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Gene Kelly's 2023 Best Musical!

by Jenn Edmonds

Everyone who attended a Hampton High School musical performance of "Something Rotten!" knew it was anything but rotten, and that was cel-

ebrated at the Benedum Center on May 27. That evening, the Pittsburgh CLO named Hampton High School as the winner of six awards at the Gene Kelly Awards

for Excellence in High School Musical Theater, including Best Musical (Budget IV).

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HHS Seniors Kai Suyama (L), nominated for Best Actor and Brooks Brady (R), winner of Best Supporting Actor

Rotary Keeps on Giving

The Hampton Rotary presented four Hampton High School seniors each with \$2,500 scholarship during their weekly meeting on Thursday, May 18 at Wildwood Golf Club. Congratulations to the winners: Brennan Murray, Anyanka Beichner, Addison Gindlesperger, and Hannah Dietrich.

Scholarships are funded from participants and sponsors of the annual Hampton Rotary Firecracker 5K. It is not too

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DLM Season Kicks Off

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Organizers could not have hoped for a more picture-perfect day to kick off the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Depreciation Lands Museum. While the museum brings history to life every Sunday from May through October, last month's Friendship Day celebration was extra special as many gathered to recognize the museum's half-century mark.

Entering the grounds nestled just off Route 8 on Pioneer Road, visitors were welcomed to the colonial village of Talley Cavey, circa 1792, where

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A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. The remaining December reports will be updated in March. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 4/06/2023 - 5/11/2023:

Vehicle Accident

 On 04/06/2023, HTP responded to a two-vehicle accident with no injuries or tows. The accident was said to have occurred when one vehicle was backing out of a driveway and crashed into an oncoming vehicle. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

 On 4/7/2023, at 12:12 pm, HTP responded to a two-vehicle accident on Rt 8 southbound near Hampton Plaza. One vehicle was struck in the rear while stopped in the left lane waiting for an opportunity to make a left turn. Both occupants were wearing their seatbelts, and no injuries were reported. No tows were needed.

 On 05/02/2023 at 9:14 pm, HTP were dispatched to Wildwood Sample Rd. for a single-vehicle accident with entrapment. The vehicle was said to have struck a telephone pole, which embedded the vehicle in wires.

Upon arrival, officers observed the vehicle had struck guide wires coming from a telephone pole but did not cause any damage to the pole itself. Duquesne Light was still notified to check the guide wires. The driver was not trapped inside the vehicle, and no live wires were involved. The driver was conscious, alert and denied any injuries. The driver stated she was driving southbound on Wildwood Sample Rd. when an oncoming vehicle drifted slightly into her lane causing her to swerve to avoid a collision. It should be noted, the roads were wet/

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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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Keeping it in the Family

by Zach D'Amico

Art is often a pursuit that runs in families, and this is certainly true for Hampton High School senior Emma Homison.

Her watercolor piece, titled "Everything But the Kitchen Sink," was recently chosen by her peers to be added to the school's permanent art collection. What makes this achievement even more notable is that Emma's mother, Gretchen Homison (C'89), received the same honor with her color study artwork when she attended HHS. Gretchen expressed her pride in Emma's accomplishment, stating, "Emma has been interested in art since she was three years old, and she is just a natural at it. Her piece was very well thought out."



Emma and Gretchen Homison

Emma's work features images of commonly used idioms such as "crying over spilled milk," having one's "head in the clouds," and being "caught red handed." Explaining the inspiration behind her piece, Emma said, "I wanted to capture a bunch of idioms in one. I

thought of a dinner scene where there are a lot of people interacting. At first, I had just pictures of myself as all the characters, but then I integrated some of my friends and family who were in my other works."

Emma credits her upbringing for her interest in art, saying, "Our whole house was a creative space. My parents encouraged it, and both of my sisters are very artistic too."

Although Emma is undecided on her major at Kent State University in Ohio, where she plans to attend next fall, she intends to continue pursuing her artistic interests. "I'm going to keep art as a hobby because I am mostly motivated by ideas that I want to capture," said Emma.

HTSD congratulates Emma and all students who participated in the Senior Art Exhibition on May 4!

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Come On! All Together Now! Join in Hampton Community Library's Summer Reading Program. Whether you like to read books, listen to them on E-audio, read a book in graphic form, listen on Playaway, or watch on a Launchpad - there's something for you at the library this summer! Babies, preschoolers, readers, adults – we have a summer program to fit you!

Children ages birth-12 are invited to register for the **in-person** program at the library starting June 1, 2023. Take home your swag bag & start reading to earn raffle tickets. Return each week for raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our awesome prizes!

Youth and Adults ages 13 and up can participate in the summer reading challenge too. Read books, get raffle tickets, win prizes---it's that simple! Register at the library starting June 1, 2023.

Register for the **virtual program** with Beanstack. Participate in activity challenges, update your reading log, earn tickets for the Grand Prize Raffle. This program is for **all ages**: birth to adult. Visit www.hamptoncommunitylibrary.org to sign up today!

Check out our programs to keep you busy all summer long!

Please note:

There will be no Children's Programs 4th of July Week!

Gather 'Round Storytime!

Tuesdays, starting June 13th through August 15th @ 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, starting June 15th through August 17th @ 10:30 a.m.

Jump on the story train as we sing, rhyme and listen to stories all summer long! This program is for families and abilities of all ages. Please note: this will be same program each day.

Check Mate! A Summer Chess Club!

Mondays, Jun. 19th through July 31st 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Join us for a fun, instructive, interactive play. Whether you are a beginner or have been playing for years...there's always something new to learn! All skill levels welcomed! Please register when you come to play. Ages 5-12.

Jammin' at the Pavilion! A Story and Play Time!

Tuesdays starting June 20th through August 8th 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays starting June 22nd through Aug. 10th 11:30 a.m.

Get ready to stretch your arms, touch your toes and wiggle your nose with this interactive storytime, filled with stories, songs, music, bubbles and even parachute! Rain or shine, we will meet outdoors at the Grubbs Pavilion (this is the pavilion above/behind the pool). Registration not necessary. The storytime is designed for families and abilities of all ages. Program will run approximately ½ hour to 45 minutes. Please note: this will be same program each day. In case of thunderous weather please call the library to see whether a similar program will be held inside without the parachute.

Creative Writing: Spin Your Own Fairytale!

Tuesdays June 13th through July 25th 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

What if Cinderella sprained an ankle instead of losing her shoe? What if there were only 4 dwarves instead of 7? Have you ever wanted to write a different ending to a fairytale or create your own fairytale? Now you can! Children ages 6 -10 are invited to register for this 6 week creative class. Who knows? You may end up with your very own book at the end of the session. *Registration is appreciated for all 6 sessions we understand that a week here or there may be missed.

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We Create Wednesdays!

Wednesdays, starting June 14th through August 9th @ 1:30 p.m.

Let's get together now to learn how to build, design, and create cool things out of recycled materials! Will we make something fun out of recycled materials or will we create something out of this world in a Lego challenge? Each week will be different – come join us to find out what we're creating! Ages 5 and up are invited to come explore! Registration for each week is appreciated to make sure that we have enough creative "stuff" for everyone! The program will last 45 minutes to an hour depending on the creativity and design of the challenge!

American Girl Meet and Greet!

Thursdays, June 15th through July 27th @ 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join us each week as we introduce our American Girls to others! Each week we will introduce a specific American Girl through games, stories and other activities. Everyone age 5 -10 years are invited to bring their doll and join in the fun!

June 15th – Meet Molly, June 22nd – Meet Jess, June 29th – Meet Felicity

Intro to Scrapbooking!

Monday, June 19th, @ 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Are you new to scrapbooking or maybe got away from it and looking for a reboot?

This is the day for you. The first hour will be creating a simple page that can get you started scrapbooking or you can take home and frame. Bring 3-4 pictures to get started. If you are a seasoned scrapbooker looking for like-minded friends come join

us for a morning and scrap to your hearts content! Marie Golio from Creative Memories will be here to share, teach, and support fellow scrapbookers and their goals!

No need to register, class will be in the library!

Cooks-n-Books Potluck Picnic!

Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

We have spent a year baking, sautéing, burning, and tasting some yummy recipes! Now it's time to create your own favorite dish and bring it to share! Get together with old friends or come out and make new ones! The picnic will be held outside at the Rotary Pavilion at Hampton Community Park (this is the pavilion closest to the police station/municipal building/soccer fields).

Card Club!

Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join us Wednesday afternoons for a game of 500 Bid or something new! Come out and show your skills or just enjoy some time out with friends, both new and old!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 21st @ 6:30 p.m. *The Perfect Marriage*, by Geneva Rose.

The Mystery Book Group meets at the Grubbs Pavilion in the summer, (this is the pavilion above/behind the pool, parking is available).

Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

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News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, June 2nd, July 7th and Aug. 4th 1:00 p.m. in the library.
This longtime discussion group is led by local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith--with a new format inviting members to participate as guest leaders the *First Friday* of the month. Discussion topics welcome from all. New members are welcome to come share-- or just listen.

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, June 16th @ 1:00 p.m.

***The Wonder*, by Emma Donoghue.**

Betty's Book Group meets 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!

Summer Hours!

Summer hours will begin Memorial Day and extend through Labor Day.

Monday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. *starting June 14th!

Friday: 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours:

Please note:

There will be no Children's Programs 4th of July Week!

The Library will be closed:

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Impressive Showing for Aquinas Academy at Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science

Eighth grade students from Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh competed at the State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) held on May 14 - 16 at the Pennsylvania State University in University Park. The fourteen students earned the trip by scoring a First Place for their science projects at the Region 7 Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) Competition at Baldwin High School on February 4. According to PJAS, "Approximately 3,000 of the best and brightest science students from Pennsylvania's twelve separate PJAS regions descend upon State College each May to present their research."

Aquinas Academy students earned the following awards:

First place: Aarona Casas Arnedos, Carly Bezila, Katrina Kedzierski, Lucy Keverline, Zach Schellhaas, Jack Stanton, Claire Urban.

Second place: Kay Chufo, Alice Dingle, Matthew McGrath, Thomas Pellathy, Aurora Predis, Tabitha Ridings, Katherine Tarquinio.


Aquinas eighth grade student, Brigid Mercer, also made the trip as a volunteer Technician.

"The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) is a statewide organization of junior and senior high school students designed to stimulate and promote interest in science among its members through the development of research projects and investigations."

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh is Southwestern Pennsylvania's only independent K - 12 Catholic school. More information can be found concerning Aquinas Academy at their website: <http://www.aquinasacademy.info/>




Back Row (Left to Right): Katherine Tarquinio, Alice Dingle, Lucy Keverline, Kay Chufo, Matthew McGrath
 Middle Row (Left to Right): Katrina Kedzierski, Tabitha Ridings, Aarona Casas Arnedos, Carly Bezila, Zach Schellhaas
 Front Row (Left to Right): Mrs. Ellen Kaffenes (Chemistry teacher), Brigid Mercer, Claire Urban, Aurora Predis, Jack Stanton, Thomas Pellathy, Mrs. Dorina Manolache (Physics teacher)




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4153 Mount Royal Blvd	\$469,900	\$470,000	6
5239 Stella Drive	\$409,900	\$445,000	11
5032 Sunnyslope Drive	\$434,900	\$420,000	12
4179 Timberlane Drive	\$359,000	\$385,000	6
5070 Meadowridge Lane	\$369,000	\$379,973	6
2466 Naomi Terrace	\$345,000	\$345,000	5
4312 Orchard View Drive	\$274,900	\$305,000	6
2848 Mccully Road	\$299,900	\$299,900	44
2312 Ferguson Road	\$290,000	\$290,000	51
4305 Hemlock Circle	\$237,900	\$232,000	4
4495 Greengrove Drive	\$199,900	\$225,000	3
2478 Royal View Drive	\$235,000	\$220,000	41
3324 Stag Drive	\$210,000	\$218,000	64
4483 Birchwood Lane	\$219,000	\$215,000	22
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Hartwood Acres Amphitheater 2023 Schedule

- June 4 Chris Jamison (Pop), Grace Elliott
- June 11 River City Brass
- June 18 Father's Day Car Cruise followed by a concert featuring the Jaggerz (oldies)
- June 25 Billy Price (Rhythm and Blues), Gabe Stillman
- July 2 Pittsburgh Symphony (starts at 8:15 pm)
- July 9 Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives (Country), Joe Grushecky
- July 16 War (Funk, Soul, Latin), Check Your Bucket
- July 23 Fitz and the Tantrums (Indie Pop), Rett Madison
- July 30 Hometown Night at Hartwood featuring Zack Keim, Forestry Division, Ames Harding and The Mirage (Rock)
- Aug. 6 Soccer Mommy (Alternative), Disq
- Aug. 13 Los Amigos Invisibles (Latin), Stone Throwers
- Aug. 20 Pittsburgh Ballet
- Aug. 27 John Scofield (Jazz), Jason Kush Quartet
- Sept. 3 Country Music Festival, Men Without Hats (80's Pop), Affordable Floors, Re-52s

Memorial Day Service

A dedication and additional photos will be in the upcoming summer edition of Hampton Magazine.



Student Documentary Offers Insight into Staging a Musical

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Hampton schools are teeming with talent, from scholars and athletes to artists of all kinds. Some of that talent recently graced the high school stage in the spring musical, *Something Rotten*, which played to sell-out crowds before garnering multiple nominations from the Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater. While theater-goers were treated to a polished extravaganza, few understand all it takes to put on a high school musical, and that's where junior David Poirier comes in: after months spent filming, interviewing, and editing, David created a 70-minute documentary that provides a behind-the-scenes look at staging the show.

The idea was born when David played viola in the pit orchestra for last year's production of *Into the Woods*, and he found himself enthralled by the experience and intrigued by the other groups involved. He was impressed by the interplay of the cast, crew, and orchestra as they worked for months, both independently and together, to create the show.

"After being in the pit," David recounts, "I wanted to find a way to be a part of all the different aspects that were going on. It was clear everyone in the cast, crew, and orchestra had their own voice and perspective, so I thought I'd like to try to grasp that voice and find the candid perspective of what it takes to make a musical production."

After deciding a documentary film was the best way to touch on all elements of the production, David began his journey as a first-time filmmaker by inviting other students to join in. Ninth-grader Kulthoom Fatema Dinani happily added her name to the list, offering invaluable support filming clips while David was busy in stage crew.

Reflecting on the experience, which afforded him a front-row seat to the entire musical process, David says, "It was great to be there from beginning to end, which is something I wasn't able to



do when I was in the pit. I could make my own schedule and decide where to go each day so I could stay on top of the entire process."

While David and Kulthoom did not begin this project with an eye toward awards, the film caught the eye of the Gene Kelly Awards judges, and they earned the first-ever HHS nomination for Outstanding Student Artists. In sharing news of the nomination, show director Dan Franklin praised the documentarians, proudly noting, "It was such a great idea and I'm so glad [they] ran with it!"

With a bit of virtual fanfare, David sent a link of the finalized film to all members of the company of *Something Rotten* on May 19. Just a week later, he stood on the Benedum stage with his fellow nominees at the Kelly Awards, taking in the moment with a sense of humility and pride. For next year, David is planning another film, this time expanding his vision to create a plotline. Whatever direction it ultimately takes, David's vision will begin to take shape in the earliest days of his senior year, one that's sure to bring exciting things for the young man behind the camera.

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Lacrosse Team Has Much To Celebrate

by Lainy Carslaw

The Hampton Lacrosse team has much to celebrate this season. They advanced to the third round of the playoffs, beating Seton LaSalle and North Catholic handily, 20-4 and 9-3.

They knew winning the third round would be a long shot since they were set to face the powerhouse Mars team, who had beaten them 14-0 earlier in the season. The second time around, Hampton hung in there for the first half, even closing the gap to 4-3 at one point. But in the second half, Mars pulled away with the final score ending 18-4. Even though this was not the result any of them may have wanted, there is much to feel hopeful about.

The team has some strong, young players coming up, including Eli Schwarzbach. As only a freshman, Schwarzbach was the team's lead scorer. Going into the post-season, he had an impressive 62 points. Levi Whitfield, Joey Nelson, and Porter Kelly were also key offensive contributors, with Gabe Ganelli and Brody Eichas making some big defensive plays.

The team will have to learn to win without the great play of their seniors next year, team captain and long-stick mid-fielder Sean Donlan who tends to come up big in clutch situations, Co-captain Jake Krempasky, Luke Hartle, short stick mid-fielder, Koda Carslaw mid-fielder, Maddox Lohr, the second leading scorer with 41 points, and their goalie, Kaden Hoolahan who made some amazing saves this season. Many of these seniors hope to continue their lacrosse careers in college next year, including Hoolahan and Donlan at Kent and Carslaw at Duquesne.



Unfortunately, senior, Gabe Harris has been hurt for most of the season but has been a strong presence for the lacrosse team over the years.

"Those seniors helped me change the culture," said Coach Andy DeMichiei. "They bought in to what I was trying to do, raising the bar and the expectations for this team, and the younger guys followed their lead." Since DeMichiei took over as head coach two years ago, the team has steadily improved. He can count on Coach Mayfield to take the lead when he can't be there. "He commands a lot of respect from the guys," he said.

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No Horsing Around!

by Jenn Edmonds

Hampton Middle School sixth-grader Ellie Hetrick has always loved animals. She started leisurely riding horses at her Papa's (grandfather's) farm when she was little and began taking horseback lessons in first grade. Now she rides in local shows with Lunar Hill Equestrian, with owner/trainer Rebecca Francis. Hetrick began competing in horse shows in the fall of 2021.

Most recently, Hetrick and her horse partner Lucky Charm competed in the Western PA Quarter Horse Association's Jump Into The Show Season Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show on May 13 and 14 in Harlansburg, PA. She ribboned with two second places and a third place in the Canter Cross Rails event and two Flat Class events. The Cross Rails event involves riding through a course multiple times where the horse walks, trots, and canters and also requires jumping rails that are positioned like an X. On some runs, the rider is judged and on others the horse is judged. The Flat Classes are similar to "Simon Says" but on a horse.



"My favorite part (about competing) is the feeling of accomplishment. It's different every time and my family gets to watch it," said Hetrick. She explained that the sport can be dangerous, and the rider needs to be prepared for any unpredictability from the horse. "You are controlling a 1,000 lb. animal with your thighs," said Hetrick. "It's really fun after you get over the nerves."

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Local Family Travels to Vatican for Wedding

by Mary-Theresa Watson

If you're invited to a wedding at the Vatican, chances are pretty good that, if circumstances allow, you'll try to get there. That's what happened to a Hampton family who recently returned from the trip of a lifetime. Matt and Kristine Schonder, along with their high school sons Sasha and Sergey, were thrilled to attend the wedding of their niece who married a member of the pontifical Swiss Guard. The newlyweds, Sara and René, met during Sara's semester abroad in Rome in 2019. Two years later, during a visit to Pittsburgh in December 2021, René proposed in front of the crèche at US Steel Plaza, an especially fitting loca-



tion since it's the world's only authorized replica of the Vatican's display at St. Peter's Square.

With a hint of wonderment in her voice, Kristine shares, "[This couple's] story is just like a fairytale! It was just really special for us to be able to be a part of it."

The wedding brought the family to Italy for the first time, and they spent the week exploring, learning, and trying delicious Italian foods. On their very first day, they even caught a glimpse of Pope Francis in the Popemobile. Kristine, whose birthday happened to be that day, laughs when telling the story: "I like to think that the Pope was waving to me for my birthday!"

Although the ceremony included a traditional Catholic mass, that's where any resemblance to typical weddings ends, at least for the guests from the U.S. Two Swiss Guards stood alongside the altar during the ceremony, and about 30 guards flanked the stairs leading out of the chapel, lifting their swords for guests to pass through as they departed. The groom then hosted a biergarten party at the Swiss Guard barracks, as is tradition whenever a guard gets married. Guests next boarded a bus for a reception about 30 miles outside of Rome; there, they enjoyed a four-course meal punctuated by a showstopper entrée carried in by two servers who set the platter on the head table and then lit flares. After dinner, guests received sparklers and processed outdoors where the bride and groom cut their cake. To top off the magical day, fireworks lit the sky to celebrate the happy couple.



In looking back on their week in Italy—from the dream wedding that brought them there to the amazing sites and delicious food—the Schonders all agree it was a trip like no other. Matt sums up their experience perfectly, saying, "The Italian people were so kind! We didn't know much Italian, but everyone was so accommodating. Everyone was very friendly, from the people in the airport to those in the hotel, shops, and taxis...it was a great experience from start to finish!"

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HMS Student Wins Prestigious Chess & Music Competitions

by Mary-Theresa Watson

Hampton sixth-grader Benjamin Lin, who was first-place winner of the 2023 Elite International Music Competition in December, was recently crowned the 6th-Grade Champion at the 2023 Pennsylvania State Scholastic Chess Championship. The tournament was held in mid-March in Harrisburg, and Benjamin defeated the No. 1-seeded 6th-grade player as well as the No. 2-seeded 8th-grade player enroute to his championship. He also earned a second-place finish in the middle school category, and he is among the top 100 players in Pennsylvania for all age groups.



he and teammate Tariq Yue, from near Philadelphia, won the Bughouse event, which is played on two chessboards by four

players in teams of two.

Benjamin's interest in both chess and music began at an early age, and just a few years later, he now holds impressive achievements in both. Not surprisingly, his summer calendar is filling up as he prepares for a week-long chess camp in North Carolina as well as an international piano competition in Indiana. The competition, the Carmel Klavier International Piano Competition for Young Artists, aims to recognize and nurture young, talented pianists from around the world; thanks to Benjamin and his parents, Ronghong and Xinzhu Gu, (not to mention his younger sister, Charlotte, who recently competed in her first chess competition) Hampton Township will be well represented.

Lacrosse

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The camaraderie among the players and coaches is palpable from the stands. Every so often, one player will shout out a number such as, "fifty-one!" In turn, all the players will echo from the side-lines, "fifty-one!"

Only the team knows what that means...a secret play? A plan to attack? But to the crowd and the opposing team, it is a show of unity, a sign of engagement from all the players. "We all had one common goal this year," said Carlaw. "To get to the WPIAL championship."

Although they fell just short of their goal, they were able to win their consolation game at RMU against Penn Trafford on May 24th and are headed to State Championships.

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slick from rain the entire day. There was minor damage to the passenger side wheel well and headlight of the vehicle. Officers and members of the Hampton Fire Department were able to get the vehicle, which was driveable, back onto the roadway.

🚒 On 05/11/2023, HTP were dispatched to the intersection of Middle Road and Wildwood Road Ext. for a two-vehicle accident. The accident was said to have occurred when one vehicle was traveling northbound on Middle Road, making a left-hand turn onto Wildwood Road Ext, when a second vehicle pulled out from Wildwood Ext, to travel northbound on Middle Road, striking the first vehicle. Both vehicles suffered minimum damage and were able to be driven from the scene. Both parties were given a copy of the other driver's information and both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

Hazardous Conditions

🚒 On 03/31/2023, HTP were dispatched to Mount Royal Blvd due to the road being covered with oil. Upon arrival, Officers spoke with the reporting person who pointed out a five-gallon can of diesel fuel that spilled onto the roadway. The can had a hole in the bottom of it and appeared to be empty. The Hampton Fire Department was dispatched to the scene. Officers placed flares on the roadway to alert motorists to the slippery road conditions. Members of HVFD responded to the scene to put oil dry on the ground to absorb the diesel fuel that was

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Current Events

Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, June 23, 2023

The Hampton Community Association exists to support the Township of Hampton in the establishment, maintenance and improvement of parks, recreational and cultural facilities for the benefit of the Hampton Community. Current fundraising efforts are going towards a Gulf War Veterans Memorial Plaque for the Veterans Memorial Court, additional shading for the community park playground, as well as accessory equipment (benches and possibly outdoor fitness equipment) to be located along the loop trail that is currently under construction.

The Hampton Shaler Water Authority is once again co-sponsoring this outing to assist in the fundraising efforts.

Your participation as a golfer, hole sponsor, and/or a donation would be greatly appreciated.

Registration forms due by Friday, June 9

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Police Log

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mixed in with the rain. Officers remained on the scene to assist with traffic control. County dispatch was advised to notify PennDOT of the condition.

Natural Gas Odor

On 04/12/2023, HTP were dispatched to Med Express, 4655 William Flinn Hwy, for a report of a smell of natural gas within the building. ACES notified responding officers that the building was being evacuated. Upon arrival, North Hampton Fire was on the scene and checked the interior of the building. North Hampton Fire requested that Peoples Gas be notified to respond to the scene.

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Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

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Local environmental groups are sponsoring a program on historic structures hidden in present day North Park. Park Ranger Sam Shephard will present "Hidden Gems of North



Park" on June 27. The talk will include photographs and information on features such as Council Circles, Fountain of Youth, and original stone shelters. Few park visitors are aware of these gems from the past. The one hour program starts at 7:30pm and will be in the Rose Barn on Pearce Mill Road. This look into the past is sponsored by Friends of North Park, Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust, and North Area Environmental Council all currently working on protecting the gems of today's park.

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The Perfect Ambiance for a Prom

by Jackie Smith

Once again, the iconic Omni William Penn Hotel hosted 380 students for the Hampton 2023 Junior and Senior Prom, and seniors, Hannah Kirkpatrick and Paul Olivera were crowned Prom King and Queen. What an incredible location to celebrate!

This year's prom was sponsored by the junior class, and Mrs. Amy Faith, learning support teacher, took the lead role. According to Mrs. Faith, "This was the first year in which tickets were sold online. We used My School Dance, which is an online dance and event management platform. Students presented a QR code to be admitted into the dance. It worked out very well!"

"This was my first year as the junior class sponsor," said Faith. "I really enjoyed working with the PTO and junior class officers to make this prom a success!"

Tickets for the event were \$100 and included school bus transportation to and from the event. In an effort to ensure safety, the school district has always required students to use either the school-sponsored buses, legal guardians, or a private, contracted carrier such as limousines. Students were

not permitted to drive to the prom.

All participants were served a three-course dinner which included a Caesar salad, choice of cheese lasagna with marinara sauce or seared chicken breast, herbs and boursin roasted shallot cream with herb-roasted red skin potatoes, as well as Omni William Penn cheesecake with strawberry sauce. The PTO also sponsored the infamous Pittsburgh cookie table. There was plenty of dancing, a LED photo booth, caricature artists, backyard games, board games, and a poker game room.

Senior, Laynie Loebig said, "I thought the entire event was great. I loved the two new additions this year: the photo booth and caricature artist. The students and administration did an awesome job preparing and setting up for all of us to have a memorable night."

The students left the school on buses to arrive at the William Penn in time for the 6:00 pm dinner, and the final bus left to take students back to the school at 10:00 pm. Dr. Marguerite Imbarlini said, "As always, Prom was a great success this year. I think the kids really enjoyed dancing, playing casino games, and having their caricatures drawn throughout the night. Also, the Pittsburgh cookie table that the PTO sponsored was a huge hit with everyone."



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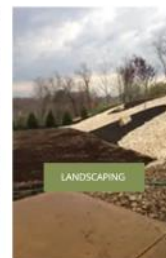
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Rotary

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Hampton Rotary is seeking Hampton School District families to host an international exchange student in the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The host family would have the student reside in their home and be a part of their family for one half of the school year. Interested families may contact Hal English at 412-486-1923 or henglish@nb.net. Thank you!



Pictured above: Rotary President Hal English, Hampton School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Hampton High School Principal Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina; back: Brennan Murray, Addison Gindlesperger, front: Anyanka Beichner, Hannah Dietrich; Members: Rock Kernick, back: Jon O'Data, Rotary Interact Club Liaison Janice Wolf, Incoming Rotary President Tom Baker; front: Lou D'Angelo, Cynthia Ryland, Les Dieckman. Back: Roger Eichner, Ron Schmidt, Larry Vasko, Keith Davis, and Shawn Wright.

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Connecting with the Community

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Hello Hampton residents! I'm excited to share with you some of the work I've been doing in our community and in Harrisburg. I was proud to be the primary sponsor of HB 436 establishing Diwali as a state holiday in the Commonwealth, which passed the House 200-1. Diwali is observed by over one billion people worldwide and nearly 200,000 Pennsylvanians every year. As Pennsylvania becomes more diverse, our state holidays should reflect the

vibrancy of the many cultures that call this state home.

Another bill I've sponsored that addresses Medical Debt Relief (HB 78) continues to gain interest. As an emergency physician, I've seen too many instances of people who needed medical help and treatment but refuse to seek it because they did not want to sink deeper into medical debt. This program would help residents address their medical debt and help providers clear bad debt off their books.

Here at home, I was thrilled to congratulate Shaler Hampton EMS for being awarded Pennsylvania EMS Agency of the Year by the PA Emergency Health Services Council. Supporting our first responders is a high priority for me, and I'm proud that Shaler Hampton EMS is getting the recognition it deserves.

I'm also pleased to report that the potholes have been fixed on Sample Road! My office received many complaints about the road and relayed them to PennDOT. Please let us know if you have any PennDOT related issues in the future. We're always happy to help.

Depreciation Lands

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they could observe a variety of demonstrations by costumed interpreters. Volunteers used authentic techniques and materials to showcase a range of skills, from traditional basket weaving and thread spinning to woodworking and blacksmithing. Added special touches for the half-century celebration included an ab-

breivated Covenanter service, vendors offering specialty items, and the museum's impressive Kramer wagon on display outdoors for the first time in many years, standing in the sunshine to the delight of admirers who'd never seen it outside of its home inside the barn.

Midway through the event, a bell rang out, summoning visitors to a grassy area in the center of the village. There, Township Manager Chris Lochner joined the museum's Board President Carol Griner, District 30 PA House Representative Arvind Venkat, and Hampton Town Council Member Bethany Blackburn, to honor the volunteers who make the museum possible.

Inviting all volunteers to join him on the green, Lochner said, "What makes this museum so special is that it comes to life. This is a labor of love by our volunteers who can tell you more about Hampton history and heritage than I ever could." Smiling at the group, he went on to invite them to participate in Hampton Community Day on July 3rd to be recognized for their dedication to preserving history. Representative Venkat also praised the museum and its volunteers, formally unveiling a citation recognizing the 50th anniversary.

Finally, Ms. Blackburn shared her history with the village, explaining, "When I first moved to Hampton Township, I stumbled across this museum and was immediately taken with it. It's truly a treasure of Hampton and western Pennsylvania!"



The Kramer wagon on display outside for all to enjoy on Friendship Day



Friendship Day and Depreciation Lands Museum celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 21.



State Representative
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Recently, some exciting community events took place in Hampton Township as part of District 28!

On May 13th, my office sponsored a recycling event held during the Hampton Recycle Rama at the community center which garnered the attention of hundreds of local residents! At the end of the event, nearly 50 bins of shredded paper was collected to help residents from all over District 28 secure their sensitive documents.

That same day, the North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) held their block party, which I was proud to attend again this year, at their Allison Park location to raise money for their food bank and community counseling services. I am happy to report this event was a wonderful success!

This month also brought a state-wide award to the Shaler Hampton EMS. They received the 2023 EMS Agency of the year award! These folks are dedicated to serving their community with the courage and vigilance of true heroes. I want to offer my sincere congratulations to the many dedicated members of the Shaler Hampton EMS on this well-deserved recognition.

And lastly, for an upcoming opportunity to make your voice heard. Join in



my upcoming telephone townhall. I welcome everyone from District 28 to take part. This is my chance to directly connect with you from the comfort of your home. Bring me your questions, comments, and concerns. This event will take place on June 13 at 4pm (Dial In: 877-229-8493 Code: 120601) I hope you can join!

Hartwood's Free Live Music Event Brought in the Crowds

by Lainy Carslaw

Memorial Day weekend brought thousands of visitors to the Hampton area for the WonderWorks Music Festival at Hartwood Acres.

The two-day festival had three stages with constant live music from noon to eleven P.M. To those who typically frequent Hartwood Acres for an afternoon walk with their dog or even the free Sunday night concert series, the grounds might have looked unrecognizable.

With three stages built from the ground up, fencing to keep the area secure, tents selling merchandise, jewelry, food and drinks, and people swarming around almost every area for the two sold-out shows, Hartwood felt more like Starlake Amphitheater than the quiet community park as we know it. The family friendly event also had games and inflatables to entertain the young and the young at heart.

Because of the high volume of people, many had to be bussed in from Pittsburgh Mills Mall and others were found walking to their cars from surrounding neighborhoods.

Some of the highlight performances included Mt. Joy, who broke into the Grateful Dead's *Fire on the Mountain*, The Revivalists with a high energy performance, The Head and the Heart, and Stephen Sanchez and Matt Maeson, two up-and-coming singer-songwriters with a wide following.

The headliner on Saturday night was Hozier who performed his famous song *Take Me to Church* with the crowd singing right along. The weekend concluded with Jason Mraz, an artist whose career has spanned nearly three decades. Mraz did not disappoint, playing his greatest hits, making the crowd laugh with his light-hearted personality, and allowing his band, including many female musicians, to shine on stage.

WonderWorks was a well-organized, safe event with plenty of free water for the attendees, shade and places to cool off from the heat, and of-course, some amazing live music.

"At this point in my life, I probably wouldn't travel to a music festival. But to have one in my own backyard, where I can go home and sleep in my own bed in between, is impossible to pass up," said local resident, Steph Straub. "It was an awesome time."

See page 8 for the complete list of concerts at Hartwood Acres.



Ryan Apaliski, Aiden Lewis, and Koda Carslaw enjoying the blow up couches that became a popular item at the WonderWorks Music Festival.

Gene Kelly Awards

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In addition to winning Best Musical, Hampton was recognized in Budget Category IV for Best Scenic Design, Best Costume Design, Best Lighting Design and Best Dance Ensemble. Hampton senior Brooks Brady won the award for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of Thomas Nostradamus. The show was nominated for a total of ten awards out of 13 categories, with other nominations for Best Actor (Kai Suyama), Outstanding Student Artist (David Poirier and Kulthoom Dinani), Best Crew and Technical Execution (Budget IV), and Best Vocal Ensemble (Budget IV).

Brady accepted his award on the Benedum stage and gave a moving speech thanking his family, directors and friends for always pushing him to do his best. "When I heard my name, my legs turned to jelly. I was shocked, and yet so unbelievably honored," said Brady. When asked later about his experience, Brady added, "Getting to know so many great people both through our show and during this past week (at Kelly rehearsals) has been amazing. Being around kids who are just as passionate about theatre as I am is something truly special. I'm never going to forget it."



Dan Franklin & Leah McConnell

Hampton senior Leah McConnell, who portrayed Bea Bottom, was awarded the CLO Ambassadors Scholarship during the ceremony. It is for students who participated in the Gene Kelly Awards and are pursuing a major outside of the arts. "I was super excited and honored to win the scholarship. Getting to stand on stage and win a scholarship at an event that I love so

much was an unforgettable experience," said McConnell. "I have become a more confident, drive, and ambitious individual thanks to my time in theater."

The opening number for the awards ceremony featured the semi-finalists and nominees for 2023. Hampton Best Actor nominee Kai Suyama, who played Nick Bottom, Best Supporting Actress semi-finalist Marissa Martinoski, who played Portia, and Brady all were part of this energetic performance. Cast members Aja Lynn and Giulia Mauro, in turn, sang and danced in the moving finale with students from all 32 participating GKA schools.



Marissa Martinoski

The cast had the honor of performing the song "Bottom's Gonna Be On Top" on the Benedum stage during the awards ceremony. "To be able to see our students on that stage in front of a sold-out crowd of over 2,800 people, there's no feeling like it," said musical director Dan Franklin.

"*Something Rotten!* was a very special show for so many reasons. Everyone and everything just clicked perfectly. Even before the Kelly nominations were announced, I knew in my heart that our students had created a beautiful piece of living art and I couldn't be more proud of them," said Franklin.

Hampton tied their previous record of six Gene Kelly award wins (for the shows "Big Fish" and "Young Frankenstein").

The Gene Kelly Awards were launched in 1991 to recognize and encourage student achievement and to focus the attention of the community and school districts on the importance of musical theater and arts education.

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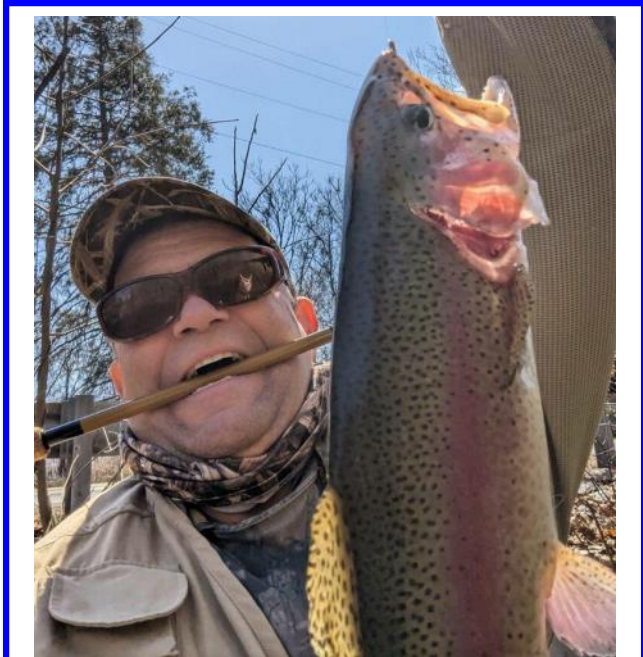
Community Day begins at 1:00 pm on Monday, July 3rd and will conclude after a spectacular fireworks display that evening! This year's attractions will once again be held on the soccer fields!

Some of the fun you have to look forward to is the return of the inflatable attractions and community and food vendors. There will be three music groups in attendance this year!

2023 Band Schedule

- 1:30-2:30 pm—Pine Creek Community Band
- 3:30-5:30 pm—No Bad JuJu
- 7:30-9:30 pm—Brass Metropolis (Chicago Tribute Band)

The outdoor pool will also be open from 11:00 am—4:00 pm (Community Day Pool Fees \$5 / \$8).



Hal English reeled in a whale of a rainbow trout in Yellow Breeches in Mt. Holly Springs, PA

Upcoming Events

Pool Member Appreciation Day

Hampton Township would like to thank the loyal pool members on Wednesday August 16 with an annual Pool Member Appreciation Day!

The fun begins when you enter the pool for the day! Any person (18 or older) who has a valid 2023 pool membership will be entered to win a FREE POOL MEMBERSHIP for the 2024 pool season!

In addition to the raffle, DJ Rick Wirth plans to have a very special character visit the little ones and provide music for all from 4-6 pm. Ariel, the Little Mermaid, will be splashing in the pool from 4-6 pm for photo opportunities!

The farmer's market and food trucks will be located in the community center parking lot from 3-7 pm.



**The Rotary Club of Hampton Township
 Presents The Firecracker 5K
 Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

An annual family fun run for the past 17 years.

Register for this fun 5K on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/AllisonPark/2022HamptonRotaryClubFirecracker5K>



The 5K run takes place at the Hampton Community Center. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS!

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 3-6 pm

Christmas In July at the Outdoor Pool Complex

The farmer's market and food trucks will be on site in the from 3-7 pm!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

HAEE 31st Annual 5K

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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Students Plea for Support of a Great Cause

On May 21, 2023, Hampton School District participated in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk held at Highmark Stadium. The walk is the leading walk in the county supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (also known as IDD).

If you would like to support the Hampton Team, it's not too late. Use the link below and search for Hampton High School! [Best Buddies](#)





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