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Drone team nabs highest-ever place at competition



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 Azle High School student **Kyler Akers** pilots a drone at the football field at **Hornet Stadium**, while his classmates **Brendon Devillier** and **Logan Louquet** stand by in the background. The school has been making strides and moving to new heights with its drone team.

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The drone competition team at Azle High School continues its success, as the students participated in the Bell Advanced Vertical Robotics Competition for the third time and had their best-ever

showing this year. Last year, the group finished 13th in the qualifying event, and this year, the group finished in second place. On Nov. 13, the team competed in a qualifier event at the University of Texas at Arlington, said Tyler

Harrison, AHS coach and drone team adviser, in a news release. The students had to participate in four rounds of competition and conduct presentations to a group of Bell engineers. They placed second at this event and qualified for the championship event for the first time.

“We made a huge improvement,” Harrison said in his class last week. The championship event took place Dec. 3 at Bell Flight Research Center in Arlington. Fourteen teams from around the country participated. Azle’s team finished 13th overall among the 70-plus

teams nationwide. “They worked very hard after last year’s performance to improve and try to get to the championship,” Harrison said. “It’s really awesome seeing them learn real life skills. They built that drone from nothing. They designed some of the parts on there for it

to complete the tasks. They just faced a lot of technical difficulties leading up to and at the competitions and they were able to think on their feet and troubleshoot and problem-solve and get everything working.”

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Committee discusses future of AISD schools

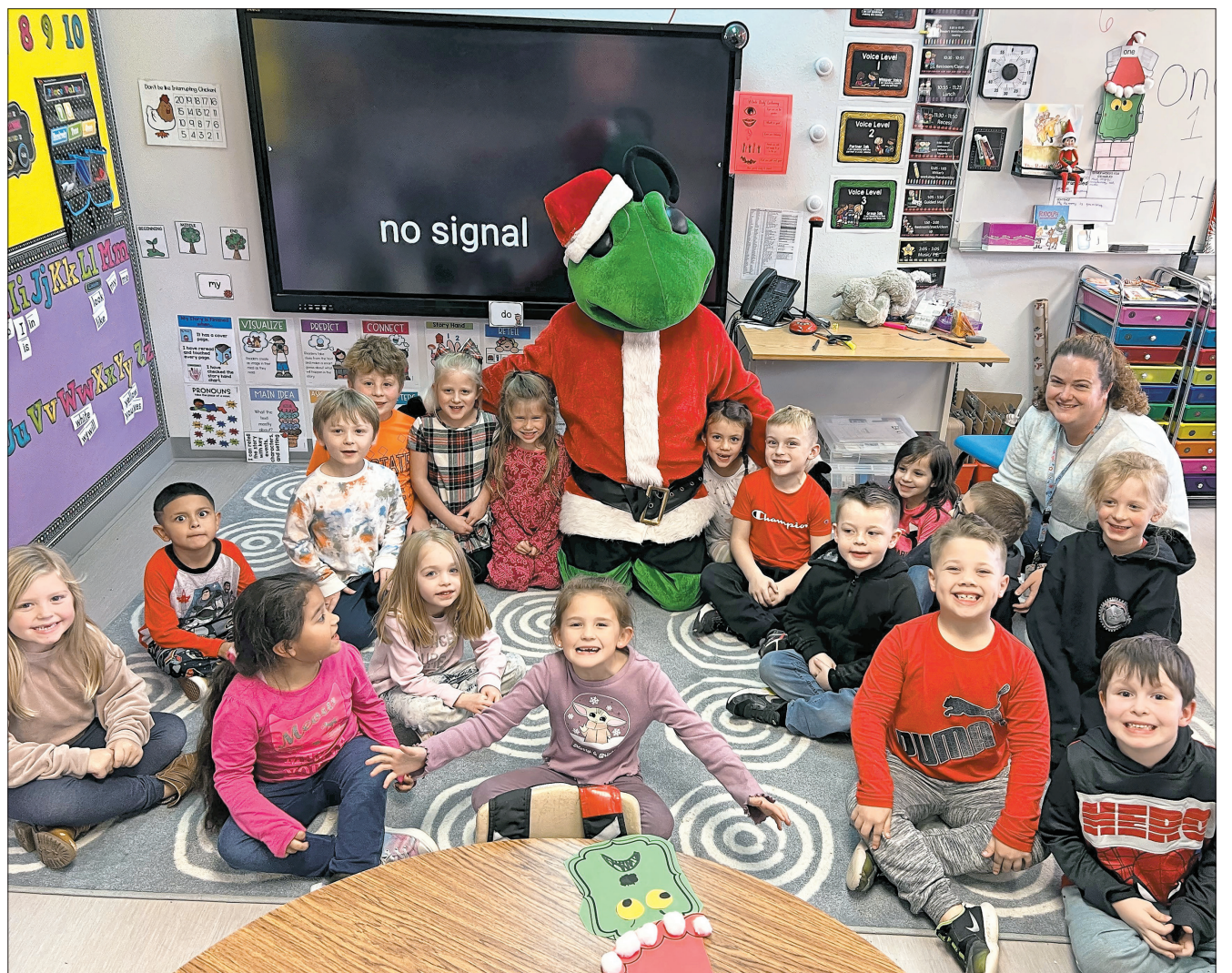
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The consensus among members of the Azle Long Range Facilities Planning Committee attending a recent meeting is they prefer as few as possible campus transitions for the school district’s children. That means they would like to see the district move to a three-campus arrangement in which pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students would be in one building, while sixth through eighth grade would be in one campus and then ninth through 12th grade would be in one building, which for the last set of students is the way the high school campus operates now. “We think if you’re looking for a recommendation – and we’ve said this before – we think the grade configurations helps us from having to build another fifth and sixth grade campus in the next upcoming years,” Superintendent Todd Smith said at the meeting, held last week. “Now, if people like

our (current) grade configurations and are OK with the transitions, then we probably need to start looking for some property for a fifth and sixth grade campus.” Smith said later in an email that the district supports the concept of three configurations – two transitions – and thinks it has advantages over the current model. Hoover and Azle elementary campuses can be reconfigured into pre-k through fifth campuses, Smith said. Smith also said at the meeting that there’s no planning committee support to renovate Azle Junior High School, so the district would have to look at the possibility of constructing a new AJHS. A new junior high school, with athletic facilities, would cost in the \$125-150 million range, said Matt Adams, AISD assistant superintendent of finance and operations. The matter of district transitions was but one topic discussed at the committee’s meeting Dec. 12 at the AISD administration building. The

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Buzzy gets in the spirit



Buzzy helped get Eagle Heights Elementary kids in the Christmas spirit last Friday.

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More than \$11,000 donated at Lord's Acre fundraiser

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Representatives from Community Caring Center, Good N.E.W.S., Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center, and Safe Harbor Counseling Center appeared at First United Methodist Church in Azle last week to receive checks from the Lord's Acre fundraiser, held in early October. Shown here are Fran Simpson of Safe Harbor Counseling Center; B.J. Collins, large event council member at the church; Portia Jackson, executive director of the Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center; Kristie Cooper of the Community Caring Center; Terri Bartlett of Good N.E.W. S.; and Bonnie Monninger of the Community Caring Center. It is the largest fundraiser of the year and is the largest mission project the church undertakes, said Ken Leemon, business manager and director of serving ministries at the church. Nonprofits receive a large portion of the funds raised. This year's donations totaled \$11,737.38 and they were split equally among the four organizations. The event itself is a three-day event that includes a large tent sale, silent and live auctions, dessert sales, frozen food booths and a brisket dinner on Saturday. A drawing is held for people to enter for a handmade quilt.

Azle Choir performs at Christmas concert



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Members of the Azle High School choir performed their Christmas concert Dec. 16 at the school. Shown here are, top left, bottom from left, Paul Leonard, Zoey Thompson and Alan Hard, and then the next row are, from left, Kameron Weger, Landen Casto, Conner Merrill, Christian Shepherd, Brenden Broyles and Joseph Schmidt. In the top right picture are, bottom row, Hailey Fretwell, Kyra Parsley, Tessa Wyche, Freedom Prescott and Hailey George.

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Optimists recognize Hutton, Powers as Young Texans for December

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Optimist Club of Azle announced that Brayden Hutton and Trinity Powers, seniors at Azle High School, were chosen as the Young Texan and Texanne for the month on Dec. 16.

Hutton has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school and plans to earn a law degree after college graduation. It is his goal to pursue a career as an attorney. He is ranked 26th in the senior class and holds a GPA of 101.02.

He has not yet committed to a college but told Optimist members that he would like to attend the University of Texas-Arlington. Hutton has played for the varsity soccer team at AHS and is a member of a club team out of Keller. He hopes to continue playing soccer through college and enjoys volunteering at youth soccer camps.

Hutton describes himself as a "person who is driven to achieve personal expectations and goals "that he has set for himself." Through soccer, Hutton said that he has learned to be selfless and that "sometimes the need of the team is greater than myself." He also said that he enjoys seeing the ex-

pectation that he is a "dumb jock" crumble when teachers start handing out grades, or when the other students start discussing their ACT and SAT scores.

Powers has received her acceptance letter to Midwestern State University, where she plans to study computer science. She plans to work in software development, she told Optimist members.

Her strongest subjects have been STEM-related, including math, which has helped her determine the career path she wants to take. Powers said that she is very interested in coding and the role it plays in software and web design and development.

Powers told the Optimists that she likes "the rigidity" of math, and it is the same with coding languages.

"There's certain rules to coding. ... They all work in different ways but the ways they work stay consistent, no matter what you're coding," she said.

"So once you get the basics, it is easy to understand, it's easy to create whatever you could possibly want to create," she said.

Powers is ranked No. 23 in the class and has a 101.30 GPA.



AHS Principal Nate Driver (left) introduced Trinity Powers and Brayden Hutton to the Optimist Club on Dec. 16, giving examples of why they were chosen as the Young Texan and Texanne for the month. Optimist Club President Josh Reed (right) presented the certificates of recognition to the students.

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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.

Until next time.

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District approves calendar, security system

BY DON MUNSCHE
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Azle AISD board of trustees approved the 2023-24 district calendar at its Monday meeting. Trustees saw the proposed 2023-24 district calendar at the Nov. 28 meeting, when they also approved a new district-wide security system. The Azle ISD District Leadership Team created a proposed calendar that was one of two options presented to all of the Azle ISD Staff on Nov. 7, the district's agenda noted. Staff voted between the two presented options during Nov. 7-11. The calendar presented at the board meeting received the highest number of votes from the staff, and that calendar was presented for consideration

by the board.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CALENDAR:

- Classes begin Aug. 16.
- Thanksgiving week break is from Nov. 20-24.
- Christmas/winter break for students will be from Dec. 22 through Jan. 9. Teachers will have a staff development day on Jan. 8 and a teacher work day is on Jan. 9.
- Spring break is March 11-15, but a teacher work day will be on March 8. A half day of school is scheduled for March 7.
- March 29 is a day off for students and staff because it is Good Friday. April 1 will be a teacher work day, so students will get a four-day holiday weekend.
- Last day of school is May 23 (half day). A teacher work

day is set for the following day.

Amanda Wimpee, director of curriculum and student services, talked to the board about the calendar, explaining that employees were asked what they valued in a calendar and what they wanted prioritized in building a 2023-24 calendar.

Their results were first shared with the District Leadership Team, which is made up of parents, community members, teachers, librarians, principals, assistant principals – “just a little bit of every sampling that we can include, so there's a wide array of voices,” Wimpee said.

She said once the DLT had a chance to digest that information, it was shared with the entire AISD staff so everybody knew the infor-

mation that officials were working from in order to build these sample calendars. The DLT met twice to review the results of the feedback and then to construct two sample calendars to share with staff as options for the next school year.

Wimpee said 387 staff members participated in the vote, with the winning calendar getting 64% of the vote.

The mid-August start is a comfortable start date for both parents and staff, Wimpee said.

Also at the November meeting, the board, in a consent agenda item, approved the Centegix CrisisAlert security system for campuses. The total amount would be roughly \$84,000 a year, said Matt Adams, assistant superintendent of

finance and operations, in a previous News story. Once approved, the system could be installed with six to eight weeks, Adams said. There would be upfront and installation costs. The three-year grand total is \$339,300, according to information in the agenda packed and confirmed by Adams.

The new security system will help staffers by having them wearing a device to immediately alert leaders on campus in case of an emergency. The system seeks to enhance current safety practices and protocols.

The district contracted with Centegix, based in Austin, for the acquisition of the CrisisAlert device and system that allows individuals to send a signal through a click that can reduce incident response time. The device is

easy to use, and it requires no wifi or cell service and offers room level location accuracy. Classrooms would be equipped with strobe lights and auditory cues that be integrated into the intercom system. Instructions for staffers would be displayed on computer and mobile devices, the News previously reported.

The badge offers two types of alerts – one for staff alerts and one for campus-wide alert (lockdown). The staff alerts would be centered on such matters as medical emergencies, fights between students and other events on campus. When a lockdown occurs, everyone on campus will know, and instructions are given to teachers and staffers on what they should do, such as locking the door and turning off lights.

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There's a song in the air. Have you heard it? And — NO — I'm not talking about “All I Want for Christmas is You.”

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During the Cuban Missile Crisis, French WW2 veteran Noel Rigney was walking the streets of Manhattan absorbed in the sense of fear and uncertainty that many Americans experienced during those 13 days in October 1962. Almost every face he saw showed the anxiety.

He noticed two moth-



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By Gerry Lewis

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ers 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.

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Lyrics by Noel Regney, Music by Gloria Shayne

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Do you see what I see?
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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?
Ring 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

APD advises council about possible equipment needs

BY DON MUNSCHE
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Azle City Council at its Dec. 6 meeting heard about the type of equipment the Azle Police Department could request from a federal program.

Azle Police Chief Ben Hall, in accordance with a presidential directive, advised the council and the public that the APD participates in the Federal Law Enforcement Support Office's 1033 program. His presentation explained the nature of the program and what types of equipment may be requested from the LESO program. APD has had a relationship with LESO for about 10 years, and it is a division of the Defense Logistics Agency.

The Law Enforcement Support Office provides access to federal and military gear that may be used in law enforcement, Hall said in his presentation. The gear varies in type and quantity but is generally received by agen-

cies with the only expense related to shipping or delivery.

This program received national attention after military hardware was seen at riots following critical incidents associated with the officer-involved shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, Hall said.

Under President Joe Biden, notification to governing bodies and the public of a law enforcement agency's involvement in the program is now required, and those law enforcement agencies are required to notify the public and the governing body of the jurisdiction what specific equipment may be requested.

“There's a huge list of things that a police department may request through this program, but (as) part of this new (directive) under the Biden administration, we have to tell you what we are likely to or may request in the next year,” Hall said, adding that what the department may request does not require any obligation to go forward

with that request. He said the key word is may in this regard.

HERE ARE ITEMS THAT AZLE PD MAY REQUEST:

- Tactical and command vehicles (not armored)
 - Specialized firearms and munitions (not for regular duty use)
 - Breaching tools
 - Riot control personal gear including batons, helmets, shields and protective gear
 - Firearm parts, optics, less lethal devices, slings, etc.
 - Uncontrolled items including gear bags, training clothing and winter gear
- Hall said someone at the police department – a subject matter expert – administers the program and will advise Hall if there is something that the police department might use, and then the police department can request that equipment if it is desired. The department is only responsible for getting the item(s) delivered.

Man dies from injuries in vehicle-pedestrian crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Pelican Bay man died after he was reportedly hit by a vehicle Dec. 14 in Azle.

Dustin Gorman, a pedestrian, died at the scene from injuries suffered in the crash,

according to an Azle Police Department report. The crash occurred around 6:50 p.m. in the 500 block of Sandy Beach Road.

“The driver of the vehicle that struck Mr. Gorman

pulled over, remained on scene and provided reasonable assistance,” the release stated, noting the driver is not facing any criminal charges in the incident.

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committee has been meeting since May and will continue meetings into the first part of 2023, with the next meeting set for 6 p.m. Feb. 6 at Eagle Heights Elementary School. Committee members have toured several campuses to gauge where facilities stand now on their features.

Last week's meeting was a time for committee members to discuss their views on topics related to a bond issue that the district could call next year. Azle ISD had a two-proposition bond in November 2021, with one prop passing and the other failing. The items in the failed bond proposed, among other features, expanded instructional and performance space for fine arts and renovated and expanded locker rooms.

At the Dec. 12 meeting, Smith welcomed the group and said that he wants to see the committee work toward a comprehensive plan of what items are the most important.

"Because the reality of this is, we know what our needs are, but as we can identify some of our needs and kind of start developing a comprehensive list, I want our list to be very comprehensive in kind of everything," he said. "I don't want to get so pigeon-holed into this is number one, two and three, because I think a big part of that will (involve) what are some of the costs."

He said he wants the committee to start planning for the future, and determine what are the capacity numbers that the district feels comfortable with at campuses.



Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith, right, standing, talks with Long Range Facilities Planning Committee members at the meeting last week. The group will meet again in February.

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"What do we feel comfortable (with) at a high school number?" Smith said, explaining that the district remains a "ways away" from two high schools, but the reality is if people want to stay at a certain number - 2,400 to 2,500 - at the high school, then they should know the district will be expected to reach that number in the next several years. A new high school for 2,400 students would cost between \$275-\$300 million, Adams said at the meeting.

The earliest the district could have a bond election

is next November, Smith predicted, adding that the election has to be held in May or November. He wondered about holding the election in November 2024 because that would be during a presidential election and he thought some "crazy things" could happen in that election cycle.

"Do you stay away from that one? I don't know," he said.

Committee members got a rundown of the district demographics, with those demographics including current and projected enrollments. The district expects to

add nearly 1,000 students in the next five years (2027-28 school year) and nearly 2,000 students in 10 years, in the 2032-33 school year.

AISD's enrollment increased by 224 students this year, Adams said, noting the number of active subdivisions - 33. Groundwork has started on nearly 700 lots in AISD, the district noted in the presentation, and there are 12 future subdivisions planned.

Adams showed proposed new attendance zones when the new elementary campus, Hilltop, opens next year. The

district will have six elementary school campuses once Hilltop opens, and Adams discussed the new feeder patterns that schools will have next year as well as rules concerning new attendance zones and students being grandfathered into a zone.

"What we have proposed is, if you're an incoming fourth grader or eighth grader next year, you'll be grandfathered in," Adams said, adding that if a student is grandfathered into a zone, then the district will not provide transportation. He further explained that if a student is in Eagle

Heights but will be zoned to move to Hilltop's zone, that fourth grader may stay at Eagle Heights but his or her family will have to provide transportation.

"Because our bus routes will be based on elementary attendance zones," Adams said. Transfer students also do not receive district transportation.

Committee members heard about the district-desired capacities at elementary campuses - 500 to 600 - and that the district did not want to go larger than that because of various logistical reasons.

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OBITUARIES

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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Claude Pritchett 1938 - 2022

Claude Ronald Pritchett, 83, passed away Friday December 9, 2022 in Azle. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Claude was born June 3, 1938 to Robert Henry and Nelly (Clayton) Pritchett in Dalton, Georgia. He served in the Navy and later worked for Bell Helicopter where he retired. He enjoyed fishing, and gambling in the casinos. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert Pritchett and Steve Pritchett; and sister, Ann McCoy. Claude is survived by son, Ronald Todd Pritchett; brother, Richard Pritchett and his



wife Gloria; and sister, Nancy Blankinship. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

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Clint York 1980 - 2022

Clint Eric York, age 42, of Azle, Texas, passed away on December 12, 2022, in his home in River Oaks, Texas, with his dog, Minnie, by his side. Service was held 11:30 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2022 in Biggers Funeral Chapel. Interment followed service at Azleland Memorial Park. Visitation was held 6 - 8 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home. Clint was born on November 4, 1980, to Mark and Cheryl York in Fort Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by his Great Granny Ring; Paw Paw Luther "Hoppy" York; Paw Paw Ralph & Maw Maw Vernell Hitchcock; Aunt Cynthia Denton; and Uncle Barry York.



He is survived by his parents, Mark and Cheryl York; his sister, Wendy York Davoud and husband, Pedram; Grandma Betty York; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

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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 Hershale 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, Hershale 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, Patty Hill of Fort Worth, and brother, Wendal "Bill" Billingsley of Weatherford.

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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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Wreaths laid on veteran gravesites at Azleland

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN
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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 Kilian 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, followed by Air Force veteran 1st Lt. Scott Moore, Civil Air Patrol, who gave the invocation.

The Color Guard was com-

prised 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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City to consider creation of beautification commission

BY DON MUNSCH
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The Azle City Council discussed the creation of a beautification commission at its Dec. 6 meeting. City Manager Tom Muir said several months ago that the council expressed interest in starting an arts commission, but he said that he

had not made any progress on that front largely because the council wanted to have it as part of the planning and development department and that the department would be the liaison for that endeavor. The city recently hired a new community and marketing specialist staff member, Kristen Pegues, and her newly created position is for eco-

economic development. The commission would be a beautification commission or board, and would be centered on beautification and commercial corridor efforts. Pegues will be involved in the effort to create the beautification board. Some of the thought behind it, council member Stacy Peek said, would be to encourage

businesses to conduct landscape and façade improvements and that it would encompass landscape ordinances and enforcement of some of the ordinances, too. "Overall, I think the goal is to enhance or beautiful the town as a whole, make it more welcoming," Peek said. "Flowers versus weeds - flowers are more welcoming than

weeds. So, I think overall, that as far as I'm concerned that was kind of my intent was just to enhance the town overall and maybe enhance our landscape ordinance with enforcing it and encouragement of the businesses." Mayor Alan Brundrett said many ideas will be considered on how to accomplish goals.

"There's a lot of options on how to get things done," Brundrett said. Muir said he didn't have staff to perform functions. Brundrett said there are a lot of people who would want to help - it's just giving them the projects to help with.

Most Texas pregnancy deaths preventable

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



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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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 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 advo-

cacy 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 up-

rooted, 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 management 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.

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DRONE

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Harrison said students have “gotten a little more organized every year,” explaining there are several drone classes that students can take. Students built their drone and had to design some of the mechanisms, such as a piece that picked up balls and dropped them into targets.

The students had to design and build a drone that would fire a laser at different targets (simulating a fire hose) as well as picking up “water” and dropping it onto burning buildings. In addition, Harrison said, students had to also operate a smaller drone to fly recon paths, a rover to clear debris and activate the water tower, and small robots to complete other tasks.

Students and their tasks at the competition on Dec. 3:
Kyler Akers - AVR Drone Pilot/Design
Brendon Devillier,

Elijah Bryan - AVR Drone Peripheral Controls/Design
Lucas Butler, Daniel Carlson, Parker Huffaker, Matthew Frank, John Guardado-Bonilla - Sphero Robot Support
Boden Hargrove, Carter Landon, Mason Jennings, Logan Harrison - Tello Drone Pilots/Coding
Luke McLaughlin, Lucas Maschmeier, Amelia Peterson, Logan Louquet - Rover Support

Students have to acquire an FAA license to fly a drone, even if it is to just take pictures for personal use. A few students have their FAA license. They are educated

on proper use of drones and where they may be flown.

“It’s an industry that’s about to be very big,” Harrison said about the drone industry. “Kids can graduate and just with that pilot’s license from the FAA, they can make \$50 to \$70K a year. There’s a company that just started in DFW and that’s their starting rate.”

Harrison said the competitions give experience to students so they can learn how drones work and how to fix something on the spot or replace parts.

The drone team applied for an Azle Education Foundation grant and then the school district matched that grant and a drone soccer program that will kick off in the spring. Drone soccer is an international eSport.

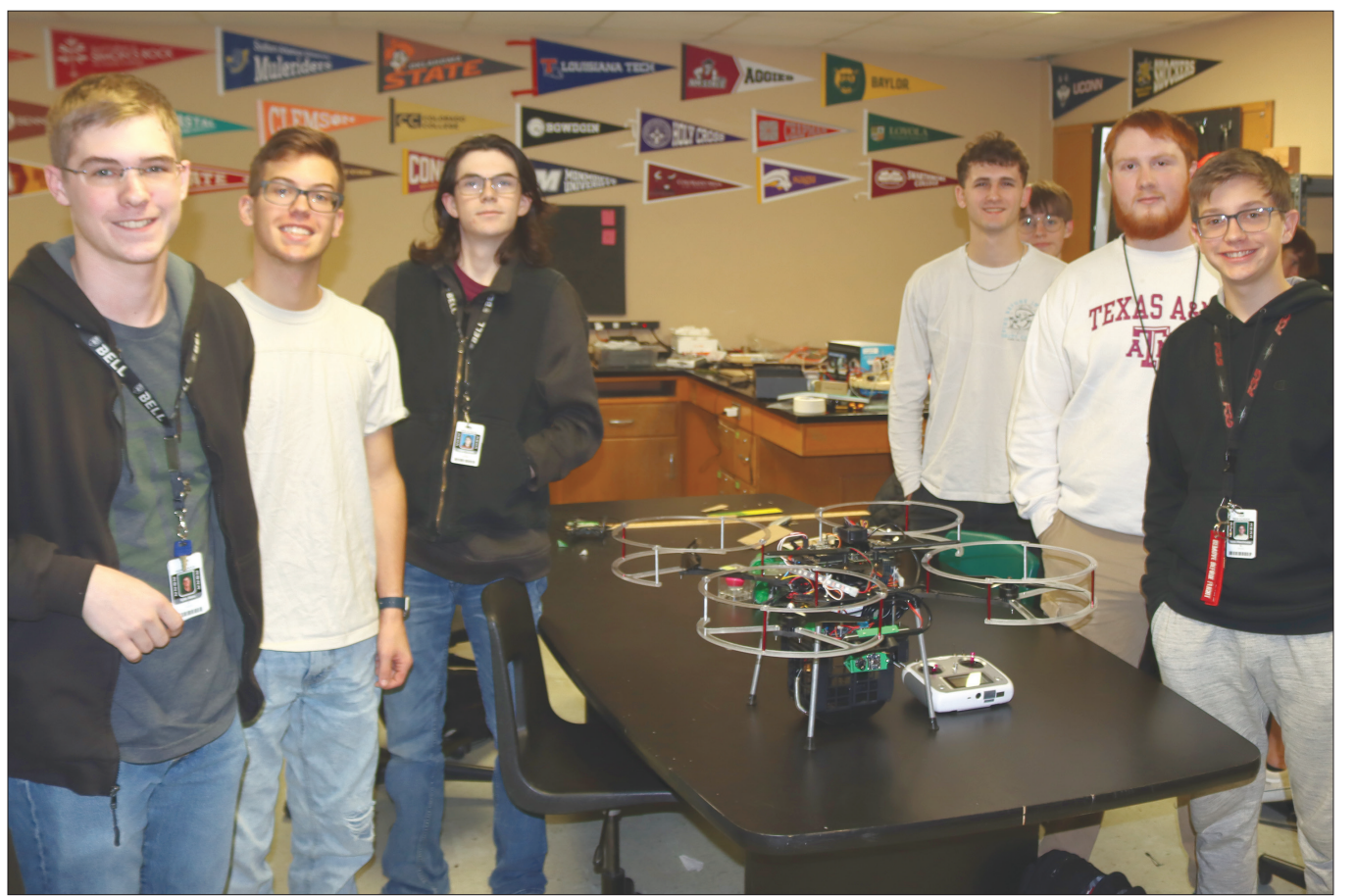
“So we’re really excited to get going with that,” he said. Harrison enjoys teaching the drone team.

“It’s great teaching a class that the kids want to be in, and most of these kids are very motivated and they work really hard and I more just facilitate them doing awesome things,” said Harrison, who has a degree in physics and math.

He added that he hopes to get students who have their licenses out in the community doing work, such as realtor photography or construction site or mapping.

Students discussed why they pursued being on the drone team and what their hopes are for the future, such as college majors and career goals. Akers and Devillier said they would like to work in a career field with drones.

“This summer, I’m planning on starting a job that is actu-



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Members of the drone team at Azle High School are, from left, Kyler Akers, Brendon Devillier, Logan Louquet, Eli Bryan, Luke McLaughlin and Lucas Maschmeier.

ally kind of focused around this - it’s for a drone shipping company,” Louquet said.

He said he could enter the military or go to college after high school, explaining he has not firmed up his plans. Akers would like to join the Air Force at some point. Maschmeier said he has always wanted to enter in the electrical engineering field, and the drone team has steered him that way because of everything that has happened in the class.

Akers likes the flying as-

pect of drones, as he is the pilot and said that he enjoys working with the teammates. Team members enjoyed the competition, mentioning they had to push through the adversity and adapt on the spot and venue (hangar).

They look forward to the spring contest.

“We have no idea how that’s going to go, but they should be a lot of fun,” Akers said.

McLaughlin, a senior, has been on the robotics team as well as the drone team, too, and has been on the team

since its inception, when he was a freshman.

“The first year, it was a lot more chaotic because we had a lot more crashes because that was only the second or third year that Bell had done it,” he said. But there has been a different challenge and complications every year, students said.

McLaughlin calls himself very design-oriented and has enjoyed seeing the different iterations of the design.

“I really like watching the designs just change and

adapt, almost like natural selection — it just changes generation by generation,” he said. He plans to attend either Texas A&M University or Texas Tech University and major in mechanical engineering.

He said being on the drone team has been a “great opportunity,” as he said has been putting it on college and scholarship applications, and he has learned leadership from the experience.

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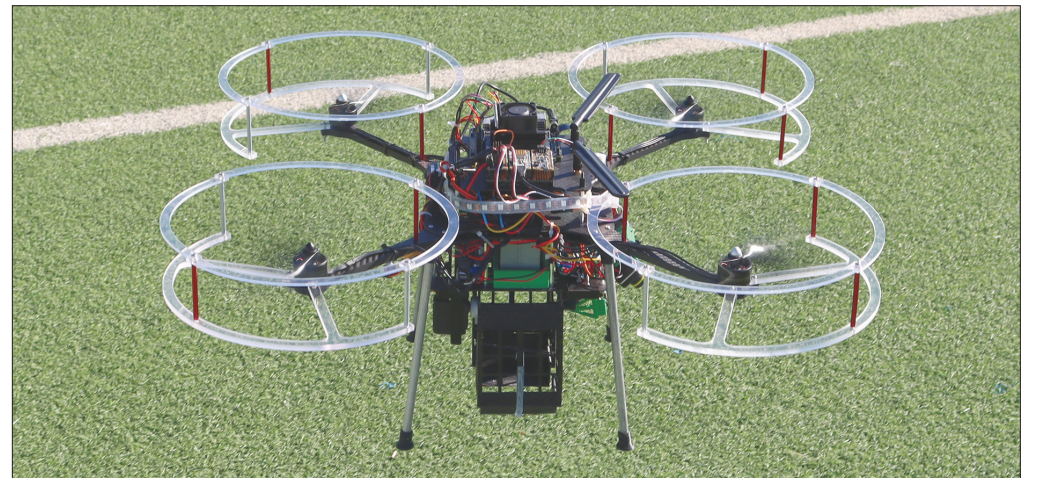
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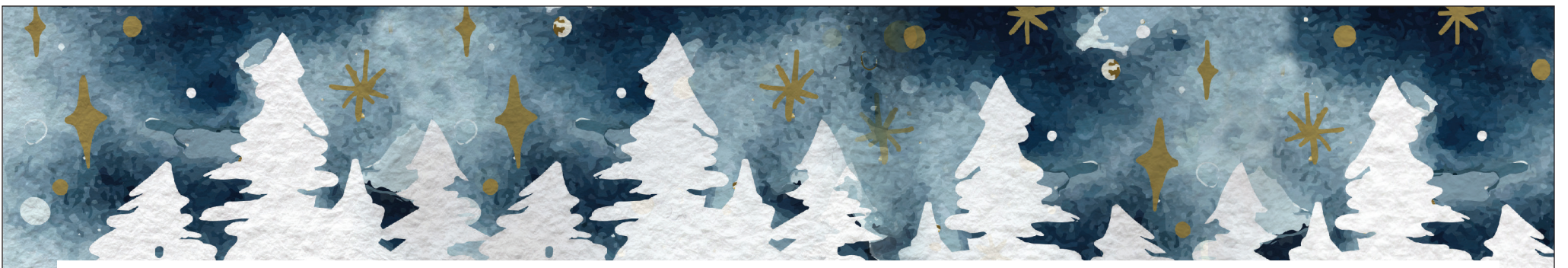
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The Azle High School jazz band performed last week at the Azle Rotary Club. Shown here, clockwise from top left, are Alex Perez on saxophone, Alaina Amato and Nico Renteria on saxophone, Hensley Harmon on saxophone and Ashton Towner on drums.



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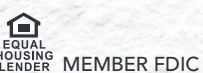
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Azle soccer boys win first full scrimmage of season



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Diego Beltran prepares to inbound the ball.

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Azle Hornets traveled to Irving Nimitz for a scrimmage Dec. 10, but a rainstorm canceled the contest at halftime.

The weather didn't stop the team from playing days later.

The first full scrimmage of the season was about to be held Dec. 14 at Hornet Stadium, pitting Azle against the North Central Texas Academy Pioneers, when AHS head coach Diego Oliveros gave his team a pep talk, telling them to be positive, to communicate with one another on the field and to keep the other team running.

Oliveros, in his first year as Azle's coach, knows how to motivate his players. He knows how to communicate with their parents, as well.

The scrimmage was scheduled earlier than usual — 5 p.m. — and only a handful of parents were sitting in the stands. A cold front had enveloped North Texas earlier in the day, and the wind chill hovered near freezing. Oliveros walked over and thanked the parents for coming. He realizes support from parents and boosters is crucial for strong seasons.

Azle's soccer team has endured rough times in recent years but appears poised to make progress. The new coach appreciates his team's upbeat attitude despite last year's losing record. Oliveros saw plenty of talent and work ethic on display at tryouts in November and at subsequent practices.

"Our varsity team is made up of all players who have bought into our team philosophy of discipline and hard work," he said. "They are present in practice every day ready to work. They ask for guidance and accept feedback when needed. They are boys who have demonstrated they can thrive even in less-than-ideal conditions."

The team isn't particularly young or old but an intriguing mixture of ages and experience levels. Some have battled against tough opponents and suffered difficult losses, earning savvy and

fortitude along the way. Now, they want to put wins on the scoreboard.

"Many of our seniors want their last year to be their best and have certainly put in the work to make this happen," Oliveros said.

The roster consists of five sophomores, eight juniors and eight seniors.

"They have proven they have the quality to compete against anyone and will now be tested against high-level opponents," the coach said. "This combination, I think, gives us a balance of youth and experience."

The coach wasn't interested in highlighting any one player at this point of the season.

"What I can say about this team is we have grown together and made each other better," he said. "We all demand excellence from each other. I would highlight our collective efforts over any individual."

The team met and discussed its goals for the season and came up with a shared vision.

"We will be a disciplined, organized and hardworking unit for the entire duration of the match," the coach said. "We are committed to the daily sacrifices required to make this happen. We will value our team unity and discipline above all else."

Last year's Hornets won just one game. Oliveros wouldn't make predictions for this year's record but said his team will be prepared to play hard each week.

"Our focus in preparation for our season has been centered around the small details," he said. "Getting us all on the same page and working toward the same goals. We have worked on our physical, technical, tactical and psychological aspects of the game."

Two parents sitting in the stands were Chris and Jennifer Mikula, whose son Gage Mikula is a sophomore.

"He's been playing soccer since he was 3," Jennifer said.

The Mikulas like the new coaching staff and are interested to see how the season

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Azle seniors enjoy big night on basketball court

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Years of blood, sweat and tears culminated in a special evening at Hornet Gymnasium.

On Dec. 14, the Azle boys basketball team celebrated its five upperclassmen on Senior Night before playing Springtown.

Prior to tipoff, the five seniors stood in the wings alongside their parents, waiting for their names to be called out over the public address system. One by one, the seniors would then walk onto the hardwood court underneath the bright gym lights and receive applause from fans and friends.

"I'm just kind of taking it all in that this is our last year," Jayden Rollins said.

Since the seniors were introduced in alphabetical order, Rollins was last in line. He was able to watch his friends walk out to center court amid fanfare, and he soaked up the moment with a smile on his face.

Dad Mike Rollins smiled, too, but his voice trembled with emotion.

"It's kind of bittersweet," the proud pop said. "He's my last (child) of five, so it's really emotional. I'm really proud of him. He's been really good in his school and academics and just been a real team player."



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Proud papa Chris Dean hugs son Gavin while wife Rebekkah and daughter Daya wait their turns.

SPORTS Roundup

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AZLE HIGH WRESTLING

On Dec. 17, Azle wrestler Billy Spratt earned an individual championship when the Hornet boys competed at the Bring the Hammer Invitational in Cabot, Arkansas.

The Hornets finished in seventh place out of 30 teams.

Other wrestlers who performed well include Dominick Evans, who earned a second-place medal, Elias Ramirez (fourth place), Braxton Cates and Oliver Lorenz (fifth places), Devin Wingfield (eighth), Chase Yancey (10th) and Jon Lardizabal (16th).

AZLE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

On Dec. 15, the eighth-grade girls basketball White Team took on the Ed Willkie Lady Badgers.

"We came up short, but the girls played their best game of the season up to this point," said coach Kendra Longbrake. "The girls played as a team, worked together, and gave effort the whole

game. I am so proud of the growth I am seeing from my girls and can't wait to see more."

Leading scorers were Natalie Gorman and Serenity Valdez.

FORTE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

On Dec. 15, Forte's seventh-grade Green Team hit the basketball court with the "right mentality" when taking on Lake Worth but fell 30-20 in a tough game.

"Unfortunately, they were not ready for the pressure from the other team," said Jason Jones, girls athletic coordinator.

Laeken Crawford and Kelly Gomez stood out for their strong play, rarely leaving the floor and earning half the points between the two of them.

The seventh grade White Team won big over Lake Worth after entering the road game on a mission. The Lady Hornets held the Bullfrogs to two points through the first half.

McKynlee Walden led the team with her first double-double of the season, racking up 13 points with 11 rebounds. Kimree Johnston

consistently pushed the court and posted 6 points. Jonlyn Meissner, Zoey Martinez and Belle Edwards also contributed on offense with points on the board.

"It was a fantastic performance from the girls, and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us next," Jones said.

The eighth-grade Lady Hornets played in an aggressive game against Lake Worth, logging 23 rebounds and 3 blocked shots, although Forte lost the game 25-12. Audrey Hood led the team in points with 8. Rylie Russell had 2 steals and 6 rebounds. Naytalia Davis and Avery Rodriguez-Smith showed their defensive side and caused jump balls and stopped the Lady Bullfrogs from driving into the paint.

The eighth-grade White Team "played their hearts out" against Lake Worth but couldn't nail down the win. Raylynn Samples stepped up her game charging the basket several times and making both of her free throw shots. Hayden Jones continued to be a leader. Chloe Martinez sped up her game to get down the court consistently. Final score: 40-2.

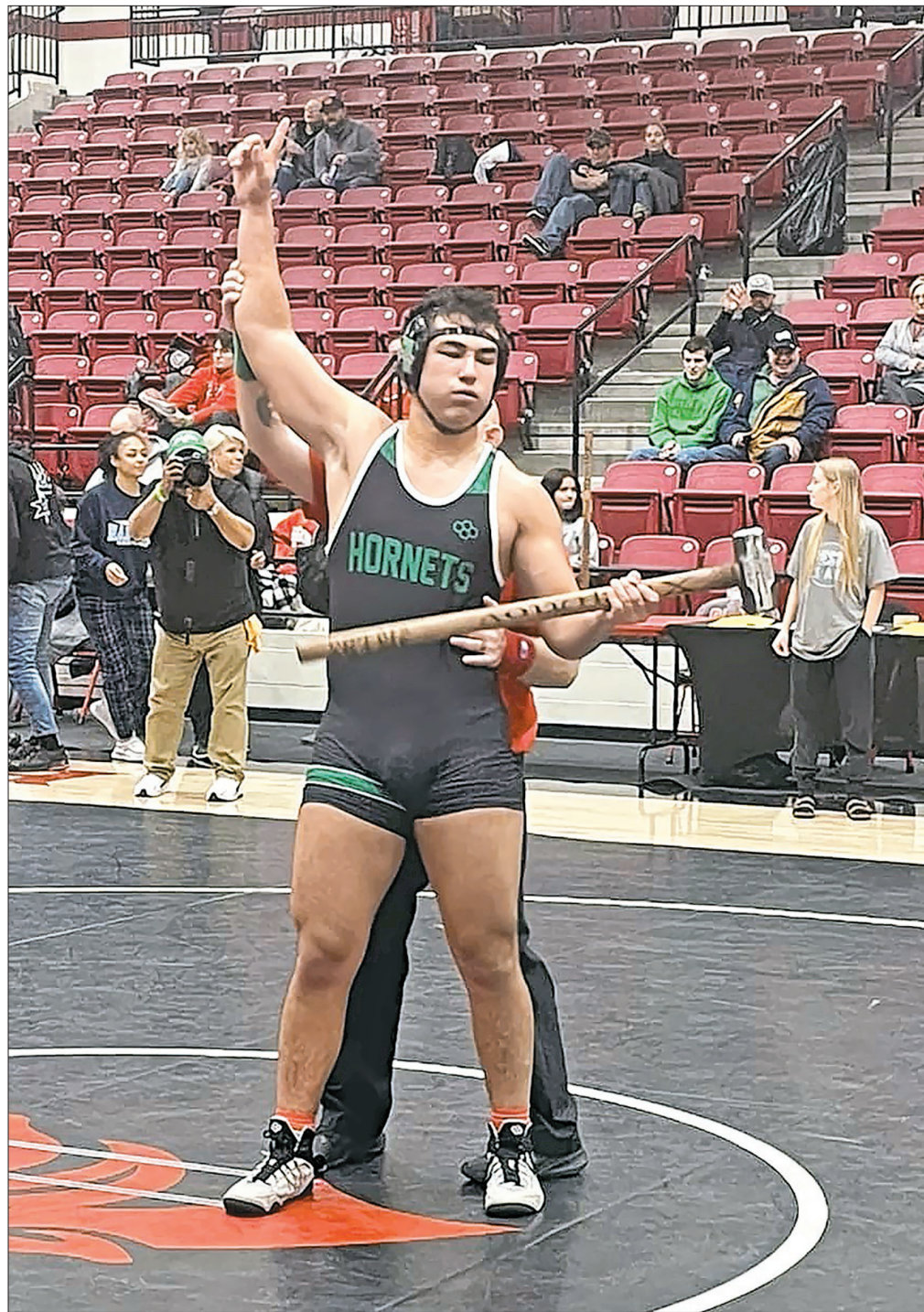


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Billy Spratt earned a coveted hammer by winning first place in the 215-pound division at the Bring the Hammer Invitational in Cabot, Arkansas.



Daniel Garcia, who scored two goals in the first home scrimmage, shows nifty moves while pushing the ball downfield.

SOCCER

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plays out.

"We're hopeful they play well, and nobody gets hurt," Chris said.

Once the game began, the Hornets displayed hustle and temerity, pushing the ball toward the Pioneers' goal time and again. Their first few shots went high and wide or were blocked, but the Hornets made their first goal about four minutes into the game. Azle scored another goal a few minutes later, and then another to take a 3-0 lead.

The Pioneers scored two goals before the game ended but couldn't catch up.

Final score: Hornets 3, Pioneers 2.

Oliveros noted plenty of areas that needed improvement but said his team outworked its opponent and stuck to the game plan.

"This game did exactly what scrimmages are designed to do — allow us to see what areas we need to improve on before district," he said.

Mayson Bowden scored Azle's first goal with an assist from Johannes Heid.

Daniel Garcia scored the next two goals with assists by Yair Macias and Bowden.

Azle isn't scheduled to play again until Jan. 5, when the Hornets travel to Colleyville Heritage to begin a three-day tournament.

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Alejandro Fabela helps the Hornets get off to a fast start.



Azle's Makenna Dillow earns rare all-state volleyball recognition

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Makenna Dillow has done what few if any Azle Lady Hornets have accomplished on the volleyball court.

She earned athletic all-state recognition.

"It's shocking," she said. "Hard work pays off."

Dillow is the only Lady Hornet volleyball player to earn athletic all-state in the seven years that Becky Spurlock has served as athletic director at Azle. School officials searched records going back as far as 2009 and found no other Azle volleyball players that had earned all-state recognition since then.

Dillow, along with seven of her teammates, also received academic all-state recogni-

tion. The others were Skyler Arellano, Brittany Cato, Makynna Hinkle, Cameryn Hoskins, Karlee Locke, Kendall Locke, and Riley McElvain.

Regardless of whether Dillow was the first or only volleyballer to earn all-state, she has accomplished something difficult and rare.

"Dillow did a heck of a job this year," Spurlock said. "She is obviously one of the best in the nation, but she's a humble kid, an honest kid. She works hard every day in practice. She is what you want a student athlete to be. She is good in the classroom. She's good at practice. She's good in the game. She doesn't get rattled."

Azle head coach Elizabeth Snyder said she is thankful to have been a part of

Dillow's success. The coach mentioned Dillow's modesty, as well.

"Makenna is a humble player and really downplays what it means to get all-state, and she is excited to be the first for Azle volleyball," she said.

Dillow appreciates the recognition, which "looks good for colleges," she said.

She plans to play volleyball in college but hasn't determined where she will attend. Until then, she is playing club volleyball in Azle.

After college, she is considering becoming a motivational speaker.

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Makenna Dillow blazed trails on the Azle volleyball team.



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From left, seniors Jayden Rollins, Cameron Newman, Gavin Dean, Jackson Davis and Colin Haas goof around before introductions on their big night.

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Mom Kay Rollins felt a similar mixture of joy and melancholy.

"We love him, and it's kind of sad," mom Kay Rollins said. "He's the end of five kids, so this is our baby graduating."

Mostly, she was proud.

"He's had an awesome year," she said. "He's an awesome teammate and player. Motivated. The kid works out daily. He's been a real blessing in our family and to the team."

Team sharpshooter Gavin Dean walked onto the court alongside parents Chris and Rebekah Dean. All the emotions expressed by Mike and Kay Rollins could be seen in the body language of Chris Dean as he hugged his boy for a long time in front of everyone.

Athletic Director Becky Spurlock stood at the edge of the basketball court, watching the proceedings with her own sense of pride. She had seen these seniors play sports for years and train hard to be their best.

"They set some goals," she said. "They are wanting to make the playoffs, wanting to take that step. They've been great in the weight room, great in the offseason. We are seeing the positive of

all that in the way they are playing right now. We've battled with some really good teams."

Spurlock has attended many Senior Nights over the years and seen their impact on families. Some seniors go on to play sports at college, but most hang up their cleats after high school.

"It could be the last time they put a uniform on, put a helmet on, and that's emotional, especially for parents," Spurlock said. "They have been with these kids and even coached them sometimes from the time they were 3 all the way up. There is a finality to Senior Night. That's hard to take sometimes."

Once the game began, the Hornets put aside sentimental notions and focused on an old-fashioned spanking. Springtown tried to put up a fight, but Azle dominated from the opening tipoff.

Final score: Azle 87, Springtown 48.

Dean enjoyed a huge shooting night, banking 39 points. All the seniors sank baskets: Davis (9 points), Colin Haas (5), Cameron Newman (4), and Rollins (2).

Other Azle scorers included Sawyer Dotson (14), Austin May (9), Brayden Torok (3), and Gunner Crow (3).

Next up, the Hornets play at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 28 at home against Everman.



Jackson Davis prepares to make a layup shot against Springtown's Drake Doggett.



Cheryl Grubbs fights for a rebound against Lake Country.

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Lady Hornets enjoying holiday break after winning district opener

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The only double dribbling the Azle Lady Hornets will have to worry about in the next week is at the Christmas dinner table, as the team doesn't play again until Dec. 28.

A long break gives them plenty of time to savor what happened Dec. 16 when they faced Granbury at home in

the district opener. The Lady Hornets out-arrggghed the Lady Pirates 55-40, with Karlee Locke sinking more than 70% of her shots for 24 points. She and Cheryl Grubbs added five rebounds apiece, and Kendall Locke and Brittany Cato each grabbed three off the boards.

The season is young, but Azle is tied with Justin Northwest for first place in District 5-5A. The Lady

Hornets are 14-5 overall, 1-0 in district.

On Dec. 13, the girls played Lake Country Christian at home and won 43-25. On Dec. 28, Azle will play a tournament at Mineral Wells before resuming district competition Jan. 3 with a home game against Northwest. When the final buzzer blares at the end of that game, only one team will remain undefeated and in first place.



Vielka Gonzales nabs half the court to herself while preparing to shoot a technical foul.

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Habari Gani?

A Seven Day Celebration

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.

Kwanzaa centers around seven principles:

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

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.

The candleholder represents the stalk of corn from which the family grows

The seven candles

The cup of unity

1 MISHUMAA

2 KINARA

3 MKEKA

4 VIBUNZI

5 MAZAO

6 KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA

7 ZAWADI

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Kwanzaa Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for pictures, articles or phrases that show the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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

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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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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word CARING in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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- 1 belch
- 5 TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"
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- 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)
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Season's Greetings



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How are you? I got you many many cook ien. This year I want a Barbie dream house. Can you give Camilla a puppy? Hi Santa I hope you like my cookies.

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!

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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 mery 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 elf 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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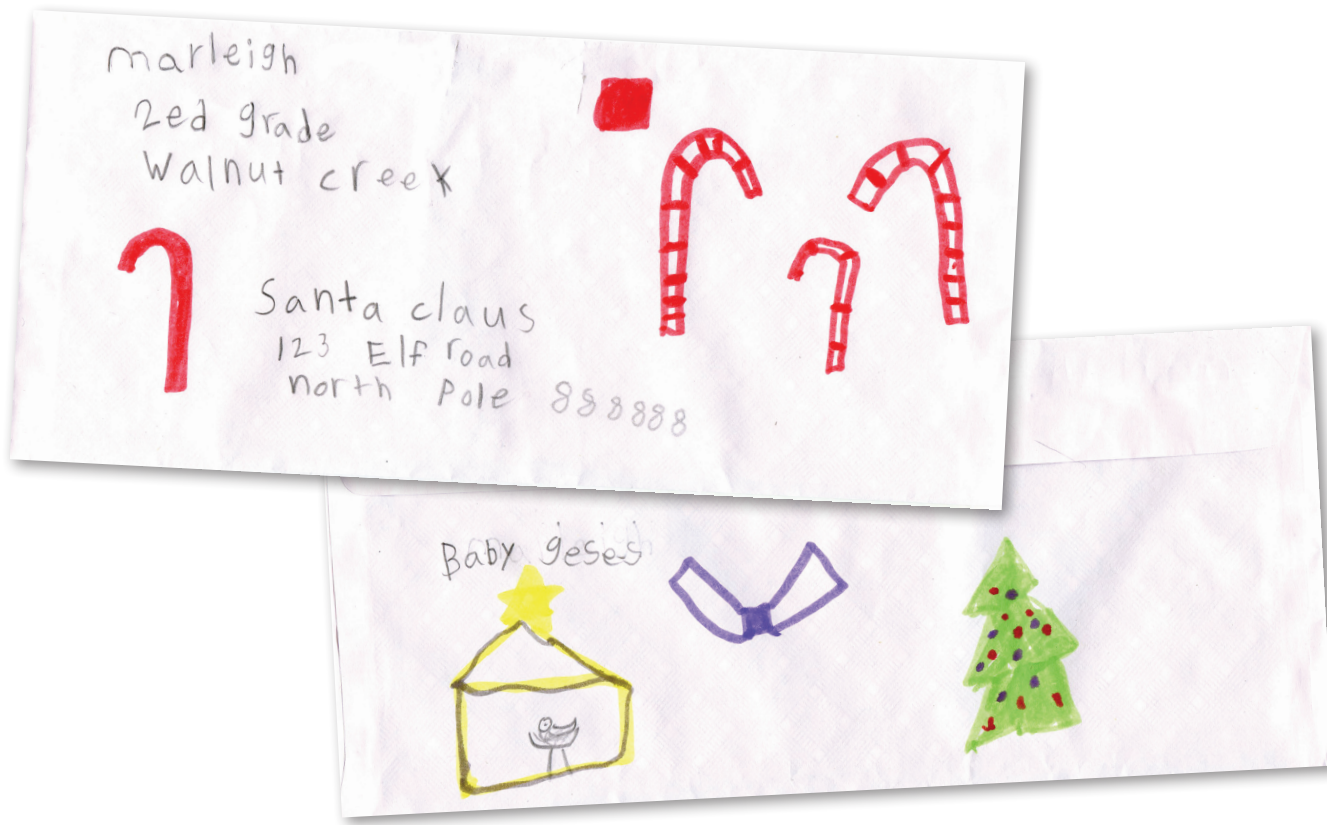


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Dear Santa

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

You are super kind. I want a puppy and 700 baseball cards. Why do you have reindeer? You are amazing. I hope you liked the milk that I gave you last year and the cookies. I hope you have a good Christmas and I love you with all my heart.

Your friend, Axl

Dear Santa

I like how you fly at night. Do you like cookies? I would like a dinosaur and a monster truck and a Nintendo switch. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Kyzic

Dear Santa

Thank you for the presents from last year. I like the elf from last year. Can you please bring me golden Pokemon cards, silver Pokemon cards and a cat toy for my cat.

Your friend, Noah

Dear Santa

You are nice to kids, parents and elves. I would like Pokemon cars or fineo switches and a playstation. It is so cool you can bring presents to me.

Your friend, Eli

Dear Santa

It is so cool you get to fly in your sleigh. What are your reindeer names? For Christmas, I won't some squishellows, Polly Pockets and LOLs. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Your friend, Brynn

Dear Santa

I love you! What are your reindeer names? Can I have a reborn baby doll, to decorate my room and a horse pillow. How many reindeer do you have Santa?

Your friend, Marley

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 hope you had a good day! How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas, I want a top, toy truck, sonic toy. Thank you for all of the toys.

Your friend, Regan

Dear Santa

Santa you have a nice bear. How long does it take you to get here? Santa can I have a monkey, and some new can footballs, and some Skippy Jon Jones books? Santa I like your red cloths.

Love, Isaiah

Dear Santa

I loved my presents last year. How do you deliver presents? I want an Iphone, a baby doll, and a new elf. I hope this year will be as good as the necst.

Love, Adyson

Dear Santa

I hope you have a good day with your friends. How tall are you 42 or 87? I think you are 91. I want Robux and a toy for my dogs to play with. I love that you make presents for kids.

Love, Angel

Dear Santa

I like your Santa suit! How many elves do you have? What I want for Christmas is a hedset, drone, and two pair of wal talkys for me and my brother! I love all of your reindeer.

Love, Airali

Dear Santa

I hope you like my cookies I put out for you last year! I would like to have a squishmello, a baby doll, and a dog toys. I hope you can give me them. You don't have to. I just want them.

Your friend, Samantha

Dear Santa

I like your reindeer. How do your reindeer fly? Can you give me the Minecraft abandoned village wither storm exsorpín recs toy. I like you so much all my hart.

Your friend, Mateo

Dear Santa

I love you and your deer. How do your elves make toys so fast. This Christmas can I please get a haverbord, a dadg fox, and the best Christmis. I hope you like my Chistmis tree.

Love, Luke

Dear Santa

Espero que estes muy bien en el motte. Yo quiero unos dos Jordan uno blanco y negro y morados, una guitarra. Y por ultimo unas cuantas pijamas, una pregunta. Como favricas tus regalos? Por que tiene tantos elfos? Gracias por los reglos del ano pasado.

Con amor, Matteo

Dear Santa

Gracias por los regalos espero que estes bien. Este ano yo quiero un peluche de uniform y un loro. Por ultimo quiero un carato de belades? Porque entras de la chimenea sin aser ruido? Gracias por tu trabajo.

Con amor, Mia

Dear Santa

Como teva aya? Porque tegoasta la leche y galleta? Yo quiero una Barbi. Yo quiero dinero. Yo quiero muchas casas. Es pero que seas Felix.

Con amor y carino, Sara

Dear Santa

Es pero que te allen guitarro las galletas con leche. Como rus renos na se cayh por el peso del trinea? Este ano bay apedir una nuesba

afeha de beybe y a salamander y hder ya uno deresis.

Con cariba, Mateo

Dear Santa

Hase muchos anos yo a esperado muchos d porane comes lechey guiteras? Este ano quero un juego de martol Kombat tamdien un juego de peopol play grond y fnaf monty juguete. Espero que tengas un buen dia Santa.

Con amor, Eleazun

Dear Santa

Porque teg usta las galleras y la pcbe? Es pejo que me da s legos, robox, gift card, y un nitendo swich Santa Clos por favor. Santa yo no tenia unos de esos cosas. Y gracias para leerlo.

Con canibo, Nicolas

Dear Santa

Thank you for giving presents to kids. I wonder how you don't fall in the sley? For Crismas, I want a I fone. Its cold and I need it for if sumting bad is happening and I want a dinosaur that's name gigantisoris and a noder dinosaur but you can shuse it.

With love, Matteo

Dear Santa

Yo creoque vasa, dara todo los regalos pa que pue demos a star feliz para tabs. Yo quero un iphone 14 y an vebox y un es4. Gracias todo Santa Clos.

Con Carino, Aerial

Dear Santa

Gracias por los regalos como puedus trasportar? Ein ros casa si no an chimenea? Yo lurero un ri de PS5 porque an unos juegos que nesecita PS5. Y un Y phone 14 porque yo puedo llama mi mama y quiero ct juego de marvor dendo est los evengel del pinzula y un foote de fok.

Comn carino y amor, Gianni

Dear Santa

Gracias por todo del ano pasado. Como vuelas? Yo voy a querer una moto roja. Tambien un Robax de dies para un juego. Otro regalo es unos NIKE. Espero que te des jugetes a los ninos ninas.

Con carino, Melany

Dear Santa

Espero que todos aggerah sos re glaros? Como entras el chibni si no ay chibni. Tres cosas que quiero es un toy y Robox y casas de es cosla.

Con amor, Gerardo

Dear Santa

Gracias por dar los rehalos ne la ano pesado. I porque cones calletae ne navidar y reche das reguis a kis nujis. Yo quero unas jugetes de porimon y de hot wils y nerf.

Con amor, Abiel

Dear Santa

Como as estado enel polo norte. Los renos tienen magia? Yo quiero un juguete de corina con la comidita. Tambien quiero que todos sean felices. Tambien quiero patines de hizlo.

Con amor, Irina

Dear Santa

Como reba el dia de novidad. Por que tegusta la Navidad? Yo quiero en este ano. Una moto grande de gugete pelo que me puedo suvir de color nego. Y una careta de bebes. Y sus cosas del bebe. Y un ani mal que 5e llama jamster car.

Con amor, Abigail

Dear Santa

Como estas Santa. Este ano quiero ana muneca y una cobí ja de gatos Tambien una al muada. Es pero

que estes bien Santa.

Con amor, Valeria

Dear Santa

Gracias por el regalo cuales tu color vabordito? Yo queiro una Yuma de coro blanco unas robax dezo. Espero que les de comida a las. Adios Santa!

Con carino, Helen

Dear Santa

Espero que de valla vien ipor que tienes masia. Este ano ciero un suiter y una tablea y un relefono. Espero que denga un dia bueno que de guites. Que ases cuando no as oni menia. Que ase tu entras por la puera canto no ai chimenea. Por que toto el atuendo asta toto rojo. Como no de conjeras.

Con carino, Ashley

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Dear Santa

It's me Lawson. I have tried to be good all year. I been bad at home without knowing. I get good grades. I wold really like a lot of pokemon toys, also a lot of Minecraft toys and Farzy march. My wish is that Puncan move next to me, also 1,000,001 dollrs.

Love, Lawson

Dear Santa

It's me Aubrey you know, the girl that is really sweet. I have tried to be good all year I tried to get along with my brother and I tried to take care of my dog. I was respectful to my friends. I would really like cute clothes so I can have nice clothes. Also, I would

really a phone, so I can call my friends, and I would like 300 robux. Thank you.

Sincerely, Aubrey

Dear Santa

It's me Brayden. I have tried all to be good all year. I was being good. I was nice to my brother, Zane (Zane has hurt me and tells a lies but I have kind and honest. I wold really like Treasure x Plea se a PS 5 and a Lanky Box plush iel named Boxie. Thank you.

Sincerely, Brayden

Dear Santa

It's me Asher. I relly tried to be good at church. I have tried to be good. I told the Gospel to my friends. I would relly like a dirt bike & a four weler. Plaese. Thank you. Have a marry Christmis. Thank you.

Sincerely, Asher

Dear Santa

It's me Brody, the midde son of the Whitmer boys. I have tried to be good all year. I helped my parents. I took out the trash. I want a Lego fire station, an Xbox and a TV.

Love, Brody

Dear Santa

I'm the girl Jimena that lives in Springtown. I been a good daughter. Will relly like Nikes. Thank you. Santa you are the best Santa. I helped my mom pickup groceries and I help my mom clinup my room.

Love, Jimena

Dear Santa

It's me Grace. I have tried to be good all year. I tried to get along with my cousin. I helped my mom with my cousin. I would really like barbrand T.V.

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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 rander 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 eilf 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 shensrh 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 secent

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 lisin 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 ati-vudee 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, Lysah*

Dear Santa

My name is Hunter 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 VR set, a box of legos and slime, bullons.

*Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Hunter*

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

My name is Isael 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 wold like a tablet for doing my home work, playing game, I also want a baby yoda.

*Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Isael*

Dear Santa

My name is Brooklyn 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 bike because my beruther and sister hav a bike a nether resene is because I like to play out side and I wunt a bike!!

*Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Brooklyn*

Dear Santa

My name is JoJo 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: Narat plush toy because it so funny. 1 the I odsach 2 Narat is so funny how he farts.

*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*

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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 unuckorn? 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 hampster, 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 grat 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

HAVE A VERY Merry Christmas!



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