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Hampton Footballs' Selfless Act of Kindness



The Hampton varsity football team and coaches pitched in to help neighbors clean up fallen trees and debris after a tornado hit Green Valley Drive. This team of young men shows true sportsmanship on and off the field.

The residents were thankful for the help and ordered food for the hard working teammates. The Upper Crust Pizza shop on Saxonburg Boulevard heard about this good deed and delivered pizzas, hoagies and salads at no charge.

Hampton is an amazing community in which to live and work!

Head Coach Jacque DeMatteo was selected as the winner of the Steelers High School Coach of the Week. He will be honored at the Monday night football game on November 8. *Football team article on page 13.*

Photo by Joyce McLaughlin

Honorable Talbot

by Nicole Mishko

The Talbot Tailgate this year offered up some major furry competition in the quest to become the 2021 Honorary Hampton Talbot Mascot. Eighty-five submissions were received from around the district, which went to an initial voting round at each of Hampton's three elementary schools and the middle school. From these submissions, the students selected their school's Top Dog during three days of "voting by pennies" (nickels, dimes, and quarters, too!). At Central Elementary, Thumper (owned by the

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HAEE 5K Marks 29th Year

by Gail Scott

The runners were excited as the horn sounded to start the 29th annual HAEE 5K race at Hartwood Acres Park on October 9. The rain stopped and the sun came out as 500 runners (plus some virtual) spread out to cover the hilly course. This year registrants included 215 students, 75 HTSD teachers/staff, and many local runners.

The morning kicked off with the Hampton Middle School Band performing for the crowd which was followed by leg

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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 8/24/2021—9/24/2021:

DUI

 On September 11 at 9:10p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of William Flinn Highway and Wildwood Road Extension for a report of an intoxicated driver. An officer located the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and saw both tires cross over the double yellow line. A traffic stop was initiated near Zang's Auto Body. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer could immediately detect an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. Officers requested the driver submit to Standard Field Sobriety Tests. Based on the totality of the circumstances, the driver was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI.

 On September 15 at 2:22a.m., a Hampton Township Officer was on patrol in the township when they saw a vehicle in front of them crossing the double yellow lines multiple times and then swerve in its lane of travel. A traffic stop was initiated at the intersection of Cedar Ridge Road and Apple Ridge Drive. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer could detect an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. The driver was asked to submit to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and subsequently was placed under arrest of suspicion of DUI.

Hazardous Conditions/Water Main Break/Flooding

 On August 26 at 12:18a.m., Hampton Township Police Department was dispatched to the area of West Hardies Road

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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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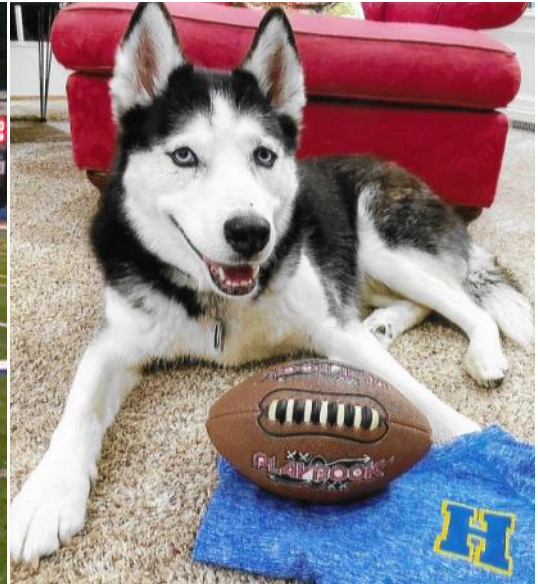
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Talbot Dog Award

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Howe family) won, and donations were contributed to the Central Teachers' Mini Grant Fund. At Poff Elementary, Molly (owned by the Arvay family) won, and donations were given to their PTO fund. Hobbes (owned by the Casselberry family) won at Wyland Elementary, and proceeds were donated to North Hills Community Outreach. At the Middle School, Gracie (owned by the Farrell Family) won, and donations were given to the *It's About the Warrior Foundation*.



Honorary Hampton Talbot Mascot

At the annual Talbot Tailgate, voting started again between the four winning dogs. Gracie, a beautiful 11-year-old Husky, received the most donations and has been given the title of 2021 Honorary Hampton Talbot Mascot! All donations generated at the Tailgate have been distributed to Central Heart, which is aiding a local family in a time of need. In total, the contest generated over \$5,000 in donations to the charities. A special thank you to all the families with participating dogs, those who made donations during this contest, and a special congratulations to Gracie and the Farrell family!



Photos of the final contestants: Hobbes, Molly and Thumper



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IN-PERSON:

HCL wishes to serve its youngest patrons to the best of our ability as we move into the winter months. We have decided to offer storytimes in two different ways.

Tuesdays, will be MASKS REQUIRED storytimes. This means children over the age of 2 and adults will be asked to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.

Thursdays, masks are recommended, but will NOT be REQUIRED for storytime.

Please note, that storytimes will be exactly the same for each day. We are doing our best to navigate through the many opinions of safe indoor programming. We ask for your patience and understanding.

T is for Toddler! Tues. & Thurs. from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. Now thru December 14th.

Wiggle your fingers & tap your toes, clap your hands & beep your nose! Join us for an autumn full of songs, rhymes & stories about letters & numbers. All ages welcome.

In Your Neighborhood! Tues. & Thurs. from 11:00 -11:30 a.m. Now thru December 14th.

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes & games that focus on communities near and far. Look up, look down, look all around---stories are everywhere! All ages welcome.

Book Banter (A Reading Club for busy families) @ the library!

Mix & mingle with bookish neighbors while your kiddos engage with games, puzzles, books or crafts. Adults and teens read a book from the monthly theme---fiction, nonfiction, how-to, poetry, short story, graphic novel...anything goes! Bring the book with you and be excited to discuss with the group. Space is limited; please RSVP by phone or in person at the library to reserve your spot.

Families with **grade school aged children and up:**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., November 17th, December 22nd

Families with **babies & toddlers**

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., November 20th, December 18th

November: The Natural World: Read a book about plants & animals---real or fantastic!

December: Handmade Holiday: Read a cook book, craft guide or holiday traditions.

Read & Win! *There's still time to sign up!!*

Children are encouraged to take the **A-Z Challenge** this fall. Read 26 books to earn a certificate and a Gold Star for your Library Card and a star on our Wall of Fame. Simply read one book for each letter of the alphabet! *Author name OR book title counts, for example: *Falling Up* by Shel Silverstein could count as a letter "F" book or letter "S" book. Sign up at the front desk now! Program ends December 11th. All ages (babies through 4th grade) are encouraged to participate.

Tweens & teens can participate in the **Lucky Number 9** book club. Sign up at the front desk now! Read 5 books from the challenge card to earn a chance to win! Earn additional chances

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Aquinas Academy Seniors Recognized for Scholastic Excellence

Seven Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh seniors have been recognized in the 2022 National Merit Competition as Commended students. The Commended Students are: Andrew D'Angelo, Helayna Baer, Samuel Everson, Emilia Kartsonas, Joanna Knight, Alica Lenartova, and Nicholas Santucci. These students scored among the top 50,000 students nationally, out of the 3,000,000 juniors who took the PSAT in the fall of 2020.



Hampton Students Honored by National Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Atahan Akdeniz, Audrey Brienza, Kylie Capsambelis, Madison Fitzgerald, and Robin Troup for being named as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation!

These five Hampton High School seniors are among 34,000

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2021-2022 Homecoming Queen and King: Nicole Fortes and Adam Larson



Library

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with each book read after 5 for a total of 9 books – (that's 5 chances to win!!) Program ends December 11th.

Adult readers, you know the drill: grab your **BINGO** marker & read!! In-a-row, vertical, & diagonal earns 1 ticket, (maximum 5 tickets). The more you read, the more chances to win. Cards are available at the front desk now! Program ends December 11th.

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion **Wednesday, November 17th @ 6:30 p.m.**

When No One is Watching, by Alyssa Cole.

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting inside the library. Books will no longer be available at the circulation desk. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great reads is invited to join us!

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, November 19th @ 1:00 p.m.

King of Lies, by John Hart.

Betty's Book Group will be meeting in the library. Books will no longer be available at the circulation desk. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

Cooks-N-Books: Quick and Easy (5 ingredients or less)!

Thursday, November 18th, 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!!

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- 1) Check out a cookbook or magazines from the library.
- 2) Cook that dish and bring it to the group the evening of the discussion. Please bring a copy of the recipe as well.
- 3) Sample all of the amazing recipes!

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Holiday hours!

Wednesday, November 24th the library will close at 5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed November 25th thru November 28th.

While participating in library programs, please continue to help us protect our patron community by utilizing social distancing, hand washing when possible & adhering to masking guidelines. The Hampton Community Library follows the safety plan established by the Township of Hampton which reflects County, State & Federal guidelines.

Kazemi and Liebro Honored by Hampton Township School District

HTSD recognized two high school seniors, Kiana Kazemi and Lindsay Liebro, during the October 4 School Board meeting for their outstanding achievements in academics and arts.

During the meeting, Kiana presented an overview of her AP Research paper entitled, "Decision Making and Rationality: Adults and Teenagers in the Prisoner's Dilemma," that was recently published in the peer-reviewed academic journal *The Young Researcher*. Her paper was one of 17 papers chosen for publication in Volume 5 from over 200 submissions.

The following is an abstract of her paper: "Human decision-making is largely analyzed by the field of behavioral game theory; however, little research has been done to compare adults' and teenagers' decision-making in game theory scenarios. A comparison of the two age groups could help future research-

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Students Honored

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ers better understand changes in decision-making with age.”

After Kiana’s presentation, Lindsay, who won the WYEP Singer-Songwriter Competition last October, performed two of her songs on stage. For the contest, Lindsay submitted her own written songs and competed against adults in the local music industry. She won a monetary prize, a professionally produced track, and a consultation with a Pittsburgh recording studio, among other well-earned awards.

Lindsay writes all her own lyrics and music.

Last April, she released a track, “Boardwalk,” which can be found on YouTube. She is also onstage at HHS as a cast member during the drama club fall play and spring musical. Last spring, she had a lead role in the HHS spring musical, Pippin. Finally, Lindsay recently released her newest song, “Wasted Potential,” which became an internet sensation with over 100,000 views when it was thought to be an unreleased song by Taylor Swift.



Kiana Kazemi and Lindsay Liebro honored for their outstanding achievements

Police Log

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and South Pioneer Road for a report of a large tree across the roadway. Upon arrival, a large tree was observed blocking one traffic lane of West Hardies Road. The tree was able to be removed from the roadway.

On August 27 at 5:38a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to Mount Royal Boulevard near Herron Road for a report of a water main break. Upon arrival, Hampton Water Authority was already on scene taking care of the water

main break. Officers lit flares and assisted with traffic control until no further assistance was needed.

On August 31 at 5:00p.m., Hampton Township Police Department was dispatched to the area of Wildwood Road and Country Lane for a report of flooding. Upon arrival, officers confirmed the roadway flooding and notified PennDOT to have the catch basin cleaned.

On September 13 at 11:53a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the intersection of Highland

Ave and Isabella Drive for a report of a water main break. Upon arrival, officers located the water main break. Hampton Shaler Water Authority were already on scene tending to the break.


On October 9 at 7:12p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Wildwood Sample Road for a possible water main break. Upon arrival, officers located the water main break and requested Hampton Shaler Water respond to the scene.

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Tree on Power Line/Wires Down

On September 12 at 1:35p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Harts Run Road for a report of wires down across the roadway. Upon arrival, officers located live wires across the roadway. Hampton Township Fire Department and Hampton Fire Police were dispatched to provide traffic control until Duquesne Light was able to arrive on scene.

On September 24 at 12:49p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Wildwood Road Extension and Talley Cavey Circle for a report of a tree down on wires. Officers provided traffic control until the tree was removed from the roadway.

On October 4 at 3:01a.m., Hampton Township Officers were dispatched to the area of Harts Run Road and Fernwood Lane for a report of large branches hanging over power lines. Police requested Duquesne Light to respond to the scene to clear the branches. Flares were lit to help with traffic control and officers stayed on the scene until Duquesne Light arrived.

Hit and Run Traffic Accident

On September 20 at 7:56a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Cedar Ridge Road

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Target Helps Prepare Students to Enter the Workforce

by Gail Scott

The Richland Township North Target store recently hosted students from Hampton High School's special education program for a field trip. The students participated in many activities during their visit as they applied employment and independent living skills. Mock job interviews, a Q and A session with store employees, and store tour were among the day's offerings.

Amy Faith is a special education teacher at HHS, and this is the second time she has taken a group of students to Target. She said, "I wanted to give students an experience that

related to the world of work. Prior to the trip, students completed assignments on topics related to employment. They were able to apply the skills they learned about in a real-world setting while at Target." An especially enjoyable component of the field trip for the students was the chance to make their own personalized pizzas for lunch. They also shopped for their own personal care items during the visit.

Many of the students on this field trip work at the popular *Busy Bean* coffee shop at HHS. This shop is both organized and

run by special education students. Money earned from *The Busy Bean* was used to pay for the students' personal care items purchased at the field trip. Ms. Faith added, "Target is a wonderful community partner. They are very flexible and have allowed us to create field trip itineraries that best meet student needs. We look forward to working with them again in the future. A special thank you to Target Team Members Colleen Bacasa and Kayla Sienkowski for making this day possible! We love Target!"

The special education program is very interested in partnering with businesses in and around the area that are open to hosting students for future field trips, job shadowing, internship, and mentoring opportunities. If interested, please contact Amy Faith (faith@ht-sd.org) or Dr. Sharon Smith (sharon.smith@ht-sd.org) at the high school.



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and Middle Road for a report of a hit and run accident. The driver stated that they were making a right turn onto Middle Road from Cedar Ridge Road when they were struck from behind and the second vehicle fled the scene. Minor damage occurred to the vehicle, and it was still able to be driven from the scene.

Traffic Accident

On September 1 at 8:02a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Wildwood Road and Au Sable Drive for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles. The accident occurred when the one vehicle was attempting to turn their car around, due to Wildwood Road being closed, and backed into the other vehicle. Minor damage was observed on both vehicles, and both were able to be driven from the scene.

On September 3 at 5:50p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the Get-Go on Ferguson Road for a two-vehicle accident. The accident occurred when one vehicle was attempting to make a left hand turn into Get-Go. They stated they did not see the other vehicle approaching from the westbound lane of Ferguson Road causing one vehicle to strike the other. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

On September 6 at 6:03p.m., Hampton Township Police Department was dispatched to the intersection of West Hardies Road and William Flinn Highway for a report of a hit and run. The victim stated they were waiting at the red light on

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Hampton Home Sales 8/31/2021 - 10/9/2021

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2189 Grandeur Drive	\$1,375,000	4304 Winchester Drive	\$380,000
2095 Grandeur Drive	\$945,000	3361 Cramlington Drive	\$355,000
2249 Laurel Lane	\$780,000	2302 Walters Road	\$409,900
3249 Hampton Oaks Drive	\$715,000	4824 Andrews Drive	\$307,332
3861 Oakbrook Court	\$575,000	5136 Hardt Road	\$196,000
2532 Middle Road	\$555,000	2624 Felicity Avenue	\$195,000
4262 Old New England Road	\$550,000	3064 E. Bardonner Road	\$192,000
2758 Shamrock Drive	\$520,000	2437 Saddle Drive	\$181,500
3058 Haberlein Road	\$440,000	4461 Birchwood Lane	\$175,000
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Hampton Wins Prestigious Sportsmanship Award

For a second consecutive year, we are thrilled to announce that Hampton has been named a recipient of the WPIAL's annual Sportsmanship Award.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment and speaks to the integrity of our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and our families," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughhead. "The Tradition of Excellence in our school district stands for treating everyone on and off the field with dignity and respect."

Hampton has now captured its sixth WPIAL Sportsmanship Award, also earning recognition in 2008-09, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2017-18, and 2019-20.

In 1997, the PIAA and WPIAL launched the program entitled "SPORTSMANSHIP: The Only Piece Missing is You". The purpose of the program is to promote sportsmanship in the schools and to reward those schools that best demonstrate the elements of good sportsmanship.

The selection process was based on the fall, winter, and spring seasons of the 2020-21 school year. Schools were eligible to be nominated through either a self-assessment, by another school, or by an officials' chapter. The WPIAL Sportsmanship Award Committee then met to discuss the nominees, with a maximum of five schools eligible to be honored for their good sportsmanship.

Winning schools are bestowed with a "SPORTSMANSHIP: The Only Missing Piece is You" 4x6 banner, a PIAA Board of Directors resolution acknowledging their selection, and a distinctive paperweight with the miniature banner embedded inside. The quintet will be recognized during the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit, which will be held at the Heinz History Center and Sports Museum on November 17.

Hampton Athletic Department collected well over \$900 for the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank through boys and girls soccer, volleyball, middle school and varsity football games!

Derry, Laurel, Moon, and Upper St. Clair were among schools collecting the WPIAL's Sportsmanship Award in its 24th year of existence.

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Talbots Are Hounding Their Best Season in Football Program History

by Garrett Gess

The Hampton Talbots have concluded the regular season with a 10-0 record and look to have their best season in program history heading into the playoffs. The Talbots already clinched the Greater Allegheny Conference before their last two regular-season games; both were decisive victories. Hampton has taken down opponents with relative ease; they won eight of their ten games by more than 20 points.

Historically, the Hampton football program has been on the outside looking in. The Talbots won the section in 1988, 2001, 2005, 2014, and now 2021, but have been irrelevant amongst other WPIAL powerhouses. Hampton never reached the WPIAL championship and compiled a 6-34 record from 2016 through 2019 when they competed in 5A. But the pro-

gram came to a complete turnaround after a solid 5-3 season in 2020. The Talbots' success in the 2021 season is similar to the success they had 20 years ago. In 2001, Hampton went a perfect 9-0 in the regular season but lost to West Allegheny in the WPIAL quarterfinals. West Allegheny went on to win the 2001 3A PIAA Championship that year, led by quarterback Tyler Palko (Palko was the Pitt Panthers starting QB for the 2004 season during their Big East Championship and Fiesta Bowl bid).

Head coach Jacque DeMatteo is in his 22nd season head coaching WPIAL football (Shaler 2000-2007, Hampton 2008-Present), and the 2021 Hampton football team may be the most talented group of players that he's coached. The Talbots have scored 381 points on offense (38.1/pg) and only surrendered 111 points on defense (11.1/pg). Christian Liberto and Brock Borgo are succeeding in the ground game, while Matt DeMatteo's connection to Benny Haselrig brings a solid aerial attack on offense. On defense, Jayden

Resch and the team's resilient defensive line are forcing 3-and-outs and turnovers against the opponent.

Currently, Hampton is ranked #4 in the entire state by MaxPreps "PA Class AAAA rankings." However, five of the top six 4A teams in the state come from the WPIAL: Belle Vernon, Thomas Jefferson, Hampton, McKeesport, and Aliquippa. Hampton may have an uphill battle to win the WPIAL, but they can certainly get it done with their continued momentum. The Talbots have a packed senior class, looking to make the most out of this year's great start. Getting to play at Heinz Field for the WPIAL Championship has been the dream for every football player growing up in Western Pennsylvania.

On Halloween weekend, Hampton ended their regular season with a 48-14 home victory over Mars. The Talbots haven't defeated the Route 8 rival Mars since 2009 and have been 0-11 since then. Hampton took advantage of their opportunity to end the streak and finish the regular season undefeated.

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Playing Winning Volleyball

by Maria Coleman, writer for the HHS newspaper

The Hampton Girls Volleyball team is 10-1. Seniors Kai Herchenroether and Claudia Braun are the captains of this year's undefeated team. I sat down with the girls for an interview and asked them the same questions. Each shared their own special responses.

What's different about this season? Can you explain the winning streak?

Kai Herchenroether: "This season has the same players as last year, but everyone developed through club volleyball over the winter. It's also our second year with Annie. We know how she coaches and she also understands us better this year. We have an extremely strong bond with each other, one that is not present on a lot of teams. We went undefeated in the first half of section playoffs."

Claudia Braun: "This season has a new group of girls playing, and we have a good dynamic. We are all like family and so sup-

portive of each other. It also helps that we are used to the coaching style of our coach, and she pushes us even harder than last year."

Both seniors are obviously very passionate about their team bond this year, they both stress the importance of how close they all are. It's brought excitement, hard work, support, and lots of well-deserved attention.

What would you change about this sea-



Abby Stevens, Kai Herchenroether, Claudia Braun and Taylor Fiscus

son?

Both Kai and Claudia said that they wouldn't change anything; however, Claudia added that she "wouldn't change anything other than me not being a senior already."

Braun's best piece of advice that she was given was to "always act like you have a chip on your shoulder and that you are the best player in the gym. It makes me more confident and ready to play the game."

This contrasts to Herchenroether, as she says, "It's a team sport. You cannot just rely on yourself, everything we do depends on each other."

Could you bring the team to playoffs or state?


Claudia: "Our goal is to always bring the team as far as we can possibly go, and as long as we stay focused and keep our effort at the highest level, I think states is possible."


Kai: "If we keep playing the way we have been, definitely. We are one of the strongest teams in the WPIAL, and I hope we can show that as far into the playoffs as possible."


Police Log


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West Hardies Road and were struck from behind. The second vehicle fled the scene of the accident.

 On September 18 at 1:39p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of East Hardies Road and William Flinn Highway for a report of a traffic accident. Upon arrival, officers were met by the driver who stated they were traveling west on East Hardies Road when they struck another vehicle from behind. The second vehicle was at a complete stop at the intersection when they were hit from behind. No injuries were reported and both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.


 On September 21 at 3:26p.m, Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Sample Road and Mount Royal Boulevard for a report of a two-vehicle car accident with no reported injuries. Upon arrival, officers confirmed that there were no injuries and had the vehicles moved off the roadway. The accident occurred when one vehicle was traveling south on Mt. Royal Blvd. and attempted to make a right turn on Sample Road when they struck into the driver's side door of the second vehicle. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.


 On September 23 at 5:07p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Oxford Boulevard and William Flinn Highway for a report of a two-vehicle car accident with no injuries. The accident occurred when the operator of one involved vehicle was not paying attention and struck the rear of the other vehicle. Both vehicles had minor damage and were able to be driven from the scene.

 On September 25 at 10:45a.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Birchwood Lane and McCully Road for a report of a two-vehicle accident. The accident occurred when one vehicle was at a stop sign and the other vehicle


backed into the front of their vehicle. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene and no injuries were reported.


Traffic Accident/Deer Struck

 On August 26 at 5:58a.m., Hampton Township Police Department was dispatched to the area of Raw Fitness for a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, the driver stated that they struck a deer while traveling on Wildwood Road near Raw Fitness. There were no injuries reported and the vehicle was able to be driven from the scene.

 On October 1 at 4:06p.m., Hampton Township Police were dispatched to the area of Wildwood Road and Hardt Road for a single vehicle accident, motorcycle vs. deer. The driver stated they were on Wildwood Road heading towards North Park Lake when a deer jumped over a wall and onto the roadway. The driver stated that they swerved to miss the deer and ended up wrecking the motorcycle.

Attempted Fraud

 On September 14 at 1:30p.m., a resident from Highland Avenue notified the Hampton Township Police Department of an attempted fraud. The resident was notified from his employer that someone had opened an unemployment claim in their name. The resident was advised to monitor their credit and to report this attempt to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

 On September 20 at 8:45a.m, a Hampton Township resident called into the Police Station to report an attempted fraud report. The resident stated that their employer received a letter in the mail stating an unemployment claim was opened in their name. The resident was advised to file a report with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and monitor their credit report.

End

HAEE 5K

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and body stretches led by the Centers for Rehab Services. North Hampton Fire Department trucks urged runners toward the finish line where they were greeted by Hampton Cheerleaders and the Talbot Mascot.

Aidan Sawyer was the top finisher of the race. Top student finishers were Adele Cole and Mason Hall. Hampton Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead walked away with a trophy in his age group as well. HAEE board president Maureen Perkins said, "Hosting this 5K race requires hard work from HAEE's all-volunteer Board. But knowing the money we raise will make a difference for Hampton's students makes

it all worthwhile." Final numbers are still being calculated, but race proceeds are expected to be \$25,000 which will fund future grants and scholarships for Hampton students and teachers.

The Alliance Cup is awarded to the elementary school with the highest percentage of students and staff registered for the race. This year, the Alliance Cup was awarded to Poff Elementary. This marks Poff's 8th consecutive win with Central and Wyland providing significant competition this year, with more students and teachers registered compared with last year. Custom trophies were handed out to race winners. The trophies were produced by high school student Ryan

Apaliski who worked with teacher Scott Stickney to create the awards. The custom design was a small mobile of a runner chasing the finish line. This was the latest in a long standing tradition of HHS students using Tech Ed equipment purchased through HAEE grants (3D printers, laser engravers, and a CNC router) to create unique race awards.

More photos from this event are in the fall edition of the Hampton Magazine. The magazine will arrive before December 1st in your U.S. postal mailbox. If you are a Hampton resident and you do not receive the four editions, please call 412-818-6491. More photos on page 17.







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Chief Fiore Londino's Monthly Report September Incident Summary:

Fire	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	28
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	3
Service Call	2
Good Intent Call	2
False Alarm & False Call	5



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Firefighter Mitchell Branscome



We are happy to announce that Firefighter Mitchell Branscome has successfully completed the Fire Academy and is now certified as an Interior Firefighter by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since joining HTFD Firefighter Branscome has successfully completed the Vehicle Rescue Technician, Emergency Medical Responder and now PA Fire Academy. We are incredibly proud of all this young man has accomplished, all this while being a full time student at the University of Pittsburgh and an Army ROTC Cadet. Firefighter Branscome came to us with no experience or training and has excelled since he joined our family.

If you're interested in learning about joining our team please visit us on Facebook, Twitter, or our website www.htwpfd.com or stop down any Monday evening after 7pm.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY!

The Hampton Fire Department hosted a Fire Prevention Day last month and provided live demos, station and emergency vehicle tours, refreshments, raffles and a lot of fun for all ages!



Chief Michael Piovesan's Monthly Report September Incident Summary:

Commercial Fire Alarm	12
Commercial Structure Fire	1
Extrication of Victims	5
Natural Gas Leak	2
Odor of Something Burning	2
Residential Fire Alarm	8
Residential Structure Fire	2
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	1
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	7
Vehicle Fire	2
Water Condition	4
Total Incidents for the Month	46
Total Incidents for 2021	319



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Noteworthy incidents and events:

- NHVFD responded to the 4400 block of Mount Royal for a commercial fire alarm. Police quickly arrived on scene and indicated there was smoke on the first floor near the kitchen, which upgraded the assignment to a commercial structure fire. Crews were able to quickly find the source, extinguish the fire, and prevent further extension. Units remained on scene for about an hour to ventilate the smoke and assist residents back to their apartments.
- NHVFD responded to Hampton Farms Drive for a residential structure fire. First arriving crews located a small-extinguished fire in an attached porch. Crews soaked the area with a water can and removed paneling to ensure the fire did not extend further into the structure.
- NHVFD responded to Hartwood Acres Park near Green Valley Drive for a horseback rider thrown from their horse. Crews were able to locate the rider about 750 feet behind a house on Green Valley Drive. Once located, crews assisted EMS with carrying the patient out of the woods to an waiting ambulance.

New Membership:

We can always use new members who are interested in fire-fighting, fire police or as drivers only. There is a place in the department for anyone who is interested in helping. Please contact an officer at 724-443-5250, or visit our website at www.northhamptonvfd.org.

Current Events

Race for the Troops *Sun., Nov. 7, start 9:00 a.m.*

Interested runners/walkers are invited to register on line at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/AllisonPark/OPERATIONTROOPAPPRECIATION5K>.

Hampton Heroes Operation Recognition

The Hampton Township School District wants you to join them on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:00 pm at Fridley Field on Topnick Drive to show recognition and appreciation of the young men and women of the US Armed Forces.

HHS Drama Club Presents its Fall Play

The mystery-comedy:
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November 11, 12, 13 at 7:30



Upcoming Event

Fireworks, Food Trucks and Festive Fun For All!

Santa Claus will be coming to our Township on December 2 at 7:00 pm with the help of the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments!

Join us this evening at the Hampton Community Center for some holiday cheer with your family, neighbors and friends! Complimentary photos with Santa as well as a festive fireworks display are just a few of this year's event activities!

NEW FOR 2021: Even more festive fun will be available for all ages! We will be adding Food Trucks and beverage vendors for this year's event! Food Trucks will be in the Community Center parking lot and beverage vendors will be in the Great Rooms of the Community Center along with other vendors.

Detailed information on this year's holiday event, including vendor information and food truck lineup, will be available on our Township website as well as in the monthly Hampton Happenings Newsletter!

In addition to our holiday event, Happy the Elf will be returning to the Community Center for the Elf on the Shelf Search. When you are searching for Happy be sure to stop by our Santa Mailbox to mail your letter to Santa, too!



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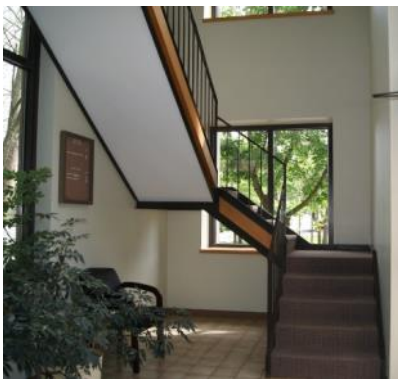
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Community Halloween Celebration



Above: 2021 costume winners
More photos in the fall edition of the Hampton Magazine



Living Mindfully

A Stress Relief Practice

by Stefanie Stofko

Stress and anxiety. What causes it? The idea of the future being unknown. Stressing about a situation is the act of creating a negative outcome in your mind for a scenario that hasn't even happened yet.

How many times a day do you find yourself in a stressful situation, expecting the absolute worst? Or, how many times a day do you catch yourself on auto-pilot mode, following routine, not being aware of your mindset? Practicing mindfulness can be a game changer when it comes to becoming aware of your thoughts and how they may be affecting your daily life. It could change the way you go about your day in major ways!

Big changes can start with small habits. What might happen if you became more mindful about how your daily habits are affecting your health? Notice how the foods you eat make you feel physically, how your interactions make you feel emotionally, and how you feel mentally day to day. This can help you to make positive changes in your life that lead to a healthier, happier overall lifestyle.

What are some small ways that you can start practicing mindfulness right now? Start with your breathing. The next time you find yourself in a stressful situation, take a couple of deep breaths and ask yourself: "How can I change my mindset to make this situation better?" "Can I come to a better understanding of the situation that allows me to find peace?" When you find yourself in a negative mindset, ask yourself why you are feeling this way, and discover what you can change to improve how you think and feel.

My name is Stefanie Stofko, and I am a self-employed social media manager helping business owners keep up with their online presence and grow their platforms. I also have a passion for holistic health & wellness, and received my Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Communications. Through personal experience and throughout my college career, I have gathered a wealth of knowledge about developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. My hope is that my writing can inspire you to make healthy changes in your life and reach the goals you have always wanted to achieve.

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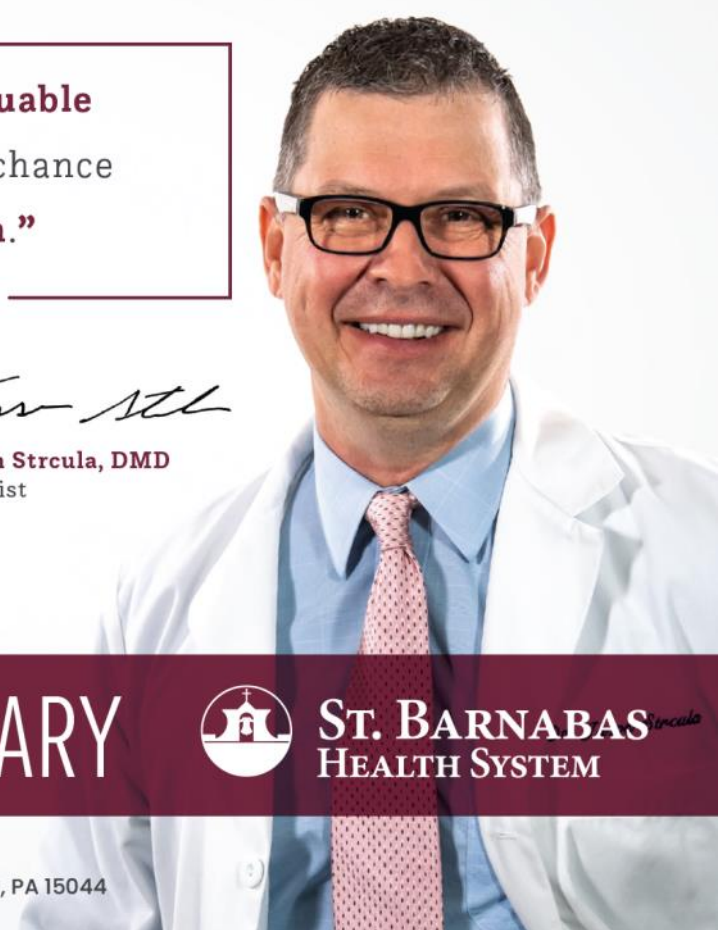


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