Therapy Pup Warms up Hampton Fields

Riley, a Great Pyrenees/Golden Retriever mix from Animal Friends visited Hampton Fields retirement home in late January.

Arch Receives Coveted Eagle Scout Rank

A special Court of Honor award ceremony was held on December 15th, 2015 by Boy Scout Troop 195 of St. Catherine’s of Sweden Church to recognize Gordon Anthony Arch for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Gordon is a senior at Hampton High School.

Gordon constructed 45 cat boxes for Animal Friends for his community service project which involved 294 hours of labor. Animal Friends will use these boxes in each cat cage for their comfy zone/hideaway and the cats will

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Scouts Show off their Car Building Skills at Annual Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouts. Pinewood derby cars are small wooden models that cub scouts make with the help from their families. Then they race the cars in competition. The cars are powered by gravity and run down a track. The race was originally scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd, 2016 but due to the snow storm, it was rescheduled at St. Catherine’s of Sweden.

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Pinewood Derby
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Church on Sunday, January 24th. Each scout designed and built his own "grand prix" car to enter in the race. There were prizes awarded for not only the fastest of the cars, but several different categories such as the scariest, best Pittsburgh themed and best decorated truck just to name a few. The next step for these boys is to advance to the finals in early March at the Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills.

Pictured are five of the winners from the event. Andrew Mitterer, Wolf Den 2; Joey Nelson, Weblos Den 8; Alex Fulmer, Tiger Den 4; Connor Sutterlin, Tiger Den 4; and Matthew Zegar, Webelos Den 8.

Long Time Hampton Resident Hal English Announces He is Running for Re-Election as Your State Representative

Did you know Hal's community involvement...
- Treasurer of Hampton Community Association (that raised money for the new playground equipment and helped fund the Hampton Veterans Memorial)
- Past President of Hampton Rotary
- 2009 Northern Allegheny Chamber of Commerce Business Man of the Year
- Past Board Member HAEE (Hampton Alliance for Education Excellence) funding teacher ideas
- Hampton Citizen of the Year 2007 – Pine Creek Journal
- 15 Year Hampton Homeowner
- Coordinates the American Legion Memorial Day Service
- Served in the Marine Corps Reserve for 30 years
- Picks up litter on Route 8
- Has represented Hampton in a Bi-Partisan manner by:
  - being fiscally conservative and an independent voice
  - consistently supporting funding for schools to provide quality education
  - fighting for small businesses that provide family sustaining jobs
  - helping to improve public safety by improving major intersections
  - holding over 50 “Speak with Hal” sessions to hear constituent concerns

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Paid for by Friends of Hal English
Sidhu Edges out Strong Competitors in Middle School Geography Bee

by Deb Brady

Do you know the term for a part of an ocean or sea that cuts far into the bordering landmass and may contain one or more bays? Or which Canadian province provides half of that country’s manufactured goods? Sammy Sidhu, a 6th grader at Hampton Middle School, probably does! Sammy, the son of Harbaksh and Sharon Sidhu, recently emerged as the school’s 2016 Geography Bee winner. Teacher Mark Weaver, who has run the HMS Bee for five years, says, “This was the most competitive final we’ve had in some time. Sammy performed extremely well! It’s rare for a sixth grader to win the school geography bee when they are competing with older students.

Each school that runs a bee has one winner, who then has the opportunity to take a qualifying test for the state geography bee. Pennsylvania’s bee takes place in April. State winners go on to compete in the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. The top three finishers receive college scholarships ranging from $10,000-$50,000. The National Geographic Society designed the contest to “inspire students to be curious about the world.”

Sammy fits that description and says, “I have always had an interest in travel, world culture, and geography.”

He prepared for the bee by using National Geographic’s Geo Bee Challenge app and studying maps. Sammy feels proud to have won the HMS bee and is both excited and nervous for the next rounds. He looks forward to the challenge!

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A, B, C...and E...the truth will surprise you

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Here’s the first rule you should know. Nothing ‘works” in isolation. Human nutrition isn’t an alphabet soup made up of capsules and tablets. It is the art and science of providing your body the nutrients it needs to optimize metabolism and build healthy cells. What may surprise you is, the most recent nutritional science shows virtue, not in the “best sellers,” but in complementary compounds that team up to cleanse, detoxify, and rebuild at the cellular level.

Rather than attempting to “build food” by filling your cart with little bottles measuring ingredients in milligrams, connect with an expert who can help you understand how to align what you eat with your health and wellness goals. Whether you seek to maintain good health, or restore the health that was once your greatest asset, nutrition is a vital piece of the puzzle.

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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.


**Theft from Vehicle**

- On December 22, 2015 at 7:43 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Sample Court for a theft report. The reporting party stated that during the night, someone stole an item from their unlocked vehicle.
- On December 22, 2015 at 8:14 a.m. Hampton Township officers responded to Laurel Oak Drive for a theft report. The reporting party stated that sometime overnight someone had entered their unlocked vehicle and stole multiple items.
- On December 22, 2015 at 8:28 a.m. Hampton officers responded to Winchester Drive for a theft report. The reporting party stated that sometime overnight someone entered their unlocked vehicle and stole multiple items.
- On December 22, 2015 at 12:40 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Carriage House Drive for a theft report. The reporting party stated that sometime overnight someone entered their unlocked vehicle and stole multiple items.

**DUI Arrest**

- On December 24, 2015 at 12:54 a.m., a Hampton Township officer performed a welfare check on the operator of a vehicle in a business parking lot. The operator showed signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI.
- On December 24, 2015 at 2:13 a.m., a vehicle stop was initiated on Route 8 by a Hampton Township officer due to multiple observed traffic violations. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI.
- On January 8, 2016, at 1:30 a.m., a vehicle stop was initiated on Route 8, by a Hampton Township police officer due to multiple observed traffic violations. The driver showed signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI.

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On December 26, 2015 at 8:41 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Hardt Road at Banks School Road, for a single vehicle accident. The vehicle sustained disabling damage due to striking a tree. The driver showed signs of impairment and was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI.

Vehicle Accident

On December 19, 2015 at 10:05 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8 for a two vehicle accident caused by an unsecured load. One vehicle sustained moderate damage. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On December 20, 2015 at 6:46 p.m., a Hampton Township officer located a two vehicle collision on Route 8 while on routine patrol. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On December 20, 2015 at 12:31 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Wildwood Road for a single vehicle rollover accident. The driver was extricated from the vehicle and was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

On December 22, 2015 at 2:36 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8 for a two vehicle accident. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene, and one operator was transported to the hospital.

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# of Sales 2015 2014
Jan 10 12
Feb 8 9
Mar 22 13
April 17 9
May 26 22
June 18 22
July 26 20
August 28 20
Sept 21 15
Oct 21 22
Nov 14 12
Dec 17 15
Total 215 191

On December 22, 2015 at 5:21 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Richland Road for a single vehicle accident. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

On December 23, 2015 at 1:28 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8 for a two-vehicle accident. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

On December 27, 2015 at 7:19 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at Clearview Road, for a three-vehicle accident. All vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On December 28, 2015 at 5:40 p.m., a Hampton Township officer came across a two-vehicle accident, on Ash Drive, during routine patrol. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

On December 29, 2015 at 11:52 a.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, near Anderson Drive, for a two-vehicle accident. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

On December 31, 2015 at 2:32 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at McNeal Road, for a two-vehicle accident. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On January 3, 2016 at 2:36 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8, at McCully Road, for a two-vehicle accident. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene.
Join us for a new special kind of family evening storytime which will build on the 7 Principles of Early Literacy. Stories, music and activities will fill your little one’s evening in this fun interactive storytime! Everyone is invited. Storytime will target 3-5 years old. **Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 p.m. Now through March 15**. Registration is appreciated!

**Miss Mousie’s Babies & Books!**
**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.**  Now through March 16**
Caregivers who are looking to make new friends, get out of the house and build a foundation in literacy with their babies, this is for you! Stories, songs and interactive play will fill this time together! Make new friends for both you and your baby! Ages newborn thru 3 years old. **Registration is appreciated!**

**Pint Sized Piccassos- A morning session has been added!**
**Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m. and Thurs. 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**  Now through March 17**
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 clothes they may get “messy!” **Registration a must!**
Please note, that due to the unique nature of this program, your child must be registered to participate in the “art part.”

**Fluffy’s Famous Friends and Family Storytime!**
**Thurs., 1:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.**  Now through March 17**
Meet Fluffy and some of his famous neighborhood pals each week!  Friends include such personalities as Peppa Pig, Daniel the Tiger, Curious George, Pete the Cat, Froggy and so many more.  Each week a new friend will be introduced through stories, songs and activities.  Everyone is invited, but storytime will be geared towards 3 -5 year olds. Registration is appreciated!

**Color Me Calm: A Coloring Program for Adults!**
**Fridays, Now through Feb. 26**. 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Stressed? Looking for a fun, easy way to beat the winter blues after the holiday craziness? Join us for Adult Coloring! The latest craze is artistic coloring for adults! Adult coloring books have more intricate designs and patterns than those designed for children. Did you know? The meditative process in coloring has proven to calm the mind, lessen anxiety and bring a sense of peace. Try it out for yourself! Coloring pages and pencils will be provided.

**News and Views-TGIF!**
**Fridays, starting February 5th, 1:00 p.m.**
No winter doldrums here at the library! Join local author and journalist Gerry K. Smith for a lively exchange of news and opinions! “It’s a potpourri from local to international happenings,” said Smith, “with interesting people who like to stay informed.” Stay informed – join the conversation – all are welcomed! **Registration is appreciated, walk-ins welcomed!**

**Wellness Fair!**
**Tuesday, February 9**. **9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**
Keep those New Year’s Resolutions! Free readings will be available for Blood Pressure, Weight, and Postural Evaluations. After your work out stop for a free chair massage or learn more about reflexology. Find out how essential oils can work for you and that fermented foods will help with that bloated belly! This event will be held in the main lobby of the Community Center. Sponsors include: WellCare Medical Associates, Massage Envy, Hampton Holistic, DoTerra Oils and Prescription Foods.

**Essential Oils: Lavendar**
**Tuesday, February 16th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
You asked for a more focused series on the oils and we listened. Join us for an evening with Lavendar. Learn the potential uses for lavendar, why it’s soothing and calming to the senses, how to use it with other oils and its own. Learn how to do an aromatherapy hand massage and more! Please note there will be a $5.00 donation to cover the cost of materials. **Registration is appreciated!**

**Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Club!**
**Wednesday, February 17th, 6:30 p.m.**
Join us as we discuss The Innocent, by David Baldacci. Books available at the library. Make new friends, discover new authors, and get a clue! (Continued on page 8)
Betty’s Book Buzz: Thursday, February 18th, 1:00 p.m.
Join Betty as she gives her opinions, (both good and bad) about The Japanese Lover, by Isabel Allende.
Copies of the book will be available at the library. Make new friends, meet new books!

Celebrate Chinese New Year - The Year of the Monkey!
Saturday, February 20th 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Join Hampton teacher, June Gee and students to learn about this fascinating and colorful culture. Bring the family anytime between 11a.m. and 2p.m. and learn about colors and their meaning, fold paper into a penguin, parrot or a shirt! Make a Peking Opera Mask, learn an eye relaxation technique; practice writing your name in Chinese calligraphy, or find out if you were born in the year of the Monkey!

Cooks-N-Books Thursday, February 25th, South Central (Louisiana, Mississippi) 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Cooks-n-Books is a cookbook and food discussion group for people who love to cook and make new friends! No real experience or culinary expertise is needed- just a desire to share recipes and food! We meet in Great Room A in the Hampton Community Center. Here’s what to do:
1) Check out a cookbook or magazines from the library that has a recipe that fits the region.
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.

Hampton Community Library will be sponsoring a Chess Tournament to be held on Sunday, March 6th. Registration begins February 1st. Space is limited. Ages 6 through 12. Please register in person since application requires signature.
Hampton Junior Wrestling
by Gail Scott

The Hampton Junior Wrestling Team competed in a Dual Tournament at the North Allegheny Intermediate School in January. The junior wrestlers, in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade, competed in 14 weight classes ranging from 40 lbs - 135 lbs. Coaches Mike Thompson and Brian Pogel decided to combine their team with a North Hills team coached by Mack Rohaly, Malcolm Milligan, and Joe Brimmeier. The new team was known as Hampton Hills.

A wrestle-off at Hampton Middle School was held, and over 50 wrestlers from Hampton and North Hills showed up to compete for the roster. The wrestlers pictured made the team and competed against 4 other dual teams from North Allegheny Black, North Allegheny Gold, Penn Hills, and Forest Hills. The Hampton Hills wrestlers went 2-2 for the day.

Back: Ivan Suto, Evan Letky, Keaton Teller, Cooper Thompson, Jon Maguire, Roman Thompson, Kaden Hoolahan, Jayden Resch, Logan Schwartz, Zach Carr, and Andrew Szymczak
Front: Kieran Bullington, Nathan Johnson, Cenzo Perrelli, Caleb Rihn, Joe Brimmeier, Nicholas Gorman, Logan Milligan, Dustin Kerr, Devin Rakar, and Jacob Annapolen.
Good Showing for Middle School Wrestlers

by Gail Scott

The Hampton Middle School Wrestling Team, made of boys in grades 7th, 8th, and 9th, has been keeping busy this season. This season, the team is 7-4 and is led by 8th grader Tyler Kocak who so far has had an undefeated season.

The team is being coached by new head coach Chris Hart and assistant coach Chris Ruggeri. The team recently wrestled in the Butler Junior High Duals and finished in third place, despite having forfeits at 3 weights. The team then par-

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No Names Win PA West Division 4 Title

by Gail Scott

The Hampton NoNames soccer team won an exciting battle edging out North Allegheny to win the PA West Division 4 Title in the U-12 Fall Season. This is the team’s second first place finish in three seasons.

This was a very challenging and exciting season for the boys. After losing their third game to Fox Chapel, the Hampton team proceeded to win all their remaining games, finishing with a 7 win and 1 loss season. The Hampton team won a double header against Penn Trafford and Morgantown on the last week of the season to beat out North Allegheny for the top spot.

The team is primarily made up of sixth grade boys who have come together in the last two years to play in the top division in PA West. The team coaches are John Galioto and Paul Beranek. According to coach Beranek; “the boys are a great bunch of kids with a great passion for the game and they have worked very hard to be competitive with much larger communities like Peters, Mount Lebanon, Fox Chapel and North Allegheny.” Team players are: Derek Tronetti, Holden Pritts, Linden Gaskill, Thomas Bradfield, Frank Galioto, Dylan Beranek, Luke Staggers, Zack Panza, Gabe Viszlay, and Alan Wolfe.

The boys are playing indoor soccer until the spring session begins. Many of the NoName team boys look forward to trying out with the Hampton Middle School team in the fall.

Youth Lacrosse Begin Workouts

by Gail Scott

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in America and it is a very popular sport in Hampton. HYLAX, Hampton youth lacrosse, is holding winter practices in anticipation of the start of the season beginning in April. There are two HYLAX organizations; one for boys and one for girls.

The boys’ youth lacrosse program is for boys from 6-14 years of age. They typically have 4 to 5 teams and a total of around 100 players. Last year, they played teams from Mars, Pine-Richland, North Allegheny and Seneca Valley. With the explosion of the sport, this year they are also playing new youth programs from Moon, Chartiers Valley, and Norwin. The boys play between 12 to 15 games a year depending on the age level. They have four coaches for the different age groups. The coaches are: U15 Chris Dymski, U13 Mark Saltrelli, U11 Todd Salvia, and U9 Joe Suyama. They are currently having winter practices but will continue to enroll new players until the official start of the season in April. They also have “learn to play” sessions for new players to introduce them to lacrosse. For more information or to register, please go to the website http://hylax.usl.la.

Girls’ youth lacrosse starts in 4th grade and continues through 8th grade for HYLAX. A team for U13 consists of grades 4, 5, and 6. Girls in 7th and 8th grade play on a U15 team. They are coached this year by Melissa Reed and Carolyn Molingowski. They typically play teams from the surrounding area school districts. The girls are currently doing winter training indoors but will be practicing outdoors in March.

The sport is as exciting to watch as it is to play. Both organizations play home games at Fridley Field. Be sure to catch a game when this exciting sport starts in April.

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also use them to climb on and play. He used four wooden pieces that were cut according to dimensions and assembled together with a curve on the back panel. A lot of work went into constructing the boxes including sanding, painting, and inspecting them before delivery.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can receive, with only about five percent of scouts achieving the honor. When asked about his experience with the Boy Scouts of America, Gordon said, “Being in scouts has shown me how to be a better leader in and outside of scouts. It has taught me to be a better person. I learned many skills and valuable lessons through my years in scouts that I will be able to use in my everyday life.” Arch has also participated in many Boy Scout summer camps and camp outs, hikes, and troop community services. He has received special awards, such as Arrow of Light, Polar Bear, Pipestone-7, Rangers, and 23 Merit Badges.

Guest speakers at the ceremony included The American Legion, the US SubmarineVets, US Marine Corps, Scout Executive/CEO Laurel Highlands Council, representatives from the state government, and the high school soccer coach. Each of these speakers recognized the Eagle Scout achievement with certificates or medals.
On January 4, 2016, at 2:27 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to West Hardy’s Road, at Route 8, for a two vehicle accident. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On January 6, 2016, at 3:16 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Mount Royal Blvd. at Maple Lane, for a two vehicle accident. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

On January 13, 2016 at 2:50 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Wildwood Road for a two vehicle accident. Both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

On January 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., Hampton Township officers responded to Route 8 at Clearview Road, for a two vehicle accident. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

On January 12, 2016, at 7:00 a.m., Hampton Township police were dispatched to Route 8, at McCully Road, for a single vehicle rollover accident. The driver was not injured, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Kateryna Bittner signed a letter of intent to attend Mt. Aloysius College in Cresson, PA. Bittner will be part of the softball team for the Mounties. When not training and playing softball, she will study criminology.

Kateryna is the daughter of Mark and Kim Bittner of Hampton.
Great Turnout for Annual Cheer Clinic

The HHS cheerleaders held a fund raiser in January. It was a great opportunity for K-5 students to cheer on the high school varsity basketball team. The mini cheerleaders learned the cheers and chants from the high school cheerleaders and practiced several hours prior to the game. They received a t-shirt, hair bow, tattoo and a treat bag. Unfortunately, Knoch beat Hampton 67 - 61.
Talbotts Boys Basketball

The eighth grade boys basketball middle school team coached by Nick Panza, continues its winning ways with a victory over Mars 36—27 on January 28th. Leading the way for the Talbots were Ian DeGregorio and Colby Mignogna. The boys only have one loss (as of 1-30-2016) against Fox Chapel. They will challenge Fox Chapel at home again on February 11th which is their last game of the regular season schedule.

Middle School Wrestling

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Heighth grade boys wrestling participated in the South Side High School Wrestling Tournament and placed 9th out of 35 teams. Tyler Kocak took first place in his bracket. Dawson Dietz, Justin Hart and Zack Wright each placed third in their brackets and Luke Mattson placed fourth. The whole team wrestled well to secure the 9th place finish. Dawson Dietz says, "Our team has been working pretty hard this year. Coaches Hart and Ruggeri push us at practice and it's paying off. We have a good group of wrestlers and we look forward to the future."

The wrestling season runs from November through the end of March. A few of the boys wrestle throughout the year in National Tournaments, and many of them participate in more than one sport. Most of the boys started wrestling in the Hampton Junior Wrestling Association and/or other youth wrestling clubs outside of the Hampton program.

The seventh grade boys, coached by Joe Cangilla were off to a strong start of the season, but fell short in the new year. They suffered a tough loss versus Mars 44-34. Alex Griggs and Ethan Apaliski lead the Talbots in that game. The competition is tough so come out and cheer the team on for the remaining games in February against Butler, Carson Middle, Seneca, Deer Lakes, North Hills and Fox Chapel.
Unselfish Young Ladies

Six young women from Hampton were recognized late last year at the 52nd annual Medallion Ball for their more than 1,000 combined hours of community service. The event, which is organized by St. Lucy’s Auxiliary to the Blind, raises funds for the visually impaired. Honorees must complete at least 150 hours of volunteer service with a national or international charitable organization of their choosing between the June before beginning high school and May of their junior year to qualify.

The local students recognized, and the charities with which they worked, are:

- Bridget Ebbert
  UPMC St. Margaret’s Hospital

- Sara False
  St. Catherine’s of Sweden Parish

- Riley Restori
  Hearth Home

- Molly Staszak
  Laura Lynn School of Dance

- Elizabeth Watson
  St. Mary’s of Assumption

- Reagan Whelan
  Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh UPMC

Sisters of Divine Providence Mother House, Allison Park
Adopt-a-Hydrant

The Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department is asking residents of the Township of Hampton to become a participant in our Adopt-A-Hydrant Program. By adopting a fire hydrant close to your home or business and keeping it free of snow and ice during the winter months you are helping to maintain a safer community. In the event of a fire, it is imperative that the fire department gain access to a water supply via a hydrant as quickly as possible so that fire can be extinguished and to prevent loss of property and/or life. You can help the Hampton Township Fire Department in this quest by adopting a fire hydrant and making sure that it is easily accessible during the winter months.

If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it is difficult to find and valuable time must be spent digging it out. It may take 4 to 6 or more minutes to dig out a fire hydrant buried by snow. These extra minutes could truly make a difference between life and death, especially in today's houses where synthetic plastic materials and furniture are causing fires to burn faster and hotter than in the past. We are asking that you shovel the area around your fire hydrant after each snowfall. Clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant as well as a clear path from the street or roadway so that the hydrant is visible and accessible. Please consider clearing snow from a fire hydrant for your neighbors who may have medical conditions, disabilities, or those who are elderly who may be unable to do so themselves. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood. Your participation in the Adopt-A-Hydrant Program saves time in the fire department incident response.

Westminster College Celebrates Fall Dean’s List Recipients

More than 300 Westminster College students earned Dean’s List recognition for the 2015 fall semester. The Dean’s List recognizes students who attain a grade point average of at least 3.6 out of a possible 4.0.

Anna Lish, a first year biology major, is a daughter of Henry and Lisa Lish and a graduate of Hampton High School.

Alexis Rhoades, a junior biology major, is a daughter of Randy and Karla Rhoades and a graduate of Hampton High School. (photo not available)

The New "Hampton's Hot Spot"

Community Center members... stop by the Center's Gathering Area on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 10 am, (through the winter months) to enjoy complimentary hot beverages and pastries with your neighbors and friends.
Hampton Township VFD #1 works closely with North Hampton VFD. Hampton Township VFD #1’s call volume for December 2015:

- Dwelling Fire: 2
- Automatic Fire Alarm: 9
- Vehicle Accidents: 4
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms: 5
- Fire Police Details: 3
- Water Condition: 1
- Gas Leaks: 1
- Wires down: 1

Recruitment

Hampton VFD #1 is currently looking for new applicants to help fill our ranks. There are many perks to becoming a volunteer with Hampton VFD #1, such as cash incentives for completing entry level firefighting classes, and compensation for work hours missed to attend these classes. Are you able to give back to your fellow citizens of Hampton Township? If so and interested or want more information, please call Chief Dan Kuny (412) 487-1114 (ext. 1), President Julie Kenst (412) 487-1114 (ext. 2) or just stop into our fire station located on Duncan Ave on any Wednesday night before 7:00 pm, meet the members and pick up an application. Looking forward to meeting YOU!

Pot O’ Gold Dinner & Raffle

The Pot O’ Gold Annual Dinner & Auction is the single largest fund raising event of the year for St. Ursula School. Donations made by the generous merchants, corporations and individuals of the community, enable a live auction, a silent auction and a super basket auction. Those in attendance enjoy a wonderful evening of food, drink and fun, which in turn supports a great school! Tickets available at St. Ursula School 412-486-5511. March 5th at 5:30 p.m. at La Roche College.

Annual Hampton Township VFD #1 Fish Fry

We are coming up on that time of year again, and the Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department #1 is holding its Annual Lent Fish Fries. The first Fish Fry will be on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm followed by Fish Fries every Friday till March 25th. The Hampton Township Volunteer Fire Department #1 is looking forward to seeing you enjoying yourself there!

Spring Craft Sale

St. Richard Church, 3841 Dickey Road in Gibsonia is holding a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. The Fair will feature more than 40 booths of crafts, gifts and novelty items from local vendors. Bring the whole family. Kids can participate in art and decorating activities. Bake sale and concessions items will be available. For more information, contact Taylor Foley, 724-444-1971.
Tax Preparation Assistance Available

With the tax season upon us, State Rep. Hal English is partnering with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers to offer free, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers in his district. AARP certified tax preparers will be available at his district office by appointment only from Tuesday, Feb 9, 2016 through Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Scheduling preference will be given to those 60 years of age and older. Space is limited and appointments must be scheduled in advance. Call the office at 412-487-6605 to find out if you are eligible.

The office is located at 4290 William Flinn Hwy, Suite 200, in Allison Park. It is accessible by elevator.

Speak With State Representative Hal English

Residents in the 30th Legislative District will have the opportunity for a one-on-one meeting with Representative English. If you would like to share your concerns or ideas with Rep. English, he will be available at the Cooper-Siegel Community Library, 403 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh on Thursday, February 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hampton Township Community Center, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, on Friday, February, 5th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. Northern Tier Regional Library, 4015 Dickey Road, Gibsonia, on Thursday, February 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Shaler North Hills Library, 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA, on Friday, February 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Hampton to Host PMEA Band Fest

The Hampton Township School District is hosting the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Band Fest on March 4th and 5th. The festival will include over 150 fifth- and sixth-grade band students from 60 elementary and middle schools in Western Allegheny County. The students will form an honors band and rehearse together for two days in Hampton. The band will present a concert to the public at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5th.

Tickets are $5 per person and may be purchased at the door.

Flea Market/Craft/Vendor Fair

Come shop and dine at the Hampton Bands annual Flea Market, Craft/Vendor Fair, and Band Dad’s Café. Saturday, March 12th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hampton High School. To reserve a vendor table contact Ellen Bollinger at ebolling@consolidated.net.

Mini-THON

Hampton High School will join hundreds of schools and the Four Diamonds movement by hosting Mini-THON 2016 from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1st at the High School. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Four Diamonds, a nonprofit organization dedicated to conquering childhood cancer by assisting children who are treated at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. For more information about the event, including donation information, visit www.ht-sd.org or email Kevin Green: green@ht-sd.org.

Spring Musical—Spamalot

Hampton High School is proud to announce its upcoming spring musical, “Monty Python’s Spamalot.” Show dates are April 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th, with each performance starting at 7:30 p.m. A 2005 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, “Spamalot” follows King Arthur as he travels around England to recruit his Knights of the Round Table.

Interested individuals also can follow the Road to Opening Night on Twitter at hshsmusical14, or visit the Hampton High School Performing Arts website at http://hhsmusical.wikispaces.com.

HTSD Launches The Talbot Times Blog

The Hampton Township School District announced the launching of its new blog, The Talbot Times. The blog is located on the school district website, www.ht-sd.org.

The blog will be used to share good news about the students, faculty and staff of the Hampton Township School District with the community. Members of the community are encouraged to visit and share our blog posts on social media to help spread the word about Hampton’s Tradition of Excellence. If you have good news you would like to submit to the blog for consideration, please send it to public relations consultant, Shari Berg at berg@ht-sd.org.
Snow and Ice Removal from Township Streets

The Township asks that you keep your vehicles parked off of the roadway in a garage or driveway. This will make it possible for the township personnel to more effectively plow and salt your road so that it can remain safe and passable. The township is keenly aware that this may present a hardship; that is why your assistance in this matter is most appreciated. Thank you.

Recycling Project

Are you signed up for the Recyclebank recycling rewards program?

With Recyclebank, you can earn points for bringing your Waste Management recycling to the curb, which can be used to shop their on-line catalog for rewards from retailers, major brands, restaurants, pharmacies, grocers, and more. For more information, you can visit their website at www.recyclebank.com.

Bridge (Continued from page 19)

Gibsonia Road Bridge is the final bridge to be replaced during a series of early-action projects needed to accommodate the total reconstruction of the turnpike from milepost 40 to 48. To date, five bridges (Middle Road, two Gibsonia Road bridges, Rich Hill Road and Saxonburg Boulevard) have been replaced and opened to traffic since work began in early 2013. Over the next three years, the mainline will continue to be reconstructed and widened between Butler Valley Interchange (Exit 39) and Allegheny Valley Interchange (Exit 48).

You can get turnpike traffic alerts by calling 866-976-TRIP (8747). The Pennsylvania Turnpike’s smartphone app, TRIP Talk, streams audio traffic advisories to iPhone and Droid users so they can keep their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.
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Aquinas Academy Robotics Club Sends Two Teams to the FLL Grand Championship

Aquinas Academy Robotics Club participated for the second time in the Western PA First Lego League Grand Championship at La Roche College in late January. Last year’s success has sparked greater participation from students; enabling the club to send two teams to the championship.

The two teams consisted of team captains Alex Garcia and Benjamin Stalder along with Andy D’Angelo, Benjamin Everson, Sam Everson, Enzo Flati, Diego Garcia, Theresa Gates, Grant Kaercher, Rosemary Kenney, Will Kunzman, Adam Ohayon, AJ Yellin, and Brad Yocca. This year’s competition required the teams to research a real-word problem related to trash and recycling. The students interviewed Ms. Mary Dill, Science Director, Mrs. Leslie Mitros, Head of Aquinas Academy and lunch room staff. In addition, they contacted outside resources to identify areas where the amount of trash created at Aquinas Academy could be reduced and composting and recycling programs could be implemented.

Aquinas Academy’s teams placed eleventh and thirty-ninth out of a field of seventy-three teams.

The Aquinas Robot Club coaches, Mr. Matt Stalder, Mr. Danny Garcia, Mr. Robert Gates and Miss Cathy Harshman, technology instructor at Aquinas Academy, are very proud of all the hard work and dedication the students displayed during this year’s preparation and competition.

Singing Valentine by Greater Harmony Chorus

Greater Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adelines Intl., will send a quartet or octet to sing to your sweetie for a special Valentine surprise. Singing Valentines will be done on Saturday, February 13th, and Sunday, February 14th, 2016. The ladies will go to the workplace, home, restaurant, etc., and for $50 will sing two songs, present a rose, a card, and a small box of chocolates.

For information www.greaterharmony.org or to schedule a Singing Valentine, call Connie 412-443-8831.

Help Wanted/Classified

Copywriter Needed. Work from home position for branding and content creation company based in Hampton. $20/hr. This position is on a project basis so hours will vary. Some light administrative work may be required. Must be detail oriented, reachable and able to adhere to fast deadlines. Interesting work for a wide range of clients across personal development, business and wellness communities. Knowledge of social media and Microsoft word and PowerPoint required, knowledge of Adobe/PDF formatting very helpful but not required. For more information or to apply please send an email to Gina Hussar at ghussar@live.com.

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