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28th Annual HAEE Raised \$30,000!



2020 HAEE Run/Walk was celebrated at individual neighborhoods - See page 11 to see what made the event successful!

Civil Air Patrol

by June Gravitte

The weather outlook was good for 4 Civil Air Patrol Cadets, all Hampton students, who recently participated in their orientation "O" flights at the Butler Airport. The winds were calm and Lieutenant David Harrison remarked, "I looked forward to each cadet getting in a good day of flying." The pilots for the day were 1st Lt Bill Esau and Captain Merrick Cohn. Jacob Larson commented, "My favorite part of my o-flight was a steep turn we did around the UPMC building, and I got a perfect landscape picture of
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Running for Our Troops

Operation Troop Appreciation is holding the 15th annual Veterans Day 5K in the Hampton Community Park on Sunday, November 8th. Proceeds of the race will be used to provide Holiday care packages to active duty troops.
Event organizers say the race offers many unusual amenities including apple pies for first place finishers in each of 13 age groups, unique door prizes, awards and medals for top finishers and patriotic displays along the course.
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Best Buddies Champion Nominee

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Luke Crist Among Semifinalists

by Gail Scott

Four students from Central Catholic High School were named semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, (NMSP). Liam Cringle, '21, Luke Crist, '21, Owen O'Malley, '21 and Liam Tinker, '21 are among approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the program.

Luke Crist is a Hampton resident and he qualified by taking the PSATs his junior year and scoring in the top 1% of people in the country. Luke said he was pleasantly surprised when he was notified in September that he was a semifinalist. In October, he submitted the essay portion of the application to the NMSP. The program provides college scholarships to the finalists. Luke will

find out if he is a National Merit finalist recipient in March 2021.

Luke is looking at several colleges and he is interested in biology, aerospace engineering, and possibly teaching. He is involved in Quiz Bowl, Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist, National Honor Society, and CYM Basketball for St. Catherines.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.



Left to Right: Liam Cringle, Luke Crist, Owen O'Malley, and Liam Tinker



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It is Thanksgiving and you are in charge of bringing the wine! What wine to bring? Spend an evening with John and Mary Eld to find out what to bring! Once you are registered, you will receive an email listing what two wines to purchase. Then gather some friends together and spend the evening tasting wines and learning why they pair so well with Thanksgiving dinner. Hampton Community Library and Shaler North Hills Library will be hosting this virtual event

to celebrate all the good things about Thanksgiving: friendships, football, books, good food and most off all good wine!
Registration Limited! Please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxtma8s7>
or call Shaler North Hills Library at 412-486-0211. Please note, this is an adult program 21+.

Ms. Annie and Miss Suzy have planned a few virtual programs that you can participate in through November. As always, please check the website if you are looking for further details.

Who's Next? Tuesday Mornings @ 9am now through November 16th.

We have invited a variety of guest bloggers from our community to feature on the Hampton Community Library blog. Therapy dogs Tucker & Henry, Spanish storyteller, Ms. Bea & local author, Melinda Suzensky are just some of the faces you can meet. Posted bi-weekly on Tuesday mornings starting September 8th through November. Want to be featured or know someone who would? Contact Ms. Annie at the library: 412-684-1098 or email hampton@einetnetwork.net.

On the Road: A Family Adventure. Wednesdays Mornings @ 8am now through November 18th.

We care about the important learning that happens through reading, writing, singing & playing. Tune in to a new adventure each week with Ms. Annie & get ready to go places, make things, think about stuff & share ideas. This will be posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. September through November.

ABC Storytime Thursdays @ 1pm now through Nov. 19th.

Join Miss Suzy for a crazy trip down alphabet lane. Each week will star a different letter of the alphabet with stories, songs & smiles! Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. September through November.

Listen Up! Friday Afternoons @ 1pm now through November 20th.

Somewhere between book club, podcast & digital workshop lives an opportunity for children & youth to get inspired by a story. Each
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Local Florist Shines for the Holidays

by Gail Scott

Pay a visit to **My Garden Floral** and your senses will be filled with the sights and smells of flowers and beautiful seasonal gifts. The shop on Harts Run Road is a full service florist and gift shop and is currently featuring holiday flower arrangements, winter holiday decorations, and presents for friends and loved ones. **My Garden Floral** offers daily floral delivery with fresh blooms arriving in their store each day.

Pamela Vrabel has owned **My Garden Floral** for over 20 years and her love of flowers and design is evident in everything she does. She graduated from DuPage Horticultural School in Chicago and also earned a degree from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in Interior Design. Pamela has been active in the industry for over 40 years. Every wedding and event is unique, which is why Pam goes to extremes to make your vision a reality.

The floral shop offers gifts for every occasion including parties, hostess gifts, birthdays, holidays, seasonal items, and special orders. Wreaths for every season are in abundance in the store while bird and rabbit figurines peek out from behind candles and flowers. Pam creates custom dried and silk flower arrangements as well as fresh flower designs and plants. Home consults are available when needed for party and wedding planning.

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Depreciation Lands Museum

The DLM Weathers a Tough Season

To borrow the title of a popular oldie tune, "Looks Like We Made It," the DLM survived a daunting, COVID pandemic, shortened season. Most events and classes were cancelled due to PA health policies and consideration for the well-being of our many visitors. However, with help of our dedicated and energetic volunteers, we were able to offer special "Sundry Sundays", following health guidelines. Starting on August 16, each weekend featured a unique colonial demonstration. Thankfully, we were blessed with many new enthusiastic volunteers this season. Don't be shy; if you are interested in volunteering, contact us.




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You are welcome to step back into 1792 and experience the sights, sounds, and aromas of early Hampton Township. Costumed 18th century interpreters bring to life our settlers' world in the village of Tally Cavey snuggled on the edge of Route 8, at 4743 S. Pioneer Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101, (Phone: 412-486-0563). In the 2021 season, plan an educational and fun trip to the Museum. We hope to see you!

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Library

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week, listen to the first chapter of a book guaranteed to light a fire in the brain. Explore discussion questions, a journal prompt & project extension, or just check out the entire story using your library card (eBook, print book & audiobooks available.) Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. September through November.

Good Night – Sleep Tight!

Sundays @ 7pm now through November 15th.

Sundays are a good time to relax and wind down from the weekend. Join Miss Suzy and Fluffy in your pjs and with your favorite bedtime friend for bedtime stories, songs and rhymes. Posted on the Hampton Community Library Facebook, Instagram & Blog pages on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. September through November.

Murder by the Book! A Mystery Book Discussion Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.

The Lucky One, by Lori Radar-Day.

The Mystery Book Group will be meeting **IN THE LIBRARY**. Masks and social distancing will be observed. 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 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Her Last Flight, by Beatrice Williams.

Betty's Book Group will be meeting **IN THE LIBRARY**, after the library closes. 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!

Curbside Park-n-Pick Up!

As the weather changes grows colder and sniffles and coughs become more prevalent, Hampton Community Library is pleased to offer Hampton Curbside to Go! A park and pick up of physical library books and materials. If you have items on the shelves or you know there's items you want to read, listen or watch but don't feel comfortable coming into places yet, no problem. Call us and let us know what you're looking for and when you're ready- park and pick them up in the vestibule! Please see the website for more detailed information.

Stop in during these times to say hello!

Monday, Friday and Saturday -----9:30 am -1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ----- 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.

The Hampton Community Library would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Holiday hours!

**Wednesday, November 25th library will close at 5:00 p.m.
The library will be closed November 26th thru November 29th.**



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By **JUNE GRAVITTE**, Your Local Real Estate Representative



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3121 Tall Oak Dr	\$556,000	3302 Windstream Dr	\$360,200	2341 W Hardies Rd	\$250,000
4049 Jupiter Dr	\$538,000	4855 Josephine Dr	\$335,000	2784 W Bardonner Rd	\$242,000
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4245 Old New England	\$445,000	2186 Battenkill Ln	\$327,486	2805 Drake Ct	\$220,000
2537 Middle Rd	\$440,000	3088 Camberly Dr	\$310,000	3056 Meadow Brook	\$195,550
4800 Middle Rd	\$415,000	5148 Meadowridge Ln	\$300,000	3306 Stag Dr	\$170,100
3342 Oaknoll Rd	\$411,000	3181 Beechwood	\$295,000	3174 Camberly Dr	\$170,000
2921 McNeal Rd	\$398,500	3121 Raintree	\$288,000	2700 Wildwood Rd	\$165,000
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Hampton Football Gets Back to Success

by Garrett Gess, HHS sophomore

This season saw a change to the Hampton Football program, and it was not just the 10-game schedule moving down to 7 in response to COVID-19. Hampton Football moved down from its prior 5A classification to 4A. This meant competing with different teams in addition to still playing area rivals such as Fox Chapel, Shaler, and Mars. Hampton did not play either Fox Chapel or Shaler in a game this year, but those matchups were originally scheduled before the shortened season was announced. This year, Hampton had a great season by going 5-2 and qualified for the Top 8 teams in all of 4A WPIAL Football. #8 Hampton matched up against #1 Aliquippa in the 4A WPIAL Playoffs. Hampton also won two shutouts this year; their most recent shutout before that was back in 2015. Hampton defeated Armstrong by a score of 17-0 in September and ended the season with a victory over Knoch 49-0.

To truly know the positive impact the 4A shift had and will have on Hampton Football, it's worth a look at the history. Through the majority of the 1980s and into the 1990s, Hampton Football was subpar at best. Discount two playoff seasons in 1988 & 1994 and Hampton would

be 37-81-3 (.318) from 1984 through 1997.

After Hampton brought in the young Greg Mihalik as head coach starting in 1998, the Talbots went off running. In 2001, the Talbots went a perfect 9-0 in the regular season, having their best season yet. The Talbots' only loss was in the playoffs to West Allegheny who later won the state title that year. In 2004, the Talbots went 8-3 and played a tough game against highly favored West Allegheny in the quarterfinals, losing by a score of 52-42; almost achieving revenge. In 2005, Hampton almost pulled off another undefeated regular season, their only loss that regular season came from Pine-Richland by a score of 43-42. After two down years in 2007 and 2008, Hampton still had some unfinished business before the 2000s would go out. That unfinished business was making it to the semifinals as Hampton was 0-8 in the quarterfinals.

In 2009, Hampton had a 5-4 regular season record and nothing special seemed on the horizon. Head coach Jacque DeMatteo didn't let Hampton's #14 seed stop the Talbots from upsetting #3 Chartiers Valley and then #6 Uniontown en route to the semifinals, losing to Hopewell by a score of 31-9. Hampton was one game shy of playing at Heinz Field for the WPIAL Title but still made up the Final 32 teams in the statewide bracket.

The Hampton Football Program looked like it was slowly declining through the early-2010s but the Talbots in 2014 proved otherwise. Hampton finished with a 9-2 record and almost got past the quarterfinals again, losing to Ringgold in a close game of 21-20. The next year in 2015, Hampton started off 5-0 but couldn't get hot late in the season, only finishing 7-4 and ending the season in a lopsided playoff loss to Central Valley. Getting far in the playoffs was always realistic for Hampton while in 3A. But when Hampton moved up to 5A after the PIAA restructured the classes for a 4A → 6A scale, those playoff realities for Hampton were starting to fade.

In 2016, Hampton would go 0-10 as a result of the switch. Hampton would have to face top football programs like Penn Hills, Woodland Hills, and North Hills on a regular basis. In a January TribLive report, Head Coach Jacque DeMatteo cited team sizes as a big drawback. "When you're facing a 70-to-80-man roster, and you have 35 to 45, that's not cutting it." Hampton went 6-34 in 5A from 2016 to 2019.

The move to 4A brought better success for Hampton moving forward. For 2020 and on, Hampton Football will face more similar-sized opponents, a change that may likely bring many more successes similar to 2014.

Lindgren Recognized for Rushing Feat

2019-2020 Hampton Talbot Senior #36, Luke Lindgren, received an incredibly special football from the Hampton Touchdown Club



commemorating his spectacular 1,000-yard rushing season. The football was painted by the person who paints the footballs for the Steelers. Lindgren remarked, "It was a great accomplishment that I couldn't have done without my teammates and my coaching staff." Lindgren is a freshman at Slippery Rock University, majoring in Safety Management, and is currently working diligently to walk on to the Slippery Rock football team.

Hampton Junior Football Finishes with Another Winning Season

by June Gravitte

The Hampton Junior Dawgs Football Team just finished the season and made the 1st round of the playoffs. They fiercely battled against Mars, the #1 seed, on Saturday October 17, but unfortunately lost in the first round of the playoffs. League president, Pete Halli, happily reports, "We've completed a full season of football and cheer with no COVID related issues with Hampton or any of the teams we played. A big thank you goes out to all the football players and cheerleaders for a great season!" HJFA is running another winter Hampton Flag Football season again that will start on December 5, 2020 at the indoor North Park Sports Complex. Registration is open now on their website <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/hamptonjrfootballpa>.

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Blessed Trinity Cross Country Takes Diocesan Championship

It was another exciting season for Blessed Trinity Academy's cross country team. Although COVID caused the season to start a little later than usual, the season was a massive success for all of their runners. On Saturday, October 24th the team ended their season by competing at the Diocesan Championships against 25 other Catholic schools from around the Pittsburgh area.

The Varsity Boys team had an unprecedented season going undefeated throughout the regular season. The Diocesan Championships posed some new competition as the team had not faced many of the powerhouse teams in the South during the regular season. However, the Bulldogs were victorious, winning handily over all of their competition. This was the team's third championship in four years. Also during the meet, 4th grader Kaylie Mitchell beat out the entire developmental girls field to win the school's first individual race!

The developmental girls finished their season by taking second place, losing by only 3 points to Seelos Academy's team. In addition, BTA's JV Girls took home the second place trophy and the JV boys brought home the 4th place win. After all of the challenges that COVID has placed on all athletics programs, the runners and coaches at BTA feel fortunate for the ability to compete throughout the fall.

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Varsity Cross Country Team



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A limerick by Sheila Hertzberg

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 You may think that we are frequently grumpy
 Because the morning oatmeal is quite lumpy
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 Who complains, but actually loves the soup.

You may think we're creepy and old
 But in actuality we're opinionated and bold.
 We hobble around or speed with our carts
 But don't underestimate us...we have the SMARTS!
 We wear our heart upon our sleeve
 And when we're sad we truly grieve.
 We appear kind of rough and tough
 But...we cry when we've had enough!
 This isolation has taken its toll
 But soon we'll be back "on-a-roll".
 This Covid-19 will try to beat us down
 Keep us unhappy and wearing a frown.
 But we are strong, tough, and stable
 We can do it, we're quite able.

If you cook our food and set our table
 We won't care what's on the label.
 We may not always show our gratitude
 But we're getting a better attitude
 When we smell our food in the kitchen cooking
 We're curious enough to keep on looking.
 So...what's for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?
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Service has become a tradition at Jewart's Gymnastics. For the last decade, they have been honoring the victims of September 11th by giving back to the community. But this year, just like everything else, Service Day had to be adapted and adjusted due to Covid-19.

"At first I didn't think we were going to be able to have our service day," said Lainy Carlaw, organizer of special events and coach at Jewart's Gymnastics. "We usually have over 100 kids volunteering their time at once but I didn't want to risk anyone's health by having a large gathering."

Instead, what Carlaw did was challenge each competitive team to come up with an idea and host a service project on

their own. "I wasn't sure they were going to do it," said Carlaw. "With everything that's going on, it would have been understandable."

But it seemed the Pittsburgh Northstars Gymnastics team was up for the challenge. The boy's team held a car wash and raised over \$1,000 for Children's Cancer Research in the name of WillPower. The levels 5 and 7 teams held bake sales to raise money for animal

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Charity

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groups like Animal Friends and Sierra Club. The level 4 team held a collection for the Mars Home for Youth, the level 10's made blankets for veterans, and the level 6's did a push-up challenge to help babies in the NICU. Hampton 8th grader, Clara Rousseau is part of the 8th grade team that spent their afternoon making candles to sell to help protect our oceans. "It was fun to work together," said Rousseau. And senior Hannah Schepner took part in a 412Food Rescue, helping deliver food to those in need.

"I am so proud of our team and so happy that our tradition of teaching kids about service lives on," said Carslaw. "We have given over \$60,000 since we started these service projects and we look forward to giving much more."



Jamie Gendler won 1st place in the pumpkin carving contest at the Hampton Community Center.

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Current Events

Running for the Troops

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The Hampton High School Band will be among the groups adding to the community involvement in the event. Scouts from Troop 195 will help with several race day tasks, and the Hampton Township Police Department and Fire Police and two local fire companies will be on hand.

Operation Troop Appreciation is an

all-volunteer organization which provides care packages to active duty troops around the world as well as customized service to returning veterans. Since its inception in 2004 the group has provided care packages to over 175,000 American Troops. Events such as the Veterans Day Race raise funds for their efforts.

Interested persons can contact the website to learn more, and to participate in the race/walk.

www.operationtroopappreciation.org.

Guardian of the Week

Corporal Trent M. Aguiar was recognized by his superiors on demonstrating the highest qualities of what is expected of a team leader. While posted as a team leader, he has maintained 100% accountability of all of his team's posted gear and has mentored and prepared his Marines for upcoming inspections. Corporal Aguiar is a dependable Marine that can be tasked out to complete complex tasks in a quick and efficient manner. He is often found giving one on one mentorship

and guidance to his Marines to ensure they are set up for success in the future.

Congratulations to Corporal Aguiar, a Hampton High School graduate in 2018.



Thanksgiving on Every Table

Every year, North Hills Community Outreach distributes hundreds of complete Thanksgiving dinners to families in poverty, hardship and crisis. You can help by holding a collection or donating any or all of the following items to help those in need have a full dinner. Learn more at NHCO.org

Items for a complete Thanksgiving dinner include:

- 1 large box stuffing mix
- 1 large box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 15-ounce can of cranberry sauce
- 2 16-ounce cans of vegetables
- Any dessert mix
- 1 box of muffin mix
- 1 package of turkey gravy mix
- 1 package of napkins
- 1 grocery certificate for \$20 or more (to purchase a turkey)
- Canvas shopping bag

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm at any of our three office locations before November 9.

- Main Office, 1975 Ferguson Rd. Allison Park 412-487-6316
- NHCO Millvale Community Center 416 Lincoln Ave., 2nd floor Millvale 412-408-3830
- NHCO North Boroughs Greenstone Methodist Church 939 California Ave. Pittsburgh 412-307-0069

Hampton Veterans Memorial Court

Wednesday, November 11 is Veteran's Day

In 2008, the war monuments were moved from Mt. Royal Boulevard to a new Veterans Memorial Court located at the Hampton Community Center so they could be placed in a prominent area of the township, allowing members of the community constant exposure and more accessible for public observances to honor our veterans.

The Hampton Community Association and the Township express their extreme pride in all those veterans who, at one time or another, have called Hampton their home. The HCA continues to fund raise for future phases of the memorial through the sale of brick pavers and donations. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, visit www.hampton-pa.org.

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Civil Air Patrol

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the city! His brother Daniel further commented, "The view of the city was wonderful, and it was cool to be able to see so far!"

The students participating in the flights were senior Chara Larson, junior Breckin Himmler, and 6th grade twins, Daniel and Jacob Larson. Chara Larson has recently been certified as a private pilot. She and her 8th grade brother, Stephen, have been cadets since August, 2018. Their younger twin brothers, Jacob and Daniel just joined this summer at the age of 12, the minimum age to become a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet. The four siblings are with Squadron 712, Butler, PA. Breckin Himmler is a cadet with squadron 602, based out of the Pittsburgh International Airport, and recently joined the Civil Air Patrol. Hampton resident, Lieutenant Harrison, is an active leader of the squadron in Butler. Chara Larson stated, "I sincerely appreciate this unique experience. I especially enjoyed landing at the Allegheny Airport in West Mifflin!" Breckin Himmler further explained,

"It was such a beautiful day to fly! Seeing the edge of the horizon and the fall leaves lining the rolling hills of Pittsburgh from thousands of feet in the air will never get old. I am so blessed and grateful for the experiences that the Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol have given me as a cadet. I love serving my country as a CAP Airman, and I cherish every experience."

The Civil Air Patrol is America's premier public service organization for carrying out emergency services and disaster relief missions nationwide. CAP is an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, and is made up of citizen volunteers that are trained to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep our homeland safe. It is comprised of 60,000 members who give their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program. Squadron 712 is constantly training, learning, executing missions, and participating in fundraising and community service on a daily basis. They are committed to doing it within the best of their ability, as a team, with others in mind and with the highest values. To join, contact the squadron and arrange to visit a meeting with your parents. <https://butler712.cap.gov/>



Front left to right: Daniel Larson, Breckin Himmler, Jacob Larson
Back: Captain Merrick Cohn and Lieutenant David Harrison

Best Buddies

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sive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Hampton High School started a Best Buddies Program in 2017.

To assist Abby's fundraising for Best Buddies, she has enlisted the help of Chef Justin Severino, Co-owner of Morcilla. The pair have teamed up and created a Morcilla meal kit which can be ordered beginning on November 1 and ends on November 13.

Abby and Justin have cooked together the past three years at the annual Taste Buds event hosted by Best Buddies. The Best Buddies/Morcilla meal kit, will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 15 at the restaurant (in Lawrenceville) and then assembled and reheated at home.

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