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A Day In the Life of a Lifeguard

by Tracy Weigel

Another season of having fun and making memories is soon coming to a close at the Hampton Community Pool. Until Labor Day, the pool will remain open, but the hours will change

due to the lifeguards needing to return to school. Without lifeguards, there would be no “summertime at the pool.” The Hampton Lifeguard staff consists of 47 Guards who, on average, each work

between 25 – 30 hours per week.

In order to hold the position of Lifeguard, one must satisfy important quali-

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Morning shift guards: Scott Watkins, Rhys Hughes, Shreyas Chalikonda, Brianna Towers, Olivia Jarzynka, Jillian Antol, Lainey Sheets, Abby Gregorowicz, Libby Sheets, Lydia Bailey, Abby Hall, Michael Belch, Daniel Farrell and in front center, Manager Ethan Apaliski.

Local Food Bank Makes a Difference Donations Needed!

by Julie Mikus

Volunteers were honored at the Network of Hope (NOH) Food Bank of Allison Park Church by State Representatives Robert Mercuri and Arvind Venkat, MD for forty years of service on August 1, 2023!

Both State Representatives addressed volunteers. “We congratulate

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Time for the Annual HAAE Run

by Erica Kaehly

No HAAE 5K is complete without a shotgun start with the Hampton Talbot! As the Talbot is getting ready for the 31st annual HAAE 5K on October 7th, the Hampton News met up with our favorite furry friend during a training run on this year’s course, near the Hampton Community Center.

NEWS: So I guess this goes without saying, but are you going to this year’s 5K on October 7th?

THE TALBOT: 100%! Who isn’t?! It’s Hampton’s

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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 7/23/2023—8/7/2023:

Traffic Alert-Duncan Avenue to Close Starting September 5, 2023

The Allegheny County Department of Public Works announced that Duncan Avenue will close at Stillhouse Run Bridge No. 1, which is located near Bryant Road in Hampton Township. The closure will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, and is expected to end in November 2023. It is required for slope stabilization work, roadway reconstruction, and drainage improvements.

Traffic will be detoured using Mt. Royal Boulevard and Ferguson Road. Residents living near the closure area will have access to their homes at all times.

Duncan Avenue is owned and maintained by Allegheny County. The project will be done by Allison Park Contractors, Inc. of Gibsonia as part of a more than \$2 million 2021B Capital Bridges contract.

Two-Vehicle Accident

On 8/7/2023, the HTP were dispatched to the intersection of William Flinn Hwy and Duncan Ave for a report of a two vehicle accident with reported unknown injuries. Upon arrival, officers located both vehicles in the parking lot of BP Gas and spoke with all involved and confirmed that the driver of Unit #2 wished to have her infant child seen by medics. Shaler Hampton EMS came to the scene. Hampton Fire was on scene and assisted as needed.

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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 is on the 15th of each month.

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Lifeguard

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cations required for the job. Lifeguards must be at least 15 years of age and pass an American Red Cross lifeguard certification program including CPR/AED and first aid. In addition, the township requires staff to pass a drug and alcohol screening and undergo background clearances. Lifeguards must pass a swim test and attend an interview.

Once on staff, lifeguards participate in pre-season trainings and ongoing in-service trainings throughout the summer. When needed, lifeguards can also be assigned to the admissions gate, concession stand and maintenance duties.

This year, 18 of the 47 were first-year lifeguards this summer; eight have worked at Hampton for at least 5 years and three are also Head Guards.

Said Ethan Apaliski, Head Guard, "We had a really fun staff this year. We all worked super hard to make sure the pool was a fun and safe place for our patrons. It was so fun working for our guests."

Bill Ryder, Hampton Community Center DCS Program Supervisor, concurred. "The guard staff was dedicated this summer and worked hard to make for the best guest and member experience possible."



Special appearance from Ariel on Member Appreciation Day at Hampton Community Pool. See more photos of Ariel with special members online at www.thehamptonnews.com!

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Please note:

The Library will be closed Saturday, September 2nd through Monday, September 5th for Labor Day! Enjoy your holiday weekend!

What a Wonder-Fall World! Drop-in Storytime!

Join us as we fill our mornings with stories, songs and crafts designed to celebrate discovery as we interact with our environment. All ages and abilities welcome! Come early and stay for all the activities or come later and stay for a few; you decide!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays *

Starting September 12th from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m.- "Stories & Songs", 10:45- "Investigate and Create"
11:00 a.m.- "Stories and Songs", 11:30 a.m.- "Parachute Play",
11:50 p.m.- "Stories and Songs", 12:00 p.m.- "Stay and Play."

**times are subject to go longer or shorter*

Checkmate!

**Thursdays, September 14th, October 12th, and November 9th
6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in Activity Room 1**

Chess Club is designed to be an instructive opportunity for children in kindergarten through 12th grade to play each other in the game of chess. The emphasis will be on good sportsmanship and building skill level through instruction and play. A brief lesson will be led by the instructor, Benjamin Lin, 2023 PA State 6th Grade Champion, to learn different moves and evaluate level of play. All levels of play are welcome! "Sometimes you will win, sometimes you will lose, but you will always learn!" Registration is appreciated, please call the library @ 412-684-1098.

You've Got Mail! A Cardmaking Class.

Thursday, October 12th and November 9th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Dropping off for dance class or have someone learning in Chess Club?

Stop in the library and make 3 cards for the fall holidays! Cost is \$5.00 for materials. Maria Golio from Creative Memories will be here to teach you the ins and out of cardmaking. Not interested in making cards but would rather scrapbook? Feel free to bring a small project to work on and finish those scrapbooks before the end of the year!

Project Scrapbook!

Mondays, October 16th and November 20th

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Stop by even if you only have an hour! If you are a seasoned scrapbooker looking for like-minded friends come join us and scrap to your hearts content! Marie Golio from Creative Memories will be here to share, teach, and support fellow scrapbookers and their goals! No need to register; class will be in the library!

Card Club!

Wednesdays, from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

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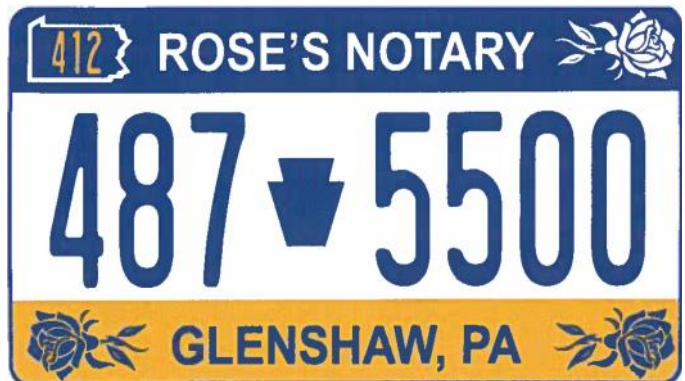
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Local Book Club Trivia Bonanza!

Wednesday, September 13th 6:30 p.m.

Your favorite local libraries are teaming up for a fun evening of celebrating our local neighborhood book clubs! There will be raffle baskets, prizes for best spread, shop talk about books. All trivia is based on popular reads, mysteries, celebrity book clubs, book to film etc.! BYOB and snacks! \$10 pp, teams of 8 or less. Register at tinyurl.com/LYLbonanza2023. All proceeds benefit the Hampton, N. Tier and Shaler Libraries!

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, Sept. 20th @ 6:30 p.m. *The Silent Wife*, by Karen Slaughter.

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

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

Betty's Book Buzz Discussion Group.

Friday, Sept. 15th @ 1:00 p.m. *The Cliff's Edge*, by Charles Todd.

Betty's Book Group meets in the library. Please call the library to request a copy of the book. Everyone who is interested in great conversations and good reads is invited to join us!

Cooks-N-Books: Fall ABCs!

Thursday, September 28th, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for peo-

ple who love to cook and make new friends! No real experience or culinary expertise is needed- just a desire to share recipes and food!! Pick a letter from the alphabet that stands for a fall favorite, i.e. A is for Apple and Apple Pie!!

We meet in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Here's what to do...

- 1) Check out a cookbook
- 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.

News and Views! First Fridays!

Fridays, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st @ 1:00 p.m. in the library.

This longtime discussion group is led by local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith--with a new format inviting members to participate as guest leaders the *First Friday* of the month. Discussion topics welcome from all.

New members are welcome to come share-- or just listen.


The Hampton Community Library will be back to Fall hours September 5, 2023.

Please visit us during the following times:

Monday, Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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HTPD Officer Goes Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

by Mary-Theresa Watson

During a recent township meeting, Officer Ben Brown of the Hampton Township Police Department was recognized for volunteering his time to assist a resident in need. Standing to acknowledge Officer Brown, Social Services Coordinators Angela Kenbok and Ashley Wilson shared the story of a Hampton resident who has suffered in recent years from a variety of medical and personal difficulties and, due to those issues, has faced some code violations.

"I began working with this resident two and a half years ago when I was still an intern," Angela explained. "He was struggling with some medical issues at the time, and then his partner died from cancer in 2021. We helped him through that grief process, and since then, our department has been working with him to obtain the resources he needs."

Due to the gentleman's medical issues, he is unable to cut grass, pull weeds, or keep up the outside of his home, which led to the code violations. The Social Services team has been working with him for about six months to get services in place for him, and they also have volunteered their own time to assist him.

"When Officer Brown heard us talking about [this resident],"

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3143 Scenic Court	\$875,000	\$875,000	30
5188 Hampton Place Drive	\$820,000	\$825,000	6
4229 Haut Brion Court	\$559,900	\$605,000	10
2513 Willow Oak Drive	\$579,900	\$595,000	47
2734 Flat Stone Court	\$549,900	\$547,000	26
5027 Apple Ridge Drive	\$539,900	\$535,500	24
4948 Apple Ridge Drive	\$524,900	\$522,500	64
2660 Miller Drive	\$485,000	\$450,000	283
4977 Gittings Drive	\$457,000	\$448,200	36
4830 Josephine	\$285,000	\$285,000	6
2775 Drake Court	\$254,900	\$270,000	4
2519 Royalview Drive	\$259,000	\$265,500	5
2808 Florence Drive	\$249,900	\$254,000	4
5201 Mallard Drive	\$243,000	\$251,000	7
2936 Clearview Road	\$254,500	\$250,000	5
2549 Lah	\$289,900	\$245,000	35
4837 Josephine Drive	\$220,000	\$210,000	108
2300 Linwood Drive	\$189,900	\$196,000	5
5050 Harvest Lane	\$160,000	\$160,000	40
3252 Camberly Drive	\$150,000	\$150,000	9

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Before it's time to switch from AC to heat, have your air and ventilation systems inspected by professionals to ensure efficient and healthy airflow. Note: if you need to purchase or replace any major household appliances, September and October are usually when the latest models are revealed and are the best months to buy them.

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Hampton Discussion Group Explores a Wide Range of Topics

by Tracy Weigel

"News and Views" is a program within Hampton that resulted as a spinoff of a lecture series that local journalist/author Gerry K. Smith co-chaired at CMU's former Academy for Lifelong Learning.

"I was so impressed with the input from our CMU audience that I later created a self-participation group at the Hampton Library," Gerry explains.

"We are 'sweet sixteen' now with over 20 listed members that have come and gone over the years. Many current members have remained from the original group and new members continue to attend.

At our gatherings, we discuss a wide range of topics ranging from

local Hampton happenings to global topics. Our discussions include subjects such as the price of gas, to our involvement in the war in Ukraine to what's for dinner.

The group has a diverse, co-ed membership consisting largely of retirees representing a wide variety of professional and personal backgrounds. Members are encouraged to suggest and lead topics. An example of self-led topics includes the sharing of personal travel experiences. Together, through discussion, our group has learned much about many countries such as

Ukraine, Japan, Greece, Mongolia and others as well as the U.S. of A. itself. Member Lorraine Hudock will soon share her three-month solitary exploration of the western United States.

News & Views meets monthly on the first Friday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Hampton Library (except September Labor Day weekend). No registration is required and there is no fee to attend. We hope to see you in October!



Two Hampton Students Recognized for Research Project

by Jackie Smith

Some may consider research a chore; that is not the case for Justine Sullivan and Tiffany Habib, Hampton High School (HHS) AP Research students who are very passionate about research.

Justine and Tiffany submitted their research articles to *The Young Researcher*, a peer-reviewed research journal for secondary school students. According to Shannon Roos, HHS AP Research and English instructor, “Both of these students, along with the rest of the AP Research cohort, spent the 2022-23 school year working on research projects driven by their own passion and interests. Justine and Tiffany were published in the peer-reviewed journal for their amazing work!”

According to Justine, “My love for reading emerged when I was little, and my interest in writing followed not long after. I am definitely an inquisitive person. I’ve always loved the concept of being able to explore a question or hypothesis that no one has a definitive answer to. There is so much out there just waiting to be discovered, and research opens the doors to these opportunities.”

Tiffany said, “I’ve always loved writing; I actually discovered Research in AP Seminar, and it was pretty fun. I decided to take AP Research, and I loved the idea of picking a topic you are passionate about, and studying it for the entire year.”

Sullivan’s research paper is titled, ‘*Election Theory: Alternative Voting Methods in the Pennsylvania 2022 Senate Election*’, and Habib’s study, ‘*Mental Healthcare Providers’ - Perceptions on the Effectiveness and Viability of Telepsychiatry in Allegheny County Jail*’ can be found at *The Young Researcher* website: <http://www.theyoungresearcher.com/>.

Both students will graduate from HHS in 2024, and they plan to use their research studies as they continue their tertiary education. Tiffany’s long term plans include becoming a doctor, and Justine plans to study data science. Sullivan advised, “I would love to continue doing research in a political environment and, at the same time, further my understanding of our nation’s electoral system as well as proposed alternatives.”

Regardless of where their education takes them, it appears their passion for research will continue. Roos stated, “I am so proud of Tiffany and Justine; they both persevered through challenges to their research, and they were able to draw significant conclusions. They are great people who will make a difference in our community!”



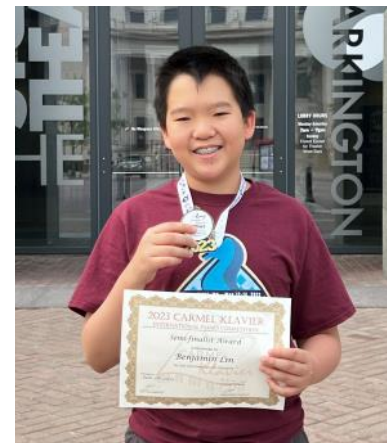
Tiffany Habib, teacher Shannon Roos, and Justine Sullivan

HMS Student Competes in International Music Competition

by Mary-Theresa Watson

There’s a double champion walking the halls of Hampton Middle School these days. Benjamin Lin, a Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess Champion, also is a two-time winner of the Elite International Music Competition. Crowned for the second time in December 2022, Benjamin spent the early part of this summer preparing for and competing in the prestigious Carmel Klavier International Piano Competition of 2023 in Indiana, where he earned a semi-finalist award to add to his growing collection of accolades.

When Benjamin was just 3-1/2 years old, his dad, Ronghong, taught him to play chess, and at age 5, he began learning to play the piano. Just a few years later, he now holds impressive achievements in both worlds, but you’d never know it by looking at the carefree young man with the big grin. When asked about playing at Carnegie Hall in New York City (twice!), Benjamin simply shrugs and smiles, names the piece he played (Schubert: Impromptu No. 2 in E-Flat Major), and, with a chuckle, says he’d much rather play chess than practice piano. Despite that minor protest, it’s apparent that piano practice is a fixture in Benjamin’s day, as he added yet another accomplishment to his list by becoming one of the youngest winners of the 2023 Young Artist Audition organized by the Pittsburgh Concert Society.



Now in the 7th grade, Benjamin will be a featured guest on SLB radio on Saturday, Oct. 14—be sure to set your dials (slbradio.org) at 10 a.m. to hear from this very talented Hampton student who, by then, will most assuredly have a few more honors to his name.

An Amazing Day For Young Skater

by Jenn Edmonds

Many people dream of meeting an Olympian, but few are lucky enough not only to meet one, but to actually be taught by one! Hampton Middle School 7th grader Juliana Turner had the opportunity to spend the day with Olympic figure skater Mariah Bell, along with her Ice and Blades figure skating team.

In the event held in late July, Bell led the skaters with warmups, drills across the ice, stretching, a Q&A, a group lesson and for a lucky few, a private lesson. Turner won a lottery to get one of the few coveted slots, which was easily her favorite part of the day. In the private lesson, Bell gave advice to Turner and worked with her on her program, spins, and jumps. "She said my jumps were high and she helped me with my sit spin," said Turner. "It was amazing. It was the coolest thing ever."



Juliana Turner (left) with Olympic skater Mariah Bell

Turner began figure skating with group lessons around age 6, moved to private lessons shortly after, and now competes a few times a year in either ISI (Ice Sports Industry) or USFS (United State figure skating association) competitions. Her typical program is about 1 minute 40 seconds, in which she skates to an upbeat, empowering song, making sure to include the required technical elements for her category. "It's a little scary competing but I love to be in front of a crowd and performing for people. Skating is so much fun. It is similar to dance in that you can be creative and artistic," explained Turner.

On August 18, Turner competed in the USFS Sunsational competition held at Robert Morris University and won several medals in her division, including 1st on free skate (skating program with music), 1st in compulsory (skating required moves without music), 2nd in the jumps event and 2nd in the spins event.



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Softball Tournament Season Ends; Hampton Leaves an Impressive Mark!

by Tracy Weigel

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Hampton Tournament: 1st Place

Deer Lakes Turf Wars Tournament: 1st Place

Pine Richland Tournament: 2nd Place

(lost by one in extra innings)

Bauerstown Tournament: 2nd Place

(After a semi-final thriller with the #1 seed that went to 8 innings to get to the final round)

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Hampton Tournament: 1st Place

Saxonburg Tournament: 1st Place

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Bauerstown Tournament: 2nd Place

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She added, "It really was a special team this summer, with great kids and great families."



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Police Log

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Unit #1 stated that he was coming to the red light on William Flinn Hwy when unit #2 stopped for the red light. Unit #1 struck unit #2 in the rear end and sustained minor damage but was able to be driven from the scene.

Unit #2 stated that she was travelling south on William Flinn Hwy when she stopped for the red light, prior to making a right turn onto Duncan Ave, when she was struck in the rear by unit #1. Shaler Hampton EMS evaluated the child in Unit #1 for injuries and then transported her to Children's Hospital.

Noise Ordinance

On 8/7/2023, a resident called to speak with an officer about a barking dog that was creating a nuisance in the neighborhood. The resident stated that there is a dog nearby that is left outside and barks excessively at inconvenient hours of the night, and during the early hours of the morning. The caller was advised that there is a township noise ordinance that can support in these types of complaints, as well as an ordinance that pertains to the regulation of domestic animals within the township.

Reminder Back To School

Hampton Township School District students returned to school on August 24th. Remember school bus safety, school speed zones and general road safety. Every child deserves to arrive safely to school.

#HeadsUpPhonesDown#BackToSchool#SchoolBusSafety#Walk ThisWay

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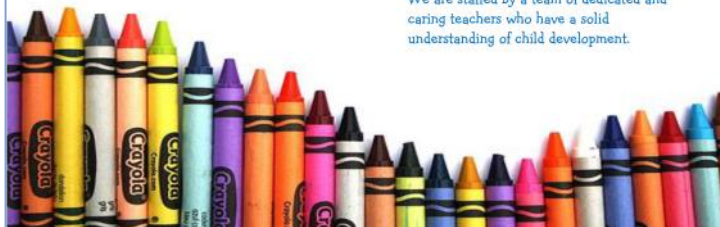
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Officer Recognized

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Angela continued, “he offered to do some of the heavy lifting. So we spent about four hours landscaping as much as we could so the gentleman could work through those code violations, and now we’re almost there. We want to give our thanks to Officer Brown for volunteering his time off shift to come and work with us.”

Assistant Township Manager Susan Bernet added, “The difference is astounding! I saw before and after pictures, and it’s like a different place. There were vines covering the house and sidewalks so much so that you had to walk around the sidewalks to get to the driveway of the home. The work Ben did was amazing!”

Proudly explaining there are similar situations in which his staff helps every day, Police Chief Tom Vulakovich added his accolades and underlined the value of EMS working from the same location as police or fire

departments. “When you mesh personalities and people are talking and sitting there having lunch together,” he said, “you form bonds. It doesn’t matter what color uniform you wear or what patch is on your sleeve; those bonds mean everybody works together.”



Ashley Wilson, Ben Brown, and Angela Kenbok were recognized at the Hampton Township council meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

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HAEE 5K

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most popular race of the year! Aren't you!?

NEWS: Well, I hadn't planned on it, but I guess I should now...

THE TALBOT: YEAH! It's only \$30 and you can race to win prizes in a bunch of different age groups. Plus, all five schools compete for the Alliance Cup. There's also a 1.5 miler for \$25. You can register at HAEE's website.

NEWS: Which school do you want to win?

THE TALBOT: Come on, man. I'm the Talbot. I want them ALL to win! But here's a quick tip...the school that registers the most runners wins...see where I'm going with that?

NEWS: Yes haha. Your participation in the race only started a few years ago-what inspired you to start coming?

THE TALBOT: Well, you know my calendar is quite full in the fall, what with getting all the kids back to school, football games, pep rallies and, of course, the Talbot Tailgate. I started coming when I found out that the money HAEE raises goes to all the cool innovations that our students benefit from in our five schools! I mean, have you seen the Talbot Treehouse at the Middle School? What about the Sensory Room, Potting Shed or Blues Box guitars at the High School?! How about the courtyard at Central Elementary? They helped to fund those things and hundreds of other grants, all because I sign up for one run each year.

NEWS: How does that all work?

THE TALBOT: Long story short, teachers who have a great idea write grants and HAEE helps to decide what innovative projects they can support. It's a lot of work! But those teachers and board members love to give innovative ideas a chance to grow!

NEWS: Were you a good student?

THE TALBOT: Well, I'm a dog, so...

NEWS: What's your favorite part of the 5K?

THE TALBOT : Seeing the entire community come together, for sure. I love all the scratches behind the ears from my favorite kids, the performances by the HMS Band, seeing the new

awards that our students design, and getting a new student-designed race shirt so that I can show off all of our sponsors when I walk around Hampton.

NEWS: Bananas, Pizza or Donuts?

THE TALBOT: Is that really a question...Pizza from Pasquale's (thanks Pasquale's) AND donuts all day (thanks Donut Connection)!

NEWS: How's the training going?

THE TALBOT: Well now that the high school library is finished (another HAEE-supported project), my runs are a little longer! I hope to be in top shape by October 7-the race starts at 9AM and I am NOT a morning dog...BUT I hope to win the 5K this year, so all you competitive Talbot runners out there should know....I'm coming for you! You can't win if you don't sign up!

NEWS: This last question may be a little controversial, but who IS the Talbot?

THE TALBOT: Well, that's a complicated question...who are any of us, really? I'm just an extinct dog with big dreams, floppy ears and a blue and gold jersey.

NEWS: Thanks for your time! How do I register for this race?

THE TALBOT: go to <http://www.hamptonalliance.org/> and sign up now! The more people sign up, the more cool grants HAEE can approve this year.

NEWS: See you there!

THE TALBOT: Talbots Forever!



2023 HAEE Scholarship Winners

HAEE board member Jedd Cordisco presented the All Around Effort and Excellence Scholarship award to Sean Donlan and the Anna Kuhn Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Derek Tronetti (right) last school year.



2021 HAEE Runners with the Talbot

Host Welcomes Exchange Student

by Tracy Weigel

Our rotary district, which consists of approximately 80 rotary clubs in western Pennsylvania, is hosting six youth exchange students this year. Locally, North Allegheny is hosting a girl from France; Shaler - a girl from Belgium; Mt. Lebanon - a boy from Japan; and Hampton – a girl from Turkey.

Each year, Rotary International sends approximately 10,000 students between the ages of 15 to 19 overseas for high school or gap year experiences. The students must complete a written application and attend an interview with their host country Rotary Club. Hampton residents Shawn Wright and his wife Tammy Holt are hosting Pelin Girgin, an 11-grade girl from Ankara, Turkey, who arrived August 21st after 18 hours of air travel. Pelin is being sponsored for the academic year 2023-24. She is taking her junior year at Hampton High School.

Rotary has one of the largest student exchange programs in the world. Students need only pay for their airfare, travel insurance and additional spending. The local Rotary Club (in this case, the Hampton Rotary Club) supplies students \$100 a month as a stipend for spending money.

Each youth exchange student stays with a Rotarian family. Shawn Wright has

been a member of the Hampton Rotary Club for 6 years. He himself was a rotary exchange student from 1990 to 1991 and travelled to Strasbourg, France.

As host family, Shawn and Tammy are providing room and board for Pelin throughout the school year. They are excited to be planning family trips throughout the U.S. to share with Pelin including locations from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco. They will also share local sights, such as Fallingwater and Seven Springs.

Pelin is an accomplished violinist and hopes to join the Hampton High School Orchestra. In addition, she has won dance competitions in Turkey, having trained for many years in ballroom and Latin dance.

In the short time she has been here, she has commented that she is very impressed with how peaceful things are in Hampton's neighborhoods. She was surprised to see so many deer in North Park and she has enjoyed walking in North Park and in the Strip District as well. She had been warned about how much fast food Americans consume; to date, however, she's been pleasantly surprised about how diverse the food in Pittsburgh has been, because she's had Indian and Mexican food as well as American foods such as crab cakes and gumbo.



Left to right: Shawn Wright, Pelin Girgin, Tammy Holt and Hal English welcoming

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HHS Class of 2020 graduates Rose Brienza and Sarah Watson spent a recent Saturday in Dublin, Ireland, performing with the University of Notre Dame's marching band to kick off the college football season. Proud ambassadors for the Hampton music program, both young ladies credit the program with giving them the confidence to audition for the UND band, a decision that has positively shaped their college careers.



American Legion Post 296

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www.hampton-pa.org/HamptonGulfWarVeteran.

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We anticipate accepting names until November 11, 2023 so that the preparation and presentation of names can occur on Memorial Day 2024.

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Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table

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Current Events

Pints in the Park

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 29th from 5-9 pm in the community center parking lot!

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The Hampton Community Library had a tent set up with fun activities for the little ones!



Long time Hampton residents Robin and David McCarthy invited their family from Ohio to attend the Pints In The Park in August!



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Chief Michael Piovesan's Monthly Report for July 2023

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Elevator Rescue	1
Natural Gas Leak	1
Residential Fire Alarm	12
Residential Structure Fire	4
Terrain Rescue	1
Transformer Fire/Wires Down	9
Vehicle Accident No Entrapment	8
Vehicle Accident with Entrapment	1
Water Condition 2	
Total Incidents for the Month	50
Total Incidents for 2023	278

Noteworthy incidents and events:

•NHVFD responded to Chase Drive for a reported residential structure fire. Crews arrived to find a residence with an attached garage on fire. Crews were able to quickly deploy a 2.5" line from 165 Engine to quickly knock down the bulk of the fire and were able to bring the fire under control within an hour. Crews remained on scene for several hours performing overhaul and assisting the Fire Marshall.

•NHVFD responded to Meridian Road in Richland township for a reported commercial structure fire. The aerial ladder from NHVFD Quint was used to gain access to the roof and identify a malfunctioning rooftop HVAC unit as the source of the smoke.

•NHVFD responded to Rosanna Drive for a reported commercial structure fire. Additional reports from building security indicated smoke from the basement of building B. First arriving crews were able to isolate the issue to a malfunc-

tioning generator and secured power and fuel to the unit. Crews remained on scene for an extended period to assist with ventilation of the structure.

New Membership:

We can always use new members who are interested in firefighting, 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.

People Helping People

Zak Boyle accepted a donation on behalf of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$400!

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Rep. Arvind Venkat

30th District
Allegheny County

Updates for Hampton Township Residents

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

With the enactment of the state’s budget, we increased funding to public schools by \$717 million, including a \$7.7 million increase without any rise in property taxes. Through this investment, the state may begin to meet its obligations to fairly fund public schools.

However, we continue to negotiate funding for our state-related universities. As this funding

requires two-thirds of members to vote in favor, we must work together in a bipartisan fashion to fund Pitt, Penn State, and the other state-related universities so students may pursue higher education at an affordable rate. I will continue to work with my colleagues to support the students and faculty at these prestigious institutions.

The Medical Debt Relief Act, which I sponsored, would establish the Medical Debt Relief Program within the Department of Health to discharge medical debt of eligible residents. Through this bill, we can help hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians receive relief. As an emergency physician, I’ve witnessed patients delay medical care due to the rising cost of health care, to the point of dying as a result. This bill will help Pennsylvanians receive the health care they need. As we prepare to return to Harrisburg in late September, I will continue to work to include the Medical Debt Relief Act in our upcoming Fiscal Code bill, which is needed to complete the budgetary process for 2023-24.

Here in the North Hills, I hope I’ll see you at my upcoming shredding event with Sen. Lindsey Williams on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m.-12 p.m. near the Oregon Shelter in North Park.



State Representative Rob Mercuri

28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania



One of my greatest privileges as a state representative is to be of assistance to the people I serve. My office will be hosting two community-based events in September which I hope you will attend.

Community Breakfast - On Thursday, Sept. 14, from 7:30-9 a.m. I will host a Chick-fil-A breakfast and community conversation with Gregg Behr, director of the Grable Foundation. The topic of discussion will be the Next Generation at the Pine Community Center.

Behr is the founder and co-chair of Remake Learning. He manages a grantmaking portfolio advancing high-quality early childhood education, improved teaching and learning in public schools, and robust out-of-school-time support.

Decades of research have proven that quality early learning and care programs are a smart investment. A strong foundation helps children develop the skills they need to become well-functioning adults.

Community Health Fair - In addition, I will be hosting my annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon at the AHN Wexford Health and Wellness Pavilion. This event is a great opportunity for residents to

access valuable information about safety tips, health care and nutrition. There will be a number of health screenings and vaccinations, including a free flu shot available by appointment. You can call my office to get yourself scheduled ahead of the event (see below for details).

Health fairs not only provide general information about good health and preventative medicine, but they also offer screenings and assessments – blood pressure or cardiovascular health – that can detect a problem and get people on a track to a healthier life.

Make sure you stay in touch with my office if you would like to attend or need any assistance at all.

Please visit my website at www.RepRobMercuri.com or call my office in Wexford at 412-369-2230, or in Gibsonia at 724-939-6265 to register for these events.

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1200 Pearce Mill Rd.

Senior Fair:

October 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ross Community Center
1000 Ross Municipal Drive

See all upcoming events at www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/Events

Food bank

(Continued from page 1)

you! The history of giving at Allison Park Church goes beyond the food bank. The food bank is an outgrowth of the love, devotion, care and compassion of this church," Mercuri said. Growing up, his family experienced food insecurity and were recipients of the food bank. "It is special for me to be back here to recognize you all," he offered.

Dr. Venkat added, "I'm an emergency room physician by background and one of the reasons I decided to run for office is recognizing the health of a community goes beyond the four walls of a hospital. What you are doing is extraordinarily important," he said.

A network location of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, the NOH food bank serves hundreds of families two times per month. For the director, Connie Lee, it is all about faith. "We are the hands and feet of Jesus. It is our call to care for marginalized people. We believe that by lifting those in need, we lift the whole community."

One in five Pittsburgh residents faces food insecurity. Inflation and the rising cost of food has exacerbated the hardship for many area families.

Despite the celebratory milestone for the food bank, there are significant challenges, as many shelves are bare. The need is greater than ever, but donations have declined.

Dave Tomsco has volunteered for fourteen years. "Anything I can do to help these people, I'm good with it!" He went on to say that the food bank is experiencing a critical need. "We have bare shelves at times here. We need variety in our donations. We

don't want to hand out the same things week after week."


Harry Marcellus, who orders food for distributions, added, "The need is great."

If you would like to help, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices - The Preferred Realty in Hampton Township is hosting a food drive the entire month of September. The most needed items are: turkey gravy, broth, 4-packs of toilet paper, 32 oz or 64 oz juice, canned pasta, canned soup, pancake syrup and mix, dish liquid, laundry detergent, hand soap, bar soap and shampoo. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby located at 4200 Route 8 at the corner of William Flinn Highway and Harts Run Road. Contact Julie Mikus jmikus@tprsold.com with any questions. To learn more about the food bank, visit

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Upcoming Events

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Dress up in your most creative costume to join us for a night of music, dancing, and Halloween-themed activities.

Don't miss out on the chance to win prizes for the best costume and participate in our Halloween costume parade. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Please make sure to share this event with local family and friends. We hope to see you there!

Sponsorship is welcome and appreciated by emailing henglish@nb.net.

REGISTER NOW for HAAE 5K

(Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence)

The 31st Annual HAAE 5K/1.5mile is set for October 7th at Hampton Community Center! Registration begins at 7a.m., and the race begins at 9 a.m. Go to <http://www.hamptonalliance.org/> to register.

Since 1992, HAAE has funded hundreds of new, exciting, and innovative programs in the Hampton Township School District that touch every HTSD student, and the funds raised from THIS annual 5K make it happen!

Custom awards will be given to the top male/female runners in each age category: 10 & Under, 12-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. And, of course, we always want to know who will win the Alliance Cup!

Free on-site parking is available at Hampton Community Park. Volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic.



HAAE Racer with the Talbot

Save the Date: October 7th from 11 am to 4 pm, Rain or Shine

Join us for an unforgettable day as we transport you back to the 18th century at the annual Hydref Market Faire!

Explore the historic village and meet skilled craftspeople, re-enactors, and 18th-century "sutlers" offering authentic goods. Enjoy live period music, mouthwatering food, and delightful activities for the children.

Savor traditional soup and ham sandwiches at Deacon's Tavern while local musicians serenade you with live period music throughout the day!

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