifts and thank the officers for their efforts," said Hampton Chief of Police Tom Vulakovich. Chief Vulakovich also explained another effort that will help those with cancer. There is an existing policy in place for Hampton police officers that doesn't allow facial hair other than a mustache. Last year, some officers approached the chief and asked if they could participate in No-Shave November.

No-Shave November is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. The goal is to grow awareness by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow. Participants donate the money they typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle.

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A NOTE FROM THE HAMPTON NEWS

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Wrestling Family (Continued from page 1)
 ey for Kaylee by hosting lemonade stands, saving his allowance from his household chores and setting up a collection jar at the HAA baseball concession stand. Though he was able to raise \$600 through these efforts, he still felt he could do more to help his teammate.

Now let's pause here and rewind to June, when former Steeler JuJu Smith-Schuster announced he would be hosting a farewell event in Pittsburgh to sign autographs and merchandise for fans. As expected, Smith-Schuster's announcement garnered excitement from Steelers fans all over town, but it sparked an idea in Lennex. While most 10-year-old athletes would want to use this as an opportunity to meet one of their idols and secure an autographed poster to hang on their wall, Lennex saw this as an opportunity to collect autographed merchandise to auction off at a "Christmas in July" fundraiser that the Hampton Wrestling Association and Casey's Family Restaurant was hosting.

The young man on a mission was able to secure over \$300 worth of autographed merchandise plus a \$5000 donation to Kaylee's family from Smith-

Schuster and his organization, JuJu Foundation, in Rylan Lennex's name. After months of planning and communication between the JuJu Foundation and Rylan's mom, Patty Lennex, the donation came



through and Rylan was able to present it to Kaylee and her family at a Hampton youth wrestling match on December 21st.

"Rylan's family has been through their own trials and tribulations over the past few months and he has overcome those and stayed focused on his goal to help another classmate, teammate and friend in their time of need," Gretchen Bennett, wrestling booster president said. "Knowing the Lennex family, all I can say is they all have a heart of gold and I can't tell his parents enough how great of a job they are doing raising their boys."

Kaylee is now in remission and still receiving treatments, but has proven that she is "sassier than cancer." Between the community, the North Hills Wrestling League and Rylan's dedication, over \$16,000 was raised for Kaylee's family, 35% of that being what Rylan raised on his own. Kudos to the Hampton wrestling community and all who contributed to Kaylee's recovery.

Checks can be sent to Kaylee's Fund, 3285 Maine Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 paid to The Kaylee Manz Family Fund or Venmo @Gretchen-Bennett-11; please include a comment stating it's for Kaylee's Fund.

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A Crowd Pleasing Performance of Peter and Wendy

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh middle school students performed *Peter Pan and Wendy*, a play by Doug Rand, based on the original play and novel *Peter and Wendy*, by J.M. Barrie, during two performances the evenings of November 19 and 20 in the Rhodora J. Donahue Multi-purpose Building.

With a cast of fifty-four middle school students, director Mike Flynn brought to the stage the story of Peter Pan, the one boy who doesn't grow up, and Wendy, the girl who does. Lead roles were played by eighth graders Alice Dingle (Mrs. Darling), John Dolan (Peter Pan), Veronica Fowler (Wendy), Fionn McGinley (Captain Hook), Matt McGrath (Mr. Darling), Jack Stanton (John), and seventh grader Michael Richthammer (Michael).

Flynn, in his thirty-sixth drama show at Aquinas, relied on middle and high school students serving in leadership roles in production: Felicity Koble (9th grade, Accompanist), Clara Yuo (10th grade, Choral Director), Ashlin Knox (10th grade, Choreography), Joseph Chufo (10th grade, Choreography), Gabby Keverline (6th grade, Choreography), Lucy Keverline (8th grade, Choreography), Mia Russell (12th grade, Stage Manager), Veronica Mylott (12th grade, Stage Manager and Make-up), Nick Urban (10th grade, Sound), Sam VanVickle (8th grade, Lights), and Julia Meland (12th grade, Make-up). Aquinas art teacher Brady Buchanan worked with first grade teacher aide Gina Liguori, on the set production. High school teachers Rosemary Meland and Ellen Kaffenes were in charge of costumes.

Flynn said, "This is my third time directing this particular adaptation and I learn something new about the characters each time I direct it. Each cast brings their own unique gifts to the characters they play. This particular cast brought remarkable energy to this production. They were a joy to work with."



Photo from left to right: John Dolan (Peter Pan), Veronica Fowler (Wendy), Ava Repasky (Tinkerbelle)
Wendy reacts to Tinkerbelle pulling her hair as Wendy tried to get a kiss from Peter Pan.

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Sending letters off to Santa is a holiday tradition at the community center!

Bikes For All Kids

by Julie Mikus

Mild temperatures, hot cocoa, donuts, and festive Christmas music welcomed volunteers for Al's Bike Drive at the Walmart Gibsonia on the morning of December 8th.



With large shipping containers lining the parking lot, volunteers went into a flurry of activity, emptying 535 bicycles for kids across the region, as part of the United States Marines Toys for Tots Program.

Once the bicycles were assembled in a huge grouping, volunteers posed for a photo while Al Todd, dressed in

a blue Santa suit, addressed the crowd. "I want to thank you all for coming! This is what 535 bikes look like," Todd exclaimed. Al delivered further instructions, and volunteers once again became busier than Santa's elves, loading bikes onto trucks and trailers. Todd works as a financial consultant at his Thrivent office, located in McCandless Township. He and his team are passionate about community service.

Over the past several years, Donna Eichner of Shaler Township has volunteered with her husband Jack. "I get so emotional thinking about the kids who will receive these bikes on Christmas morning. It fills my heart with joy!" Eichner tearfully exclaimed as she guided bikes to nearby trucks. The couple was eager to help new volunteers learn the ropes at the event.

Once the bikes were loaded, a huge procession formed. The Hampton and North Hampton Fire Departments flanked both ends of the parade, as the vehicles made their way to Wildwood Country Club. Business owners along Route 8 marveled at the long line of vehicles, with

sirens blaring, horns beeping, and lights flashing. The Hampton Police and Northern Regional Police departments closed every intersection on Route 8 to assist the procession in safely transporting the precious cargo.

Al's Bike Drive celebrated its fifteenth year of supplying bicycles to Toys for Tots programs. The organization collects donations year-round to raise funds to purchase bicycles, helping children enjoy the rite of passage of owning their own bike. Before its formation, Todd discovered the need when helping Toys for Tots programs. In 2008, Al raised funds to donate 33 bikes to marginalized children. The next year the bikes doubled. A snowball quickly formed and the program hit a milestone of 1239 bikes. This year, the program encountered supply chain challenges. Cumulatively, Al's Bike Drive has helped Toys for Tots donate over 6,737 bikes.

At a luncheon for the volunteers at Wildwood Country Club, Todd said, "We are thankful for the bikes we have."

Linda McKenzie, a Toys for Tots coordinator
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Bikes

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nator, expressed her gratitude to Al Todd and the volunteers. "The amount of time and effort Al puts forth for these bicycles is unimaginable."



Jenn Neilen, the coordinator for Alle-Kiski Toys for Tots, explained to the volunteers that she had once been a recipient of the program. "I was on the other side. I left a difficult relationship and needed help. My kids received bikes. Now, I want to make other families happy."

Al added, "Through the years I have heard many stories of people who needed help. The work we do is extremely important. Thank you for all you are doing and all you have done. I will continue to march forward with my friends in the Marine Corps."

This year, the bike drive worked with a new partner, Variety - The Children's Charity, to have ten adaptive bikes built for kids with special needs. The organization works to empower children with disabilities to live life to the fullest. Charlie LaVallee explained to volunteers that children with challenges or disabilities may feel left out. The bikes help them feel equal to their peers; however, they are very costly at \$2,000 per custom bike. "Variety has distributed 9 million dollars worth of equipment to children with disabilities. We are so grateful to Al and all the volunteers because every child should have a bike," LaVallee explained.

Later in the program, Al Todd formed a procession with the children receiving adaptive bikes. The group joyfully rode through Wildwood Country Club. One elementary student, JoAnn, beamed with pride on her bike. Through tears, her Mom said, "Now, she can ride bikes with her siblings! We can ride bikes together as a family."

To learn more about Al's Bike Drive, visit www.alsbikedrive.com. For information regarding Variety - The Children's Charity visit www.varietypittsburgh.org

Police Log

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"There are 11 or 12 officers participating and some others who do not want to grow a beard still participate by donating," said Vulakovich. The donations are being split this year between the Mrs. Claus Club and Aiden's Helping Hands. The Mrs. Claus Club provides comfort baskets to local women and men who are fighting cancer. Aiden's Helping Hands is a fund set up by 16-year old Hampton student Aiden Hanna and his family. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy and will have surgery to remove the cancer in his leg. The fund helps other children and their families affected by cancer.

This effort was such a success last year that it continued through March. They plan to continue this year as well with Don't Stop December, January and February to raise additional funds. Anyone from the community is welcome to donate by cash or check made out to the Hampton Police Department Charity Fund.

For more information about the charities, visit <http://mrsclausclub.org> and <https://aidenshelpinghands.com>

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Please note: While we do our best to be here, sometimes winter weather works against us! Please call the library, check Facebook or the website to make sure we did not have to cancel a program due to Mother Nature!

It's a Wonder-ful World! Drop-in Storytime!
NEW DAY ADDED!! Time Change!

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!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays *
starting January 10th from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m.- "Stories and Songs", 10:45- "Investigate and Create"
11:00 a.m.- "Stories and Songs", 11:30 a.m.- "Parachute Play"
11:50 p.m.- "Stories and Songs", 12:00 p.m.- "Stay and Play"
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Card Club! Wednesdays from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Join us Wednesday afternoons for a game of 500 Bid or something new! Come out and show your skill, teach someone a new game or just enjoy some time out with friends new and old!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion
Wednesday, January 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
Survive the Night, by Riley Sager
The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. 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, January 20th @ 1:00 p.m.
Wish You Were Here, by Jodi Picoult.
Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library. 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: SuperBowl Tailgate!
Thursday, Jan. 26th, 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 magazines from the library.
 - 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.

It's a "Soup"er Bowl Challenge!

Saturday, February 11, 2023 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Calling all home cooks to stir up their favorite homemade soups! Chicken noodle, French onion, beer cheese or salmon chowder- what is your claim to fame? Enter your soup in our "Soup"er Bowl Challenge and gain bragging rights for a year! Entry fee is \$10. Registration begins January 3, 2023. Don't want to cook? Come taste (\$10) and vote for your favorite soup!

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Friday, March 24, 2023 – Trivia Night is back! Get your team ready; space will be limited! More details to follow!



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or 35-gallon) for your trash carts. The Township is recommending you choose the 96-gallon cart, as Waste Management will not take anything left outside of the cart. Keep in mind, the 64-gallon cart is the size of your recycling cart. Any household that has not communicated with Waste Management will automatically receive a 96-gallon cart for trash (you should already have a 64-gallon cart for recyclables, which you will continue to use for recycling). Also, glass is again included as part of your recycling. You should have already received and replied to the post card, as the deadline was December 23rd to reply. The new trash carts will be delivered to residents beginning January 23rd. It may take a couple of weeks for every residential household to receive their new trash cart. Use your existing trash carts until you receive the new Waste Management cart.

You will have one "bulk item" that can be picked up as part of your monthly bill -- **this will occur the 4th full week of each month, for one item.** If you have more than one item, you will be subject to an additional per item charge.

The Township is aware how difficult this change will be for everyone. Working through it together, we can all make the best of this! The Township has been trying to keep communication open and clear through as many channels as possible in an effort to help the community understand the new program.

Citizen of the Year Award

Founded in 2019, the Durachko-Gottfried Ross Township Citizen of the Year Award 2022 was presented to Tom Baker, Executive Director at North Hills Community Outreach.

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The Return of the Youth Recreational Dance Program

Back by popular demand, the Township of Hampton is offering a recreational dance program this winter at the Hampton Community Center. Premier Dance Academy has been in business since 2011 and brought their talented staff to Hampton in the spring of 2020. The program started with 30 students that met two days a week and has grown to over 100 students with classes four days a week.



Instructor Tracy Schwend with Lili and Rosie Nicely

The program is not limited to girls ages 2-18. Boys are also invited to attend and get more information on the variety of classes including ballet, jazz, tap, acrobat, and tumbling. Adult classes are offered at the community center.

The winter classes will begin the week of January 23rd and continue through April 27th. A dance performance will be held at the end of the session for participants and their families to enjoy!

The performance is tentatively scheduled for April 29th. For additional information regarding this program please email hamptondanceprogram@gmail.com

The program will hold an open house on Tuesday, January 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Hampton Community Center. During this time interested participants will be able to meet the dance teachers and visit the dance room. You may also register this evening at the Community Center service desk or online! Registered participants may also purchase tights and shoes this evening!

After registering online or at the Community Center, please register with Premier Dance Academy at <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/premierdanceacademy>.



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The Fastest Teacher in the 'Burgh

by Stephanie Rizzo

Oakland Catholic math teacher Elaina Tabb put down the calculator and laced up her Adidas sneakers to compete in the 2022 California International Marathon (CIM) this past December. She achieved her goal to secure a podium finish and brought home the third place title along with her personal record time of 2:28:04.

"I feel blessed to be able to pursue this dream of mine alongside my teaching career," Tabb said. "It was pretty special hearing the announcers call me 'the high school math teacher from Pittsburgh' as I was coming down the final straightaway. I love that I am able to pursue both of my passions: running and teaching. I know that my teaching career only makes me a better runner as it brings so much joy to life."

Tabb launched her career when she attended Hampton Middle School and joined the cross country team; she hasn't slowed down since. She won the 3,200 WPIAL Class AAA title in 2010 as a senior at Hampton and became a six-time Division I All-American at William and Mary college. She joined the professional ranks as a distance runner in 2014, signing with Adidas-sponsored Boston Athletic Association.



Photo by Mac Fleet

The 2022 California International Marathon (CIM) was a U.S. Championship race and marked Tabb's 3rd marathon completed to date. When asked if she has any advice for anyone thinking about competing in a marathon, she said:

"The marathon has to be something you're truly excited for. It's a very big commitment in terms of the number of hours of training, so my suggestion is to commit to whatever distance lights the fire inside of you. If that's the marathon, then great, but a 5k, 10k, and half marathon are equally as impressive!"

Tabb plans to spend the upcoming weeks resting and recovering from her intense training while thriving in her teaching career at Oakland Catholic. Congratulations Elaina!



Photos from a treasured annual event at the community center complete with fireworks, a visit from Santa, Rudolph and the Grinch!

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ing 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 11/11/2022—11/24/2022:


Suspicious Vehicle/Drug Arrest

 On 11/26/2022 at 01:13 a.m., a HTPD officer observed an occupied vehicle in the parking lot of a closed park. Upon reaching the vehicle in question, the officer smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the inside of the vehicle. The vehicle was occupied at the time, and during the encounter, the occupants were found to be in possession of drugs, paraphernalia, and open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Vehicle Accident


 On 11/24/2022 at 8:04p.m., HTPD were dispatched to the area of Haberlein

Rd. and Mohawk Dr. for a vehicle accident. The caller reported that a pickup truck had crashed approximately 6 feet over a hillside/ditch. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the driver of the vehicle, who stated that he was not injured. The driver stated that he had just left his son's house for Thanksgiving and was on his way home. The driver stated that he has some trouble seeing at night and that the lights from an oncoming vehicle had temporarily blinded him. Due to this, he failed to negotiate a slight curve in the road and crashed his vehicle over a small hillside. The vehicle was towed from the hillside.

 On 11/28/2022 at 10:42a.m., HTPD were dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and Wildwood Road Extension for a report of a two-vehicle accident with unknown injuries. It was reported the accident was head on style with vehicles needing towed. The responding officers observed two vehicles in the intersec-

tion with heavy damage to both vehicles. The accident was said to have occurred when the operator of one vehicle failed to stop at a steady red traffic signal which resulted in a collision with a vehicle that was proceeding through a green traffic light. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.

Hazardous Conditions

 On 11/17/2022 at 09:57 a.m. HTPD was dispatched to Old Route 8 for a gas leak. County dispatch stated that Duquesne Light struck a gas line at this associated address. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the project site foreman. Equipment operators on scene struck a gas line while using a piece of equipment. Officers were able to notify the home-owner and Peoples Gas arrived on scene to fix the issue.

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Winning Performances On and Off the Mat

If you noticed some traffic on Wildwood Road the first two weekends in December it was probably because Jewart's Gymnastics was hosting some big end of the year events.

"It was busy but nice for everything to be back to normal," said gym owner, Elaine Jewart. "Because of Covid, we couldn't do our meet as usual the last two years." This sentiment was echoed by many coaches and spectators who attended the meet. First was the girl's competition held from December 2-4 in which there were over 500 competitors. It was a safe and successful competition for the home team, the Pittsburgh Northstars, who earned over \$400 in team winnings.

The next weekend was the men's competition with almost 200 boys attend from Butler, Erie, and even Buffalo. At the same time, in a different area of the gym the recreational gymnasts enjoyed a holiday performance. These kids only practice once a week, but were still eager to show off what they have been learning. They performed special holiday routines and even got a visit from Santa!

As if that was not enough, on December 10th they delivered hundreds of gifts to homeless families through Inspired Hearts and Hands. The team has been part of this Angel Tree project for the last five years.

"It's a lot to organize and take in," said coach Lainy Carslaw. "There are a lot of extra hours in the gym this time of year but the kids love their home competition and it's always a ton of fun."



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From Student to Teacher

by Jenn Edmonds

Recent 2022 Hampton graduate Abby Misencik has gone full circle from student to stylist to student teacher. Misencik began her career in Cosmetology as a student at A.W. Beattie and is now working as a stylist at Harmony Salon in Wexford.

Misencik received a post-graduation scholarship and it brought her back to A.W. Beattie. In addition to her stylist responsibilities, she is now also acting as a student teacher in their Cosmetology program. "It's exciting. I remember being in their shoes, especially the new students in the first year of the program. I want them to know and understand that I love what I do and that it takes work ethic to get to where you want go. I appreciate what I've gotten to learn at Beattie and I want them to feel that, too," said Misencik.

This student teaching opportunity at A.W. Beattie launches a path to becoming

a licensed teacher in the Cosmetology field. A licensed teacher in Cosmetology requires 500 hours in a teacher curriculum of a licensed cosmetology school and passing the Pennsylvania State Board exam.

A teacher's license in Cosmetology will provide new opportunities in the industry. They are qualified to perform any of the functions of a teacher, manager, cosmetologist, esthetician, natural hair braider, or nail technician without additional licensure.




"I will have a "one-up" on other people who don't have the same licenses as me, and I will be more marketable to employers due to the additional education I've received," explained Misencik. She is happy being behind the chair as a stylist for now but one day would love to be a teacher. "I really appreciate the experience I'm getting behind the chair and the opportunity to stay at Beattie a little bit longer in a new role. I hope I'm able to help students the way my instructors helped me."

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With winter being upon us, a friendly reminder to our residents and motorists during this winter season from the Hampton Township Public Works Department:

The Public Works crews plow approximately 100 miles of Township-owned roads as well as 20 miles of State-owned roads (through an agreement with PennDOT). Middle Road and Duncan Avenue are County owned and maintained. Route 8 is state-owned and maintained by PennDOT in the winter. It takes our crews three to five hours for one route (depending on if all trucks are running and what type of winter event they are dealing with). Main roads are taken care of first followed by residential streets.

❄️ Please help the snow and ice removal crews during winter snow events/emergencies by NOT PARKING on Township roadways.

❄️ Please do not plow, shovel or blow snow from sidewalks or driveways into public streets. This slows snow removal efforts and can result in a dangerous condition for pedestrians and drivers.

❄️ Plowing snow onto driveways and sidewalks cannot be avoided. Public Works drivers are not permitted to "steer" the plow away from driveways.

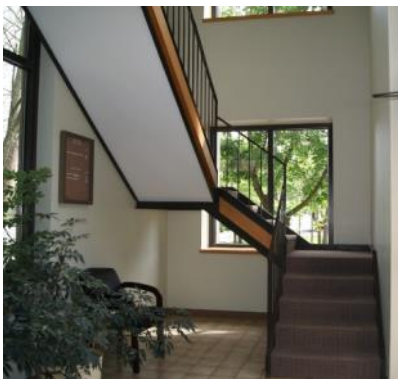
❄️ If it's snowing, the crews are out. Please do not call to find out when a particular street will be cleared - they will be there!

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Wizards

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school, high school and each of the elementary schools were brave enough to take on these professionals, along with two Senior students: Koda Carslaw and Ryan Apaliski. "Dreams do come true," said Carslaw, only half joking. "It was a blast!"

The game was played in four quarters of action-packed fun. The teachers were great sports as the Wizards ran up and



down the court with their antics and trick shots. The music was loud and the energy level was high.

The night ended with a group photo and the Wizards leading all the kids with some great dance moves. "It was such a great night," said Jamie Schlegel. "The crowd participation kept the energy going. The Wizards definitely know how to put on a show."

Stop in to watch a home game on January 6, 10, 17, 27, February 7 and 11. Check the school website for complete schedule and times.



**Cugini
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it up!**

While scoring 48 points in 95 - 92 win against WPIAL 2A opponent Leechburg on Tuesday, December 13, Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh senior Vinnie Cugini climbed from 20th to 14th rank of WPIAL all-time basketball scoring leaders. Cugini previously reached 1,000 and 2,000 points faster than any player in WPIAL history.

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2023 Pool Memberships

Pool memberships are available for purchase on January 3 for both residents (early bird rate) and non-residents (regular rate). Please note: If you are registering online for a membership and you do not have a Member ID Card from previous years, you will need to visit the Community Center Service Desk to have your photo taken for your ID card.

Free Concert!

Saints Martha and Mary Parish concert will foster a deeper appreciation of sacred music through high quality concerts. Epiphany Concert on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 4:00 pm at St. Richard Church. May we be "guided to thy perfect light" as we listen to the wonderfully talented soloists and musical ensembles of Saints Martha and Mary Parish Music Ministry. Celebrate the joy and peace of this wonderful season with this cherished parish tradition.

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N. Hampton Vol. Fire Dept.

November 2022 Monthly Report, Chief Michael Piovesan

Monthly Incident Summary:

Assist EMS	1
Brush Fire	4
Commercial Fire Alarm	7
Commercial Structure Fire	1
CO Alarm	1
Mutual Aid Standby	1
Natural Gas Leak	3
Residential Fire Alarm	9
Residential Structure Fire	2
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	1
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	12
Vehicle Accident with Entrapment	1
Vehicle Fire	1
Water Condition/Pumping Detail	1
Total Incidents for the Month	45
Total Incidents for 2022	368

Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD responded to I-76 westbound for a reported vehicle fire. Crews arrived on scene to find a tractor trailer cab filled with smoke. Crews were able to quickly locate a small fire underneath the mattress in the sleeper cab of the tractor. Crews used a water can to extinguish the fire causing minimal damage to the vehicle.
- NHVFD responded to Murray Avenue for a reported brush fire. 165 Quint arrived on scene to find a 50'x100' hillside on fire with the fire approaching an adjacent house. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire and returned to service in under two hours.
- NHVFD assisted Richland VFD with a motor vehicle accident with entrapment on Route at Cook Road. Crews arrived to find a single vehicle accident into a pole. Crews used hydraulic rescue tools to extricate the driver from the vehicle.

New Membership:

We can always use new members who are interested in fire-fighting, 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.

Neighborhood Santa Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were escorted through the township compliments of the Hampton and North Hampton Fire Departments on December 17th.

Hampton resident Meg Spotts is especially appreciative of the volunteers who take time out of their schedules for the kids and fur babies. "I'm a big kid at heart and it means a lot to our community to keep this tradition." Thanks to the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments for providing Santa his transportation and helping coordinate the event! Thanks to Sal Leo's Tree Services for their generous contribution of candy canes to distribute!



Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE:

A Night at the Races

February 11, 2023 "A Night at the Races" to benefit the Hampton High School 2023 Musical, "Something Rotten." www.hamptoncats.org for more information.

Golf Outing

Sunday, April 23, 2023—Birdsfoot Golf Course for Aiden's Helping Hands Golf Outing—
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