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# Lacrosse Team Helps NHCO

he varsity and junior varsity ty Outreach Food Pantry. Hampton lacrosse team gathered after school on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to completely reorganize the food storage shed at the North Hills Communi-

worked for almost two hours and created a shelving organization system for food that is ready to be moved into the pantry. Kelly Strutt, NHCO Food Pantry Coordi-

The team nator, was impressed with the professionalism and kindness the team showed during this volunteer project.



# Team Up To Clean Up

Volunteers are needed to make the Hampton Township 2020 Clean-Up Day a success! Bring a team, ask friends, co-workers and neighbors to participate in this annual event on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Meeting location is 3101 McCully Road in the community center. Registration is appreciated in order to schedule clean-up locations, but not required. Bags, vests and gloves will be provided. Please wear protective clothing and shoes.

Call 412.486.0400 ext 1303 to register or visit www.hampton-pa.org/clean-up to register on line.

## Socks With a Mission

by June Gravitte



This past winter, Senior Seton Hill University student Megan Maers, started a social action project called "Socks with a Mission" for her Senior Seminar Class. From November 18<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, she held a sock collection drive where she collected socks along with winter hats and gloves in order to get them to those that need them the most. Megan explains, "A pair of socks has the ability to make (Continued on page 4)

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# Teens Competed for Best Pizza/Burger Title

by Gail Scott

Three local young men are making their mark on the culinary world and the surprising thing is that they are still in high school. Perry Bogacz, Alex Levine and Justin Hansen competed in late February at the Mid-America Restaurant Expo in Columbus, Ohio.

Perry Bogacz, 18, is following in the footsteps of his father Nick Bogacz who is the owner of Caliente Pizza & Draft House. Nick claimed the title of Best Pizza in America at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy last year. Perry was excited to compete in the Pizza Pizzazz tournament where he made his creation of "The Polish Hill" pizza which incorporated many items including homemade pierogies. This was his first Mid-American Expo and he hoped to bring home another Bogacz family victory. Perry is the manager of the Caliente Pizza Monroeville location as well as attending high school full time.

Alex Levine became friends with Perry when they met in second grade. Alex is a manager at Caliente's Hampton location and took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the largest dough stretch competition at the US Pizza Team Trials last year. He competed at the Expo making his "Down on the Farm" pizza which included smoked brisket, cheddar cheese, and many additional items.

Justin Von Hansen, 16, was one of the youngest competitors at the Expo and participated in the Burger Battle. He

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# **Police Log**

The Hampton Township Police Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. The twenty-two officers and two civilian clerks take pride in serving the community in a professional and proactive manner. Thank you to the staff for helping to keep our community safe.

A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred are listed below. These incident statistics included, but WERE NOT LIMITED TO, the following between the dates of 1/17/2020 - 2/19/2020:

#### Theft from Vehicle

🕄 On February 9, 2020 at 11:53 a.m., Hampton Township Police received a report from a resident on Treeline Drive regarding a theft from a vehicle. The resident discovered that an unknown actor(s) had entered their unlocked vehicle sometime during the overnight hours. The actor stole loose change, a pocketknife, and the garage door openers for the residence. Residents are strongly encouraged to keep their vehicles locked at all times and to refrain from leaving any valuables within unattended vehicles.

#### Suspicious Incident/Drug Arrest/DUI Arrest/Vehicle Accident

🕲 On January 23, 2020 at 8:10 p.m., a Hampton Township officer observed a vehicle traveling on Route 8 that appeared to be having difficulty staying in its own lane. The officer observed the vehicle swerve off the roadway and almost strike a utility pole. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, which came to a stop after the officer observed it strike a curb. Upon contacting the vehicle operator, they showed visible signs of impairment. The operator failed to perform field sobriety tests as had been explained and demonstrated and was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI.

🕄 On February 9, 2020 at 10:42 p.m., a Hampton Township

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officer was checking local businesses when they came across an occupied vehicle in the parking lot of a closed business. During the course of the encounter, the occupants were found to be in possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

On February 19, 2020 at 8:17 a.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Middle Road for a vehicle rollover accident. Upon the officer's arrival, the vehicle operator was found to still be inside the rolled vehicle. The officer immediately detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator was able to exit the vehicle and showed visible signs of impairment. The accident was said to have occurred when one vehicle was stopped in the traffic lane, waiting for another stopped vehicle, when it was struck from behind. The one operator was subsequently placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. Both vehicles were towed from the scene due to extensive damage.

#### Vehicle Accident

🕄 On January 24, 2020 at 5:42 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Route 8 for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, one vehicle was found to be in the roadway with substantial front-end damage. The accident was reported to have occurred when one vehicle was stopped in the left northbound lane of travel, waiting for another car to turn off the roadway when it was struck from behind. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to disabling damage.

Son January 24, 2020 at 6:06 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to the intersection of Route 8 and Duncan Avenue for a three-vehicle accident with possible injuries. Upon their arrival, one vehicle was found to be in the roadway at the intersection. The accident was reported to have occurred when two vehicles, one traveling northbound on Route

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**Socks** (Continued from page 1) someone's quality of life substantially better. From children in hospitals to homeless veterans, all could benefit from a new, warm pair of socks."

The donations were collected in a box at R.A.W. Training in Gibsonia, PA. Megan chose to donate to Veteran's Place of Washington Boulevard for her first "Mission". It is the only single-room occupancy transitional housing center for homeless vets in the region. In 1998, Post 718 purchased a parcel of run-down row houses on Washington Boulevard and 10 years and 2.5 million dollars in government/ foundation grants later, the site was transformed to encompass an administration/service building with 12 townhomes that can house up to 48 Veterans at one time.

Although the donation went to Veteran's Place this past year, she plans to donate to different groups with each new mission. "Though this began as a result of a course assignment, it is something I would like to continue on with for years to come," Megan remarked.



Megan Maers proudly presenting socks to Marlon Ferguson at the Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard

#### Police Log

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8, which was attempting to turn left onto Duncan Avenue, and the other traveling southbound on Route 8 both proceeded through steady red traffic signals and collided. One of the vehicles then struck a third vehicle that was stopped on Duncan Avenue. Two vehicle occupants from one of the involved vehicles were transported to the hospital by ambulance. Two of the vehicles had to be towed from the scene due to disabling damage.

On January 31, 2020 at 1:40 p.m. Hampton Township Police responded to East Hardies Road for a single vehicle accident. The involved operator stated that their attention diverted from the roadway, which resulted in the vehicle drifting off of the road. The vehicle struck a mailbox, as well as a utility pole guide wire. The vehicle was towed from the scene due to damage.

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# The Weather Did Not Spoil Winterfest

by Gail Scott

There wasn't snow on the ground on February 1<sup>st</sup> but that didn't stop the festivities at Hampton's first Winterfest celebration. Winterfest was held at the Hampton Community Center with hopes for a planned sled riding party. The temperatures were cold but there was no snow for the party. Still, a large crowd of Hampton residents showed up to enjoy the many lighted bonfires and a fabulous fireworks display in the sky above the soccer fields.

The temperature didn't stop the families from enjoying gooey s'mores over the bonfires with hot chocolate. Pasquale's pizza, hot dogs, snacks, and drinks were served inside. The Hampton Community Associa-

#### **Pizza Competition**

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made his "Hot Honey Burger" which included a brioche bun, caramelized bacon, porchetta, fried jalapenos, sharp white cheddar, and additional ingredients. Justin works with Alex and Perry in Caliente's Hampton store and for the past two years, has been training with his uncle, Eric Von Hansen who is Caliente's regional chef and creator of America's Best Pizza.

These 3 young men did not bring home an award, but will be a force to be reckoned with at the next competition!



Left to R: Justin Hansen, Alex Levine and Perry Bogacz



L to R: Barb Freitag, Anna DeMatteo, Kelly Gally, Bonnie DeMatteo, Cari Heasley, Heather Meyers and Jen Jordan

tion (HCA) organized the event for the community's enjoyment. The Hampton Rotary assisted the HCA with the event and provided snacks and great assistance with setting up the bonfires. HCA member Hal English said, "I'm glad my vision for a community backyard get-together could be achieved and I hope it can become an annual event to look forward to in the bleak midwinter." The HCA is accepting donations for improvements to the Hampton Community park playground with hopes of adding a shade structure and other equip-*(Continued on page 13)* 





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3907 Ash Dr	\$515,000	4376 Winchester Dr	\$240,000	3146 Cheltenham Ct	\$158,000
4935 Apple Ridge Dr	\$470,000	2930 Clearview Dr	\$185,600	2532 Royalview Dr	\$140,000
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Pequenas Historias- March 10<sup>th</sup>. Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of this month at 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Hola Amigos! Our special friend and educator, Beatriz Conte will be here to share stories, songs and games with a Spanish flair! A little bit of bilingual education can be as simple as *uno*, *dos*, *tres*. All ages welcome.

#### Los Animalitos:

A Baby/Toddler Storytime Tuesdays, now thru March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Hop like a bunny, sing like a bird! Explore the rhythm of language with stories, rhymes & music about our feathered, furry, scaly and slimy friends. Program is designed for our youngest readers but all ages are welcome!

Rainbow Letters Stay-n-Play! Tuesdays, now thru March 31st at 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. and Wednesdays, now thru April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:45 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Each week we will cut, glue, pinch, tear, clip our way through the alphabet! Children will have opportunity to make a craft, explore sensory materials, and play with toys, games and books. Bring a friend or make a new one! All ages welcome.

Parachute Dance Party! Tuesdays, now thru March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, now thru April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Stretch, shake and sing! Get up and shake those wiggles out with fun music and songs, then calm down with itty-bitty yoga, giggles and bubbles! All ages welcome.

Count, Sort & Match! Tuesdays, now thru March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:15 p.m. -2:45 p.m. and

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Wednesdays, now thru April 1<sup>st</sup> 9:45 a.m. -10:15 a.m. Looking for something to do between naps and snacks? Bop on over to the library for a story, then investigate numbers, patterns and fun through guided play. All ages welcome.

Clap Your Hands Storytime! Wednesdays, now thru April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Did you know language development is enhanced with exposure to rhymes, songs and storytelling? Join us for some fun while helping your child develop a love of reading! The program is designed for 3 -5 year olds, all ages welcome.

#### Inspiration Inc! Fridays, now thru April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Turn on your creativity and dress for inspiration (mess)! Each week we will utilize a variety of art materials and techniques to make something special. This is an adult-child activity, active participation is expected! First come, first served to make sure we have adequate space & supplies for all of our little friends. Ages 4-6 years old with an adult, registration preferred.

Fun Food Stories! Fridays, now thru April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar? Was it Miss Annie? Cookie Monster? Bring your lunch or a snack to enjoy at the library during this short and sweet storytime. All ages welcome.

#### Look! Think! Make! Fridays, now thru April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Expand your little one's world through physics, biology, architecture, coding and more. Experiment with STEAM kits and challenges, inspired by modern (and sometimes ancient) technology. This program is designed for ages 4 -6. *(Continued on page 9)*

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## Library

### Read Across America-Hampton Reads! Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to this free, all-inclusive K-12 event! The evening will feature a performance by cartoonist Duane Abel, guest appearance by your favorite characters from literature, hands -on activities, a bake sale and more!

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### 2020 Chess Tournament!

Hampton Community Library will be hosting the **2020 CHESS TOUR-NAMENT** sponsored by Pittsburgh Chess Club on **Saturday, March 7**<sup>th</sup> at **10:00 a.m.** 

Must preregister at the library. Please register in person since the application requires a signature by the participant. Space is limited. Competition is divided into two divisions- grades K-4 and 5-8. Last day to register is **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**!

#### Espanol? Si? No?

#### Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Join Beatriz Conte for Spanish stories and songs. Bring the family to this fun, interactive class- no Spanish experience required! Just an open mind to learn, sing and play!

Please note this program will be geared to PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but all are welcome to come and learn!

#### News and Views!

#### Fridays, Now thru March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith is back to lead this lively discussion group. From local to international topics, nothing is off limits with this group of diverse and lively adults. New topics always welcome! This program is free to all! Join in the conversation or just visit- We'd love to see you! We meet in the Adult Lounge of the Hampton Community Center.

#### Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Club! Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Our House*, by Louise Candish. Books available at the library. Make new friends, discover new authors, and get a clue!

### Betty's Book Buzz: Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.

Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about  $3^{rd}$  Victim, by Phillip Margolin.

Copies of the book will be available at the library. Make new friends, meet new books!

## Cooks-N-Books: Everybody Loves PI(e)!

#### Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 B in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

1) Look for a favorite pie recipe.

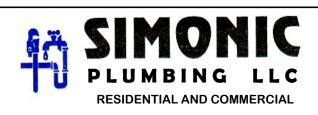
2) Cook that dish and bring it to the group the evening of the discussion. Please bring a copy of the recipe as well.3) Sample all of the amazing recipes!

Please note there will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Community Library Trivia Night! Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Assemble your own team and get ready for a night of laughter and friendly competition! \$20/person, (6 -10 people/ table). Test your general trivia knowledge! Perhaps **your** team will surprise them all! Please note this is an adult program. (BYOB) Space is limited; Registration required.



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# Blessed Trinity Academy Celebrates Catholic Schools Week with Fun, Games and Charitable Causes

he students, faculty and staff of Blessed Trinity Academy spent the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> celebrating all of the things that make their school special. The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week centered around the ideas of leadership, service, success, and learning and all of the activities that took place during the week tried to revolve around one of these themes. Students raised money for Project Bundle Up and Eli Swierczewski, who is battling cancer. They also made over 300 sandwiches for the Red Door Program, welcomed Safety Personals for breakfast, and worked in teams and with their Bulldog Buddies on various games and activities. They welcomed Alex



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Alecci from WTAE and the Civic Light Opera for two special assemblies as well as had a special all school kickball game and the first Winter Classic Hockey Tournament. It was a week dedicated to not only creating fun memories, but also continuing to grow and strengthen their school community through service and collaboration.

#### Pictured above

Top: Alex Alecci from WTAE, Principal Mrs. Moira Edmiston Left to right: Savannah Vogel, Alana Eiler, John Spiller, Callie Kandravy, Declan O'Leary, Connor Littler (Bulldog), Jeremiah Rooke, Julie Schimthorst, Carson Slingwine, Anthony Brophy, Andrew Pillar, Claire Bandurski (back row) *Pictured below* 

John Caligiuri, Ethan Gannon, and Cameron Fettis, who delivered 160 bagged lunches to the Red Door Program.



# **3-Pointers Spark Playoff Comeback Win**

The Aquinas Academy High School Girls' Basketball team, #9 seed, won their first round game in late February over #8 seed Monessen in a game for the ages, to advance to the second round of the WPIAL Class 1A Girls Basketball playoffs. After finding themselves down 13-0 in the first quarter and 17-3 at the end of the first half, they scored 19 points to bring the game

within one in the third quarter. They finished the comeback in the fourth, outscoring Monessen 31-13 in the second half, winning the game 34-30 in what may have been the best comeback in school history. Sophomore Emi Kartsonas led the team's scoring with 13, her dominating play in the second half and sophomore Laura Richthammer's three 3-pointers in the third sparked

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*Front (left to right):* Jillian Mercer, Catherine Richthammer, Regina Liguori, Palma Serrao *Back (left to right):* Coach Scott Sennott, Isabella Hite, Michelle Imani, Anna Keverline, Emilia Kartsonas, Elizabeth Russell, Laura Richthammer, Elizabeth Hardy, Head Coach Chris Lebakken *Missing from photo:* Patricia Blume and Coach Anne Zickefoose



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#### Basketball

(Continued from page 10) the comeback. Superb ball-handling by freshman Bella Hite, a clutch shot off the bench by sophomore Elizabeth Hardy, a whole team effort on defense, and 3 for 3 foul shooting in the fourth quarter by sophomore Elizabeth Russell sealed the victory for Aquinas. This victory is sweet for first year Aquinas coach Chris Labakken who told his girls to "Play like you belong here on offense and have confidence and believe in yourselves." A large contingent of Aquinas fans gave the team the extra boost they needed with shouts of "DEFENSE" and timely cheering to help propel the team to victory.

In the second round of playoffs, Aguinas traveled to Sewickley Academy to take on the #1 seed Rochester. A win was not on board for Aguinas, but they still have an opportunity to make it to states. More information can be found concerning Aquinas Academy at their website: http://www.aquinasacademy.info/





Left to right seniors: Gabriel Vangura, Matthew Flynn, Antonios Bousamra, Jonathan Bates

# Hampton Divers Compete With the Best in the Region

by Gail Scott

our divers competed at the WPIALS on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at North Allegheny High School. Junior Ethan Apaliski took 12<sup>th</sup> place and his brother, freshman Ryan Apaliski placed 22<sup>nd</sup>. Freshman Koda Carslaw placed 9<sup>th</sup> in diving. First year diver Annalise Craig was 25<sup>th</sup> out of 31 divers.

Koda Carslaw, 15, just started diving this year. He was a member of

the Pittsburgh Northstars gymnastics team and has made nationals for trampoline and tumbling for the past 2 years. Hampton High School does not have a men's gymnastics team so with a little



convincing from the Apaliski brothers, Koda decided to try diving. He won his first meet and qualified for WPIALS. A few meets later he broke the school record and then re-broke it again at the Pine Richland meet.

Diving coach Keith Hart said he is most proud of this years' diving team with 4 divers going to WPIALS and the fact that 3 of them are first year divers. He is looking forward to the next several years as these young athletes develop. He sees a bright future for the Hampton Diving Team.

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# **Sensational Sensations!**

by June Gravitte

The Sensations Marching Unit of Glenshaw, PA is comprised of baton, flags, fire twirling teams & winterguard teams. It began with six majorettes called the Show Stoppers just over a quarter of a century ago and quickly grew to 102 members in the first four years. The unit attends parades throughout the local community, in towns throughout Western Pennsylvania and in neighboring states. Numerous outdoor and indoor national level awards and titles have been achieved by the Sensations, as well as individual titles, scholarships and awards.

Major invitational parades have included Majorette Day at Kennywood Park, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pittsburgh, Maple Festival in Meyersdale, and Oglebayfest in Wheeling, WV. The Sensations proudly marched down Main Street in Disney World in past years along with other Twirlmania competitors. Members have won over \$8000 in scholarships through their performance opportunities. The Sensations Winterguard teams compete annually at the Tournament of Bands Indoor Association All Chapter Championships held in Wildwood, NJ each spring. You can catch the team perform at Hampton (Continued on page 19)

# **Braces or Clear Aligners**

While several aligner companies aggressively market clear aligners to straighten teeth, clear aligners are clearly not for everyone. For responsible adults, clear aligners are beneficial for those that want a removable teeth-straightening solution. It is important, however, to compare the wearing of aligners to braces. Clear aligners may cause speech impediments and non-wear of the aligners may create a lack of expected results or extended treatment time due to non-wear. For teens and children, clear aligners may be an option for extremely disciplined individuals, but aligners are easily misplaced, accidently thrown away or just simply not worn enough hours per day. Despite the onslaught of aggressive marketing by aligner companies, clear aligners are a luxury and parents should be realistic about the substantial expense and possibility of lack of expected results. Clear aligners need to be chosen with caution and with realistic expectations for children and teens, otherwise the results may be disappointing.

What about the aligner companies where you don't see a doctor? The rise of Amazon has caused consumers to shop for products based on price. Orthodontics is a service though, not a product. These companies usually cannot bill for dental insurance benefits and they require customers to sign away their rights to recoup losses if bite problems or other failed expectations result. Although the price may sound appealing initially, one is still risking a nearly \$2,000 investment that is not followed by an orthodontist or dentist.

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Dr. Joe Stofko has more than 20 years of specialty experience with tooth movement. He is an Orthodontist on Route 8 in Gibsonia (across from The Clubhouse) treating children and adults.

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# February Athlete of the Month

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Justin Hart (WRESTLING) won a certificate for a FREE Brothers burger at Wahlburgers. In January, Justin won his  $2^{nd}$  Allegheny County championship title in his  $3^{rd}$  title in a row at Buckeye local earlier in the month.

# Unified Bocce Moves On to Regional Championship

The Hampton Unified Bocce Club team has had an exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> season. They play 4 games each season and their record this year is 1-4. The team had a win against Montour. The

The team had a win against Montour. The losses came against Franklin Regional, Fox Chapel, and Norwin.

The Bocce Club had an exciting home game on February 20<sup>th</sup> against Norwin. A large home crowd attended to cheer on the team with Hampton cheerleaders, dance team, and the HHS pep band members helping to get the crowd fired up. It was a close match but unfortunately Hampton could not pull out the win. The team is coached by special education teacher Sarah Rassau. Rassau said, "I am

overwhelmed by the amount of support that Hampton High School and the Hampton community has shown in promoting and cheering on our team."

The Unified Champion Sports is a program that was created by the Special Olympics in order to promote inclusion within schools and interscholastic sports so that special education students and regular education students can participate in these events together. The special education students on the team are called "athletes" and the regular education students on the team are called

"partners". In order to promote inclusion and friendships, they are required to have an equal number of both students on the team.

Team member athletes for Hampton are: senior Abigail Molinaro, junior Bobby Huckestein, sophomores Liam Wallace and Sydney Loebig, and freshmen Molly Bernett and Austin Wang. Hampton partners are: seniors Brooke Hathorn and Isabella Carde, sophomore Kelsi Lang, and freshmen Lucy Modlin and Abi Green.

The bocce team will now compete at the Regional Championship on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Cool Springs complex in the south hills. The winner will advance to compete in a state-wide competition in Hershey, Pa.



**Winterfest** (Continued from page 5) ment. New swings have already been ordered for summer installation. Thank you to Hampton Township and Hal English for providing the wonderful fireworks display. Special thanks to Pasquale's Pizza for the delicious pizza and Howard Hanna Real Estate for the hot chocolate.

Ironically, it started to snow as the event ended about 7 p.m. There was an inch of snow on the ground within the

# SAVE THE DATE: OPENING DAY

Hampton Athletic Association Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the McCully Baseball Fields

Parade start time is 10:00 a.m.in the swimming pool parking lot.

Festivities start at the ball field complex immediately after parade.

first hour and a few brave souls stayed to take a few rides on their sled down the community center hill.

*Visit www.thehamptonnews.net to see photos from the event.* 



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# A Beloved Hampton Educator

by Micaela Eberly, HHS student writer

nlike some teachers, Mr. Thomas Gleason is not from Pennsylvania. After growing up in the Bronx, he was in the military for 21 years. Now a history teacher in his 18<sup>th</sup> year at HHS, he has found a sense of community in Hampton.



"Everything that Hampton does well, I take pride in," Mr. Gleason said, "whether it's athletics, whether it's academics, or whether it's the arts."

Gleason, of Bethel Park, tries to make it to at least one of every sport event each year. He enjoys seeing what students do outside the classroom. "What I enjoyed about being

in the military," he commented, "is the sense of comradery, and [when] teaching, I want to try and replicate that feeling."

After giving a speech at Hampton's Independence Day celebration one year, he recalled that "it was like every time I turned around, I was running into a student or a parent that I knew." In the classroom, he encourages students to build a connection to history. "I like to try and bring in the human aspect of things [by telling personal stories], and quite honestly, I'm not reluctant to show videos," he said. "You can describe something for an hour and a half, but if students can watch something for five or ten minutes, they probably will get a better appreciation of it." Each year, Mr. Gleason enjoys making kids laugh by jumping off

his desk to simulate a parachute landing fall. "I know it's not very graceful, but I know that kids get a kick out of it."

Overall, he is very involved in the Hampton community, inspiring and supporting his students. "I am very happy teaching [at Hampton]. I have no desire to teach anywhere else." That goes both ways, Mr. Gleason. Hampton is very lucky to have you.

#### Police Log

(Continued from page 4)

🕄 On February 5, 2020 at 12:07 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Ferguson Road, near Linwood Drive, for a twovehicle accident. The accident was said to have occurred when the operator of one vehicle attempted to turn onto Ferguson Road from Linwood Drive without proper clearance. The vehicle struck an oncoming car, resulting in disabling damage to both vehicles. Both operators were transported to the hospital and both vehicles were towed from the scene.

#### Hazardous Conditions

🕲 On February 9, 2020 at 6:23 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to the area of Route 8, near Clearview Road, for large rocks that had fallen in the roadway. The reporting party advised that a passing vehicle had struck the debris. Upon the officer's arrival, it was discovered that four vehicles had been damaged by the large rocks.

## Water Main Break

🕲 On January 27, 2020 at 7:50 a.m., Hampton Township Police were notified of a potential water main break on Harts Run Road. The responding officer remained on scene until Hampton Shaler Water Authority arrived to fix the break. end

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# **Current Events**

## **Hampton Reads**

An evening celebrating Read Across America! On Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Hampton Community Center Great Rooms A/B. This free, all-inclusive K-12 event will feature: a performance by Cartoonist Duane Abel, a book fair, guest appearances from some of your favorite characters from children's literature, fun hands-on activities, bake sale and other surprises!

## Flea Market

Join the Hampton High School Marching Band for a **Flea Market/Vendor Fair** on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Hampton High School. There will be refreshments available to purchase along with a flea market items and various vendors.

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## Talbot Thon 2020 Benefiting Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation

Hampton High School Student Council is hosting the second annual Talbot Thon on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the high school. The community is welcome to attend from 5:30 to 8 p.m., featuring food trucks and raffles. Community time will be followed by a lock-in for all students participating in the event until midnight.

The event is organized by the Hampton High School Student Council. Proceeds benefit UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation to ensure proceeds from the Talbot Thon are kept local.

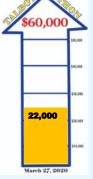
This year's goal is \$60,000. The community can support the Talbot Thon by visiting

https://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm? fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=3876

to make a donation. Donations can be made via the website until April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Check the website frequently to see updates to the fundraising efforts between now and the Talbot Thon. As of Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the students have raised \$22,000. A final tally will be posted following the event.

Please donate to help reach the goal!





## Pennsylvania House of Representatives

## State Representative Lori Mizgorski

#### **Outreach Hours**

State Representative Lori Mizgorski will be hosting outreach hours on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at Northern Tier Regional Library at 4015 Dickey Road Gibsonia, PA.



Representative Mizgorski will be available to meet with constitu-

ents, one-on one, to discuss concerns and ideas. Staff will also be available to give assistance on state-related matters.

The outreach hours are designed to serve residents who might not be able to stop by Representative Mizgorski's district office during normal business hours. Walk-ins are welcome: however, residents are encouraged to register by calling the district office at 412-487-6605.

State Rep. Lori Mizgorski to Host Seniors For Safe Driving One Day Refresher Course Seniors For Safe Driving One Day Refresher Course

Date: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Training Room, Shaler Township Municipal Building, 300 Wetzel Road The course is for drivers 55 years or older. The fee is \$16.00 payable to Seniors for Safe Driving.

This course is for participants who have successfully completed the "first time" course. Refresher courses are required every three years after the "first time" course. Participants will receive a minimum 5% discount on their auto insurance. The course is classroom instruction only, no exam will be given.

Call 1-800-559-4880 to register or online at <u>www.sfsd-pa.com</u>.

If you have additional questions, please contact Representative Mizgorski's office at 412-487-6605.

## **Civil War Round Table**

Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table meeting on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Hampton Township Community Center, 1301 McCully Road, Allison Park. Allison Barash will moderate Civil War Jeopardy. Free and open to the public.

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# **Current Events**

# Acoustic Café Offers Music for All

by Gail Scott

The Hampton High School Drama Club will present an Acoustic Cafe event on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the high school. High school students will perform musical show numbers, along with instrumental and vocal performances.

Light refreshments will be available for purchase before the show and at intermission, including cookies and brownies, coffee and tea. Several baskets will be raffled off including "dinner and a show"- win a \$25 Primanti gift card along with tickets to see "Drood", and a raffle to win \$1,000 cash!

High school senior Olivia Brado is one of the directors of the Acoustic Cafe and she said, "The Acoustic Cafe is a lively cabaret-esque night created by students in order to show off their talents and support their hilarious spring musical, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood.* It's going to be a fun night topped off with baked goods! There will certainly be something for everyone."

The event will be at the high school with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. The cost of admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

**Salad/Card Party** — The United Methodist Women of Epworth United Methodist Church is hosting their annual Salad/Card Party on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11:30-3:30. Door Prizes and Craft and Gift table with baked goods and homemade jellies available. \$9 per person, for those 60 years and older \$8.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Call Connie Norberg at 412-445-8943.

# **Upcoming Events**

## Hampton High School Theater

The HHS theater presents "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," April 17 & 18 and April 24 & 25. The box office opens at 6 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. The curtain rises promptly at 7:30 p.m. "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" is the final novel



by Charles Dickens and is set in Chesterham, England. The musical adaptation is more lighthearted and played for comedy than the original novel. It focuses on the solving of the mysterious murder of Edwin Drood; but in a twist the audience decides the murderer! Tickets can be purchased at the box office, or online in advance at https://www.hamptoncats.org/ starting March 17. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, with an additional \$1 service fee if purchased online.

## Save the Date: Recycle Rama Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon Hampton Community Park and Hampton High School Parking Lots. visit:

www.hampton-pa.org for updated information



#### Sensations

*(Continued from page 12)* High School on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Sensations Marching Unit is under the direction of Joanne Gerardi. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Sensations please visit our Facebook Fan Page at <u>https://</u>

www.facebook.com/ Sensations-Marching-Unit-Baton-and-Guard-158710654139050/ or contact Joanne directly via messenger or through her email at smudrumandbaton@comcast.net.



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