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# High School Musical was "Nice Work"!

by Gail Scott

High School students performed their final show of the musical "Nice Work If You Can Get It" in front of a packed house and the cheers carried on long after the curtains closed. The show

n Saturday, April 21st, Hampton was incredibly funny and the audience erupted with laughter at all the right places. The tap dancing numbers were topnotch, with the highlight coming when the whole company performed a tap routine to the song "Fascinating Rhythm."

The audience was not just made up of Hampton residents. People came from all over the North Hills and Pittsburgh to see the show. Before the show, most people did not know how funny the show would (Continued on page 18)



Hampton Seniors that participated in the production of "Nice Work If You Can Get It"

# **Memorial Day Ceremony**

by Gail Scott

A Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Veterans Memorial that is located next to the Hampton Community Center. The Hampton American Legion, Post 296 is hosting the event at 10:00 a.m. rain or shine. Veterans will be participating as well as members of the Hampton Band. PA State Representative Hal English has helped to

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# Students Working for a **Cleaner Environment**

by June Gravitte

A group of cheerful middle school students from St. Catherine of Sweden Church eagerly volunteered their services for the ReuseFest held on Saturday, April 21st. Started in 2012 through the generous support of the Sprout Fund and other local sponsors, ReuseFest is a one-day drop off event, held this year in the Children's Hospital of UPMC

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- Led the fight to implement 401k style defined contribution plan for new employees while keeping pension plan fully funded.
- Eliminated a burdensome amusement tax that drove family-friendly businesses from the township.
- Started zero-based budgeting process.
- Implemented best practices for infrastructure and pavement management to pave more roads and fix more parks while maintaining balanced budget.
- Never took any Township perks or healthcare.
- Never voted for fees on all residents.





# Police Log

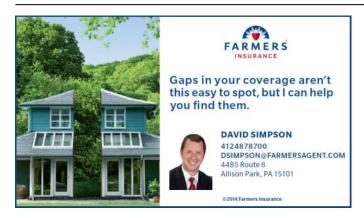
The Hampton Township Police Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of our residents and guests by providing the very best in law enforcement services. The twenty-two officers and two civilian clerks take pride in serving the community in a professional and proactive manner. Thank you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

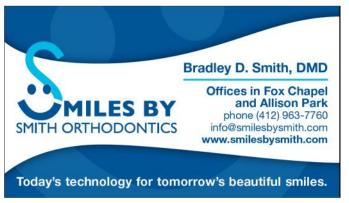
A summary of noteworthy incidents that occurred between March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018—March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018:

At their March 28, 2018, meeting, Hampton Township Council designed April, 2018 as First Responders Month, recognizing individuals, both career and volunteer, from Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, 911 Dispatchers and Organizations in the Public Safety Sector come together as First Responders to protect and aid the public in the event of an emergency.

Every day First Responders risk their own safety and personal property in the performance of their duties to protect our citizenry. First Responders are ready to aid people 24 hours per day, seven days a week. They are our first and best defense against all emergencies that may threaten our community, whatever their nature. First Responders are a vital part of our community who maintain safety and order in time of crisis and volunteer their time. First Responders spend countless hours in training and are highly trained, specialized workers who utilize their skills for the public good and often for no pay.

The Council, Controller and Administrative Staff of the Township of Hampton wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to members of the Hampton Police Department, Hampton Volunteer Fire Department, North Hampton Volunteer Fire Department, Shaler Hampton EMS and the Hampton Fire Police for their daily efforts in protecting the safety of the Hampton citizenry.





#### Theft from Vehicle-Forced Entry

On March 16, 2018 at 4:16 p.m., Hampton Township officers were dispatched to Planet Fitness for a theft from a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, the officers observed that the front passenger side window of the involved vehicle had been smashed out. The victim advised that their purse had been stolen, and that their credit card had been utilized at a local business.

On March 22, 2018 at 5:40 p.m., Hampton Township Police once again responded to Planet Fitness for a theft from vehicle report. Upon arrival, officers observed the same set of circumstances. The actor(s) had forced entry into the vehicle by shattering the passenger side window and stole a purse that had been left inside. The victim advised that their credit card had been utilized at a nearby business.

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# Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Local Law Enforcement

by June Gravitte

The Hampton Township Citizens Police Academy is a very intensive seven week course that is giving local residents the opportunity to learn more about the criminal justice system, the role of the local law enforcement, and what it does to serve the community. Officer Chris Finnigan presented the information to the township council in order for the program to get started.

Throughout the academy, students are presented information on several key law enforcement topics including:



overview of 911 centers, forensics, court system, interviews, arrests, K9 demonstration,

overview

of the academy, and SIMTAC (Simulated firearms training for police), just to name a few. Resident John Parrish remarked, "It was very inciteful to hear the scenarios of what they (police officers) get put into in conjunction with the thought processes they have to go through during the situations, making decisions in split seconds." Another student of the academy, Lisa Sickles, stated "Overall it is a wonderful pro-

gram. Everyone enjoyed the SIM-TAC class. opened our eyes to what the officers experience in a situation." She further commented on the Forensics class, "DNA results do not get done in one hour like on the TV crime shows. There is simply not enough manpower to get the tests done that quickly."



Officer Chris Finnigan and Chief Tom Vulakovich

She observed that everyone hears everything each speaker has to say because the topics are so interesting.

"The programs are a result of the goal to increase community relations within the township, said Hampton Township Chief of Police Tom Vulakovich. The course has been very well attended and there are plans to continue the program in the future."



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Captain Hook with his gang of pirates from the Aquinas Academy middle school production of *Peter Pan and Wendy* on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, directed by Mike Flynn. left to right: Laura Richthammer (8<sup>th</sup> grade - Hampton), Isabella Hite (7<sup>th</sup> grade -

Richland), Theo Austin (8<sup>th</sup> grade - Hampton), Mary BouSamra (7<sup>th</sup> grade - Hampton), Palma Serrao (7<sup>th</sup> grade - Shaler), Mia Russell (7<sup>th</sup> grade - Adams), Kian Buchanan (7<sup>th</sup> grade - Shaler), and Michael Cerny (7<sup>th</sup> grade - Pine).



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Anne Marie, Fox Chapel



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They offer classes and workshops in which you can learn how to paint your own kitchen/bathroom cabinets or furniture pieces. You can learn more about the classes and workshops at <a href="https://www.modernyesterdays.com">www.modernyesterdays.com</a>.

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#### **Police Log**

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Thanks to the hard work of the responding officers, Hampton Township's Detective, and Ross Township Police, both actors were located and apprehended for a string of similar thefts in the area.

#### **Drug Arrest**

On March 19, 2018 at 12:24 a.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Route 8 and Mount Royal Boulevard after observing a vehicle equipment violation. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer observed a plastic baggy containing suspected marijuana in plain view within the vehicle. The operator was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia.

On March 23, 2018 at 2:25 p.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on Wildwood Road after observing the vehicle being operated in such a way that it was unable to maintain its lane of travel. Upon making contact with the operator, the officer detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The operator was found to be in possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

#### **DUI Arrest**

On March 12, 2018 at 10:52 p.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on Harts Run Road after observing multiple violations. Upon speaking with the vehicle operator, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage em-

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# **Library News**



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# A Plant-Based Diet – What Can It Do for Me? Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Join Holistic Health Coach, Sara Kaminski as she explains the benefits of a plant-based diet. If you are looking to find a new way to use food to prevent & treat health issues, are tired of trying other diets and feeling unhealthy or dealing with issues of "brain fog" this evening may be for you! Retrain your taste buds and your body and get ready for your best summer yet! Registration

Appreciated.

# Miss Mousie's Alphabet Adventures! Weds. at 10:00 a.m. Now through May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for a half-hour of fun that will introduce a love of reading to your child. This lapsit storytime focuses on building preliteracy skills through stories, songs, and interactive play. Caregivers, if you are looking to make new friends, get out of the house, and build a foundation in literacy for your little ones, this is for you! This storytime is planned for newborns to 3-year -olds, but all are welcome. Registration is appreciated!

#### **Pint Sized Picassos!**

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Now through May  $9^{th}$ . Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Now through May  $10^{th}$ .

This program combines stories with art and is designed for fun and mess for little artists ages 4 through 6 years of age! Please dress in appropriate clothes as they may get "messy!"

## Registration is required and space is limited!

Please note, that due to the unique nature of this program, your child *must* be registered to participate in the "art part."

# 2018 National Scrapbook Day! Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of celebrating and preserving memories! \$15 registration fee includes giveaways, prizes and snacks. Bring your own lunch and get ready to scrapbook the day away.

#### Registration a Must!

# Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Club! Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss A Share in Death, by Deborah Crombie Books available at the library. Make new friends, discover new authors, and get a clue!

# Betty's Book Buzz: Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.

Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about *Honolulu*, by Alan Brennert. Copies of the book will be available at the library. Make new friends, meet new books.

# First Fridays! A Casual News and Views!

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>—1:00 p.m. in the Library

Still hosted by Gerry K. Smith this group will meet monthly to discuss a host of topics! Bring your questions, your opinions and an open mind. Be informed. New members are always welcome to join in the conversation or just listen in. Registration Appreciated.

#### **CLOSED-CLOSED**

The library will be closed Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day Weekend!

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According to money.cnn.com, the Federal Reserve plans to raise interest rates even faster. In March there was an increase of a quarter of a percentage point, the 6th increase since 12/15. What does this mean for home SELLERS & BUYERS? Rising rates indicate prospective buyers should find a home now and lock in a lower rate now before they rise again. Thinking of selling? With the urgency to buy before rates increase even further, now is an excellent time to put your house on the market.

# Hampton Home Sales: 3/16/2018 – 4/15/2018

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Address	Sold Price	Address	Sold Price
2190 S Villa Dr	\$977,500	4791 Middle Rd	\$331,000
2101 S Villa Dr	\$710,000	3129 Westwind Dr	\$285,000
4680 Middle Rd	\$585,000	2378 McKee	\$255,000
2415 Delo Drive	\$438,000	2351 Big Rock Rd	\$190,000
4960 Meadow Crest Dr	\$370,000	2859 Grandview Dr	\$120,000
2983 Haberlein Rd	\$335,000	2260 Wildwood Rd	\$85,000

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# **Hampton Swimming and Diving**

by Gail Scott

he Hampton Swimming and Diving Team had a busy year and now their season has come to a close. The boys swim team finished the season with a record of 2-5 in their section and the girls finished with 4-3 in the section.



Above and Below: Adrienne White



Several swimmers qualified individually for WPIAL's. They Catie Kress, Rosy Oh, Lia Appel, Julia Adamczyk, Brett Scheib, Drew Scheib, Ethan Apaliski, Matt Belch, Richie Donato, and Jack Lindquist. These individuals were also on relays with **Emily** along Berkebile, Claire Williams, Lydia Quaglia, and Joe Fish. Alternates that qualified were Nathan Kwiecinski, Keira Lang, Laurel Ava Retsch. Blake Watson, and Gus Wolf. This was Coach

Morgan Zweygardt's vear coaching the swim team. Morgan told me about the season. "We had a great year focusing on individual performances as opposed to our record. We had more individual qualifications this year and several first time qualifiers. Brett Scheib made it on to States in the 500 Free where he went from being 25<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> in the state." She added, "I am

excited with the work the kids have been putting into the pool this year. I am learning how the kids train, their strengths and weaknesses and they are learning how I coach. I like the kids to be motivated by their goals and push themselves where they exceed their own expectations."

Hampton Diving Team senior Adrienne White placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at WPIAL's and she went on to States where she finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the state. Adrienne will be attending Duquesne University in the fall and she will be diving for the university.

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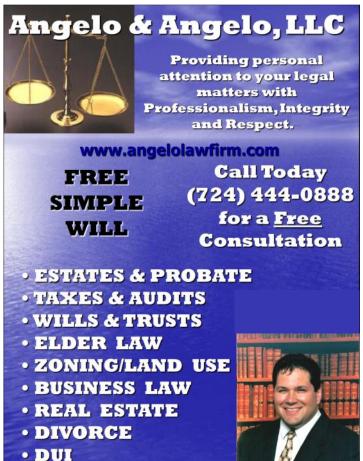
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# **Opening Day Celebration**

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Athletic Association (HAA) held its baseball and softball opening day celebration on April 21<sup>st</sup>, which began with a parade to kick off the festivities. Two Pittsburgh Pirate Pierogis joined in the parade and had a race which everyone enjoyed. Middle School student Carissa Williams sang The Star Spangled Banner for the large gathered crowd. The first pitch of the day was thrown out by Tom Pilarski, Will Pilarski's dad. There was a Hampton Fire Truck and Hampton Police participated in the opening day.



The Hampton baseball and softball teams are made up of boys and girls ages 4 to 18. Teams played all day at the baseball fields at McCully and at Central Elementary. The weather was sunny and beautiful which was perfect for all the games.

The day was filled with festivities such as a DJ playing tunes, 3 food trucks and

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was a Hit, Pitch, and Run competition. A bake sale was held with proceeds being sent to St. Jude's Hospital in honor of Will Pilarski. The HAA had raffles with proceeds going to the dugout

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Carissa Williams singing the National Anthem





# An Undefeated Season!

by June Gravitte

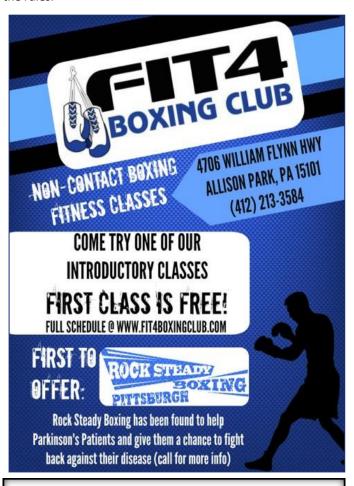
On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Hampton Township Department of Community Service's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team not only won 1<sup>st</sup> place but they went undefeated! Coach Jason Killmeyer commented, "This was a great group of boys to coach. They were all eager to learn and all contributed in some way to the team's success. It was really exciting to see their development throughout the year both individually and as a team. They really worked hard collaboratively, shared the ball, and everyone scored. I think our success had a lot to do with their participation and attendance and focus at the weekly practices. Having never coached organized basketball before, it was extremely helpful hav-

and attendance and focus at the weekly practices. Having never coached organized basketball before, it was extremely helpful hav-

#### Pictured above: Front Row Left to Right:

Ezra Kelley, Ray Kirsopp, Drew Girard, Luke Fiscus, Logan Kaforey. Back Row Left to Right: Jason Killmeyer (Coach), Conner Killmeyer, Logan Grondwalski., Alex Gravitte, Layne Haught, Craig Kaforey, and Robert Coll (not pictured).

ing my friend and assistant coach Craig Kaforey's continuous help and ideas throughout the season. 6<sup>th</sup> grade player, Alex Gravitte, expressed, "It was really fun playing with my teammates and the games were really exciting. Our coach was really cool and helped us by telling what to do and explaining the rules."



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## **Memorial Day**

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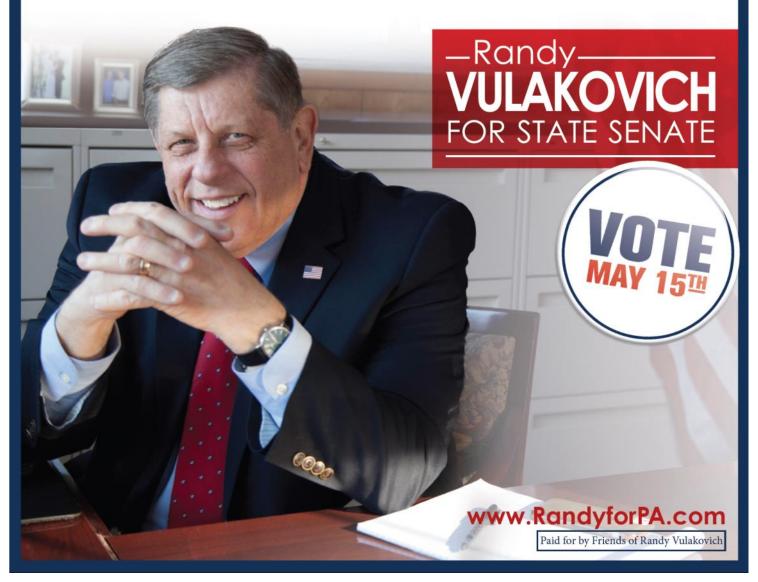
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- Past Board Member North Hills Senior Services
- Past Board Member HAEE (Hampton Alliance for Education Excellence) funding the ideas of teachers
- Hampton Citizen of the Year 2007 Pine Creek Journal
- 10 Year Shaler Homeowner and 17 Year Hampton Homeowner
- Coordinator of the American Legion Memorial Day Service
- Served in the Marine Corps Reserve for 30 years, Retired Lt. Colonel
- Past President of Commonwealth Business Exchange, Richland Township
- Past President Allegheny County Bar Association, Sole and Small Firm Section
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  - consistently supporting funding for schools to provide quality education,
  - fighting for small businesses that provide family sustaining jobs,
  - helping to improve public safety by upgrading bridges and roadways, and
  - holding over 75 "Speak with Hal" sessions to hear constituent concerns
- Married for 30 years to the former Sue Killinger of Shaler Township (SAHS 1980)
- Raised 2 sons, Garrett and Jay, in Shaler Area and Hampton Township schools

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#### Police Log

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anating from the vehicle. The officer also noticed that the operator's eyes were glassy and bloodshot and that his speech was slurred. The officers located an open container of an alcoholic beverage within the vehicle. The operator was asked to submit to field sobriety tests, which he failed to complete as had been explained and demonstrated. The operator was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

On March 22, 2018 at 12:25 p.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on Duncan Avenue after observing the vehicle being operated in such a fashion that it nearly cause an accident. Upon speaking with the operator, the officer detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The operator showed visible signs of impairment and was asked to step from the vehicle. The operator refused to submit to field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

#### **Traffic Stop/Open Containers**

On March 30, 2018 at 2:40 a.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on Wildwood Road after observing that the vehicle had an expired registration plate. The operator of the vehicle was found to have a suspended driver's license. The officers on scene also located an open container of an alcoholic beverage within the vehicle at the time of the stop.

## **Traffic Stop/Wanted Person**

On March 29, 2018 at 10:25 p.m., a Hampton Township officer stopped a vehicle on Harts Run Road after observing it traveling at a high rate of speed. The operator of the vehicle was found to have an active arrest warrant and was taken into custody.

#### **Traffic Stop**

On March 30, 2018 at 2:40 a.m., a Hampton Township officer initiated a traffic stop on Wildwood Road after observing that the vehicle had an expired registration. Upon making contact with the

driver, they were found to have a suspended operator's license. An open container containing an alcoholic beverage was also located within the vehicle.

#### **Runaway Horse**

On March 18, 2018 at 2:17 p.m., Hampton Township officers were dispatched to the area of Harts Run Road for a horse running down the roadway. The horse had gotten loose from its handler following a trail ride at Hartwood Acres and ran down Harts Run Road, where it was eventually captured near the Indiana Twp. border.

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# Vodde To Represent the USA in Overseas Lacrosse Tournament

ampton native Breanne Vodde has been selected to participate in a lacrosse series that will take place in Great Britain in June of 2018.

The USA team, comprised of select athletes across the nation, will travel to Scotland and England to compete in a series of games designed to foster international goodwill and friendship between the countries. This select team will be coached by Vodde's college coach, Kelsey Van Alstyne, currently the head

coach at Slippery Rock University (SRU). Vodde, who lettered in both slow pitch softball and lacrosse at Hampton High School, is currently a Senior on the lacrosse team at SRU.

Players from all over the country are selected for this team based on two key elements: (1) their athletic ability and (2) their ability to represent their country, school and hometown in a positive manner.

"As a three-time PSAC Scholar Athlete, Breanne is an excellent example of the type of athletic ambassador USA Athletes International seeks to bring into international competition." stated Rick Mathieu, Lacrosse Program Coordinator at USA Athletes International. "She is taking the opportunity to represent Hampton, SRU, and her family as an ambassador for the sport of lacrosse and the USA. Breanne is definitely making the most of this opportunity and we are all proud to have her as a part of our program."

In addition to competing, in the classroom at SRU, Vodde will receive her BE in Middle Level Mathematics in December, she is

a perennial Dean's List recipient with a current collective grade point average of 3.94 and has started working towards her master's degree in education.

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#### Musical

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be. The twists and turns of the plot made the audience roar with laughter. Comments continued during intermission and after the show about the fantastic dancing and the superb singing voices of the actors. Senior Caroline Collins played the role of Billie Bendix. Caroline commented, "I'd like to say how amazing this show must have been for the audience! It is the kind of show that relies on audience participation, and I believe the crowd was completely captivated. The show was cast so well, and everyone really became their characters. It was thrilling to play Billie because her character changes constantly throughout the show. It was quite fun to keep up with Billie. The show has been an absolute pleasure to be in." Caroline plans to study Voice Performance in college next fall.

There were more than 120 students involved in the production including actors, stage crew, costumers, set design, hair and make-up artists, sound, lighting, property department, the student production team, and a fantastic student orchestra. Plus, teachers and administration were involved in "Nice Work" as well as many parent volunteers. For some students, this was their last year in the HHS musical since they are seniors graduating in June. Senior Anna Shumaker played the role of Millicent Winter. Anna will be attending Temple University in the fall and plans to major in Global Studies. Anna said, "This musical was a wonderful way to end my senior year. From the nonstop dancing to the hilarious dialogue to the camaraderie amongst members of the cast, crew, and (orchestra) pit, this production has been one of my favorites."

When the last show finished, Musical Director and Producer Dan Franklin was asked for his thoughts. Dan responded, "I am so proud of the students involved in the musical. Each and every one of them contributed 100% to make this production into what many of my colleagues have called, 'the best musical they have seen since they've worked at Hampton'." Visit www.thehamptonnews.net for more photos.



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## **DeGregorio Named All Section**

Congrats to Hampton 5'10" sophomore guard Issac DeGregorio, named to the Post Gazette 5A All-Section basketball team.



## Police Log Vehicle Accident

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On March 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., Hampton Township officers were dispatched to Route 8, at Clearview Road, for a two vehicle accident. Upon the officers' arrival, they were advised that the operator of one vehicle had attempted to make a left off of Clearview Road onto Route 8 and did not see another vehicle traveling south on Route 8. The vehicles collided on Route 8 and were able to be driven from the scene.

On March 18, 2018 at 1:49 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Wildwood Road and Vitullo Drive for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, the officers were informed that the accident occurred when the operator of one vehicle slowed their car

on Wildwood Road after observing another vehicle turning onto the road from Vitullo Drive. The slowing vehicle was then struck from behind by another car. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

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# Hampton Alum Publishes Novel

by Gail Scott

ip Sieger is a 1975 graduate of Hampton High School and he recently published a novel titled "A House Divided: A Saga of the Sixties". The story is set in the



greater Pittsburgh area. The book is the story of a family and country that is being torn apart by the upheavals in the pivotal decade known as the 60's. It is set against the tumult of the 1960's, including the fabled Summer of Love, contentious civil rights and anti-war demonstrations, and the shocking assassinations of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy.

Kip currently lives near Austin, Texas with his wife where he is a Social Studies and PE teacher. You can find his ebook on Amazon and also at the following link:

https://store.bookbaby.com/book/A-House-Divided. The trade paperback edition is due to be released this spring.



# Paper Off-Site Shredding Event

State Representative Hal English will host a free paper shredding event on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in conjunction with Hampton Township School District Recycle Rama. The event will take place at the Hampton High School parking lot located 2929 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Limit 2 bags or boxes. No books, magazines or metal other than staples. For more information, please call the office of State Representative Hal English at 412-487-6605.

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# **Spirited Student Competitions Raises Money for Worthy Charity**

by Gail Scott

Hampton High School students participated in Mini THON on April 6<sup>th</sup> to raise money for Four Diamonds. The Four Diamonds is a non-profit organization that works to cure pediatric cancer. Over 700 students participated in this great event for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.



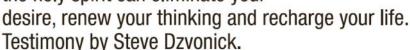
There was an enormous cheer from the crowd at the end of the night when the students had the big reveal of their total amount raised and the total was \$32,675.89! The students raised money in the weeks before the event by getting donations from friends, neighbors, businesses, and family members. It is a huge effort by students to organize this event, gather donations, and then participate in the over six hour Mini THON event.

The students participated in many activities at Mini THON including: volleyball and dodgeball tournaments, dancing, karaoke, a wing eating contest, relay races, raffles, and more. There were food trucks parked outside of the school for the students and for community residents to sample. There were many different trucks selling food from tacos, burgers, fries to salads and more. Hampton residents were invited to come and see what Thon is all about during a community hour.

If you would like to learn more about the Four Diamonds, their website is <a href="https://www.fourdiamonds.org">www.fourdiamonds.org</a>.

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# Hampton Band to Perform in The Nato Parade Of Nations

by Diane Prem

The Hampton High School Marching Band headed to Virginia Beach and Norfolk, VA to perform in the NATO Parade of Nations

on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 160 students signed up for the fun-filled four day band trip which included a visit to the Busch Gardens amusement park. Saturday morning saw Hampton joining high school bands from all over the country plus some international bands to march the physically challenging 1.5 mile parade route through downtown



Hampton High School's marching band practices for the NATO Parade of Nations

Norfolk amidst thousands of viewers. Each of the 29 NATO nations were represented at the parade by a float. After the parade, the band members enjoyed free time on the beach at their

oceanfront hotel. That night they attended the Virginia International Tattoo Show, showcasing hundreds of performers from around the world and focusing on the theme of honor and patriotism. It also

paid tribute to Medal of Honor recipients, the highest award for valor in action in the United States Armed Forces. The band returned home Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

# **Opening Day**

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project. There is also a Hampton Hit-A-Thon taking place on May 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit this project. For more information on this go to:

https://www.facebook.com/events/385758901829804/. The HAA is raising money for a project to improve its fields. The project includes the construction of new dugouts at each of the three fields, extension of the backstop area on two of the fields, replacement of fencing where needed, reconfiguration of spectator seating for better views of the game, laser leveling of all three fields, and scoreboard replacement on all three fields. These improvements are expected to be finished in time for the 2018 fall season.







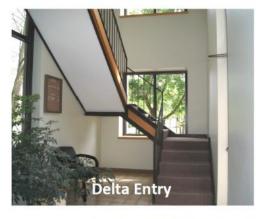
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# **Current Events**

# Flea Market & Bake Sale

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Epworth United Methodist Church** 1300 Burchfield Road

Allison Park, PA 15101



# 11th Annual Recycle Rama

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at Hampton High School and Hampton Township Park (Pool Parking lot) Event information can be found at:

http://www.ht-sd.org under Community Links and on the Hampton Township website at

http://www.hampton-pa.org/275/Recycle-Rama

# **UPMC St. Margaret Offers Free Skin Cancer Screenings**

WHAT: The UPMC St. Margaret Dermatology office, located in Harmar, Pa., will hold free skin cancer screenings, which take less than five minutes. If anything suspicious is detected, participants will be given further instructions by the

Screening times are limited and an appointment is necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 412-784-5534, and leave your name and daytime number. A staff member will return your call as soon as possible to schedule your appointment.

WHY: Early detection is important in the successful treatment of skin cancer.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

WHERE: UPMC St. Margaret Dermatology, One Alexander Building, 2585 Freeport Rd., Suite 204 Pittsburgh, 15238. (Located next to Fitness 1440).



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If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact:

Danelle Jameson at (412) 487 - 0752

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# **Upcoming Events**

# Class of 1998 Reunion

The Hampton Class of 1998 20<sup>th</sup> year reunion will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at Gator's Grill from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please contact Sarah (Komoroski) Cadarette with any questions at scadski@gmail.com. There is a facebook page created to post updates on the event and an RSVP link will soon be added.

# **Hampton Rotary Club Firecracker 5K**

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:00 am start time

Pre-register on-line to save time and money! hamptonrotary.com for details and registration.



Senior Zack Mattiuz giving blood at the high school blood drive on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Hampton Township Rain Barrel Contest Winners: Leslie Houpt and Liberty Weyardt



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# **North Hampton Fire**

## March 2018 Chief John Schwend's Report

# **Monthly Incident Summary:**

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CO Alarm, no Illness	2
Commercial Fire Alarm	8
Commercial Structure Fire	1
Fire Police Detail	2
Gas Odor	2
Residential Fire Alarm	8
Residential Structure Fire	1
Smoke Investigation	3
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	8
Vehicle Accident With Entrapment	1
Vehicle Fire	1
Wires Down / Transformer Problem	2
Total Incidents for the Month	39
Total Incidents for 2018	108

#### Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD was dispatched with mutual aid to a fully involved vehicle fire on the westbound lanes of the PA Turnpike. Crews responded and extinguished the fire using 1500 gallons of water and foam.
- NHVFD was dispatched as mutual aid to a residential structure fire on Bairdford Rd. in West Deer Twp. Crews assisted with filling SCBA bottles and scene support.
- NHVFD was dispatched with HVFD to the report of a tanning bed on fire in a business along Ferguson Rd. Crews arrived on scene to find the fire extinguished and checked for extension.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.northhamptonvfd.org">www.northhamptonvfd.org</a>.

## Police Log

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On March 28, 2018 at 7:54 p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to East Hardies Road for a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located two vehicles in the westbound lane of travel. The accident occurred when the operator of one vehicle was attempting to exit a business parking lot and failed to see the other oncoming vehicle. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.

On March 31, 2018 at 7:36 p.m., Hampton Township Police responded to Route 8, at West Hardies Road, for a two-vehicle accident. Upon their arrival, one operator sustained a facial injury from the air bag deploying within the vehicle and was transported to the hospital. The operator stated that they ran a red light and struck the other vehicle. Three occupants of the other involved vehicle were transported to the hospital for injury evaluation and treatment. They each stated that the other driver continued into the intersection during a steady red light and t-boned their car. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.



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ReuseFest

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parking lot. It is open to the general public and its goal is to divert materials from local landfills to reuse by Pittsburgh non-profits. At this event, the middle school volunteers collected everyday household items such as plates, silverware, bedding, etc., sorted them, and then loaded them on trucks to be reused by non-profits, including Catholic Charities, Goodwill of Southwestern PA, and The Free Store in Wilkinsburg.

There were many other groups of volunteers collecting and distributing for other non-profits, such as animal accessories to benefit Humane Animal Rescue; art/craft supplies and vintage items to benefit Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse; biking supplies to benefit Free Ride Pittsburgh; and business casual shoes, jewelry, & purses to benefit Dress for Success Pittsburgh... the list goes on!



ReuseFest also featured many other activities such as: The Reuse Marketplace where anyone could purchase reused goods, children's crafts, or even enjoy local zero-waste food trucks such as Franktuary, Sinkers and Suds, and Revival Chili!

Brian Duggan, Director of Middle School Formation and Youth Ministry, enthusiastically reports, "The event was a great way to get out and try to make some sort of difference in the community. We were able to assist Catholic Charities in assembling bags of household items for those that couldn't afford it. The thing that inspired me the most was the enthusiasm of our volunteers. The Middle Schoolers from St. Catherine's were eager to help in any way they could. I didn't hear a single complaint! Only joy and a



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