

Springtown Chamber of Commerce gives Christmas gifts to 49 local senior citizens

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About a week and a half before Christmas, Springtown resident Margaret Carlile received a myriad of gifts, including a coffee mug, sleepwear, socks, a kitchen knife, a cutting board, bedding and treats for her dog Kiki.

Carlile got the gifts as part of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's angel adoption program for senior citizens - people ages 65 or older - with low incomes. The chamber's program allowed people in the community to "adopt" an older adult or child in need and buy them presents.

Chamber Executive Director Amy Walker confirmed that 49 seniors and 119 children were given Christmas gifts this year through the chamber's angel adoption programs.

"I appreciate it," Carlile said. "It just makes Christmas feel better."

Velma Jean Ford - longtime Springtown resident who has volunteered for

Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry for 21 years - received a new crockpot as part of her gift from the chamber. She said she uses a crockpot frequently to cook food like beans, ribs and roasts.

"My crockpot is over 25 years old, and it could go out anytime," Ford said.

Ford praised the chamber's efforts to give gifts to those in need, especially folks who don't have any family or who otherwise wouldn't get any presents for Christmas.

"I know they help a lot of people," she said. "People that live here, sometimes they don't have any family left, and it's nice for them to get a nice gift."

Susan Houser also received gifts from the chamber for Christmas. Her wish list included a welcome mat and an electric can opener, the latter of which Houser said she needs because her arthritis makes it difficult for her to use a manual can opener.

Usually, Houser just gets a



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Patrick Palavicini and Debby Looney take a picture with Bonnie Alewine, middle, as they delivered her a Christmas gift from the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Wreaths were laid for veterans of all branches of the U.S. Military, including Space Force, as well as all Prisoners of War and Missing in Action during Saturday's Wreaths Across America ceremony in Azleland Memorial Park.

Wreaths laid on veteran gravesites at Azleland

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A host of individuals, families and other groups gathered in Azleland Memorial Park Dec. 17 to lay wreaths at the graves of military veterans as part of Wreaths

Across America.

As it has done annually since its charter in 2012, Azle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol hosted the annual ceremony to honor veterans. This year, the ceremony in Azleland was one of 3,702 that took place

across the country. The 500-plus wreaths placed in the cemetery were among 2.7 million similar wreaths laid across the U.S.

1st Lt. Ronda Killian and 1st Lt. Tracy David-Day, both of the Civil Air Patrol, are location coordinators

for Azleland. Killian also serves as public affairs officer for the Azle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol.

The ceremony began as 1st Lt. David-Day welcomed the crowd to the event, fol-

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Walnut Creek SUD welcomes new general manager



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Doug Carothers, new general manager at Walnut Creek SUD

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After eight years, Steve Harris is stepping back from his role as general manager of Walnut Creek Special Utility District.

The SUD's new manager, Doug Carothers, was introduced to the public at the

board of directors meeting on Dec. 12. Harris said he will stick around until the end of the year to aid in the transition process, and after that, he'll be available to Carothers and the SUD via phone.

"I decided it was time to

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SISD special education director to retire by year's end

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Springtown ISD's special education department will soon have a new leader.

Kristi Westendorf, who has served as coordinator for assessment and compliance in the department as well as the lead diagnostician, will take over as special education director starting Jan. 1. The department's current director, Stacy Johnson, will retire by the end of the year.

Johnson is in her 23rd year at SISD and has a total of 29 years in education.

"I've had a great career here at Springtown and another district before that, and I just felt like it was time to pass the torch on, let somebody else have all the fun," she said.

After retirement, Johnson said she plans to travel and spend time with her husband, who is also retiring. She thanked the district and the school board for their support over the years.

"This has been a fabulous place to work all these years," she said. "They've allowed the special ed department to grow and flourish throughout the years and have always been very supportive."

Johnson said she will miss the families the department serves as well as her peers at SISD.

For Westendorf, stepping into the special education director role was a natural progression for her career, she said. She has worked at SISD since 2004 and has spent a total of 30 years in education, starting out in deaf education.

The special education director is involved in ensuring that SISD follows federal and state laws regarding students with disabilities, monitoring best practices in classrooms, hiring personnel and overseeing the department's budget, Johnson said. The special education department serves students with all kinds of disabilities such as speech impairments, intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, health impairments and orthopedic impairments.

SISD has about 580 special education students, who make up about 10-12% of the district's total student population, Johnson said.

Like the rest of the district, Johnson said the special education department is facing the challenge of managing an increased student population and making sure the department is adequately staffed and has the facilities to support student needs.

Westendorf's experience is what makes her fit for the director role, Johnson said, and the transition has gone smoothly, especially since Johnson and Westendorf have worked together for so many years previously.

"She's got a wealth of knowledge," Johnson said about her successor. "She's going to do a great job. She knows our families. She knows our kids already."

Westendorf is striving to continue ensuring that the department complies with laws as well as that students have what they need to be successful.

"My main goal moving forward is to maintain our department's history of



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Outgoing Special Education Director Stacy Johnson stands with her successor, Kristi Westendorf.

excellence in working with families, students, staff and members of our community to support them in their educational journey," she said. "I have raised both of my children in this community, and they have benefited from their educational experiences

in Springtown ISD. I am excited to be given the opportunity to assist in continuing this tradition of excellence."

Johnson's advice to Westendorf is to rely on the team within the department.

"I've always prided our district on having a great team

in the special ed department, so one of my key pieces of advice is rely on your team," she said. "There's already a great one in place. Kristi has been a part of that, so she knows that. That helps tremendously when you surround yourself with phenomenal staff."

Westendorf wants the SISD community to know that her focus is on the students.

"My priority is the students (and) making sure that we do have a good team in place so that we can provide everything that the students in our district need," she said.

Springtown overdose awareness group establishes resource center

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One of Jessica Castro's long-term goals for the overdose awareness group she runs is happening.

Castro, who founded the Springtown overdose awareness group "We ARE our brothers keeper" with her husband Joe, said earlier this year that she'd like to establish a resource center to provide resources related to substance abuse, counseling and classes.

That resource center now exists.

The center, which Castro expects to be fully functional after the new year starts, is located at 824 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown. It shares the space with Springtown Septic Services.

The space comes with a conference room where addiction counseling and grief counseling will be offered, Castro said, and counselors or teachers who want to lead those are welcome to volunteer. The Finish Line, a recovery group in Azle, is expected to have meetings at the center from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays.



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Jessica and Joe Castro

Castro also hopes the center can include classes to help people reacclimate to life after being in treatment centers. She envisions these classes as helping people find jobs or obtain GED certificates.

"They get out of places, and then they're good for a minute, and they feel that there's hope and then they don't have the necessary tools to keep functioning in that forward motion, so they stop and then they go back to their

own ways and then they're more susceptible to overdose," Castro said. "We don't want that to happen."

The center will also have information about treatment centers and how to get help as well as Narcan treatments, which is often used to restore normal breathing during an opioid overdose. Castro also plans to keep food and necessities at the center to give to people in need.

The center will have certain operating hours, but Castro said she is willing to open the center after hours if needed.

Castro also said she is working on a program to encourage people released from incarceration to overcome addiction.

Her group welcomes community input or ideas.

"I don't know what all is good. I just know what I have, but if other people have better thoughts, then I would love to hear that," she said. "It's for the community, so why not have the community be a part of it?"

For more information about "We ARE our brothers keeper," find the group on Facebook.



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Springtown overdose awareness group "We ARE our brothers keeper" is opening a resource center at 824 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown.

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SISD continues to discuss options to add capacity at school buildings

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The sixth Springtown ISD facilities planning meeting boiled down to two options: building a new elementary school or building a new middle school while adding features to existing facilities. SISD has hosted a series of meetings this school year to educate the community on facility needs and to gather input. Superintendent Mike Kelley explained at the meeting on Dec. 12 that enrollment is growing to the tune of 661 more students in 10 years while space for students, in classrooms as well as infrastructure like cafete-

rias and restrooms, is running out. In the next nine years, SISD is expected to grow by about 1,300 students, Kelley said. To remedy this issue, the school board called for a bond election twice last year to add space to the intermediate school, middle school and high school and to build a new elementary school, but voters struck down those proposals. During the meeting at Springtown High School on Dec. 12, Kelley described two possible scenarios for addressing space needs. Scenario A would convert Springtown Intermediate into the district's fourth

elementary school. All elementary schools would house grades kindergarten through fifth instead of the current elementary model, which stops at fourth grade. This option includes a new middle school, and the current middle school building would house ninth graders only, alleviating space needs at SHS. Like Scenario A, Scenario B envisions all elementary schools housing grades kindergarten through fifth, but instead of converting the intermediate into an elementary school, SISD would build a new elementary school. Then, the intermediate school would turn into a

sixth-grade center. Both scenarios would include adding space to existing campuses, including the intermediate school in Scenario A and the middle school, restrooms at the intermediate school, high school and expanding the Reno Elementary School cafeteria in Scenario B. When asked about the logistics of moving ninth grade out of the high school, SHS Principal Melissa Hutchison said the district would have to do some research on how that model works in other districts. Scenario A would be more expensive, about \$123.99 million with a 2% per month

inflation rate, which rubs against the district's bond capacity. Scenario B would cost about \$74 million with the same inflation percentage. The tax rate increase would be almost 30 cents for Scenario A and about 16 cents for Scenario B. A problem with both scenarios is that neither will completely solve space needs at SISD. While Scenario A sets up the high school and ninth grade center to have capacity for many years, elementary capacity as well as capacity for grades sixth through eighth would run out in fall 2029. Likewise in Scenario B, elementary capacity would run out in fall

2030, and capacity would run out in secondary schools in 2031 and 2032. "Neither of these proposals are 20-year fixes if we grow at the pace that the demographers are projecting," Kelley said. The superintendent said the community may have to consider a new or repurposed facility for pre-kindergarten students. According to a handout from the meeting, a Pre-K center could alleviate space needs at elementary campuses. The next chance for the board to call for a bond election is in February for a May election.

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Christmas present from her son. She said the chamber's efforts to give gifts to older adults as well as children in need are "fantastic." "It feels lovely," Houser said about receiving her gift from the chamber. "I'm very grateful."

The volunteers who delivered the gifts to Carlile, Ford and Houser included an angel-gift-delivery veteran as well as a newcomer. Debby Looney has helped deliver gifts for the senior angels for the past three years. "I've lived here all my life, and this town's always been good to me," Looney said. "I try to pay it forward and pay it back."

On the other hand, this was Patrick Palavicini's first time delivering senior angel gifts. Palavicini said he signed up to deliver gifts to give back to the Springtown community. "The community has been good to us, and we love Springtown," he said. "We want to do what we can do to help."



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Susan Houser, middle, receives a Christmas gift from the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, delivered by Debby Looney and Patrick Palavicini.



Debby Looney loads up Christmas gifts in the back of her vehicle to deliver them to local older adults as part of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's angel adoption program for senior citizens, or people 65 or older, making low incomes.

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do some other things in my life," Harris said. Harris added that he may do some construction work after he leaves Walnut Creek SUD as well as work on his ranch with his cattle and spend "some time for myself for a change." If asked to be on a water board or similar organization, Harris said he would consider it. "I'm always going to have my finger in politics around in Parker County and being involved in the community

things," he said. "That's just what I do. That's my golf." Harris said he would miss the daily interactions with staff, customers and businesspeople in town. He said he appreciates the work his staff has done. "It's been entertaining. It's been educational, learned a lot of new things, different things than what I learned in the construction business," Harris said of his time at Walnut Creek SUD. "I can't say that I feel like I wasted my time here. I think I've done pretty good. Now it's time for somebody else to try it for a while." So far, both Harris and Carothers said the transi-

tion process was going well. Carothers spoke highly of Harris. "That is a top-notch man," Carothers said. "He's good. He's smart, kind." Carothers has spent about 20 years managing water systems in other cities and districts. He has a background in construction project management, biology chemistry, wildlife, fisheries and hydrology. He got into the water business after being involved in a motorcycle crash. While he was recovering from his injuries, a small-town water treatment plant asked him to help with SCADA - supervisory control and data

acquisition - and running the water plant. Then, he was promoted to superintendent of the water district. "I loved it," Carothers said. "I went from a base level to the highest licenses." Before that, Carothers worked in motorsports racing, which he said is actually similar to working in a water plant in terms of science and technology used. Carothers used to work in Oklahoma, but he originally hails from the Pacific Northwest. He is particularly fond of the Southern weather. "Your coldest day usually is warm for me," he said. "I grew up on the Canadian

border. My mother's got probably 4 feet of snow in her front yard right now. So, this is the equator to me." During the Dec. 12 meeting, Carothers mentioned a desire to form a water system master plan and to meet with the board members individually. Afterward, he also said he aims to fix existing issues with the meters and improve customer communication. "We're going to try and research other ways for communication and customer service with the people out there in our water system," Carothers said. "I think we can improve upon some communication. I intend on

finding some vocal people out there and asking them for help." In general, Harris said his advice to Carothers is to "try to keep up with the growth and manage the water resource to the best of our ability for our customers." Board President Mike Gilley took pride in the board's decision to hire Carothers. "We're real pleased with Doug, with what his achievements have been and what we expect to be from him," Gilley said. "He has an impressive resume, but he also has good work ethic."

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WREATHS

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lowed by Air Force veteran 1st Lt. Scott Moore, Civil Air Patrol, who gave the invocation.

The Color Guard was comprised of the following Civil Air Patrol cadets: Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Sara Jackson, Civil Air Patrol, of Azle carried the right rifle; Cadet Master Sgt. Levi Adcock, Civil Air Patrol, of Springtown carried the American Flag; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Dokimion Woody, Civil Air Patrol, of Saginaw carried the Texas Flag; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Grant Day, Civil Air Patrol, of Springtown carried the Civil Air Patrol Flag; and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Owen Williams, Civil Air Patrol, of Arlington carried the left rifle.

Major Brian Kilian, Civil Air Patrol Squadron Commander and USAF Retired Veteran, gave the opening remarks and the wreath laying order, which included:

- **U.S. Army Wreath** – Master Sgt. Ross Renfro of Azle, Civil Air Patrol. U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Coast veteran as well as a Civil Servant;
- **U.S. Marine Corps Wreath** – Tech. Sgt. Paul Lusk of Springtown, Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Marine Veteran;

- **U.S. Navy Wreath** – Major Robert DuRall of Weatherford, Civil Air Patrol and US Navy Veteran;
- **U.S. Air Force Wreath** – Colonel Steven Priest, US Air Force Active-Duty and Civil Air Patrol member of Weatherford;
- **U.S. Space Force** – Tech Sgt. Blake Roach, US Air Force Active-Duty and Civil Air Patrol member of Azle;
- **U.S. Coast Guard** – 2nd Lt. Julie Shrake of Springtown, Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Air Force Veteran;
- **U.S. Merchant Marines** – Senior Member Justin Bock of Fort Worth, Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Navy Veteran; and
- **Prisoners of War or Missing In Action Wreath** – Capt. Remy Range of Azle, Civil Air Patrol and U.S. Navy Veteran.

1st Lt. Ronda Kilian gave the closing remarks and instructions.

Cadet 1st Lt. Tret King, Civil Air Patrol, commanded the squadron and Cadet Senior Airman Ansley Priest, Civil Air Patrol, carried the squadron guide-on.

“Each year, the (Azle Composite) Squadron works diligently to get sponsors for all wreaths to be placed,” said 1st Lt. Ronda Kilian after the event. “It takes a community to make this happen.”



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The Color Guard included (l-r) Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Sara Jackson, Civil Air Patrol, of Azle; Cadet Master Sgt. Levi Adcock, Civil Air Patrol, of Springtown; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Dokimion Woody, Civil Air Patrol, of Saginaw; Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Grant Day, Civil Air Patrol, of Springtown; and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Owen Williams, Civil Air Patrol, of Arlington.



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Capt. Remy Range of Azle, Civil Air Patrol and US Navy Veteran, lays a wreath for all U.S. Prisoners of War and Missing in Action during a Wreaths Across America ceremony Saturday in Azleland Memorial Park.



A young Civil Air Patrol cadet lays a wreath at the grave of a U.S. veteran.

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Most Texas pregnancy deaths preventable; tornadoes cause millions in timber damage

MOST TEXAS PREGNANCY DEATHS PREVENTABLE

A long-awaited state report concludes most pregnancy-related deaths in Texas in 2019 were preventable and disproportionately affected Black women.

The report, issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Committee, indicated deaths were mainly attributable to hemorrhage, mental health conditions and blood clots. Also playing a role were discrimination and violence, according to a Dallas Morning News analysis of the report.

DSHS issued the report after months of delay, which drew criticism from members of the committee and maternal health advocates, as well as Democratic lawmakers.

Fourteen women died during pregnancy over the study period, while another 45 died up to a year after giving birth. The Legislature in the coming session is again likely to consider extending post-partum Medicaid assistance from six months to one year, The News reported.

The "consistence of maternal health disparities" was noted by the committee as a key theme that runs through the report. Black women are twice as likely to experience serious health issues during childbirth.

"The report makes clear



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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that state leaders must do more to prevent maternal deaths and support healthy pregnancies among Texas women of all backgrounds, regardless but particularly among Black women," said Diana Forester, Director of Health Policy for the advocacy group Texans Care for Children.

TORNADOES CAUSE MILLIONS IN TIMBER DAMAGE

A series of tornadoes throughout Northeast Texas in November damaged timber on 13,000 acres, causing an estimated \$10 million in damages, according to a survey by the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Storms that swept across that area on Nov. 4 resulted in seven tornadoes, five of which affected timberland in Bowie, Cass, Henderson, Morris and Red River counties, according to the forest service. A storm in Morris County resulted in one death.

Damaged trees were uprooted, snapped off below the crown or left leaning significantly. Most of the damage to timber was on private property, according to the

report.

"We've developed protocols for rapidly assessing timber damage following major disasters that have become a model for similar efforts across the South," said Dr. Aaron Stottlemeyer of the forest service. "Our agency performance this work as a service to the people of Texas."

DROUGHT HAVING CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT

The state's ongoing drought has cost the Texas economy nearly \$7.62 billion in direct agricultural losses, according to the Texas Water Development Board. With very little rainfall during the planting season, this year's drought could have a similar effect next year on West Texas farmers and ranchers, who sustained serious losses in 2022. That's according to a recent report from the state comptroller's office.

Currently about 15% of the state is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought conditions, while nearly 90% of the state still is abnormally dry, the report said.

"The state continues to work on improved manage-

ment of its water resources as it continues to experience rapid growth in the urban areas, which potentially can compete with agricultural interests for a finite resource," the report said.

"Whether in times of drought or flood, responsible water management ensures Texans see water as a resource — not a crisis. Texans around the state are employing innovative strategies to turn our water challenges into opportunities," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

A welcome piece of news is that November was wetter than usual across much of the state.

Storage of the state's water supply reservoirs is at 70% of capacity, 11 percentage points below normal for this time of year. Despite the bit of relief Texas experienced in November, drought conditions are expected to expand over the next few months, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

Wentzel wrote that La Niña conditions, which are largely responsible for the current drought, are expected to dissipate by spring, which may bring much-needed relief to drought-affected areas.

NEW COVID-19 CASES RISE SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week inched up to 29,557, with 84 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 2,181 lab-confirmed hospitalizations across the state as of Sunday, also a slight increase.

'SEIZING THE MOMENT' IN HIGHER ED

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller has called on leaders in higher education, industry, philanthropy and government to "seize the moment" to meet three challenges facing Texas higher education today. Those areas are educational attainment, workforce education and research and development.

Speaking to nearly 300 attending this year's Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference, Harrison said the foundation is in place because of added funding after the pandemic radically changed how higher education met the needs of its students.

"The heart of the matter is that expectations for higher education have changed, faster than anyone expected," said Commissioner

Keller. "Now, there is a significant disconnect between the scale of our needs in each of these areas versus what our higher education institutions and policies were designed to do."

WEST TEXAS QUAKE PROMPTS RRC RESPONSE

Another 5.4 magnitude earthquake, this time about a dozen miles north of Midland, prompted the Texas Railroad Commission to send inspectors to the area on Friday evening to "protect public safety and the environment." RRC inspectors are examining disposal activity at injection wells near the site of the earthquake.

This comes after a similar-sized temblor was reported in Reeves County, near Pecos. That quake spurred the commission to implement several revisions designed to reduce the occurrence of such events, generally believed to be caused by water injected into disposal wells during oil and gas operations.

The goal, according to the RRC, is to "address the intensity and frequency of earthquakes in the area."

The West Texas area that will come under the restrictions has been expanded northward to the New Mexico border. There are 78 active disposal wells in that area, according to the RRC.

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He noticed two mothers walking their babies in strollers. What he really noticed was the babies laughing, smiling, and playing — oblivious

to the things that grownups fear. Watching them, he realized that he was smiling, too.

By the time he got home, the words to a song had formed in his mind. He wrote them down and his wife, Gloria, composed the tune.

Bing Crosby's 1963 recording of "Do You Hear What I Hear" gave the song worldwide acclaim.

Here's my point today: THE SONG of Christmas is expressed in various ways through words and tunes we can hear with our ears.

But, if we are "hearing" with our hearts the hopeful, life-giving message of Christmas, we might be able to help our distracted neighbors today hear the same hope.

Be amazing this Christmas, my friend.

Do You Hear What I Hear

Lyrics by Noel Regney, Music by Gloria Shayne

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

OBITUARIES

Beverly Pardue

1946 - 2022

Beverly Sue Pardue, 76, passed from this life on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel, 913 N. Elm St., Weatherford, TX 76086.

Beverly was born September 2, 1946, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, to Hershal and Elsie (Robinson) Billingsley.

She married Charles Wade Pardue; they raised two sons, Alan and Donnie. Beverly was known for her dedication and love for her family. She was caring, modest, easy-going, incredibly loyal, and would help without hesitation. Over the years, Beverly held several careers where she touched many lives.

In retirement, she delighted in being Nana and kept busy teaching her grandkids to crochet and bake, as well as taking them shopping and on adventures.

Beverly loved to travel with family. She and her sister went to many places over the years, such as Branson, Jamaica, San Francisco, and growing up they often went to Lake Texoma.

Beverly was preceded in



death by her beloved husband, Charles; parents, Hershal and Elsie Billingsley; and sister, Retha June Billingsley.

Left to cherish Beverly's memory are numerous family and friends: Alan Pardue and his wife, Sherri of Azle, Texas, and Donnie Pardue and his wife, Cathy of Weatherford, Texas; three grandchildren, Casey Lynn Pardue and fiancée, Jake Bayless, Lindsey Nicole Lummus and husband, Josh, and Kinley Pardue; four great-grandchildren: Tyler, Troy, Jaelynn, and Hudson; and her sister, Pattye Hill of Fort Worth, and brother, Wendal "Bill" Billingsley of Weatherford.

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Nelson Valle

1950 - 2022

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Nelson Valle Ortiz, who passed away on December 16, 2022, at the age of 72, leaving to mourn family and friends.

Family and friends can send condolences in memory of Nelson by leaving a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Nelson Valle Ortiz to pay him a last tribute.

He was predeceased by his parents, Carmen Ortiz de Valle and Rafael Angel Valle; his brother, Luis Valle (Negro); his wife, Carmen Leyda Rodriguez de Valle; his domestic partner, Maria Ivette Delgado Ayala; and youngest son, Nelson Valle Delgado.

He is survived by his children, Leynel, Nelson Felipe, Elisonia, Neleyda, Nelmary, Nelson Javier, Nelson Josue and Katiria; sons-in-law, Pablo Morales, Manuel (Manolo) Morales



and Christopher Wilson; grandchildren, Stephanie, Alexander Julius, Yamil, Jose Nelson, Christian Manuel, Daniela Mary, Jathon Manuel, Laiah Sophia, Lana Marie, and Jagan Eliel; his siblings, Rafael (Papo), Carmen, (Tati), Alba, Carlos (Blanco), Arnold (Cuco), Margarita, Sonia and respective nieces and nephews.

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Absalom Grube

1974 - 2022

Absalom Lee Grube (Ab), 48, passed away December 11, 2022 in Decatur.

He was born June 23, 1974 in Austin to David H. and Christianna (Cothrum) Grube.

Ab was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather. He enjoyed knife collecting, wood working and grilling outside. Ab loved spending time with his family. He was an animal lover. Ab had a big heart and wanted to help anyone he could. Even in death he was a Life Gift donor.

Ab is survived by his wife of 21 years, Dawn Weyand; sons, Brandon Glass, Vincent Grube; daughters, Shyanne Glass, Kristiana Manning, Kylee Goodwin and husband Tony Jr., Natasha Grube, Angelica-Rose Grub, Brianna Grube; father, David Grube; mother, Christianna



Cothrum; brothers, Michael Grube, Gabriel Grube; sister, Anna Honsberger and husband Tom; 7 grandchildren and numerous extended family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

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When at first it doesn't work ... sometimes we just have to call for help

As we age, certain tasks become more difficult to perform and certain problems become more difficult to diagnose. Sometimes it is understandable. After all, people who are in their 80s or 90s are not part of the computer generation, and learning computer lingo and understanding modern electronics can be a rather daunting task. When something electronic is "on the fritz," it only seems natural for an elderly person to seek assistance.

When I called my dear sweet Miss Jayne one afternoon this past week, I got an earful. She is 91 and I would match her mental acuity against most anybody of a similar age. At the same time, she does become frustrated when things don't work properly, especially if they are electronic. When she answered the phone, she



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

responded to my warm greeting with saying, "Oh Sam, this day has been hell." Upon hearing the tone of her voice, and the obvious frustration and despair, I was thinking her bad knee was hurting her and kept her from sleeping the night before. She must be in pain! When I asked what was wrong, I quickly learned I was mistaken.

"The TV is out in the living room. It is working in my bedroom, but not in the living room. I can't lie in bed all day watching TV. What am I going to do? I have been bored to death. I do not know who to call, what to do, or what the cable company might

have done. Have you paid the bill? This is terrible!"

I immediately told her the bill had been paid, and it made no sense the TV in the living room would be out and the bedroom TV would be on, if the problem was with the cable system. As I made an additional inquiry to have an accurate status, she responded that two different people from the assisted living center where she lives tried to make it work and they could not get the TV to come on either.

Being 75 miles away from Jayne and in the middle of the work week, it was impossible for me to simply jump

in a car and go and try to rectify the problem. I got on the phone, reached out to the cable company and the soonest I could make an appointment for a diagnosis was for the following day. I relayed the information to Miss Jayne, and she was distraught. How could she survive an additional period with no living room TV? One would think the heavens above were falling.

I drove to see Miss Jayne the next day, arriving immediately after the repairman had made his appearance. The very first thing I asked was whether her TV was working. She nodded her head yes and then said, "Don't make me tell you what was wrong." I paused for a few moments. Knowing Jayne like I do, I knew she could not keep anything quiet for very long. "I am so embarrassed. There was nothing wrong

with the cable. I had moved some knickknacks on the cabinet which holds the TV and when I did, I covered up the sensor which reads what the remote is telling the TV to do. There was nothing wrong at all. It was all my fault. I feel so foolish."

I did my best to persuade my friend that her mistake was one anyone could make. She seemed to have her spirits lifted to know her transgression was not something limited to the acts of a 91-year-old woman. I proceeded to tell her that just that week I had to have someone in my office demonstrate to me how to use a piece of software that I have used a couple of hundred times previously. I simply could not remember what I needed to do to make the program do what I needed. She seemed to take comfort that all of us do silly things. We all make mistakes,

and all have trouble adapting to new technologies and electronics.

I know things will eventually get even tougher for Jayne, and for me. It is part of the aging process, and simply a fact of life. Maybe the lesson to be learned is to accept our imperfections and laugh at our own silly mistakes. We all make them, no matter our age, and the sooner we can laugh at ourselves for our own transgressions, the better off we will be. Isn't that why they put erasers on pencils?

Thought for the day: No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you are still way ahead of those who are not even trying.

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What if Jesus had not come

John 1:11-12 *He came into His own, and His own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

We need to remember the Christmas story is a true account of God's provision for man's need. The Lord Jesus came as our savior and sins sacrifice. However, in spite of his coming there are still many who have not received him. He has provided for us a way to spend eternity in Heaven and a way to have our sins forgiven, and a way to be born into the family of God, you and I have the opportunity and responsibility to receive Him and receive all that He paid for and provided through His shed blood.

Christ's coming is an indisputable truth. There is more evidence of His virgin birth, His sinless life, His atoning death and His bodily resurrection than there is of any other event in history. The Bible tells us the son of God came! God's word tells us that he was conceived not of man, but of the Holy Ghost of God.

This my friend was the God man. Now know this, had he been conceived by man he would have been a sinner just like us and unable to redeem us. We are told that the sin nature is passed on through the blood line of the father. Therefore if conceived by man Jesus would have been a sinner like every other human being. The Bible tell us that He was the seed of the woman and the word of God makes it very clear.

In Matt 1:18-25 tells us Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together. She was found with child of the Holy Ghost. These vereses are the fulfillment of the promise made by (Isaiah 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign (here is the sign) Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel. The name Immanuel means "God with us." Here are a few things that we would not have, had Jesus not come.

I. If Jesus had not come there would not be any Christmas holiday as we know it. Some people will say, well there would still be a Santa Claus... no there would not be. Here is a truth we need to get a hold of. In 1934 a man by the name of Vaughn Shoemaker drew his famous cartoon of the first Christmas. It had a star and a light coming down from heaven and a baby, lying in a manger and it had John 3:16 written in the sky. Then something happened, even as early as 1934 there was political correctness. The editor of the paper said John 3:16 would have to come out because it was politically incorrect and was offensive to some. Mr. Shoemaker said if you take out John 3:16, I am not giving you the art. Another publisher by the name of Frank Knox said "you must be sensible about this thing." This is not a pastor or an evangelist this is the editor of the Chicago Daily Times. He said if it were not for John 3:16 there would not be a Christmas. He said it's a good cartoon, run it in the paper. Thank God for men who will stand up for the word of God!

II. If Jesus had not come there would not be any Churches. Jesus asked his disciples "whom do men say I am?" The Apostles spoke up, this was one time he did not have his foot in his mouth. He said "Thou Art The Christ The Son of the Living God!" Then Jesus answered (Matt 16:18) Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. There would be Jewish synagogues and there would be pagan temples where they worship all sorts of things. For example, in India everything imaginable I worshiped and yet starving to death and in poverty. It's not because they do not have the resources, but because their religion won't allow them to eat a cow because it might be one of their relatives who has been reincarnated.

America needs to wake up to the facts that we have been blessed of God, because it's been a nation founded and built upon Christian principles. It would be a sad day if there were no churches and no steeples rising. I'm talking about even the churches that are "Christians" only in their name, they do not preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, which gets people saved "born again" and fits them for heaven. Now there might be some mosques or pagan temples. There might be some Jewish synagogues where people are looking for the one who has already come, but there would be no churches.

Have you stopped to consider the benefit that a church provides? Consider places like Russia, there are no churches. Because of this Russia has been in oppression for over 70 years. They do have a "state church" which is run by the government. The people would like to have churches like we have in America. The church is a lighthouse in the community. It gives out to the people a light to those who are about to crash in their lives on the rocks of sins. The church gives hope. The church gives direction for your life. Please understand that the church is the conscience of a nation. I'm not talking about the building...I'm talking about the people. A church is a gathering of people. The ecclesia are the called out assembly. The assembling of the people is the church, not the wood & mortar. A nation without churches is a nation without a conscience.

As evil as things have become in America there is still an outcry against sin and wrong doing from a certain segment. A gospel preaching church is the moral fiber of a nation and when a nations morals are gone, that nation is very close to destruction. Day by day we are a nation that is forgetting God and leaving God out of things. The church is the moral fiber. It is the restrainer of evil. In 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 it tells about the rapture of the church, the removal of the church from the world. Paul tells us that there is already evil permeating the society, but there is still a restraining, withholding force in this world. It said "only he who now letteth (with withholdeth)... until he be taken out of the way.

A world without religious people, a world without the influence of the Holy Ghost of God and holiness and a Bible and a local church. If you will stop and consider had He not come we would not have any Christmas holidays. We would have nothing to celebrate if Jesus had not come.

I pray that you all have a blessed Christmas.
Preacher White
Isa 54:10

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Applications being accepted for scholarship program

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas has announced the acceptance of applications for its Scholarship Program, which grants more than \$60,000 to 30 local high school seniors each year. Funded by North Texas McDonald's owner/operators and donations from the community, the annual scholarships recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement, the organization stated in a news release.

Applications are open online at rmhcntx.org/scholarships and must be submitted

by April 1, 2023. All students can apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin. To qualify for an RMHC Scholarship, students must:

- be a high school senior
- be younger than 21 years old
- be eligible to attend a two- or four- year college or university with a full course of study
- be a legal U.S. resident
- live in the geographic areas of the RMHC of Greater North Texas Chapter
- and submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline.

"Each year, we're proud to support high school seniors in our community as they pursue their education," said David Floyd, local McDonald's Owner/Operator and Board Treasurer of RMHCNTX. "We hope this scholarship allows students to focus on their academics without having to worry about finances."

Since the Scholarship Program was founded in 1988, more than \$2.5 million has been awarded to more than 1,500 North Texas high school seniors, the news release stated. For more information and to apply, visit rmhcntx.org/scholarships.

ABOUT RMHC OF GREATER NORTH TEXAS

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater North Texas (RMHC of Greater North Texas) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. These programs are grassroots-driven to enable the organization to offer help where children and families need it most - right in their own communities. RMHC of Greater North Texas is part of a global network of chapters making a positive impact on the lives of children and families in 65 countries and regions around the world.

Springtown council approves site plan, plat for new Starbucks

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Starbucks is coming to Springtown.

The Springtown City Council on Dec.15 approved the plat showing, or the map of how the land would be divided, and site plan for the new coffee shop. The Springtown Starbucks will be located south of State Highway 199 and west of Walnut Creek Veterinary Hospital.

City Administrator David Miller confirmed during the meeting that the plat meets the requirements of state law, and the site plan is in accordance with the city's ordinances.

"Keep in mind that it's a new cut onto 199, so they're going to have to get a traffic study for (Texas Department of Transportation), so TxDOT has to approve their entrance off of 199," Miller said.

Mickey Thomas of MJ

Thomas Engineering represented Starbucks at the council meeting. Thomas said he has been involved in building more than 100 Starbucks stores in Texas.

The Springtown Starbucks building is expected to be about 2,200 square feet, and the property will include parking, a drive-through lane and one entrance/exit from SH 199.

In two separate votes, the council unanimously approved the plat showing and site plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously recommended approval of both items unanimously.

Thomas was asked about the traffic impact of the new Starbucks during the P&Z meeting, and he said the store may generate a lot of traffic upon opening. Otherwise, Thomas said the design and staff procedures are expected to be efficient in getting customers in and out of the store.

Clogging group to offer lessons

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Klassy Kloggers will offer free beginner clogging lessons during the month of January.

The classes will be held at 5:45 p. m. each Monday starting on Jan. 9. The address is 701 Narrow St. in Weatherford, home of Harberger Hill Community Center.

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New Cub Scout pack, Scouts BSA Troop establishes in Springtown

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Kayla Hunnicutt decided to let her kids try out Cub Scouts after receiving a flier from a local pack.

Hunnicutt didn't know much about Cub Scouts at the time, but her husband has been involved in it and suggested that the kids might be interested in participating.

Sure enough, Hunnicutt said her kids were hooked after the first meeting. Soon after, Hunnicutt herself was also captivated by Cub Scouts.

"I fell in love with it because I love kids and teaching them," she said.

Hunnicutt and her kids started out at Cub Scout Pack 303, which used to be the only pack in Springtown until Pack 22 started up over the summer. Hunnicutt helped form the new Springtown Cub Scout pack and is currently the assistant cubmaster.

Hunnicutt said she changed packs for her kids to be in a smaller group with a more slowed-down pace. Overall, she said the change was good for her kids.

"It is an adjustment, because they miss their friends from 303, and we love 303. It'll always be our home, but this is way more fitting for them and our schedule," Hunnicutt said. "They've adjusted very well."

In addition to Cub Scouts Pack 22 for grades kindergarten through fifth, Scouts BSA Troop 22 for kids ages 11-17 opened this fall. Currently, the Scouts BSA Troop 22 is for boys only,

but Chartered Organization Representative Patrick Valdez hopes to start an additional troop for girls only by spring.

Valdez, who was previously involved in Scouting when he lived in Utah, initially created Cub Scout Pack 22 for his grandchildren. He thinks Scouting teaches children valuable lessons about conduct and citizenship.

"It teaches them how to communicate, how to be respectful. It teaches them about our country; teaches them about the freedoms that they enjoy," Valdez said. "Scouting has a lot of opportunities for citizenship in the community, nation and the world. It gets the kids involved. Less video games and more time outside."

Despite his experience in Scouting - including as a district commissioner in Utah - Valdez had never actually worked with Cub Scouts previously. This has been a challenge for him to learn how to communicate with younger children who need much more guidance than teenagers.

"I got to rethink on how to talk to 6-year-olds, because I was used to talking to 16-year-olds that were experienced, and at that age, once you get them in Scouts, it's youth-led, adult-supervised, where in Cub Scouts, it's adult-led with youth input," Valdez said.

With time, the Scouting programs also teach kids how to cook, camp, navigate, and be self-sufficient; and they learn certain trades, Valdez said. In Cub Scouts, the kids learn simple things that they can build upon in

Scouts BSA.

"It's baby steps with the Cubs, and once they get into Scouts, they can do a lot more," he said.

One of the ways Pack 22 teaches communication and self-sufficiency is through popcorn sales. Cubmaster Shane Gross was proud of how much popcorn the kids in his pack sold, which allowed the scouts to pay their

dues for next year.

"As a committee, we agreed that if the kids attempted to sell, they would earn their way for the next year," Gross said. "It was getting out in front of people, being comfortable talking to strangers, trying to get (the scouts) to sell and introducing them to that, but then they also need to earn their way."

As far as Springtown's other Cub Scouts pack and Scouts BSA troop - Pack 303 and Troop 303 that meet on Tuesdays at Springtown First United Methodist Church - there aren't any geographical boundaries separating which kids can join which pack or troop, Valdez said. Pack 22 and Troop 22 just provide another option for families, he said

"We don't compete with them. We don't recruit from them," Valdez said. "We're just another option for Scouting."

Chris Crawford moved his scout, Maddox Moya, to Scouts BSA Troop 22 because it's closer to him, but he also appreciates the size of the group.

PLEASE SEE **SCOUTS** | A10



MADLYN EDWARDS | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH
Maddox Moya, 12, winds the string around a yo-yo during a joint Cub Scouts and scouts BSA meeting in December. Maddox is a member of the Scouts BSA Troop 22 for boys only.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Hayden Holbrook, Kasey Martinez, Cynthia Salas, Shelby Cucuta, Haylee Furr, Mindy Hokett, Kathy Lockhart, Erin White

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SCOUTS

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"I know it's a small group, but it's more intimate," Crawford said. "Every kid can learn much, much better in a smaller group environment."

Pack 22 and Troop 22 meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in a metal building on Valdez's property, which is located off Goshen Road on the west side of town. Because of its location, the Scouting group has attracted families from outside of Springtown, such as in Wise County or Poolville, Valdez said.

"I know it's only a couple blocks from where 303 is, but it's such a difference for people in Poolville and Peaster," Hunnicutt said. "They had no idea that there was a pack close enough for them to have access to."

Hunnicuttt said some of

the Poolville families eventually want to start their own pack, and information is being shared with them so that they can start a pack there when they are ready to do so. Taking Scouting to kids elsewhere is more important than retaining members from other cities, she said.

"If that helps other kids in other places be a part of this program, that's more important," Hunnicutt said. "We just do what we can to help everybody."

Christopher Squires, who lives in Poolville, enrolled his 6-year-old son in Cub Scouts Pack 22 after learning about the pack from another Poolville family. As a parent volunteer, Squires attends meetings and gets involved in what his scout is learning. During one meeting, Squires passed on his knowledge of tying different kinds of knots, something he learned from his time in the Navy.

For Squires, joining a new Cub Scouts pack is "great because they're all learning together. As parents, we're learning together, those of us that haven't done it before."

Forming Scouting groups and getting everyone on the same page has also helped the adult leaders hone their communication skills as well, Valdez said.

"What's really cool is the adults are even improving their skills in leadership and communication, and that in itself is being passed down for the Cub Scouts," he said.

The learning extends to Pack 22's Cubmaster as well. Gross described his role as helping the scouts continue to achieve and advance in their ranks, but also to have fun with the kids.

"Being cubmaster is a license to be silly," Gross said. "I get to be a kid."



Cub Scout Bennett March, 6, practices his yo-yo skills during a Cub Scout Pack 22 meeting in December.



Chartered Organization Representative Patrick Valdez talks to scouts during a joint Cub Scouts Pack 22 and scouts BSA Troop 22 meeting in December.



Cub Scout Pack 22 Cubmaster Shane Gross presents his scout, Thomas Gross, with an award for selling popcorn at a meeting in December.



A cat follows Cub Scout Avram James Squires, 6, as he practices yo-yoing during a Cub Scout Pack 22 meeting in December.

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Ava Guerra's pipes carry her far



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At right, Ava Guerra sings with choirmates on Dec. 12 at a Springtown High School Christmas concert.

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Beautiful notes coming from Ava Guerra's mouth have propelled her far during her choir career at Springtown High School.

The senior hopes to go even farther in February, when she is scheduled to sing in the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble competition.

Guerra has advanced to the state competition for three consecutive years. As a freshman, she participated as part

of an ensemble, although state was canceled that year because of COVID. In her sophomore and junior years, she advanced as a soloist and as part of an ensemble. Her solos earned her the highest scores possible, a Superior Division I rating.

"I expect that she will advance again," said SHS choir teacher Holly Owen.

In November, Guerra was chosen as second alternate for the Texas Music Educators Association All-Area Choir, the highest ranking earned among

Springtown's choir students.

Guerra is a "leader in the choir program and an example to other students," Owen said.

She is also her hardest critic. Finishing as second alter-

PLEASE SEE **GUERRA** | B3



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Hudson Hulett drives hard for a layup in a recent loss to Wichita Falls Rider.



Two torn ACLs in three years aren't preventing Drake Doggett from excelling at basketball.

Springtown basketball boys, Drake Doggett plan to bounce back after holidays

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Springtown endured an eight-game losing streak heading into the holiday break, but the basketball boys are eager to return to the court and prove they can win again.

The Porcupines are scheduled to play their first district game Jan. 13 at Krum. All the games leading up to that point are designed to prepare Springtown for

district, so the losses are considered learning experiences.

Junior sharpshooter Drake Doggett isn't letting the team's current 3-12 record

weigh heavy on his mind. He thinks Springtown will be primed for the win column once district begins.

Last year, he was out with an injury and watched from the stands as the Porcupines lost the final game of the regular season and missed the playoffs.

"I don't want to feel like

what they felt last year not making the playoffs," he said. "They felt heartbroken. I didn't want to feel that way when I came this year."

Doggett, a junior, is playing well after injuries curtailed his eighth grade and sophomore years. The multi-sport athlete tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee three years ago and spent a full year in rehabilitation. He missed out on football, basketball, baseball and track.

Doggett returned to the football team as a sophomore

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UP NEXT

District game
Jan. 13
at Krum



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Aaron Bowen and Speck Behle celebrate after a victory.

Springtown football players earn all-district recognition

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Three members of the Springtown Porcupines football team earned first team all-district recognition after their hard-fought season.

Linemen Jeremy Morrow and Aaron Bowen and explosive wide receiver Speck

Behle earned first-team designations. All are seniors at Springtown.

Players receiving second team all-district designation included four juniors — quarterback Hudson Hulett, running back Nathan Johnson, defensive lineman Ridge Westendorf and linebacker Yair Hernandez.

Earning honorable mentions were Kelby Castro, Drake Doggett, Dallin Fabrizio, Ty Parrott, Alex Rivera, Zane Sudduth and Darren Sweely.

Jeremy Morrow provided blocking up front for the Porcupines.



Kelby Castro goes high for a rebound.

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

"He's got the love for the game and the drive, and he is quickly learning... He is getting better every game, every practice. He has a great attitude. I couldn't ask for more from the kid."

- NATHAN PURVIS

BREAK FROM PAGE B1

but tore the ACL in his right knee in the first game of the season. He was out nine months for rehab.

"It was a hard road, but I battled through it every day," he said.

He exercised and stretched his legs for months on end, trying to regain strength and flexibility. The second knee injury didn't take as long to rehab since Doggett had been through it before.

"I was disappointed the second time, but I knew what was coming," he said. "I knew what I was doing this time. Thanks to the trainers, it came back way better. I feel great. Perfect."

After all the rehab, both knees are stronger than ever, he said.

Head coach Nathan Purvis, who was new to the school last year, has been looking forward to having Doggett

on the court.

"I know how disappointed he was last year when he got hurt," the coach said. "I was disappointed because I had heard really good things about him, that he was one of the better ones in the program."

This year, the two are simpatico.

"I love his drive," Purvis said. "I love how hard he works."

The injuries and extensive rehab inspired Doggett to work even harder.

"He has never really let it get him down," Purvis said.

His lack of game experience reveals itself on the court at times, but Doggett displays intangibles that make him one of the team's top sparkplugs.

"He's got the love for the game and the drive, and he is quickly learning," Purvis said. "He is getting better every game, every practice. He has a great attitude. I couldn't ask for more from the kid."



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Allison Ford drives toward the bucket.

Springtown Lady Porcupines on break but still dreaming of basketball playoffs

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Springtown basketball girls won a game and lost a game leading up to the holiday school break and are carrying an 8-12 record with two weeks remaining before district competition begins.

On Dec. 13, the Lady Porcupines headed east to take on North Dallas and won 65-41. Three days later, they played a home game against Brownwood and lost 64-40.

That's the kind of up-and-down season the girls are having, although they feel confident about where they are heading.

The girls are on break until Dec. 27-28, when they will hit the road to compete at the Kaufman Invitational tournament. Afterward, they will play one more nonconference game on Jan. 3 before taking on Lake Worth in the district opener on Jan. 6.

The Springtown roster is skimpy on experience with

only two seniors on the team. Still, the younger girls are playing with intensity, and head coach Kyle Sivadon likes where the team is heading.

"We have a bright future ahead of us and are still striving to get to the playoffs," he said.

Blaize Flood takes a shot for the Lady Porcupines.



GUERRA FROM PAGE B1

nate at TMEA All-Area meant she didn't advance to the area competition, and she thinks she could have made the cut if she had performed her best.

"I know I could have done better but the weather had changed that day, and it was not fun for my voice," she said.

The day before the contest had been warm, but a cold front moved in that night.

"It was rainy and cold," she said.

Guerra is a soprano who must hit high notes.

"That wasn't working," she said.

She hopes to redeem herself at the UIL contest in February.

"I feel really good," she said.

When she isn't making people's ears happy, Guerra revs up their school spirit as a cheerleader for the Porcupines.

In May, she plans to graduate high school, then enroll at Texas A&M University, major in biomedical sciences and seek a career in nursing.

"That's what I'm looking forward to - college in the fall," she said.

She might even join the Aggie choir and keep the rust off those talented pipes.

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

At far left, Ava Guerra cries after the Springtown football team was knocked out of the playoffs in 2021.



SPRINGTOWN Game Faces

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Springtown's cheerleaders take school spirit very seriously. Left, Paige Winstead. Right, Ashley Bailey.



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Habari Gani?

Do you know what that means? **Habari Gani** is how you say **What's the News?** in Swahili. One day you may hear this holiday message as often as you hear Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy New Year. **Habari Gani?** is the ritual greeting of Kwanzaa.

A Seven Day Celebration

Kwanzaa centers around seven principles:

- Umoja (unity)
- Kujichagulia (self-determination)
- Ujima (collective work and responsibility)
- Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
- Nia (purpose)
- Kuumba (creativity)
- Imani (faith)

This year, millions of people are expected to celebrate Kwanzaa, a non-religious event honoring African-American culture and community. The holiday is celebrated for seven days, starting on December 26 and ending on January 1.

The holiday was created in 1966 by Maulana Ron Karenga, an African-American scholar. Karenga created this special holiday to honor African-American heritage in a celebration of family and community.

The word **Kwanzaa** means **first fruits** in Swahili, an East African language.

Karamu

On the last day of Kwanzaa, friends and relatives gather for a feast. People come to honor ancestors, review the past year and make plans for the new year. There is lots of good food, dancing and music.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

Standards Link: Social Studies: Compare the beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions, and social practices of varied cultures.

Symbols of Kwanzaa

Christmas symbols are the wreath, tree, holly, and more. Hanukkah symbols include the menorah, latkes and gelt. Follow each of the seven mazes below to find the meaning of the seven Kwanzaa symbols.

- 1 MISHUMAA: The seven candles
- 2 KINARA: The candleholder represents the stalk of corn from which the family grows
- 3 MKEKA: An ear of corn for each child represents the child's potential
- 4 VIBUNZI: A straw placemat
- 5 MAZAO: The cup of unity
- 6 KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA: Modest gifts to encourage creativity
- 7 ZAWADI: A variety of fruits represent the harvest

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each night of Kwanzaa, a candle is lit in the kinara. There are seven candles, one for each night. The candles are called the **mishumaa**. It is said that the kinara holds the light of tomorrow.

Do the math. Color each candle that equals 14 **red**. Color each candle that equals 15 **black**, and each candle that equals 16 **green**.

Black is for Africa, the continent African-Americans came from.

Red is for blood, not shed in vain.

Green is for hope and knowledge.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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AFRICAN	B	A	E	I	N	A	G	C	A	G
AMERICAN	A	N	L	L	M	E	I	A	R	N
CULTURE	R	I	B	I	R	Z	N	A	I	
CANDLE	I	A	J	H	F	N	T	D	N	C
KINARA	I	U	O	A	A	N	T	L	I	N
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MKEKA										

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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If you could give one gift to the world, what would it be? Write a letter to the editor telling about the gift you would give.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Writing Applications: Write formal letters.

Write On!

Holidays at Your House

Which holidays do you celebrate during December? How do you and your family celebrate?

GET THE SCOOP

Read today's *Kid Scoop* page and see if you can find the answer to each of these questions.

1. What does Habari Gani mean?

2. How many symbols are there for Kwanzaa?

3. When was Kwanzaa created?

4. The Kwanzaa candleholder is called a

5. The tradition in Kwanzaa is to give gifts that encourage what?

6. What does the word Kwanzaa mean?

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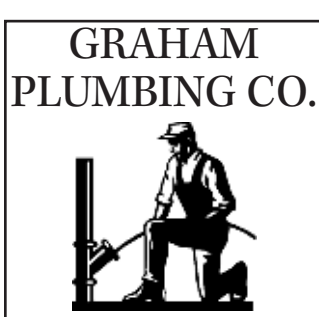
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ACROSS

- 1 belch
- 5 TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"
- 6 space agcy. in Houston
- 7 Pickens of film "Streets of Laredo"
- 8 TXism: "a horse of a different color"
- 9 male mail carrier
- 16 TX Kenny Rogers' "I Don't ___ You"
- 18 TXism: "he could put a loop ___ on a mule's back" (good roper)
- 21 TX Nolan threw seven ___-hitters
- 22 Muslim ruler
- 23 UH basketball team from 1982 to 1984: "___ Slama Jama"
- 24 TXism: "jumpy ___ on ice"
- 30 TXism: "movin' ___ fiddle" (dance fast)
- 34 former Cowboy star RB Emmitt (init.)
- 35 "Hell ___ ___ Fury Like a Woman Scourged"
- 36 stats for Astro Yordan Alvarez
- 37 Texas "wheeler dealer" Billy Sol
- 39 TXism: "confused as a ___ a petrified forest"
- 43 make fun of
- 44 Kia Sedona, e.g. in Winters, "___ Hale Museum"

DOWN

- 1 Dallas-born actor Robby
- 2 Texas birth town of Dale Evans
- 3 Houstonian is a Houston ___
- 4 flat-bottomed boat
- 9 O'Brien of Texas-based "The Over-the-Hill Gang" (init.)
- 10 bigger than normal
- 11 TX Dan Jenkins book: "___-Tough"
- 12 Texas baseball great, Speaker
- 13 word used with "flea" or "farmers"
- 14 Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- 15 small drink of liquor
- 17 TXism: "dumb as a ___"
- 19 cheddar & provolone
- 20 TXism: "we locked lips"
- 24 ___ Belo started The Dallas Morning News
- 25 slasher film: "The Texas Chain ___ Massacre" (1974)
- 26 small unit of matter
- 27 groups of singers at church or school

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Love, Cassandra

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I hope I get to see the Ema and Elvey this year. I have been great this year. This year I want to have a baby kitty and a baby puppy fr Christmas this year, Santa Claus. Can you please bring

my family some money? I hope you don't get stuck in my chimney this year.

Best wishes, Peyton

Dear Santa,
Do you like cake? I hope you do. I have been very good this year. Can you get me a squishy. My little brother wants baby shark toys. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Lauren

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you see in the snow. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. I have been good. This year I want a toy puppy and a flexible puppy. Will you bring

my mom some candy and a qyck scooter for clare. Have a Merr Christmas. Bye.

Love, Camryn

Dear Santa Claus,
How can the rander fly? Do you have puppy? My Dad wants a puppy. My sister wants a puppy purse. I want they ponys. I love you.

Your friend, River

Dear Santa,
How is the weather? How are you doing. I been very good. Can you bring me a cat that is reeal and small. Can you get my sister a real puppy. I hope you have a good ride on the sleigh.

Best wishes, Maylin

A Christmas Greeting

When it comes to Christmas there are a lot of emotions which live in each one of us. Memories of Christmases past spent with family and friends, or experiences like Christmas on Main Street and Old Fashioned Christmas, are burned into our minds and warm our hearts when they are rekindled. I am sure for most of us, one of the best memories is seeing small children excited about Santa.

This year, as is our tradition, the Azle News and Springtown Epigraph reached out to our elementary schools and secured hundreds of Letters to Santa from our local second graders to share their Christmas wishes with us all.

As I looked over the letters, I could feel the hope, love, and innocence of the small children who wrote them. Some letters were very funny, some poignant, and others were simply warm and engaging.

The Azle News and Springtown Epigraph are YOUR community newspapers, and it is our pleasure to print these letters for your enjoyment. It is my hope the authors of the letters have a memory which they will never forget, and you readers get a smile on your face.

From the bottom of my heart, and from the staff of the Azle News and Springtown Epigraph, Merry Christmas!

- Kim Ware

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How is Comet? Do the reindeer like carrots or candy canes? I have been trying really hard to be good this year. Can I please have a puppy for Christmas? Can you bring Sadie a Barbie Doll please? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Cierra

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is not cold. I have been really good this year. I really want a PS5. My brother wants new headphones. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Your friend, Brendyn

Dear Santa,

How is Tony doing? I hope Tony has hot coco. I have been good this year. This year I want electric car. Can you give my dog a chew toy? I hope you have a safe flight.

Love, Lizzie

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Did you get the cookies that you like? I have been good this year. I would really like a guinea pig playset. Could you also bring my dogs a new toy to chew on? I hope you have a safe flight.

Love, Aspen

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Could you tell me. I will you give you cokes. I want to have a big monster truck. Can you give money to my mom please. I hope you don't get sick, have a great day.

Love, Alan

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing. I hope the are. I want a play stochim. Could you bring my sister a Barbie doll? I hope that you have a good flight with your reindeer.

Your friend, Billy

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph? How is Deckster doing? I ws very good this year. I want a puppy please. Could you also bring my mom a Christmas dress? I hope you get a lot of cookies on Christmas.

Love, Camilla

Dear Santa,

Is your sleigh out of fuel? Is it relly relly cold up there? This year, I want B&kugon please. Can you please build a robot for my mom? Have a good Christmas.

Your friend, Landon

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer so fast. How do they fix? Could I get a toy Pokeman? This is what I whant for Christmas. I would like Landon to get a football. I hope you get all of the cookies you like.

Love, Carson

Dear Santa Claus,

What are your reindeer names? How is Keven doing? Santa can you bring me a puppy toy please? Can you bring clothes for Jamsun please? I love you Santa, you're the best.

Love, Nora

Dear Santa Claus,

I want to know all about your sleigh. Are the reindeer feeling will? I have been really good this year. Can I have an xbox? This year can my dg have a chew

toy? I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love, William

Dear Santa,

Is it cold up there? Is your coat hot. I think it is very cold. Can you bring me a real puppy? My baby sister wants a toy unicorn. I hope you like the cookies!

Love, Kolton

Dear Santa,

Bring Jeremiah a cyber nerf gun? Are you magical? I hope you have a great Xmas. Bring Mr, Threatt a rule. Bring Corban a dinosaur toy.

Love, Braxus

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite food? Is it milk and cookies? If I'm right then can you bing Corbin a ne football? And can you bring Charlott a teddy bear. If you can just make sure it's not too big. And can you bing me a real colt please.

Love, Isabella

Dear Santa Claus,

What is your favorite food? How are you? Who is your favorite snow men or bunnies? I hope you get a lots of rest? What is your favorite drink? Can you get a stuffed animal for Gladys. For Laci get a jachet. For my mom a new house. For my dad a motorcycle. Merr Christmas!

Love, Charlotte R

Dear Santa Claus,

Is it cold at the north pole? Can you please bring Laci a phone case? I wish you a merm Christmas? Is it cool living in ther? How long dust it take mises Clasu to bake the yum-

my cakes. Glades wons a drawing cit. Can you bring Kaden a phone.

Your friend, Gabriella

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa hears your letter. Did you make the Christmas sprit? Is Rudolf reel? Bring Kayden a PS5, bring Angel a PS% and bring Mr. Threat a PS5. Have a great day!

Love, Luke

Dear Mr. Clause,

How are you? How di you make toys? I want you to bring my mom a gift card. I hope you have a great Christmas. I want you to bring my mom a happy Christmas too. I hope you make people happy.

Love, James

Dear Santa,

How are you? How do you make toys? Can you bring my mom new shoes? Happy Christmas day!

Love, Kayden

Dear Santa,

I hope your ok I wonder? What your gowing to bring my this year? What do you like! Can you bring a plushy for Hazel? You look hansum. Merry Crismise to your santy.

Love, Taytum

Dear Santa,

Pleas bring Corbin 4,000 difrint type of syneekers. Who is your favorite elf? How many dears do you have? How many elves do you have? Please bring April three babby cats. Pleas make Zenze three babby dogs.

Love, Andrea

Dear Santa Claus,

What is your favorite

food. What is your rann-deer names? Can you get a cat for my sister. Can you get a football for my dad. Can you get a new water bottle for my mom. How are you.

Love, Corban

Dear Santa

How are you today? Santa I want to bring a present to Luke because he is my friend. Could you bring him a puppy? Could you bring him shoes?

Love, Angel

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? Can you bring my mom a ipad please? Is it cold there? Can you bring some of your elfs on Christmas? Can you bring Gabriella some earrings? Can you bring a new phone for Gabrilla?

Love, Laci

Dear Santa,

What do you do? Do you hav money? What does your home look like? Can you get Faith a new blanket? Can you get Serenity phonfengtos? Could you give me a new phone?

Love, Jeremiah

Dear Santa,

You must be cold. You give my sister a TV and an X box. I wish yu an x box.

Love, Ariel

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite color. Do you mis me. How are you. Can you bring my mom an iPhone. Can you bring my dad a ipade. I wish you love, car and hope.

Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,

Are you strong? Are you cool? Can you give my sis-

ter bourby stuff and lego sets. I hope you are not weak.

Sincere, Jack

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeers? How are you? I wish for a iPhone13. I hope you have a good day. I have been good because I don't make a mess in my dad's car.

Love, Colby

Dear Santa,

Can I ride your sleigh? How are the rain deer? How old are you? Please bring happyness to the world. Please bring me a hover borad. Please bring joy to my mom, dad and sister. I have been vary good because I have been thotfol.

Love, Thomas

Dear Santa,

How old are you. Winch is your favorite bears. Santa will you bring a preeseet to Mrs. Ayala. I am good.

Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa,

How old are you? How are the rander. Do you no my name? I have bin good! Becose I lie it! I wunt a helicopter.

Love, Gage

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Klos? Can you get me wollskas? I hope my elff is dowing good. I have been OK and I help my sister and my brother. Keep my room kleeng.

Love, Paisley

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Dear Santa

I hope you are having a good year! I want to let you know that I have been a good kid. I want for Christmas a PS4, Fortnite game, Sonic skate board. Thank you Santa.

Carlos

Dear Santa

You're cool. Are you magic? I want a spotted leopard. Thank you for everything.

Your friend, Hudson

Dear Santa

I like your boots. How is Mrs. clause? I want a toy unicorn anapppen, a tablet and a box of fidgets. I love you Santa.

Your friend, Abigail

Dear Santa

You are very kind to kids. How many elves do you have? Can I have a hoverboard, a playstation and some books? Santa you are very cool to kids and you

are very very sweet.

Your friend, Samara

Dear Santa

Thank you very much for all the presents you got me last year. Did you have a good Christmas last year? I really hope you can get me a mini, real, iphone, a butterfly phone case, and maybe some art stuff. Thank you so much for everything.

Love, Gracie

Dear Santa

Thank you for the presents last year. How are you doing? I would really like a joovy stroller, joovy carseat and jooby crib. I love you.

Your friend, Rubby

Dear Santa

Thank you for the presents last year. Did I give you cookies last year? I would like an apple pen, pop-its, and a Nintendo. I think you're so cool. Thank you for everything you do.

Your friend, Kaisyan

Dear Santa

I think it's really cool to ride in a sled because you get to fly. I wonder if you are cold because you live in the North Pole. I want an OMG doll and flowers.

Your friend, Hope

Dear Santa

Thank you for giving gifts to every kid in the world!!! Is riding a sleigh run??? I would like: rainbow high dolls, monster high dolls, and shadow high. You are really amazing! I love that you are so kind. I'm sure excited for Christmas!!!

Your friend, Emilly

Dear Santa

You're really cool. Did you like my cookies last year? Can you please give me an iphone, DT set, and a whole box of fidgets? Some people think you are not real but I think you are.

Your friend, Marley

Dear Santa

You are cool. Is it cold in the North Pole? I would like a golden mewtwo and a golden charzard pokemon card, and three cannon blastoost golden v, max pokemon cards. Thank you for everything you do.

Your friend, Levi

Dear Santa

I really like you as a friend. For Christmas I would like red, blue, green, yellow, white, brown, gray, black, clear, silver and gold Sharpies. I would also like an element ring and a ryans toymobile chest. I think you are so cool.

Your friend, Isaiiah

Dear Santa

Thank you for all the presents. Did a kid ever see you. I want a dog, a living one please, fortnite sheet or blanket and a teddy bear or dog.

It is your old friend, Conner

Dear Santa

I am grateful for the presents last year. How were you born? I want a baby doll and a little barn with little horse and a elf. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Grace

Dear Santa

I loved your presents so much when I was little. Please Santa bring a elf on the shelf because I want one so bad. I want a PS5, makeup and slime. You are amazing! Is my elf going to come to my house?

Love, Arianna

Dear Santa

I would love to see you in real life. I would like some things. I would like to have a drone, electric car, and a headset. It is so cool that you are so old.

Love, Rilee

Dear Santa

I like your reindeer so much! Where were you born? For Christmas, I want a PS5, trip to the Texas Ranger game, and a dirt bike. It is amazing that you can fly! Your magic is awesome!

Your friend, Jax

Dear Santa

I love my presents from last year! How did the elf come to life? I want a cat sticker, art supplies, and toy for my cat. I hope you like the cookies.

Your friend, Kylie

Dear Santa

I like you. You're as sweet as a candy cane. How many elves do you have and how many reindeer do you have? I would like a parrot, a gem and some stickers. Your reindeer are soooo cool!

Love, Jackson



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Dear Santa

I want to be kind every day even at my house and my sisters and for Christmas I want magic mincs and new role skants and legos and stik and ston books lots and lots and LOLs and a bigis house love. How are you gys dowing and a ice ckreme mushin.

Love, Valerie

Dear Santa

How are you? I hope you and Mrs. Claus are good. I have ben nice to my sister. Thank you for reading my letter. Merry Christmas.

Love, Harper

Dear Santa

Are you having a good day? I hope you and Mrs. Claus are having fun. I have been reading a lot of books! Thank you for everything!

Love, Brenda

Dear Santa

How are you feeling today? I hope you have fun. I have been nice to others! For Christmas I want Pokemon cards, a phone and an Arctic Fox with a snow globe on its collar.

Love, Lakyn

Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are doing OK. I have been nice to my mom. I love others.

Love, Megen

Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing today? I want a Jell blaster-sniper. Well, I have been nice to others. I choose love every day.

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa

I hope you're having fun. I hope you're doing well. Are your elves doing good? I have been nice to others. I have been reading a lot. Thank you for reading my letter.

Love, Lexi

Dear Santa

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I have been nice to others. Thank you for everything!

Love, Casen

Dear Santa

How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. I have been good. Thank you for everything.

Love, Curt

Dear Santa

Are you and Mis Claus doing good? I wunder what your Christmas tree looks like. I have been kind to othrs. Thank you for everything!

Love, Eden

Dear Santa

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I love you.

Love, Johnny

Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs. Clus today? I hope you are doing well. I have been good! I have been reading a

big book.

Love, Lucas

Dear Santa

I hope you have a good day. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are having fun. I choose love every day. Thank you for everything.

Love, Payzlie

Dear Santa

How are your elves doing? I hope you are doing well. I've been nice to others. I have been reading lots of books. Thank you for reading my letter. You are so sweet to me a lot time.

Love, Tatum

Dear Santa

I like your Hohoho. And you're the coolest guy ever. I love you! You are so cool. I've been good this year! Thank you for everything!

Love, Tabithas

Dear Santa

It's me, Bryson. I have tried to be good all year. I tried to do math right and reading right. I'm working on hard books. I would really like for you to give my brother a new stuffed animal. He might want a rino one. I'm in the 2nd grade.

Sincerely, Bryson

Dear Santa

Its me Zane. I have tried to be good all yeak veien books. I would really like some thing for Jack son nefyoo is one years lolol I want a Xbox.

Love, Zane

Dear Santa

It's me, Aydan. I have tried to be good all year. I help my mom to make food. I do chores. I tried to get A's on my tests. I make my bed. I would really like to get a hotwheel car and truck hotwheel. Santa, you are so kind to everyone. Santa, thank you for listining to my letter.

Love you! Aydan

Dear Santa

It's me Raegan. I tried to be good at reading. I want an American Girl doll for Christmas and a phone too. Have a good trip.

Thank you, Raegan

Dear Santa

It's me, Tate. I have tried to be good all year. I try to help my mom so much. I can keep praying for her. I hope you pray for her too. Now about me, I am in 2nd grade and I am 8 years old. I would really like a X-box so I can give my friend it for his birthday. Love you Santa!!!

Love, Tate

Dear Santa

It's me, Robert. I live in Springtown now. I really tried to be kind all year. I wish I could be a better friend at kickball. I would like a airplane and an elf.

Love, Robert

Dear Santa

It's me, Raylynnne. Did

you know that you are the best Santa ever? I have tried to be good all year. I help my mom and my family. I pray for them. I would really like a hoover board. I make mistakes, and that is okay because everybody makes mistakes too. My friend makes mistakes and that is ok. Merry Christmas. I hope you have a fun trip. How are the rain deer? I wish you a happy, merry Christmas.

Love, Raylynnne

Dear Santa

It's me Dominic. I hope you have a good year. I tried to be good all year. I try to get good grades. I would really like nothing because my granma is getting me all the stuff I want. But you can donate warm clothes to children and Goodwill and the homeless.

Thank you, Dominic

Dear Santa

It's me, Aly. Do you rember me? I have tried to be good all year. Please, I want you to donate socks and food and coats, umbrellas, blankets to people in need. And some money to my parents, Jennifer and David. So we can go on a vacation. I want a hover board. And something to my teacher Mrs. Mecbler. She is so great. Thank you.

Love, Aly

Dear Santa

It's me, Kaydence. I tried to be good all year. I tried to fix my attitude by calming down. And being a good friend. I would really liked a puppy, any kind of puppy.

Love, Kaydence

Dear Santa

It's me, Micah. I hope you have a great flight. I have tried to be good all year. I have been helping out a lot of people at home. I have the best friends and family. I would really like a hover board for Christmas. Have a holly one. I know everyone is going to be soooo happy. Thank you.

Sincerely, Micah

Dear Santa

It's me Allen. I really work hard in school. I am really tried to get better grades. I would really like an electric scooter because I always am nise. I love Santa!

Love, Allen

Dear Santa

All I want for Christmas is Barbie House. I wish you a happy anristma.

Thank you! Kinsley

Dear Santa

It's me, Jaxson. I hope you have a fun year. I have tried to be good all year. I was good by helping everybody in my class. I would really like a Demarini baseball bat. Please! Thank you! Sincerely, I hope you have a good trip to everybodyes houes.

Love you, Jax

Dear Santa

It's me Bubba. I have tried to be good all year. I would reall like all the rainbow frns. I would like PS5. Have a good day and a Crismis. HoHoHo. Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho. Ho Ho Ho. Make your elfs make toys.

Love, Bubba.

Dear Santa

It's me, Graham. I been good all year. Have a holly, jolly Christmas. Be careful. Please, be careful. For Christmas, I want a PS5.

Love, Graham

Dear Santa

It's me Oscar. I have tried to be good all year. I listen to my mom. I am good at following directions. I would really like a big set of Legos. Thank you!

Sincerely, Oscar

Dear Santa

It's me, Raylee. I live in Springtown. I have tried to be good all year. I work really hard to be a good student and I'm kind to others. I am working on reading non-fiction. I would really like two Blowups for Christmas, one reindeer and a santa clause. Thank you for what do for the kids. Thank you!

Love, Raylee

Dear Santa

It's me, Andrew and I just want to thank you so much. I have tried to be good all year. I work really hard in the fields and in the shop and especially in the room we are working on. I am in second grade. I am working on practicing spelling every night. I would really

like a new pair of boots, all leather with rubber bottoms. I want Cade of Hanm by Alan Gratz. I don't want to be greedy, and that's all I want. Thank you.

Sincerely, Andrew

Dear Santa

Thank you! It's me, Macy. I live in Azle now. And two dogs. I have tried to be good all year. I try to be kind to my family and frinds. I am grateful for you, Santa. An I probably need to read more would non-fiction. I would like Roku for my TV in my room. I also want dog dog clothes for my dog, Cutie. Have a nice trip.

Thank you, Macy

Dear Santa

It's me, Saralyn, and I'm in 2nd grade. I'm 8 years old. I have tried to be good all year. I try to keep my room clean. I'm starting to read chapter books. I would really like an American Girl Doll for Christmas. Be safe and have a good trip!

Saralyn

Dear Santa

It's me, Balley. I try to be good. I would like a happy napperadrea snow globe a star Bally Dream Light. Thats all.

Balley

Dear Santa

Its me, Bleu. I hope that you have a fun time. I have tried to get good grades. Santa, I love you. I would really like an orange and blue Demarini baseball bat. I hope you have a good Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Bleu

Dear Santa

It's me, Vanessa. I want a lot of presents and I have tried to be good all y. I whant for Christmas is a kids mi and I want a tablet for Christmas. Have a good trip.

Love, Vanessa

Dear Santa

It's me, Abigail. I live on Springtotown texeas. I help my elves. I am in 2nd grade. I have tried to be good all year. I would really like a Hoover board. I love you, Santa. Thank you! Be safe!

Love, Abigail

Dear Santa

It's me, Cassie. I have tried to be good all year. I am kind to others. I help my mom cook dinr and ever breakfast. I would really like can you git me a pillow and a phone with a camra and games? I hope you gittothe kids safhisanta ranber safe rwif.

Love you, Cassie

Dear Santa

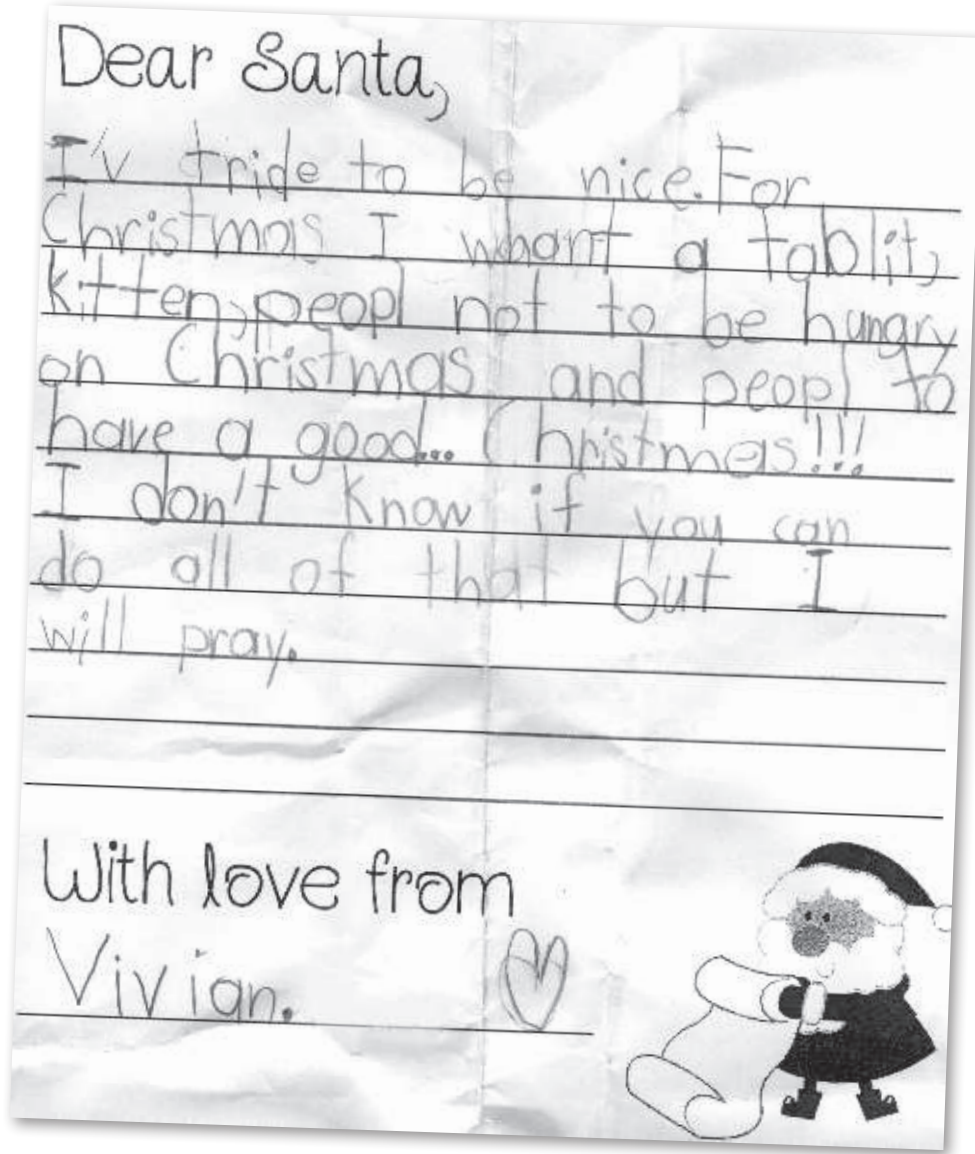
It's me, Lane. I live in Springtown. I have tried to be good all year. I helped my mom set up Christmas stuff and helped with dishes. I am in 2nd grade. I would really like a race car RC that is drag racing.

Sincerely, Lane

Dear Santa

Hi its me Carsyn. A grot year iv trip to be good all year Im a bot to bea big sister and my theers is rely nise she is the best I waud rely like new cthos for the best titel chigrin that need it. Thak you.

Sensarly, Carsyn



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been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is plastic dentist mawth and dollhouse with a hamick. And I promise to leave out mick and cookys for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudolph and misisclas for me!

Love, Tazlee

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is microphone and gvclhiboo. And I promise to leave out milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to MrsClause for me!

Love, Aubrep

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is skate boarb and skobeteu. And I promise to leave out milck for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to roobont for me!

Love, Thomas

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is I want virtual realifuttorse. And I promise to leave out cooces mik for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudolph for me!

Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a horse and makeup. And I promise to leave out melk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to the elf for me!

Love, Kendyll

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is now shoes and a dog. And I promise to leave out milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Misis Clos for me!

Love, Chloe

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is remolt centrol dambogeene. And I promise to leave out randeer food for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to elfs and roof for me!

Love, Porter

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is rainbow high doll and a mini unicorn backpack. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Ms Claus for me!

Love, Nataly

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is legos and prezents. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to nobody for me!

Love, Caiden

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is slime and books. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to the elves for me!

Love, Kylie

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is PS 5 and a dirt bike. And I promise to leave out cookeis for you! Mer-

ry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudoph for me!

Love, Damien

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a hamister and a cage for it. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Santa for me!

Love, Jocelyn

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a rill rad dress and Ja rill rabbit. And I promise to leave out mciookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to the raindeer for me!

Love, Mckenna

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is stuf animal and unicorn. And I promise to leave out milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudolph for me!

Love, Naveah

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Nintendo Switch and elf on shelf. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to the reindeer for me!

Love, Caydan

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have

been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is perfume and Dad. And I promise to leave out milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Mom for me!

Love, Chorizmo

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been naughty (but nice!). What I would like most this Christmas is just a famley and a fannly. And I promise to leave out nothing for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Elf for me!

Love, Daniel

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Giyit Legios and a PS 5. And I promise to leave out cooces for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudolps for me!

Love, Preston

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is new born winter close and a bene and mintins. And I promise to leave out cupracs for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Mom for me!

Love, Braylon

Dear Santa

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Pocymons and aifon12. And I promise to leave out cookies melk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa! P.S. Please say "hi" to Rudolph and th elves for me!

Love, Nate

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My name is Liam and I am seven years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: I phone pro snow globe and a narato lego set. This is why I want a iphone pro so my dad doesn't have to pay money. The other reason is so I can see if my family is hurt. The next one is to play games.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Liam

Dear Santa

My name is Nathaniel and I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: xbox becues call of doody fortnit play wif my cusins. And sonic lego set becues I like legos and lego tabl I like sonic.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Nathaniel

Dear Santa

My name is Kamden and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like: pon v box and a ipad. And the resen that I wot apohn is so I can play gams no lt and the rezen meu is so I can get shensrhn for ham. And the resen that I wat en ipad is so I can osoy play gams no it.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Kamden

Dear Santa

My name is Allen and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like: IntWers and Baby Yoda. Y I want Baby Yoda is because you can play the frs and you can play with a lisabr and you can yous the lisabr.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Allen

Dear Santa

My name is Mckynia and I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: I want sum more My Life set. I wood like a kichin set a bathroom set too. Resin 1 win I play with them I donot have a nufe sets. Resin 2 thay need a kichin to cook. Resin 3 I need the bathroom set so thay can take a shoer.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Mckynia

Dear Santa

My name is Paxton and I am 8 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: for christmas I would like PS 5 or intendo. 1 ceson I would like a PS 5 is with the Konaseg gemera in the crew 20 and the secenit

reason is to have all the carsin in the crew 2. Even the locktouno.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Paxton

Dear Santa

My name is Ryker and I am 8 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: A huver brod for Christmas because I know haw to reied oen and I rood reied up and down the streat and I have owas wuted oer

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Ryker

Dear Santa

My name is Aubrey and I am 8 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: hufing bor because it is so fun. I neen it because it can spin uraud a lot of time. I need it because so no walting. That wat I wunt for Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa

My name is Loran and I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: A ipad because I can wrokout on it. And the naxe I want a cat because

they are so cute. The last is love.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Loran

Dear Santa

My name is Connor and I am 8 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: a moutinbike so I can ride with my dad and so that im graetful and not naughty and a PS 5 so im nice grateful and not creengy.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Connor

Dear Santa

My name is Sophia and I am 8 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: I want a phone because 1 it enter tans me 2 I can lisiin to song 3 so I don't be mean to my sisters.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Sophia

Dear Santa

My name is Lilly and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like: a light up ternairium, a notebook, a giant teddy, a big doll, a little doll and a star plush. Why I want that for Christmas is that I can learn, I can play, and I can be cuddly with my plush-

ies.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Lilly

Dear Santa

My name is Zailee and I am 8 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: a drawing book because I like to draw two it is fun three I injoy doing it.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Zailee

Dear Santa

My name is Lysah and I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: this year I wunt for Christmas is a tablit os I can't take my mom or dad's phone and os I have a ativudee and because my old one broke.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Lysah

Dear Santa

My name is Dylan and I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: a german shepperd a camaa amd a lego set. I want a german shepperd because they are so cute and they can be helpers , the cand bark loud. I want a camra phone because my sister has one and I can take pictures with my family and I would snare with my brother. And doa lego set because my sister has one so dose my brother and my sister has a hundred peace lego peace.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Jojo

Dear Santa

My name is Trinity and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like: a corge plase and slim the corge giv me kuent and love and keps my sayf. I love you Santa!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Trinity

Dear Santa

My name is Hagen and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like: VR head set. I like it because it is cool and fun.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Hagen

Dear Santa

My name is Kevin and I am 9 years old. This year I have been a little bit of naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I would like: I wot for cisa a tedf ssn and legos gos dekus. I wot topa wif my bad I can paw if my dad bad I can billeg myslf.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Kevin

Dear Santa

My name is Giovanni and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like: I wunth Frn Christmas is PS 5 and I heb my mom I with Frn Christmas. I love you Santa!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Giovanni

Dear Santa

Dear Santa, can you bring me nem head phones for my x box? And some v bucks cards thaunk you.

Love, Pysen

Dear Santa

Hi! Hows it going? How many elves ride with you to deliver presents on the slay? First can I please have a teddy bear? Next may I get a rainbow bow? Then please can I get a backpack? Last I wish for everyone to have the best Christmas. I hope you have a fabulis Christmas!

Love, Aurora

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? How old are you? First can I please have a pet kitten? Next I want cat toys. Last I wish that my elf can get a new hat. After that I hope God has a happy birth day.

Love, Keagan

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? How brite is Roodof's nose? First please can I git Jordin Fors shoes? After that can I git a custum baseball gluv? Last I wish others don't git coal.

I hope you stay warm.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa

Hello! How are you doing? How do elves come alive? First could I hve a plasma globe? Next can I get some golden pokemon cards? Last I want everyone to be kind to each other.

Love, Brody

Dear Santa

Helo! Are you ok? How many elves to you have in your workshop? First may I please have a slime maker? Next can I get a small stress ball? Then I wish for everyone to have a happy holiday!

Love, Dare

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? I wish for an LOL home please. I need a pair of shoes. Next how do you git all of the presnts? I hope you have a Merr Christmas.

Love, Jenna

Dear Santa

Holla! How are you? How does Rudolph's nose shine so brigh? I hope that you make it to all of the house's.

First I want a nintendo with 627 games. Next I want more lego sets. Merry Christmas!

Love, Raylan

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? How do you make presents? First, I want more drones. I hope everyone is happy. How many elves do you have in your store? Last you have a grt year.

Love, Liam

Dear Santa

Hey! How are you doing? How do you make the toys? First may I please have a bulldog? May I please have a camera? Last I wish that the bulldog don't bite you.

Love, Emily

Dear Santa

Hi! Are you good? How old are you? First may I please have a soft chair? Next I wish that everyone will show love. Merry Christmas!

Love, Maxwell

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you deoing? Can I have a roblox gift cared? Can I have an x box

remeot? I wish for evreuo to be kind. How many elf's are there? You have a g ood day. Merry Christmas!

Love, Rhyder

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? How do you fit down the chibhne? I hope you ate unuf cookies. First may I pleas have Ballerina, new shoos and a lunch box with a unuck-orn? Last, I want for other people to stop fighting.

Love, Kaly

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? How many elves do you have? First may I have a pair of ere buls please? next I want a gameing chair! LAST I want some bath bombs.

Love, Abbygail

Dear Santa

How is it to send a buch of presents to kids arund the world? I want a nintendo switch because I can pla it on the bus if my nanny les me bring it I want minecraft mario cart and mario party. I wish for everybody to have a good nite.

Love, Bella

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? How much elves are at the work shop? First may I please have na iphone 14, a hamper, and a rolblox gift card? Merry christmas!

Love, Layton

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you? I like that your beard is white. Fist may I pease get a phon? Then can I get a new cat? Last I wish Aurora was my friend. Merry Christmas!

Love, Emma

Dear Santa

Hi! How are you doing? Doo you keep your beard nice and clean? First I want hot wills please. Then I ant Rolblox. Last I want a gitare. Merry Christmas.

Love, Alaina

Dear Santa

How many elf do you have? First is your day going? I hope you have a grt day. I want Rocket League cars not v-bucks. Is the north pole cold? I am wondering ifyou drive on the sled. I hope your presents get to our house. Does your sled work? Santa Merry

Christmas. I hope Mrs. Claus has hot chocolate. I hope you wear a jacket. I hope you watch us at night. Do you go outside? Do you have a bag? Do you have a dog? If you have a dog, whats its name? I wish to be kind to others so good to others, I love you Santa.

Love, Julian

Dear Santa

Hello! How are you doing? I wot a jet blastr. I wot an orsoft gun with a skope. I wot evrewon to have gud presents. Can you tel Mrs. claus I hope you stay wrm?

Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Are the elves good? Thank you for giving me the basic boll hoop and the boll last year. I have been a little notty, but I am trying to be nice. I'm hoping for a tripoll bunch bed. Hope you like the cookies!

From Mary Grace

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Dear Santa

How are you doing? Thank you for the prezints from last year. I have been nice, but a little noty. I would like a poleroid camra. Stay warm.

From Ava McCallion

Dear Santa

How are your bffs doing? Thank you for bringing me a alechick scooter last year. I have been both but moselee nice. Please bring me dog books. How have you been bro?

From Gradie

Dear Santa

How is Rootof? thank you for bringing me gifts last year. I have been a litl bit notty but I am werking on it. Please bring me a soglayo and a stust anamil cheta and bath boms with prisisinside ifyou say I am bad you do not haf to bring me gifts.

From Paige

Dear Santa

How is Rootof? Is your elfs acting okay? Thank you for my presents last year. I'vv been mostly nice this year. Please bring me the willa doll from z-o-m-b-i-e-s. I hope you like the cookies!

Love, Kolbie

Dear Santa

How are your elfs acten? Thank you for bringing me a chain last year. I have been mostle good. Please bring me another chain. Merry Christmas!

From Pierson

Dear Santa

How are your reindeer espeshule roodoff? Thank you for the presents last year. I've been in the middle this year. Please bring me a chip of scarlat and vilti Merry Christmas santa.

From Max

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Thank you for bringing me gifs last year. I have been good bot bad sumtims too. I would like Moer viteyogams. I here you like the cookies.

From Aiden

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Thank you bringing me make up last year. I have been good and nice. I would like a camra and a baby huskey. I hope you get warm.

From Jazziene

Dear Santa

How or the elfs? Santa Thank you for bringing me a nintendo. I have been a little good. Santa can you please bring me an orby gun please and action figure Thor. Merry Christmas.

From Ethan

Dear Santa,

How is Roodolf doing? Thank you for bring me a hores traler last year. I know I'v lide, but I'm working on it, I want a box of gigigs. I will gif as much christmas speeret as I can.

From Kinsley

Dear Santa

How have your elfs ben? Thank you for the deer stand last year. I have been nis. Please bring me a nife, guns, a bunk bed with a bodim table.

From Auldon

Dear Santa

Haw are you dowing and the elfs? Tank you for the skooder. I hav bin good an bad. I am tring to be good. Plis bring me a iphon or iphon 12 and basball geer and nike shoos and air fosis or nike air fosis.

From Khoen

Dear Santa

Hey is the elfs okay?

Love, Penelope

Thank you for binging me peshins last year. I have been both but mosh nice. Please bing me a bike. Be good Santa. My name is Gavin. By the way inDecember I like to play baseball.

From Gavin

Dear Santa

How are you? Thank you for bringing me LOL doll last year. I have been nice. I would like iphone 14. Merry Christmas.

From Madi

Dear Santa

Can you bring Rudolph? Thank you for the venom toy last year. I have been mostly nice. I don't know what I want for Christmas. Surprise me!

From Silas

Dear Sadu

Haw are you. Fak you for the plado. I have been Kind uf nice and notee. Please bring me a safe wifakode. Merry Christmas Haylee.

From Haylee

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Thank you for bringing me a skateboard last year. I have been good. Pelse bring me a rc car. Merry Christmas!

From Paul

Dear Santa

Hoops the elf in play of the month! Thank you for the prasans last year. I'm good. Plaes bring me a mak soot. I'm not bringin you no rml cookis I'm bringn a ganrbrad has.

From Emma

Dear Santa

I may be on the naughty list bot I wil be better. I would like an American Girl + a new sweater, hair ties, and the Grinch book. Thank you.

Love, Penelope

Dear Santa

I may not have bin so good but can I stil git prezints? Picx15, slade, a black cowboy hat, shelves, and Harry Potter books. Thank you Santa.

Love Kaden

Dear Sata

I have been very good this year.. I waht I iphone 14 please. I dso need new gloses and pants. I would lik a gozilla bouk too. Thank you and be safe. You are a good giy and miss clause too.

Lov Robert

Dear Santa

I might be on the naughty list but I will try my best to get on the nice list but please give me presentes if you do give me presents I would like a horse, dog, geinea pig, new clothes, water, bad guys books, and thank you be safe.

Love Quinley

Dear Santa

I have been good this year I am asking for a phone, case and phade protector. I would also like a word search, a christmas dress, and the nite before christmas book. Thank you and be safe.

Love, Isabella

Dear Santa

I have been good this year. This year I want a VR set, new shoos, new cloths and dogman book. Thank you and be safe.

Love, Riley

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year.. I am asking for an iphone, an ipad, a phone case, a phone protector, and a comic. Thank you!

Love Jessiyn

Dear Santa

I have been 100% good and 69% bad. I'm asking for

Pokeman card pak, socks, food, pokemon books, every Harry Potter book, and the Wild Robot. Thank you and be safe.

Love, Karsen

Dear Santa

I know I might be on the naughty list but I will do beter. If you give me presents I wold like a mous for keybord and cool shoos. I wold like the book with no words ples and thank you.

From Kal-el

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year. I wood like sum pikacho stof plees. Also an axalotlle plus. And an axalotlle outfit. I also really want the tramp line to be setup thak you santa mery chrismis!

Luve Kai

Dear Santa

I have been mostly good this year. I whant an iphone new shoes a dr seuss book and the book Snow and Rose. Thank you.

Love, Marleigh

Dear Santa

I don't want anything

Love, Stone

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Carter. I don't know if I've been naughty or nice. I would like a roblox gift card, and I also would like a pickachu onesie. Also a pare of blue jeans. Thank you.

Love, Carter

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year. This year I am asking for a Nintetdo switch a new shirt would also be nice. Ples and thank you!

Love, Maci

Derar Santaa

I want a baby raptor that eats. I neeb a baby bunny. I wouold like new cresmes

cloths. I ben good b safe.

Love, Kalub

Dear Santa

I have been very good this year. This year I am asking for anintendo switch and a vr head set. I also need some new cloths and underwear. I would also realy enjoy reading Dog man. Thank you and be safe.

Love you, Maleki

Dear Santa Claus

I might be on the naughty list but I well be bettr. This year I am asking for a phone, a phone cas and a cat. Also need clothes and a dragn book. Thank you.

Love, Emalynn

Dear Santa

I have, been vere good this year. I would like a phone and a PS5. I also need a luhbox and new tothpaste. Can II please get the book Sweet Tooth. Thanks Santa

Luv Elias

Dear Santa

I have been very good. Can I please have a phone, phone case, and a phone protector plees. I also would like a new crismtas sweater and presins. Thank you and be safe.

Love, Everly

Dear Santa

I have tried to be good this year. I would like a phone and a nintendo swich. I need a new sweater. I need bascitball shoose. and a VR heab set. Thank you Santa for my gifts.

Love, Jasper

Dear Santa

I have been okay this year so can I please have money, robux, pizza PJs, and red cat blue cat.

Love Cohen

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