

The Inside Scoop

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Latest HIS New and Updates by Megan Hamilton

Guest Writer – Sheila Kell

Welcome To Megan’s newspaper

The Hamilton family and agents have much to offer us and many secrets. Megan Hamilton, investigative journalist, and wife to AJ Hamilton, has decided to start a newspaper to disclose those secrets.

Each newspaper will discuss a new book in my series based on the Hamilton Family, beginning with Jesse in HIS Desire.

Megan is a pseudonym for me and Helen McNabb, beta reader extraordinaire. We’ve concocted this newspaper to keep your love for HIS alive.

Expect old stuff, new stuff, and previously secret stuff. Interested in something? Send a note to the editor at the email below.

Now, sit back and enjoy. A new issue will be out soon!

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The scoop of the day

How A Hamilton Christmas story came about

Guest writer Sheila Kell

Hello fabulous readers! I thought to take a moment and discuss A Hamilton Christmas and how the idea originated. At first, I wanted to write a prequel, but couldn’t figure out how to do that with the back story of the characters. One day, I thought of writing a book to catch up with the characters, and viola – A Hamilton Christmas was born.

When I wrote it, I had planned no new romance and worried readers wouldn’t appreciate that, but the story that came to mind didn’t allow for romance. It didn’t allow for relatives outside the clan but as I wrote about Lee and his son, they became family. I plan to introduce Lee later in the series with his own book. I think he deserves to find love again. Plus, it was fun adding another child in the mix.

Why did I choose to write it from the characters views I did? The children and Blake? I felt one would be serious and one would be fun. I imagined the kids getting into all kinds of trouble along the way – and they did.

I have no plans for a prequel or another story like A Hamilton Christmas, but I plan to keep one Hamilton family member in each of the Agents of HIS books. The agent’s link to the agency while they battle danger and love.

I hope you enjoyed reading A Hamilton Christmas. As always, I love to hear your feedback. A short review would also be welcome.

Until next time....

Quote of the Day

*When family stands together,
anything is possible.*

-Blake Hamilton

Quiz of the Day

Reagan has an idea to change the family business name from HIS to ‘HIS & HERS’.
What does the HERS stand for?

*Answers:
Helping Everyone Remain Safe*

Tattler of the Day

Amber told on Reagan for touching the Elf on the Shelf.

Megan Hamilton

The books based on the Hamilton family and agents

My interview with the author

As odd as it is to read books based on your life, it was even more odd to interview the author as we'd spent months with her interviewing us for our books. Now that the tables have turned, I'm ready to dig into her life.

Megan: Do you have a favorite sport?

Sheila: Yes, volleyball. I played while in the Air Force. I love watching the game.

Megan: Since you've moved a great deal, where do you call home?

Sheila: Mississippi – I was born there, and I own a home there. I'll return to MS in 2023.

Megan: When you get stuck on a story – what's gets you moving the story forward?

Sheila: I take a break, then go back and work on some semblance of an outline to move the story in any form of direction. If that doesn't work, I shelve the story and work on something else.

Megan: How many books do you plan to write with Agents of HIS?

Sheila: As many as I can. Basically, until I run out of ideas.

Megan: Why don't you publish more books each year?

Sheila: Two reasons – one, I write for fun not a living, and two, the expense. It can get expensive to self-publish a book.

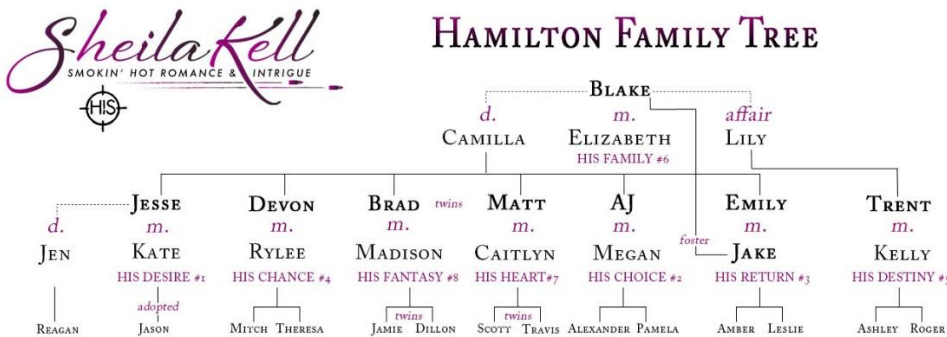
Megan: Why did Les have to die in *His Return*?

Sheila: It hadn't been my plan, but as I wrote – and cried as I wrote – the scene played out like it did. Believe me, I cried a lot while writing and editing that scene.

That's all I have for today. Expect an interview with Sheila every newspaper, as we have a lot to learn about her.



Picture caption: Author Sheila Kell



Picture caption: The family tree of the Hamilton family to include children not in the books yet.

Guest Writer – Sheila Kell

Characters' Ages

The characters age as the books move along, but here are their ages during *Hamilton Christmas*.

- Jesse: 38
Reagan:10
AJ: 29
Alexander “Ace”: 3
Jake: 29
Amber: 4
Devon: 35
Mitch: 1
Trent: 29
Ashley: 2
Blake: 57
Matt: 32
Scott: 1
Brad: 32
Jamie: 5 mths

Kate: 30
Jason: 17
Megan: 29
Pamela: 5 mths
Emily: 25
Leslie: 10 months
Rylee: 33
Theresa: 7 mths
Kelly: 28
Roger: 1
Elizabeth: 49
Caitlyn: 30
Travis: 1
Madison: 32
Dillon: 5 mths



A Hamilton Christmas Scramble

i	l	t	a	o	d	y	o	n	N	o	b	s		C	h	r	i	s	
H	a	m	i	l	y	t	m	a	r	u	f	a	m	i	n	s			

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

Each tile is used only once.
Use spacing, punctuation and common words to find adjacent tiles.
Some words may be split into two lines.

See puzzle answers on next page



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Guest Writer – Helen McNabb

Birthdays / Celebrations

December
Jesse

Answers to puzzle

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N	o	b	o	d	y	r	u	i	n	s	a	H	a	m	i	l	t	o	n
f	a	m	i	l	y	C	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s					



Reading order, but they don't have to be read in order. It's just more fun if you do.

Sheila Kell

Stories of the family

My family loves my banana pudding recipe, so I thought to share it in this issue. It's great for the holidays, or anytime. I took this from my baby sister, who took it from Allrecipes, submitted by Patricia Osborne. Enjoy!

Prep Time: less than 30 minutes

Ready in approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes

Makes 1 – 9x13 inch dish (12 servings – unless you have Hamilton men in the family)

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- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (5 oz) package instant vanilla pudding (that's right, not banana)
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (8 Oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 4 bananas sliced
- ½ (12 oz) package of vanilla wafers

1. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in condensed milk, pudding mix, cold milk, and vanilla extract until smooth. Fold in ½ of the whipped topping.
2. Line the bottom of a 9x13 inch dish with vanilla wafers. Arrange sliced bananas evenly over the wafers. Spread pudding mixture. Top with the remaining whipped topping. Chill.

Now, I admit I add an extra layer of wafers and bananas, but that's my preference. I love to have either a banana or wafer in each bite. I also use the mini wafers instead of the regular sized ones. Again, that's a preference. Play around with the recipe until you find the way you and yours enjoy it most.

I hope you enjoy this recipe over the holidays!

Until next time....

Main story



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A Hamilton Christmas
The interview with Megan Hamilton



Megan is an investigative reporter who has won numerous awards for her journalism. She is married to AJ Hamilton and has two children. They live in Baltimore, MD.

Megan Hamilton

I’m excited about this interview with the family. Since we only have so many lines available, I thought to ask one question and have everyone answer.

Megan: What is your favorite part of the Christmas holiday?

Jesse: Watching the kids and Kate decorate the house

Kate: Decorating the house

Jason: Having a family to share it with

Reagan: Toys, lots of toys

AJ: The abundance of food

Megan: Christmas cards

Ace: Presents

Jake: It’s not that darn Elf on the Shelf

Emily: Cooking for the family

Amber: Elf on the Shelf

Devon: It’s not putting lights around the roof

Rylee: Serving food at the homeless shelter

Trent: Decorating the outside of the farmhouse

Kelly: Baking pies

Blake: Having the family together

Elizabeth: Being part of this wonderful family

“While some may try, no one ruins a Hamilton family Christmas”

Matt: Ugly sweater

Caitlyn: Dressing the dogs up in holiday sweaters

Brad: Amazon Prime

Madison: Shopping with my sisters-in-law for gifts

Megan: We hope you have a fabulous and joyful holiday season!

Until next time...”