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Caldwell Intermediate closes due to COVID cases

Intermediate staff hit hard by COVID, forces shut down

Caldwell Independent School District has shut down the intermediate school to students after a high number of staff and students were confirmed positive for COVID-19.

The district made the announcement late Tuesday afternoon, saying they were closing the campus for instruction and transitioning

“Through prayer and deliberations with leadership from all campuses, we decided that moving to at-home instruction was in the best interest of the people in our district” – Andrew Peters, CISD Superintendent

all intermediate students online for the remainder of the semester, which ends this Friday.

However, the other three campuses will

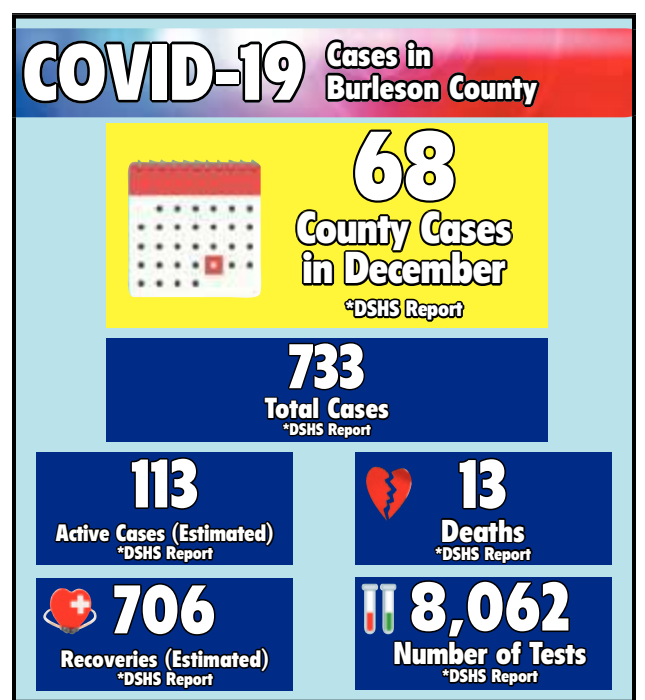
remain operating “as normal” with in-person instruction this week.

Caldwell ISD Superintendent Andrew Peters said he had no choice but to move the inter-

mediate students to online due to the high number of absences due to illness or COVID-19 quarantine.

Peters said that six faculty members were currently out with confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 30 students are out sick with COVID or other illnesses.

He added that since See CLOSURE, page 2A



COVID tests done locally

Curative Inc., administers tests at county fairgrounds

With COVID-19 cases surging dangerously in Burleson County and across the U.S., the county was approved for a three-day testing from Monday, Dec. 7, though Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Burleson County Fairgrounds.

A total of 392 area residents were tested from Burleson and surrounding counties.

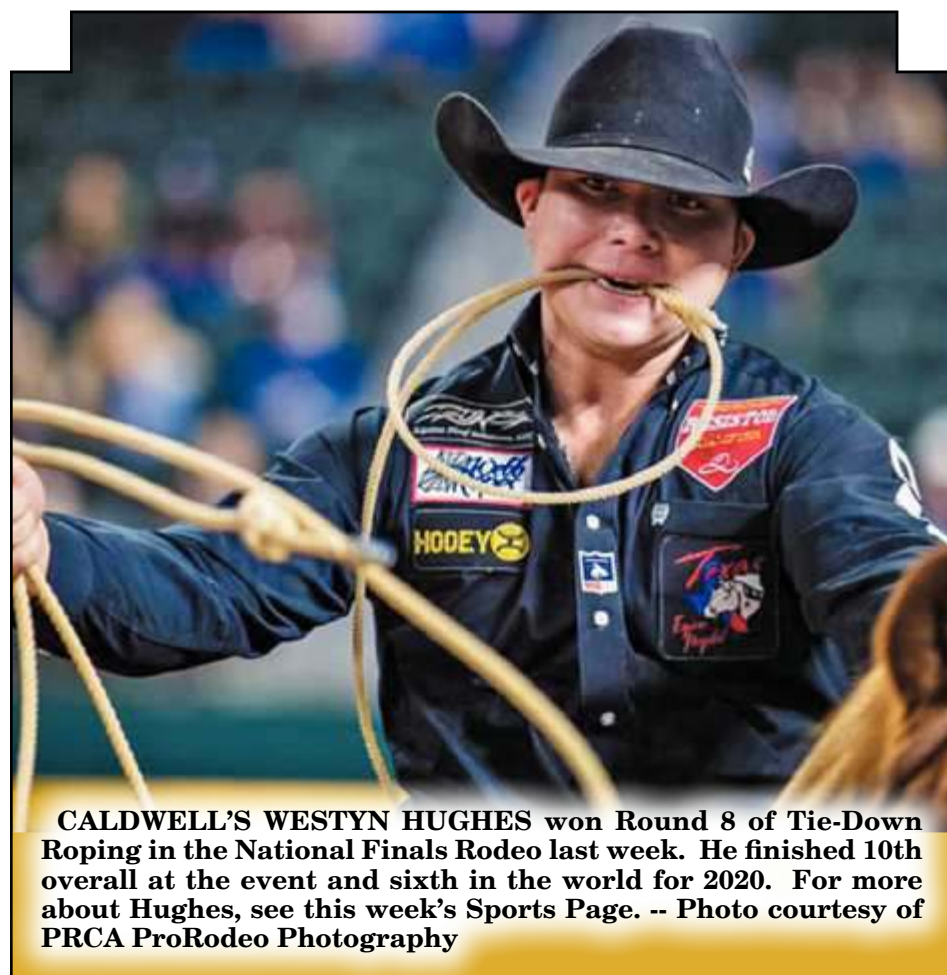
Burleson County Emergency Management Coordinator Duane Strange said he requested the testing from the Texas Division of Emergency Manage-

ment (TDEM) and got confirmation on Dec. 2 for the testing site.

Local residents were notified via Facebook, and the Burleson County Emergency Alert System, he said. The location was also posted to the TDEM Test Collection Site dashboard and the Curative website, he said.

Strange said as of Tuesday, Dec. 15, he has no report on the number of positive tests and how many were from Burleson County or another county.

See TESTS, page 16A



CALDWELL'S WESTYN HUGHES won Round 8 of Tie-Down Roping in the National Finals Rodeo last week. He finished 10th overall at the event and sixth in the world for 2020. For more about Hughes, see this week's Sports Page. -- Photo courtesy of PRCA ProRodeo Photography

SISD purchases student devices

Somerville ISD approved a new technology contract to purchase Chromebooks for students to replace a previous contract for educational devices approved in July.

The school board made this decision during its regular meeting on Thursday, December 10, to accept a \$61,764 bid for Chromebooks by CDW-G of Plano because the original supplier from July could not fulfill the device order for the cost promised, said Somerville ISD Superintendent Karla Sparks.

See SISD, page 14A

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE



REINDEER DANCERS from Kice's Elite Dance Studio entertained the crowd at Friday night's Christmas on the Square.



THE GRINCH made an appearance during the lighted Christmas parade during Friday night's Christmas on the Square.

CHS students address CISD board regarding dress code, phone use

Several Caldwell High School students presented recommendations to the Caldwell School Board to change policies regarding dress code and cell phone use.

The recommendations were made during presentations at Monday night's school board meeting by students from Kelly Lazo's BIM II class.

The first group of students recommended that girls be permit-

ted to wear leggings to school, as long as the female student wore a shirt long enough to cover her buttocks.

The group cited neighboring school district's policies which allow leggings to be worn within certain guidelines similar to what the students recommended.

The group also quoted students who commented about leggings being more comfortable than

See CISD, page 14A

County agents adjusting during unusual COVID year

Some duties change, programs still offered

COVID-19 has presented some challenges for Burleson County's AgriLife Extension team, redirecting their focus towards assisting communities with COVID-related issues while still providing

local programs, often virtually.

Burleson County's Extension team explained their unusual year to the county commissioners at their Monday, Dec. 14, meeting as part of their annual exten-

sion report.

Extension agents Tina Broesche and John Grange addressed the commissioners, along with Holly Narro of Strengthening Families of the Brazos Valley.

See COUNTY, page 9A



A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION is enjoyed at Lake Somerville's Welch Park last Saturday. See story inside about the festivities.

Church food pantry offers help

Volunteers at the Elizabeth Lutheran Church know all about how families can quickly fall on hard times.

Their monthly food See PANTRY, page 2A



WILLIE HOBBS AND Mike Cook look at this box of food.

Anita Heights contract approved

The Somerville City Council has approved awarding a contract to Knife River of Bryan at a cost of \$166,487 to complete the Anita Heights street paving project.

The council unanimously approved the contract following a 35-minute executive session at their Tues-

day, Dec. 8, meeting. The council also approved closing out the old contract with Palasota Construction of College Station as agreed upon in executive session.

Knife River was the lowest of nine bids received.

The city previously re- See COUNCIL, page 8A



PANTRY

FROM PAGE ONE
pantry, which provides food for needy families on the third Saturday morning of each month, has seen a boost in demand in recent months. In fact, they ran out of food before everyone could be served in October -- a surprising first. By November, they were stocked to accommodate the increased demand -- up to 201 families. Typically, they help about 150 families a month, and the October number surged to above 170.

And this Saturday, Dec. 19, with Christmas just days away, they anticipate another long line of cars.

And they plan to be ready -- offering food to many families in distress during a most unusual year. COVID-19 has caused economic distress for so many families, including the loss of jobs. Hard-working, industrious people are suddenly finding themselves in dire need.

The church understands.

Willie Hobbs and Mike Cook, two of the pantry's volunteers say they are seeing an increase in demand for the church's pantry, and the volunteers are doing all they can to keep up.

"Just like that, they are not bringing in any mon-

ey," Cook said. "These are good, hardworking people that through no fault of their own and because of the circumstances have felt the need. That is why we are here."

Cook and Hobbs say the qualifying and requalifying process is in October of each year, and there was definitely an increase this year.

When the pantry ran out of food in October before all the families could be served, volunteers were heartsick.

But they got a surprising boost that lifted their spirits.

It was the families who didn't get food that tried to comfort the volunteers, something that touched all of their hearts.

"They were trying to make us feel better. If that is not good people, I don't know what is," Cook said. "These are just good, honest people. So many of these people really are."

And in November there was enough food to meet the demand. Everybody got food, maybe not everything they would have expected -- but most of it.

Hobbs and Cook said the last 20 families in the line did not get a hen, but they got everything else.

Families arriving get a 40-pound box of non-perishable food. Addi-

tionally, the last month they also received cereal, eggs, bread, milk, cheese, sour cream, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, onions, potatoes, apples, grapes and fresh pineapples, they said.

Hobbs and Cook said a total of 39 people qualified or requalified last month, including 10 additional households.

And Hobbs said she expects a big distribution this Saturday.

"We will be prepared," Hobbs said.

And the pantry, which begins distributing food to the cars in line at 8 a.m., will continue serving for anyone who shows up by 11 a.m., until all of those cars are served, Hobbs said.

Like Cook, Hobbs understands that those showing up on Saturday have few options at this time.

"Many of our clients have just fallen on hard times," Hobbs said.

Some are no longer able to work and are also assisting their adult children.

"They just can't make ends meet, and this makes a huge difference," Hobbs said.

Both agree that the assistance clearly does not last a full month. But at least it offers some temporary relief -- perhaps allowing some additional funds for medicine or vehicle repairs.

"We can't supply all



WILLIE HOBBS AND Mike Cook look over these boxes of food at The Community Pantry at Elizabeth Lutheran Church in Caldwell.

of the food for a whole month," Cook said. "But this allows them a little bit of a freedom of choice."

And Cook said the process has been eye-opening for the local volunteers.

These are modest people in older-model vehicles, Cook said. In one case, he recalled a woman arriving in a newer model pickup.

But the woman said she was worried because her husband had just been killed in an accident, and she didn't know how she would continue to make the truck payment, he said.

For the next few months, she returned in

an older-model vehicle, he recalled.

"As the saying goes," Hobbs said. "There but for the grace of God go I."

Both say they are also deeply grateful for all of the local residents who support the pantry -- including one who donated \$10,000 and another who donates a steer calf each year.

"Everyone is so generous. This is such a caring community," Hobbs said.

Pantry distribution is from 8-11 a.m. on the third Saturdays of each month.

Those participating may qualify by bringing proof of Burleson County residency (utility bill

and current identification (driver's license). Clients must fall within the USDA income guidelines based on household income and number of members in the household.

Cook also added that "just as we receive monetary support from all over Burleson County, we also have people volunteering their time from several different churches and organizations in the community."

"After all, our official name is The Community Pantry at Elizabeth Lutheran Church. New volunteers are most definitely welcome," he said.

CLOSURE

FROM PAGE ONE
Thursday two to three students per day have tested positive for COVID and that sixth-graders and the sixth-grade staff have been hit harder than other grades.

Peters said that Chromebooks were sent

home with intermediate students on Tuesday afternoon with instructions to remind students and parents how they should log in for assignments.

He added that the students must log in to get credit for attendance.

Peters said that the district would begin a "deep cleaning" of the

campus on Wednesday.

He said that teachers and staff would be available to answer questions at the intermediate school, "so call the campus with questions," he said.

Peters said, "Please understand this decision was not an easy one. However, through prayer and deliberations with leadership from all campuses, we decided that moving to at-home instruction was in the best interest of the people in our district."

He said that the COVID-19 case numbers were lower on the other campuses, which led to the decision to only shut down the intermediate school.

"Buses will still run for the other students," he said, "and all extracurricular activities will still happen, with all games still played."

Peters said that any at home learners who need a school provided lunch should email lunch@caldwellisd.net and then pick up the lunch at the old middle school campus.

All students will return to campus on Jan. 6, 2021, after the Christmas holidays, he said.

Dance in Frenstat canceled

Due to the coronavirus, the regular scheduled Red Raven dance for January in Frenstat is canceled.

Frenstat KJT Society 12 normally hosts this dance as a fundraiser for the Religious Retirement of the Austin Diocese on the second Saturday of January.

There are plans for a January 2022 dance, with the Red Raven's performing.

Should any individual or family like to donate to the KJT, earmarked for the Religious Retirement, please mail donations to: Linda Gaas, Treasurer KJT Society 12, 9590 Hwy. 36 South, Caldwell, Texas 77836.



JOHNNY SANCHEZ, Maria Guadalupe Cervantes and Katia Ramirez are pictured at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Somerville.

Somerville church celebrates Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 12, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somerville.

Participants were Johnny Sanchez in the role of Juan Diego, and Maria Guadalupe Cervantes and Katia Ramirez, who presented roses.

The feast celebrates the apparition of Mary to an indigenous Indian, Juan Diego, in 1531 on the hill of Tepeyac.

The celebration Saturday, began with the recitation of the Holy Rosary in Spanish which was led by Sister Patricia. The Blessed Mother was then serenaded with songs, beginning with the Mananitas, the traditional birthday song in the Hispanic culture.

At the celebration,

other songs followed which told the story of the apparitions of Mary.

During the singing of the Mananitas, young ladies dressed in colorful Mexican clothes and presented bouquets of red roses on behalf of the people.

Lastly, Juan Diego processed up the aisle dressed in native costume. He paid homage to Mary by bowing and kneeling in front of the statue, which is an icon of Mary as she appeared at Tepeyac.

As he turned to face the congregation, Juan Diego dropped his tilma (which resembles an apron) which showed an image of our Lady of Guadalupe. It is believed, Mary left this as a sign of her presence.

When Mary appeared in 1531, there were

no boundaries in this hemisphere. The Rio Grande River, for example, was only a stream, and was not a boundary separating the U.S. and Mexico.

Mary heralded the beginning of a new era, a new civilization that would rise out of the ashes of the Indian civilization that had been destroyed by the Spanish conquerors. This is what was celebrated at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somerville.

After the serenade, Father Everardo Casares, the new pastor at St. Ann's, celebrated the Mass in Spanish. Following Mass and picture taking, everyone went to the parish hall to enjoy hot chocolate, doughnuts and hot tamales.

Thank you
to our loving family and our many friends as well as our First United Methodist family. Your cards of congratulations for our 70th Wedding Anniversary were so special. Then when my brother, J.W. Zalmanek passed away, we were remembered with phone calls and many cards of sympathy; all so appreciated. Now we are in Copperas Hollow Rehab Nursing Home and receiving cards and calls and window visits. A window visit is so welcome.

Thank you to all and God Bless.
Merry Christmas from
Marvin and Jo Ann Worthington

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SHAWNA NOVAK WAITS on a customer during Christmas Second Saturday in Caldwell. Many area vendors participated.



ASHLEY DONAHUE OF Sweet Strings by Ashley visits with a customer during the Christmas Second Saturday in downtown Caldwell.



MADISON AND MACEY Beeman enjoy a visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus on Saturday on the second floor of the Burlison County Courthouse. Santa and Mrs. Claus appeared courtesy of the Caldwell VFW Post and Auxiliary. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders



VISITORS ENJOYED THIS COLORFUL display on Echols Street in downtown Caldwell during the Second Saturday Christmas celebration. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders



KYNDAL KADERKA OF Kyn's Sweet and Spunky Decor provided these displays during the Second Saturday Christmas event in downtown Caldwell. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders

Christmas service planned for Dec. 20 in Somerville

A special community-wide Christmas service will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the First Baptist Church at 255 Ninth St., in Somerville.

The Somerville/Lyons Ministerial Association has planned the service to celebrate the birth of our Lord, worship, praise and recognize the volunteers of Somerville Area Assistance Ministries (SAAM).

The service will include prayer, praise, congregational singing, scripture reading, a recognition ceremony recognizing SAAM volunteers and a special Christmas message from Rev. Jack Ramage, pastor at Northshore Baptist Church in Lyons.

Association members are local pastors and

lay members of the participating churches, and many will take part on the program.

During the service, the 25 volunteers who operate and run the SAAM ministry will be recognized for their generous service.

They serve at the SAAM Mission Center at Second Street and Gun Range Road and help with receiving and processing donations for food and clothing, interviewing people with needs and selling items from the thrift store.

In turn, the revenue from all thrift store sales funds services to those in need for clothing, food and utility assistance.

The SAAM mission is administered by the Somerville Lyons Ministerial Association.

The Somerville Lyons Ministerial Association and SAAM participating churches are Community Chapel, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Lyons Evangelical Church, formerly known as Evangelical United Church of Christ, First Baptist Church of Lyons, First Baptist Church of Somerville, First Lutheran Church, Second Street Missionary Baptist Church, Snook Brethren Church, St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. James Christian Church, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

For further information contact any of the member churches.

Children receive Christmas gifts through SAAM program

Somerville Area Assistance Ministries (SAAM), located at 441 Gun Range Road, has implemented a Children Christmas Adoption Program, in which families were invited to sign up their children, ages six months through 11 years old, to receive Christmas gifts.

Community families and individuals were invited to participate by adopting a family and providing gifts for each child in that family.

The adoption process began at the Community Thanksgiving Service where representatives from SAAM were on hand to coordinate the pro-

cess.

Christmas ornaments were provided with a family number and a child's age, gender and clothing size.

On the back of the printed ornament were instructions on how to wrap and tag each gift and when they were due to be turned in at the SAAM Mission Center.

This year, there were 32 families signed up with 51 children.

Each of the adopted families were invited to come to SAAM Mission Center on Tuesday, Dec. 15, to pick-up the presents between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon.

SAAM Director Ruth Cummins said: "We

are very appreciative of the individuals who adopted these children making their Christmas a little brighter. This is the spirit of Christmas."

SAAM's assistance ministry was organized 24 years ago to meet the needs of those who live here or were passing through this area.

Their need for food, clothing or other necessities are provided. This service is provided and maintained by a board of interested individuals from participating churches through the Somerville/Lyons Ministerial Association.

Thank you so much to everyone who shared our celebration of life for Edward Emil Odstrcil.

We sincerely thank our relatives, friends, and neighbors for all your visits, prayers, phone calls, texts, and to all who supported us with food, flowers, and cards.

Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and great comfort to all the family.

Our family would like to send a special thank you to Brother Dillon Albright and Brother Joseph Polasek for the visits and officiating the service, Patsy Albright, Barbara Drgac and James Polasek for playing during the service, the staff at Encompass Hospice, Strickland Funeral Home for their service and Leah Touchstone.

Milady Odstrcil and family

The family of *Larry Valigura* would like to express our deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming expressions of love we have experienced during this time of our loss. The many phone calls, texts, flowers, cards, food, Mass intentions, memorials and all other expressions during this time have provided great comfort to our family.

To Father Jesse Martinez, thank you for reciting the rosary and to Father Melvin Dornak and Deacon John Young for celebrating the funeral Mass. Your caring and compassion was a great comfort.

To Joe and Donna Rychlik, thank you for the beautiful music at the funeral Mass. Your love of music is truly a blessing.

To Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, thank you for your compassionate way of caring for our family during this difficult time.

*God Bless You,
Janet Valigura
Sharon, David, Hannah and Hayden Kovar
Edward, Donna, Taylor, Travis
and Sara Beth Muzny*

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Getting ready for Christmas isn't only about gifts and decorations

The Christmas season is upon us. Sights and sounds of this most joyous of all holidays are everywhere -- in the music on radio and tele-

vision, in the decoration on storefronts and at many residences, and in the advertisements for holiday giving. Many people think they

are ready for this holy season when they're finished buying presents for friends and relatives, have maybe bought a new dress or suit for par-

ties and church services, and completed plans for holiday meals. But for those who are celebrating the birth of the Messiah, the spiritual preparation for the holiday should be much more important than getting ready in any physical way. Just as John the Baptist came to "prepare the way" for the birth of Jesus our Savior's work

on earth, so each of us as believers must prepare our heart and soul for Christ to enter. How can we possibly be spiritually ready for the arrival of our Lord and Savior -- whether it's to celebrate his birth at Christmas or preparing ourselves for his second coming -- without some preparation? Would you leave on a trip without packing

your suitcases, making sure the car is running properly and filled with gas, and mapping out where you're going? Of course not! By studying the scriptures, praying often and meditating, we can prepare ourselves for Christ's entry into our lives through the Holy Spirit. There is no other way to reach God our Father.

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Book of Joshua
Dr. J. Vernon McGee in the Thru The Bible Commentary Series, History of Israel writes of Joshua the following: Joshua was the successor to Moses. He was a great general. Born a slave in Egypt, he was forty years old at the time of the Exodus out of Egypt. He was eighty years old when he received his commission as Moses' successor and one hundred ten years old at his death. Joshua had already gained prominence during the wilderness wanderings. When the Israelites were attacked by the army of Amalek, it was Joshua who organized the men into an army that fought off Amalek.
Joshua served as a minister or servant to Moses. At Kadesh-barnea he was one of the twelve men who went to spy out Canaan. He is one of the two spies that returned with a favorable report in full confidence that God would give them the land.




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Jesus said we can only come to God the Father in heaven through him. Jesus is our intermediary. He represents each of us, on our behalf, at the throne of God. Just as John the Baptist was a forerunner for Christ, today all of God's children should be preparing for Jesus to come again -- this time not as a baby born in a lowly manger, but

as King of kings and Lord of lords. We must prepare ourselves -- and by doing so we are preparing others through our example of faith and love. It should be showing up in how we live -- or the Bible says we are embracing a "dead" faith. God came to us as a baby, giving and entrusting himself to you and me. He expects our

personal life to be a "Beth-lehem" -- a type of "birth" where we follow Christ through the Holy Spirit. Paul calls our body "the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6:19). And that's exactly what it is. But are we treating it that way? Christ must be formed in us -- in our body and soul. The King of glory

stooped low to become a human being. He wasn't born to riches, worldly honor or human greatness. Christ's glory was veiled so that the majesty of his outward form wouldn't become an object of attraction. He didn't want his earthly form to be what brought his disciples to decide to follow him. The character of the

Messiah has long been foretold in prophesy -- and he wanted people to accept him upon the testimony of the Word of God. Do you accept Jesus that way? He was born in poor and humble surroundings. And he lived a life of humility, wanting to serve others rather than have others serve him. What about you? Are

you willing to follow his example of humility and serve others too? Or are you putting your religious faith behind your desire for money, recognition or power or anything else? To follow Christ requires spiritual preparation. It's not going to come naturally either. Our human nature is the exact opposite of

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Wed. 6 p.m.

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THIS DISPLAY AT the Caldwell Civic Center is a PVC pipe mannequin of a World War II soldier made by Edwin Hlavaty. The mannequin is wearing the uniform of Franklin Karasek Sr., of Burleson County, a World War II veteran. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders

SOLID

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our spiritual nature. Our heart, mind and soul must be prepared for Christ to come -- to enter our lives.

The lowly shepherds were prepared for the birth of Jesus by an angel who told them where to find the Christ Child. The Bible says, they "went quickly" to see and worship the Messiah (Luke 2:26).

All of us who confess to be Christians must also "go quickly" when the Holy Spirit reveals where we need to go. It might be to help someone who needs our assistance -- or maybe something entirely different.

Each of us, as Christ's disciple, has been prepared to follow Jesus and to serve God by helping other people -- by showing love to others as God showed his love for us.

Are we doing what God has prepared for us?

-- Buddy Preuss

Blood drive planned for Jan. 4

A community blood drive will be held from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, at the Caldwell VFW Post No. 4458 Dance Hall, located at 1644 State Highway 36 South in Caldwell.

A photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card will be required to donate.

All donors must wear a mask or face covering during their donation.

The American Red Cross will be testing each donation for COVID-19 antibodies at this upcoming blood drive. COVID-19 antibody test results will

be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code "caldwell."

You may also call 1-800-RedCross to schedule your blood donation appointment or contact BLOOD PROGRAM LEADER.

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THE GRINCH GREETs the children during the Saturday celebration.



THE FIRST PLACE float for Sidecar Saloon is pictured at the lighted parade at Lake Somerville's Welch Park last Saturday night.



SANTA CLAUS ENJOYS this ride with the children on Saturday at Welch Park at Lake Somerville. The community enjoyed the event.

Somerville residents enjoy lighted parade at lake park

Celebration also includes local decorations

Somerville residents enjoyed a special Christmas celebration last Saturday with the annual Santaville lighted Christmas parade, this time at Welch Park.

The parade was hosted by Welch Park with the support and cooperation of Santaville, the park, the City of Somerville and other area organizations and businesses.

After the parade, Santa Claus made an appearance at Welch Park, which was decorated with thousands of lights for the first time, and residents also enjoyed a bonfire.

Welch Park's Sandy and Tommy Thompson and a number of local donors and volunteers worked for two weeks to set up the display that enhanced the parade and offered local citizens a drive-through wonderland.

Though it was not a typical Santaville week-

end, due to changes forced by COVID concerns, the community enjoyed the celebration.

The parade featured 15 floats, and at least 200 children were there.

Don't Mess with Texas goodie bags were given out, along with hot chocolate packets and candy canes.

The parade winners were Side Car Saloon, first place; City Hall Santaville, second, and Josh Young's The Grinch.

Honorable mentions were Mama's Kitchen, and the Judge's Choice was the Tom Light Chevrolet Boat Float.

Judges were Karen Law, Jerry Ray, George and Carolyn Wallace, and Walter and Rechon Lewis.

And the Christmas celebration also included nine entries for the home decorating contest.

The Art Neely family placed first, followed

by Richard Meyer in second and Charlie and Karen Law in third.

Winners were also announced for the business decorating contest with Welch Park Gatehouse placing first, and Josh Young and the City of Somerville's Public Works Department placed second.

A special recognition was also given to Aaron Flencher and Citizens State Bank for the lights on the old buildings along the highway between Seventh and Eighth streets.

There were also five decorated poles, although the winners have not yet been selected. People's Choice entries can still be submitted through Dec. 21.

Also still upcoming is a photo contest, for which the gazebo will be decorated, and winners of seven bicycles and a giant stocking will be selected this week.

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MARGARET POLANSKY OF the Caldwell Burleson County Lions Club is pictured sorting the poinsettias from their December fundraising. The poinsettias were enjoyed by local residents.

OBITUARIES



DEWEY DEUTSCH

Graveside services for Dewey Franklin Deutsch, 89, were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, at the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery, with Pastor Wayne Calder officiating.

Viewing and visitation were held an hour before the services at the cemetery.

Mr. Deutsch died peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at his home in Birch Creek Forest.

Dewey Deutsch was born on July 19, 1931, in Caldwell to Franklin Krueger Deutsch and Eunice Adelle (Burney) Deutsch.

Dewey enjoyed riding motorcycles and was the founder of Houston Texas Chapter of H.O.G. Harley Owners Group.

He was also the former Chief of the Birch Creek Forest Volunteer Fire Department.

Dewey was also on the Birch Creek Planning and Zoning Board and the Birch Creek Recreation Water Supply Board.

He took great pride and responsibility with each of these positions and made sure things were done correctly.

As a 'side job' he was the 'Event DJ' for his subdivision.

Dewey enjoyed tinkering with old electronics and fixing old record players.

He was a man with many talents.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Minnie Aurelia (Miller) Deutsch; his parents, Franklin Krueger Deutsch and Eunice Adelle (Burney) Deutsch; and his sister, Rita Dunagan.

Dewey is survived by his two daughters, Beverly Deutsch and Carolyn Elaine Deutsch; his grandchildren, Dustin Summer Logan, Adale Rene Kolenovsky, and Theresa Ann Kolenovsky; his great-grandchildren, Joshua Summer Logan, Madison Smith, and Alora Elaine Domel; his niece, Norma Stiglich; and his nephew, Patrick Dunagan.

Arrangements by Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell.

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EDWARD ODSTRCIL

Funeral services for Edward Emil Odstrcil, 93, of Caldwell were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 11, 2020, at Cooks Point Brethren Church, with Bro. Joseph Polasek and Bro. Dillon Albright officiating.

Interment followed at the Odstrcil Family Cemetery in Cooks Point.

Visitation was held from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m., with the family present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2020, at Strickland Funeral Home in



CAROLINE MATCEK

Funeral services for Caroline Frances Matcek, 91, of Caldwell were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at Strickland Funeral Home in Caldwell, with Brother Joseph Polasek officiating.

Burial followed at New Tabor Cemetery near Caldwell.

Ms. Matcek died on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, in Bryan.

Caroline was born on July 30, 1929, in Caldwell to Charles Matcek and



GARDINA VAVRA

Services for Gardina Janie Vavra, 100, of Caldwell, will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Caldwell.

Burial will follow at San Antonio Cemetery near Deanville.

Visitation will be held from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at the Strickland Funeral Home with the family present from 5-7 p.m.

Mrs. Vavra died peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, in Caldwell.

Gardina was born Jan. 5, 1920, in the Rita community near Cooks Point, to Joe Kubena Jr. and Jannie (Blinka) Kubena.

Gardina married Edward Vavra on June 19, 1937. This union was blessed with 51 years of marriage until Mr. Vavra passed away in 1988.

Mrs. Vavra was a hard worker. She would help Edward with ranching first at a ranch in Roanoke, Texas, owned by Golfer Byron Nelson Jr., then Feathercrest Farms in

Caldwell.

Edward was born November 14, 1927, to Ignac Odstrcil and Julia (Polasek) Odstrcil in Cooks Point, Texas.

He married Milady Juroska October 2, 1955, in Dime Box, Texas.

At an early age, Edward developed a lifelong love for steam engine trains. He would watch them for hours go down the tracks near his childhood home and even developed an amazing talent for drawing them.

His hobbies were polka music, dominoes (especially 42), family cookouts, barbecues, fish fries, Kolache Festival, and other festivals in the surrounding area. Also, traveling and vacations with family.

He would work on his tractor and repair vintage radios in his spare time.

He was a member of the Cooks Point Brethren Church, an Elder, VFD, and the SPJST New Tabor Hall #17.

Edward would always look forward to the "Odstrcil Therapy" sessions in the evening, (these would involve driving around on Polaris Rangers in fam-

Frances (Novak) Matcek.

Caroline enjoyed bingo, raising Hereford cattle, chickens and turkeys and gardening.

She was a hard worker who loved to read, do arts and crafts, make jewelry, crochet and embroidery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Joe C. Matcek and his wife, Lillian Matcek.

Caroline is survived by her sister, Elsie Matcek of Caldwell; and numerous cousins and family friends.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Matcek, Mike Matcek, Daniel Matcek, Leroy Kazmir, and Arnold Matcek.

Honorary pallbearers were Frank Surovik and Jerry Don Matcek.

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Kurten.

After Edward retired, Gardina started to work at Kellar Ladder & Chair Company until she retired in the early 70s.

Her favorite hobbies included gardening, rose bushes, sewing, making kolaches, fishing and watching old time Westerns.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren when she could.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward Vavra; and five brothers.

Gardina is survived by her loving family, a daughter, Gloria Prazak of Caldwell; her granddaughters, Jennifer Armstrong and husband, Mike, and Melissa Leedy and boyfriend, Troy Peterson; and her great-grandchildren, Austyn Pruett, Anastacia Solbakken, John Thomas "JT" Armstrong, and Jazmine Armstrong; her great-great-granddaughter, London Bridges; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews and other relatives.

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ily groups, rehashing the days events, enjoying the scenery and wildlife, and perhaps having an adult beverage occasionally.

Edward graduated from Cooks Point School, then went to work on the farm with his Dad.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law, John and Vincka Juroska; and one grandson-in-law, Douglas Angiel.

He is survived by his wife, Milady (Juroska) Odstrcil of Cooks Point; Edward Odstrcil and wife, Jackie, of Cooks Point, Larry Odstrcil of Cooks Point; his daughters, Deborah Odstrcil Dickerson and husband, Bill, of Cooks Point, and Lydia Odstrcil of Cooks Point; his grandchildren, Brandon Odstrcil and wife, Renita, Tammy Chandarlis and husband, Frank, Jr., James Petroski and wife, Whitney, Patrick Dickerson and wife, Catherine, Jordan Angiel, and Zachary Dickerson; his great-grandchildren, Kaylee Odstrcil, Burtis Morse and wife, Loren, Kinsler Chandarlis, Avery Chandarlis, Alexa Chandarlis, Audrey Dickerson, Austin Stuart, Lilly Petroski,

Milady Petroski, Brooke Dickerson, Logan Dickerson, Rylie Dickerson, Ben Angiel, and Luke Angiel; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Brandon Odstrcil, James Petroski, Frank Chandarlis Jr., Sam Polasek, Scott Kelm, and Danny Kubena.

Acting as honorary pallbearers were Bennie Dean Loehr, Donnie Grigg, John Loehr, David Odstrcil, Adrian Carlson, Jimmy Matcek, Patrick Dickerson, Zachary Dickerson, Brad Albright, Frank Blazek, and Ernie Shick.

The family respectfully requests that memorials be made to Cooks Point Brethren Church, Cooks Point VFD Department, and Encompass Hospice.

Arrangements by Strickland Funeral Home of Caldwell. Please visit their website at www.stricklandfuneralhomes.com to sign the online register



LINDA OPPERMAN

Linda Faye Oppermann was called to her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, with the ones she cherished and adored the most by her side at home. She was 79 years young.

Linda was born on September 24, 1941, to John Leroy and Doris Alan Schulens in Somerville, Texas.

She graduated from Somerville High School in 1959, where she was a stand out basketball player and was voted most athletic during her senior year by her peers.

Linda also attended Blinn College in Brenham, Texas.

She married the love of her life on August 24, 1961, to Jimmy Harold Oppermann Sr. in Somerville, Texas, and have been inseparable since. Shortly after marriage, she became a dedicated mother to two loving children whom she cherished and embraced every moment with.

She retired as a bookkeeper for Dr. George Pazdral



TOMMY WETTERMAN

A memorial service for Tommy Joe Wetterman, 77, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at Harmony Baptist Church on State Highway 36 North, eight miles from Caldwell.

A graveside service for interment of his ashes will be held at a later date.

Tommy Joe Wetterman was born on May 12, 1943.

Mr. Wetterman died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020.

He accepted Christ as his Savior at a very early age and lived his entire life for Him.

He was a good, caring, sweet man who always saw the good in everyone, and he loved everyone, family members said.

Tom worked as a diesel mechanic, police officer, and in information technology.

He was self-taught in com-

puter programming and had a successful career.

He was employed by Lufkin Telephone Exchange and was the Data Processing Manager there for many years.

His last position, before retirement, was as Information Technology Manager at Gooseneck Trailer in Bryan.

He could fix or repair almost anything mechanical, in construction or electrical, make furniture, clocks and could even sew clothes.

He was the center of our family and we depended on him for everything, family members said. His word was his bond.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Louise Wolfe Wetterman; his brother, B. L. (Bobby) Wetterman; and his sister, Anita Miller; his father- and mother-law, Leslie and Maurine Marshall Lowe; and his brother-in-law, L. D. (Les) Lowe.

Tom is survived by his wife of 57 plus years, Betty Wetterman; his son, Ed Wetterman (Tracey); his daughters, Stephanie Wetterman, Samantha Wetterman, and Charlotte Ann Horelica; and his brother, James Wetterman (Mary); his brother-in-law, Hugh Miller; his sisters-in-law, Helen Lowe and Annie Wetterman; his grandchildren, David Wetterman (Maegan), Kevin Wetterman, Kayla Wetterman Horelica, Jennifer Horelica, and Melissa Pimm; two great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews. They will all miss their Poppy Tom.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to Impact Burleson County.

Arrangements by Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell.

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Powell makes first court appearance in Sweeney death

A College Station man made his initial court appearance on Monday, Dec. 14, after being indicted on a criminal charge in connection with the death of Olivia Paige Sweeney in July at Lake Somerville.

Ovie Leslie Powell II, 43, appeared before District Judge Reva Towslee Corbett, who reset to a non-trial setting for Feb. 19, 2021.

He appeared with his defense attorney Hutton Ask of Bryan.

Powell was arrested by College Station police and released on a \$20,000 surety bond following the Oct. 21 indictment in Burleson County.

The indictment stated that Powell was operating a boat in reverse in the vicinity of swimmers and failed to note Sweeney's proximity to the boat propeller.

Sweeney died on July 18 at Lake Somerville while swimming several hundred yards from shore near Birch Creek

State Park, Burleson County Chief Deputy John Pollock said previously.

Law officers and emergency responders initially responded to a missing person and possible drowning call at about 7 p.m. when a party of six people, four adults and two children, in a 23-foot Sea Ray recreational boat were several hundred yards from shore, Pollock said previously.

Powell was the operator of that boat, according to County Attorney Susan Deski.

Emergency personnel responded following a 911 call, and an extensive search on the lake ensued through the evening and until about 4 a.m. on Sunday, July 19, he said. The search resumed at daybreak on Sunday, July 19, and her body was recovered at about 12:15 p.m. by a Texas Parks & Wildlife game warden in about eight feet of water in close proximity to where she was last seen, Pollock said.

The search included Texas Parks & Wildlife game wardens from Bastrop and Washington counties, DPS troopers, Somerville and Birch Creek volunteer firefighters, a CHI St. Joseph Health Burleson ambulance crew, PHI Air Med 7, who conducted a search from the air, Washington County's air unit and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Somerville firefighters had two boats in the water, and game wardens and sheriff's deputies, using one boat each, also searched throughout the night, Pollock said.

Pollock said side sonar and down scan sonars were used during the search.

Burleson County Pct. 4 Justice of the Peace Robert Urbanosky pronounced her dead at the scene.

Sweeney's body was transported to the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office in Austin where an autopsy was performed, Pollock said previously.

Truck collides with railroad bridge

An 18-wheel tractor rig collided with a railroad overpass bridge pole early Thursday, Dec. 10, on F.M. 60 near Deanville, prompting the temporary closure of F.M. 60 from the bridge to State Highway 21 West.

In addition, an SUV collided with the front of the truck-tractor rig after the bridge pole accident.

Neither driver was injured or transported to any area hospitals, according to a report by DPS Trooper Clint Nance.

The accident occurred

at 4:19 a.m. when a southbound, white, 2013 Mack tractor-trailer rig driven by Joseph Leija, 47, collided with the railroad bridge pole in the center of the road, located about .2 of a mile north of F.M. 111, the report stated.

The rig came to rest facing southbound in the northbound lane, according to the report.

Another vehicle, a northbound, 2018, silver Toyota SUV driven by Phillip Wayne Corbett, 51, of Somerville, then collided with the front of the truck-tractor rig in the north-

bound lane, according to the report.

The SUV came to rest facing northbound in the northbound lane, the report stated.

The report stated that both were wearing seat belts, and neither were ejected.

After the accident, the Deanville Volunteer Fire Department, TxDOT and Union Pacific Railroad officials responded to the scene, according to Bill Colley, Deanville Fire Chief.

Colley said that portion of F.M. 60 was closed for most of the day until the bridge pole could be repaired.

Cade Lake grass fire extinguished

Caldwell and Cade Lake firefighters responded on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10, to a 2-acre grass fire at Sugar Hill and Chestnut Drives at Cade Lake and quickly got it under control.

The cause of the fire remains unknown, but no foul play is suspected, said Cade Lake Fire Chief David Pevehouse.

Only pasture and

brush were burned, and the blaze did not reach any structures, Pevehouse said.

Pevehouse said a neighbor called in the fire just after 3 p.m., and Cade Lake responded first with two firefighters, a tanker and a brush truck.

Caldwell responded just minutes after them with one brush truck and three firefighters,

he said.

Firefighters got the blaze under control in about 30 minutes and contained it before it reached any structures nearby, Pevehouse said.

Pevehouse said the fire is another reminder of the dry conditions in the county. Everyone should use extreme caution under these circumstances and avoid controlled burns if at all possible.

COUNCIL

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ceived a \$585,000 grant for Hurricane Harvey relief through the Texas General Land Office in 2019. A \$496,000 contract was awarded to Palasota Construction of College Station for the project, but the work was not completed because Palasota officials said there is not enough secure base material on the roads to properly rebuild it and to ensure that it could get a warranty, City Administrator Danny Segundo said previously.

On April 29, the city rejected discussion of adding additional road base at a cost of \$121,580, and Palasota officials said they could not warranty the road and they would stop work, according to a Segundo memo to the council.

Strand Associates of Brenham, the city's engineering firm, reported a work stoppage on June 1, the memo stated.

Negotiations between the city's attorney and Palasota's attorney did not lead to a resolution, the memo stated.

However, the city was granted a six-month extension to the GLO.

The other bidders for the project included Larry Young Paving of College Station, \$167,845; Cornerstone Paving & Construction, LLC of Lyons, \$176,479; Brazos Paving Inc., of Bryan, \$192,990 or \$195,951; WJC Constructors Services, LLC, of Smithville, \$199,991; DIJ Construction, Inc., of Bertram, \$232,930; Leland Bradlee Construction, Inc., Longview,

\$237,750; Palasota Contracting, LLC, College Station, \$245,117; and Civil Constructors Inc., DBA Texcon General Contractors, Kurten, \$246,519.10.

In other business, the council approved a \$35,243 bid from Cornerstone Paving and Construction of Lyons for the resurfacing of 11th Street from Avenue C to 10th Street.

Also, the project will include resurfacing of Avenue C from 10th Street to 12th Street.

11th Street has never been resealed and is beginning to deteriorate in some spots, according to a memo from Segundo. The city does not want to lose the street due to a lack of maintenance, and the resealing will allow the street to be resurfaced and will extend its life of service, the memo stated.

The project is identified in the city's capital improvement plan for 2020.

Segundo's memo stated that the staff wanted an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the project, allowing some contingencies within the project.

Other bidders included Knife River Corp., of Bryan, \$39,760 (if all three were done at the same time), otherwise, \$49,100; Texcon of Bryan, \$67,800; and Premium Asphalt of Gause, \$62,000.

The council also unanimously approved an audit engagement letter with Seidel Schroeder CPA of Brenham and a financial statement engagement letter with Thompson, Derrig & Craig, PC CPA of College Station -- both for the year ending Sept. 30, 2020.

The Seidel Schroeder agreement includes a gross fee, including expenses, of \$25,500 to \$26,500. Their standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to the audit.

The financial statement agreement with Thompson, Derrig & Craig will include fees ranging from \$4,500 to \$5,500.

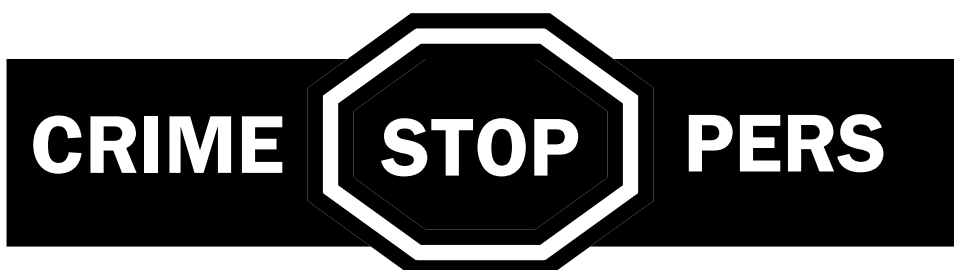
The council also approved the process and nomination form for the 2020 Steve Hodges Outstanding Citizen Award and appointed Angelia Beene to the Burleson County Appraisal District's Board of Directors.

They also approved a five-year lease renewal with the Somerville Library Association. The city owns the building located at 17436 State Highway 36, which is being leased to the Somerville Community Library Association Inc.

During public comments, Chris Roth, library association president, addressed the council about the library space lease.

They have plans to get the library up and running, and they would like to eventually go all electronic, Roth said. However, they first must get the humidity under control, and they are working on getting humidifiers, Roth said.

Also during public comments, Theresa Bradford commented on the 11th Street resurfacing project. Bradford said she does not understand why 11th Street was being considered because there are a lot of other streets that are in worse condition.



WANTED

BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The persons listed below are wanted by local law enforcement authorities for criminal offenses. If you have information which may lead to the arrest of any individual wanted for a criminal offense, call Bluebonnet Area CRIME STOPPERS at 567-TIPS or 866-930-8477. You do not have to give your name when you call CRIME STOPPERS, you will be given a special coded number. If the information leads to the arrest of a wanted person, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00.

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1. JAMES BRYCE BUSBY, W/M, DOB 06/17/00, BOND SURRENDER (EVADING ARREST DET. WITH VEH.).
 2. ERIC LEE DAWSON, W/M, DOB 12/29/95, VIOLATION OF PROBATION (EVADING ARREST) COMMIT CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE.
 3. HECTOR AREGULLIN-CASTILLO, W/M, DOB 01/14/57, VIOLATION OF PROBATION (DWI WITH CHILD UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE).
 4. DAJON BALL, B/M, DOB 11/27/95, MOTION TO REVOKE (POSS. CS PG < 1G).
 5. MONICA CHRISTINA HOLICK, W/F, DOB 04/24/71, VIOLATION OF PROBATION (INDECENCY WITH A CHILD).
 6. ANTONIO MUNOZ, W/M, DOB 09/13/93, BOND FORFEITURE (POSS. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LESS THAN 1G).
 7. HEAVEN ZHANE WILLIAMS, B/F, DOB 08/01/95, VIOLATION OF PROBATION (BURGLARY OF HABITATION).
 8. ARTY JOST GARZA, H/M, DOB 01/03/82, VIOLATION OF CONDITION OF PROBATION (BURGLARY OF A HABITATION).
 9. BRUCE WAYNE MAXIE, B/M, DOB 09/26/97, VIOLATION OF PROBATION (TAMPER/FABRICATE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WITH INTENT TO IMPAIR).
 10. RICHARD DANIEL MUSICK III, W/M, DOB 08/20/75, AMENDED FIRST MOTION TO REVOKE (TERRORISTIC THREAT IMPAIR PUBLIC/GOVERNMENT SERVICE).
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Somerville man arrested in ag assault warrant

Somerville police arrested a 39-year-old, Somerville man on Tuesday, Dec. 8, on an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon indictment warrant following a disturbance call in the 800 block of Avenue A.

Daniel K. Floyd was charged and remains in Burleson County custody on \$30,000 bond, according to the Burleson County Sheriff's Office.

Somerville Police Sgt. James Watson responded to a disturbance call at 10 a.m. and found a man there wanted on an indictment warrant stemming from a July case, said Somerville Police Chief Jake Sullivan.

The July case involved striking a man in the head, according to the indictment.

Watson made the arrest and transported him to the Burleson County Jail, Sullivan said.

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Broesche shared that the local extension services' family and community health focus expanded this year to include COVID-19 contact tracing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) deliveries and COVID-19 test kit deliveries.

Broesche said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is a member of Gov. Greg Abbott's State of Texas Strike Team, which helped with contact tracing. All family community health county agents statewide were trained, she said.

They were certified in the basics of COVID-19, basics of contact tracing, effective communication and interviews and case monitoring and resources.

Regarding PPE deliveries, Burleson County extension agents were deployed to the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC) in Austin. Agents delivered PPE across the state, and Burleson County agents were involved, she said.

That included deliveries to child care facilities, nursing homes, dental offices, medical offices and hospitals.

"We were part of that process of getting them delivered across the state of Texas," Broesche said. "People were so appreciative of us distributing supplies..."

Regarding test kit deliveries, their agency was called to assist in distributing and education for the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Test Kits, she said. County agents for family and community health were trained and certified by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. As a member of the Strike Team, she was trained in how to administer the test to students and helped with the kit distribution.

Beginning in November, she reported to the Armory in Austin and worked with the National Guard on dis-

tributing test kits to schools, childcare facilities and long-term care facilities, she said.

Grange said "COVID has been a real challenge."

"It has changed the way we do things and been an eye opener," Grange said.

The county has continued its programs, although many involved virtual participation.

County agents used social media platforms to deliver programming and educational opportunities, he said.

"It made us go virtual, and we came together as a group and as a region," Grange said.

A Ranching Goats for Profit series was offered with Texas A&M Specialist Dr. Reid Redden and Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Grange said. The program was part of a four-part series that was shared on social media and reached audiences not only in Burleson County but across the U.S. and even internationally, he said.

More meetings during the year were conducted by Zoom, he said.

Even with COVID, the Burleson County Fair proceeded with significant changes.

"It was different this year, but we still showed great support for our kids," Grange said.

Even in a strange year, about \$1.7 million was raised, which is "beyond belief" during such a challenging year, he said. "It amazes me every year."

And youth were also still able to participate in the state fair, he said.

Narro said she was pleased that the grant was renewed for another five years for the Strengthening Families program. Narro said she feared up to the last minute that the program would be discontinued, but she was relieved when it was funded.

The program has served 123 couples and 225 individuals, with 470 people having taken her classes with about 900 refer-

als to other agencies, she said.

Narro said the program has now changed to a focus on young adults ages 18-24 called "Success Powered by You."

Burleson County Judge Keith Schroeder thanked Narro, Grange and Broesche for all they do.

"My eyes have been opened," Schroeder said in reference to Narro's program. "Everyone is so happy to see the results from that."

In other business at the Monday meeting, the commissioners:

* Approved a contract with J&S Water Wells of Bellville for \$188,000 construction contract for the Cooks Point Water Supply Corp., Texas Community Development Block Grant project. Cooks Point was awarded a \$275,000 CDBG grant for a new water well.

* Approved an engineering contract with Bleyl Engineering of Bryan to complete the project implementation for the Texas Infrastructure Fund (TIF) program through Tx-DOT.

TIF funds are state funds provided to counties to assist in repairing county roads damaged by oilfield traffic.

Schroeder said after the meeting that the TIF funding work will be done mostly by county crews, but some contract labor will be needed for chip seal work, so an engineering firm will be needed for that portion.

Schroeder, County Auditor Jimmy Mynar and Pct. 3 Commissioner David Hildebrand reviewed two proposals, and Bleyl scored the highest.

* Approved Blake Marden as a deputy sheriff.

* Approved a sealed bid with Doggett Heavy Equipment for \$109,500 for a steel roller for Precinct 4 road and bridge department.

* Approved several purchases for Precinct 1 road and bridge.

As one expenditure, Pct. 1 Commissioner

Joe Baldwin said a computer module needed for a truck had been secured for \$2,000, less than the \$15,000 originally anticipated.

The commissioners also approved some road and base material costs and a bond for new Pct. 1 Commissioner Dwayne Faust, who will serve beginning Jan. 1.

* Were briefed by Schroeder on Emergency Management Coordinator Duane Strange's report.

Schroeder said there were 126 total active COVID cases. He also reported on a drive-through testing that occurred on Dec. 7-9 at the Burleson County Fairgrounds. A total of 392 individuals were tested, although results are still pending, he said.

Regarding hospital space, Burleson County is maintaining its numbers at about 10 percent, below the 15 percent targeted threshold, Schroeder said.

In Schroeder's report, he said officials with the Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) were planning a meeting with the sheriff's office for Monday, Dec. 14, to discuss providing IT services.

* Were briefed by Chief Deputy John Pollock on the sheriff's report.

There are two openings in patrol, and Deputy Shawn Edwards will soon be running a training class for outside agencies on mental health peace officer training.

Pollock also thanked Mynar for helping the deputies get new body cameras.

Pollock also reported that a comprehensive policy for the sheriff's office is being worked on.

Regarding COVID, Pollock said a couple of staff members tested positive but have cleared their quarantine period and are back to work.

Capt. Sheldon Smith reported 43 in jail, including five females and two males from Milam County. The staff is doing everything they can to keep everyone safe, Smith said. Smith also reported two openings in the jail.

* Were briefed by Mynar on his report.

The county is wrapping up its CARES Grant for \$651,000 through the Department of Emergency Management.

Next week, they will be working on a CESF (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding) Grant for over \$30,000 for COVID-related expenses such as PPE, he said.

County sales tax revenues down over 47% in October

Sales tax revenues were down by over 47 percent in September for Burleson County in Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's latest monthly report.

Burleson County cities also saw declines in sales tax revenues from the previous year's October totals. The report was based on sales made in October by businesses that report monthly.

Burleson County
Burleson County's October 2020 receipts were down 47.1 percent from October 2019's receipts, with the 2020 total of \$80,069.69 compared to last year's total of \$151,374.20.

City of Caldwell
Caldwell's October 2020 receipts were down 24.83 percent to \$116,675.53 from \$155,216.93 last year.

City of Snook
Snook's \$6,071.41 in October 2020 receipts were down 54.7 percent from last year's total of \$13,405.14.

City of Somerville
Somerville's \$19,783.66 in October 2020 receipts were down 5.33 percent from \$20,897.92 last year.

Statewide
Overall, Texas counties will receive \$790.3 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 3.7 percent less than in December 2019 according to the comptroller.

Sales tax revenue totaled \$2.98 billion in November, 6.3 percent less than in November 2019.

The majority of November sales tax revenue is based on sales made in October and remitted to the agency in November.

"November state sales tax collections continued the trends of recent months, with receipts down from a year ago in all major economic sectors other than retail trade," Hegar said. "Increased collections from retail trade reflected continued heightened spending for home improvements in response to the pandemic."

"The steepest declines were again in oil- and gas-related sectors

because well drilling and well completion remain depressed. Receipts from the information sector were also notably down due to the federal ban on sales taxation of internet access service.

"With sales tax collection responsibility for online marketplaces and remote sellers now in place for more than a year, increased collections from online vendors reflected the pandemic-accelerated market share shift from in-store to online shopping. Receipts from restaurants remained down from last year, but significantly higher than in the early days of the pandemic, as restrictions have eased on in-person dining and consumers continue to embrace pick-up and delivery restaurant service," Hegar said.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2020 was down 5.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

While the effects of the COVID-related economic slowdown are less prominent than they were earlier this year, they continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in November 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

* Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes: \$414 million, down 1.9 percent from November 2019.

* Motor fuel taxes: \$325 million, down 0.6 percent from November 2019.

* Oil production taxes: \$199 million, down 42.2 percent from November 2019.

* Natural gas production taxes: \$76 million, down 36.3 percent from November 2019.

* Hotel occupancy tax: \$33 million, down 46.1 percent from November 2019.

* Alcoholic beverage taxes: \$96 million, down 19.1 percent from November 2019.

Your Role in Flu Prevention

Each year, between 9 and 35 million people will come down with the flu. As a quickly mutating virus, this illness can quickly spread through communities and result in severe complications. This cold and flu season, you can take action to stop the flu virus in its tracks.

Get the Flu Shot

First and foremost, getting your yearly flu shot is the best way to prevent becoming sick and spreading the virus. Contrary to what some people believe, there is no way to catch the flu from getting the flu vaccine. At most, you could experience some very mild symptoms that will end within two days. The vaccine takes up to two weeks to be effective, so you could catch the flu between getting the shot and when it comes to full efficacy. During that time, it's important to practice good hygiene and stay away from people who are sick.

The CDC recommends that everyone six months of age and older receive the flu shot. Dr. Kyle Winkler, physician at SJH Burleson Hospital, says,

"Young children, the elderly and immunocompromised people are most at risk of developing complications from the flu, so it is especially important for these groups to be vaccinated each year."

Stop the Spread of Germs

Healthy habits are one of the most important ways you can stop the spread of germs in daily life. Remember to wash your hands thoroughly before and after touching food, after using the restroom and periodically throughout the day. While using hand sanitizer is good, washing hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds is the best option.

If you cough or sneeze, be sure to cover your nose and mouth. Regularly disinfect frequently used items, such as door knobs, keyboards, and other things you touch multiple times a day. Take these basic actions, and you'll have a big impact on reducing the spread of the flu virus for both yourself and others.

Get Better

If you do get the flu this season, you can

still help prevent it from spreading to others. Stay home and take any medications your doctor prescribes. Allow yourself time to rest and recover rather than forcing yourself to return to your routine too soon. Going to work with a contagious illness could seriously impact the productivity of your entire workplace in addition to directly affecting your coworkers' lives. At home, keep anything that could be contaminated away from other family members and limit physical contact as much as possible.

If you do come down with the flu, you can trust the doctors at St. Joseph Health to get you back to better. Make an appointment with one of our primary care physicians to get your flu shot or to get treatment for this year's flu.

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Sports Corner

BY SLOAN PREUSS

LAYING AN EGG -- Why is it that when a chicken lays an egg, it's a good thing, but when a football team lays an egg, it's a bad thing?

That's a good question for the Houston Texans football team, which was able to score a touchdown in the first quarter, then layed a huge goose egg the rest of the way in a 36-7 loss to the Chicago Bears.

Mitch Trubisky threw three touchdown passes to outplay Deshaun Watson in their first meeting since they entered the NFL, and the Bears snapped a six-game losing streak. Nothing like playing the Texans these days to get a big victory!

The Bears ended their worst skid since the 2002 team dropped eight in a row to match a franchise record. Deshaun was sacked 7 times, proving he's one of the most over-rated and overpaid quarterbacks in the league once again.

Mitch simply showed Deshaun how it's supposed to be done, passing for three touchdowns in the first half alone to put the game out of reach. After that, it was "Game Over" for Houston.

Yes, Houston, we have a major problem. Firing Coach Bill O'Brien didn't help a bit, since the issues lie much deeper than that.

"Embarrassing. It's just the facts," said defensive end J.J. Watt after it was all over. I couldn't have put it better myself, and anyone who knows me knows that I'm never at a loss for words. You can try to catch me off-guard with a smart remark, but I always bounce back with a quick response.

Like I said last week, is anyone tired of watching the Texans lose? If not, then tune in this Sunday at 12 noon on CBS when they play a road game against the Indianapolis Colts, one of the hottest teams in the NFL right now. Watch it early, since it might get ugly later on -- Colts by 14 points.

A HUGE SUR-

PRISE -- Everyone likes to be surprised, and that's part of the fun on Christmas opening gifts to see what you got and probably do not really need. For most of us, it's like Christmas every day, ever since we got used to buying things online with the fast click of a keyboard.

It was like the holiday season when the Dallas Cowboys found a way to win and whipped up on the Cincinnati Bengals 30-7. Don't be jumping up and down or doing the moonwalk for too long, though, since it was only the Bengals, and Dallas only has a slim chance at making the playoffs. Let me rephrase that, a very slim chance, if any.

It was a nice homecoming for Dallas quarterback Andy Dalton, who wanted this win badly. He was the starting quarterback for the Bengals for 9 seasons and was released after the team took Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow with the top pick in the NFL draft last spring. To top it off, he showed off in front of the crowd, since he used to play for TCU in college.

Don't let all of that fool you, though, he's still a terrible quarterback. Or should I say backup who became starter by default. And the victory came over a team that has only won 2 games all season to 10 losses. Not quite my idea of popping the cork on a bottle of champagne to celebrate. Maybe a beer or two, but that's about it.

The Cowboys (4-9) will host the San Francisco 49ers (5-8) this Sunday at 12 noon on CBS. This used to be a huge game, but not anymore. My, oh my, how things have changed in the last 20 to 25 years. No more Troy Aikman or Joe Montana, and no more excitement with losing teams.

Flip a coin on this one and hope for the best. I'm going with the 49ers to win, but not by too much -- let's say two field goals.

RUMORS SWIRL -- The Texas Longhorns had their game

against the Kansas Jayhawks canceled after a number of positive Covid tests. That has happened to a lot of different teams lately. A sign of the times we are suffering through right now. But it will get better, it always does if you wait long enough.

UT Coach Tom Herman has been on the hot seat, unable to take the Horns to the Big 12 Championship Game in his 4th year leading the team. But then again, Texas hasn't been to the title game since 2009, long before Herman arrived to try to turn things around.

After former Ohio State Coach and now television sports analyst Urban Meyer turned down what was rumored to be a \$12 million a year offer for health reasons, the UT alumni were back to the drawing board and decided to give Herman a 5th year. I think that's a smart decision. But if he does not win this year, and win big, then get rid of him. He's making way too much money at \$5 million a year to keep producing mediocre teams.

GAME POSTPONED -- The 5th-ranked Texas A&M Aggies are probably chomping at the bit to get back on the field to prove they are worthy of playing in the Top 4 college football playoffs at the end of the season, but haven't been given much of a chance since a lackluster 31-20 win over Auburn a couple of weeks ago.

Before that, it was only a 20-7 victory over LSU, so I need to see the Aggies play at least one more time to decide if they are worthy of being a Top 4 team.

The scheduled matchup last Saturday against Ole Miss was postponed due to Covid issues, but if everything goes as planned, the Aggies will play at the Tennessee Volunteers this Saturday at 11 a.m. on ESPN. The Aggies are favored to win by 14 points, but I'm thinking more like a 28-point win to make a statement.



THE SNOOK LADY JAY Volleyball team was honored at the December board meeting for their All-District honors. Pictured are Head Coach Hannah Chambers, Frida Mota-Ramirez, Jaycie Brisco, Paola Arredondo, Kyleigh Hruska, and Athletic Director Boone Patterson.

Two students named to Dean's List at Angelo St.

Joe Gonzales and Jose Gonzales, both of Lyons, were named to the Dean's List for Angelo State University in San Angelo for the Fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Villalpando named to Dean's List at University of St. Mary

Teya Villalpando of Somerville was named to the Dean's List at The University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kan., for the Fall 2020 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must end the semester with a GPA or 3.5 or better.

Tell'em you read it in the Tribune!



PLEDGE LEADERS for Snook Elementary School for the month of December were Luis Villegas, fourth-grader, left, and Jayson Crossland, third-grader, right. They recited the Pledge at the school board meeting.

Snook ISD receives clean audit for '19-20

Snook ISD's finances are in order.

That was what the district's auditor told the school board during Monday night's board meeting.

Stephanie Harris of Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP of Houston presented the firm's financial audit for the 2019-2020 school year during a video presentation and told the board that the audit was clean with no recommendations, giving the district the highest rating a school could receive.

The board also held a public hearing during the meeting pertaining to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report given to Snook ISD for the 2019-2020 school year.

Snook scored a 98 out of 100 possible points, deducting two points for the TEA's Indicator 8: "Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets sufficient to support long-term solvency?"

Snook ISD Superintendent Brenda Krchnak said, "The two point deduction for a score of 98 was due to the fact that the bonds were sold in 2018-19 school year (liability), but since the project was not complete as of Aug. 31, 2019, the buildings and stadium were not on the books as assets."

In other business, the board:

- * Approved the superintendent hiring an additional teacher for the spring semester.
- * Was informed that the current district enrollment was 502.
- * Recognized those selected to the All-District volleyball team.
- * Announced that anyone wishing to run for school board must file between Jan. 13 and Feb. 12, 2021.

Three board members, Justin Hruska, Stacey Slovacek and Cameron Schluens, will have seats up for election in the May 1, 2021, school board election.

HealthPOINT

Dear Patients,

Mark Yarshen, D.O. will join the HealthPoint Caldwell Clinic on January 4, 2021. Dr. Yarshen will work alongside Dr. Kyle Winkler, Dr. Kristel Leubner and Kimberly Glidewell, PA.

Dr. Yarshen comes to us from Illinois, where he spent the last 14 years as a family medicine physician. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and his undergraduate degree of Health Sciences from Benedictine University in Illinois.

Dr. Yarshen's philosophy for practicing medicine aligns well with ours. He has a patient - focused approach with a strong commitment to providing compassionate care to his patients. Together with the team at HealthPoint Caldwell, we will continue to offer high quality, local healthcare to Burleson County.

If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Yarshen, please call our clinic at 979-567-7080. We appreciate the trust you have in our team to care for your family and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Adil Nicolwala, MD, Chief Medical Officer
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TRIBUNE SPORTS

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CALDWELL'S WESTYN HUGHES recently competed in Tie-Down Roping at the National Finals Rodeo in Arlington. -- Photo courtesy of Roseanna Sales, PRCA ProRodeo Photography

Hughes wins Round 8 at NFR

Caldwell native finishes 10th overall, 6th in world rankings

Many Caldwell residents who have never followed the sport of Rodeo were glued to their televisions over the past week and a half to watch the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) and their hometown cowboy -- Westyn Hughes.

The NFR was Dec. 3-12 in Arlington at Globe Life Field and was aired on the Cowboy Channel and RFD-TV and livestreamed on Cowboy Channel Plus.

Hughes began dreaming of competing in the

NFR when he was just 5-years-old, and he finally competed in his first NFR, making his mark in Tie-Down Roping by winning Round 8 of the 10-round event, earning his first NFR buckle with a time of 7.4 seconds and a \$26,231 payoff for the round.

He finished 10th overall at the NFR with an average score of 87.80 on nine head -- placing fifth (tie) in Round 1 at 8.30 seconds (\$5,500 payoff), fourth (tie) in

Round 2 at 8.1 seconds (\$8,885), sixth in Round 3 at 8.1 seconds (\$4,231), second in Round 4 at 7.9 seconds (\$20,731), fourth in Round 5 at 8.3 seconds (\$11,000), did not place in Round 6 at 22.4 seconds, no catch in Round 7, first in Round 8 at 7.4 seconds (\$26,231), did not place in Round 9 at 8.5 seconds and did not place in Round 10 at 8.8 seconds.

Hughes' NFR showing had him ending the 2020 season ranked

sixth in the world in the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) Tie-Down Roping standings with 2,237.25 points and his yearly earnings of \$146,967.68.

After winning Round 8 and earning his first NFR buckle, Hughes said, "I grew up looking up to people who won NFR buckles. It was an honor to get one."

Hughes said that he was "anxious" being in his first NFR, but "after the first couple of

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See named to TGCA Legacy, All-State Teams

Caldwell Lady Hornet volleyball standout Elizabeth See was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's (TGCA) 2020-2021 Volleyball Legacy All-Star Team for Classes 1A-4A last week.

And, over the weekend, she also was named to the Class 3A TGCA All-State Team.

The Sam Houston State University signee had an outstanding senior year in 2020, leading the Lady Hornets to a regional quarterfinal berth where Caldwell fell to Lorena 19-25, 25-16, 20-25, 17-25.

For the season, See led Caldwell in kills with 460, averaging 4.3 kills per set. She also led the team in blocking this year with 132 blocks -- 115 solo blocks and 17 assisted, averaging 1.2 per set.

See also racked up 274 digs, 401 serves received and 36 aces from the backline.

See was this year's District 19-3A Offensive MVP and was recognized nationally as a 2020-21 MaxPreps/American Volleyball



ELIZABETH SEE Coaches Association (AVCA) - 2020-21 Player of the Week for the week of Aug. 24-30.

See is no stranger to state accolades. She was a Class 4A All-State performer during her sophomore and junior years -- selected to the Texas Sportswriters Association (TXSWA) All-State Volleyball Team as an outside hitter on the Honorable Mention squad in her sophomore year and to the Second Team as a middle blocker in her junior year. She was also a Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) All-State selection.

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THE 2020-2021 CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL tennis team is, from left, front, Isabel Leyva, Aletza Torres, Neva Cravens, Mackenzie Horan, middle, Karly Fritsche, Alejandro Zapata, Christian Kouatli, Nicholas Lucero, Isaac Salazar, Skylinn Johnson, back, Coach Mackenzie Kassner, Adolfo Gaucin, Connor Hughson, Breyden Athey, Gabe Pipes, Keith Ramon, Nicholas Rutherford, Madeline Horan and Coach Sandra Gilland. -- Photo courtesy of Dianne Pursch Photography



Somerville rallies to defeat Milano 53-52

Burns hits winning shot in final seconds

The Somerville Yeguas rallied from a 20-point deficit to pull out a 53-52 win over Milano last Friday in Somerville.

Somerville's Arvis Burns sank the last shot, and the Yeguas held on defensively in the final 40 seconds to preserve the win.

The Yeguas had trailed 50-42 in the final minutes before beginning their final rally. Somerville pushed ahead 51-50 in the final seconds before Milano responded for their final lead at 52-51.

Somerville Head Coach Billy Ramey said he was proud of his team in those final minutes, coming from behind and then

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SOMERVILLE'S HERSCHEL Conway takes a shot last Friday against Milano. The Yeguas won 53-52. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders

Lady Jays win three to improve to 7-3 for '20-21

The Lady Jays had a good showing last week, going 3-0 to improve to 7-3 for the season.

Snook first traveled to Madisonville last Tuesday, holding off a late Lady Mustang charge for the 38-33 win.

Jaivan Stringfellow led the offense for Snook with 12 points, including shooting 70 percent from the free throw line.

Other scorers for Snook included: LaBrayla Pool, seven points; Avery Kovar, seven; Kyleigh Hruska, five; Riley Green, four; Kamree Walker, three.

Snook 38, Madisonville 33
Snook 15 11 8 4 - 38
MHS 11 8 5 9 - 33

On Friday, the Lady Jays traveled to Bruceville-Eddy, beating the Lady Eagles by 10 points, 48-38.

The Lady Eagles jumped out to a 13-10 lead by the end of the first quarter, but the Snook defense was strong in the second, holding Bruceville-Eddy to only four points, taking the lead 20-17. Then, the Lady Jays outscored Bruceville-Eddy in the second half 27-21 for the 10-point win.

Two Lady Jays were in double digits -- Jaycie Brisco with 19 points and Stringfellow with 17.

Other scorers were: Green, six points; Walker, five, Pool, one.

Snook 48, Bruceville-Eddy 38
Snook 10 10 14 13 - 48
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Snook hosted China Spring Saturday afternoon, beating the Lady Cougars 51-28.

The Lady Jays turned on the offense in the second quarter, going on an 18-6 run, to seal

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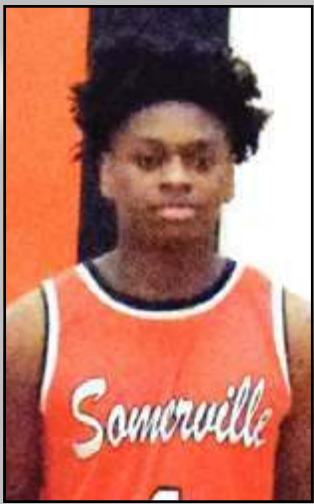
THE TRIBUNE'S

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Arvis Burns

Yegua Basketball

Last week against Milano, Burns was instrumentally in Somerville's come-from-behind one-point 53-52 win. He scored 14 against Milano and eight in a 53-37 loss against Thrall.



Jaivan Stringfellow

Lady Jay Basketball

Last week, Stringfellow scored in double digits in all three Lady Jay victories -- 12 points against Madisonville, 17 against Bruceville-Eddy and 18 against China Spring.



Local People... Local Decisions...



WESTYN HUGHES holds the National Finals Rodeo buckle he earned in Tie-Down Roping after winning Round 8 last week.

YEGUAS

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holding the lead.

"We didn't panic. We worked for a good shot. Arvis knew he had to score quickly, but we didn't want to throw up a crazy shot," Ramey said.

The final defensive stop was also inspiring.

"Everything was in a contain situation. We couldn't foul because we had 16 fouls. We needed to be where we were supposed to be, and we didn't want those two guards to beat us."

Ramey said he was "so proud of how we continued to work hard and chip away."

"It was a total team effort. It was an excellent opportunity to work on our conditioning and how to come back from a huge deficit," Ramey said.

Somerville's only upperclassmen, Burns and Verkobe Woodberry, gave the Yeguas needed leadership in the final minutes.

"Every player stepped up when we needed it," Ramey said. "This was our best win of the season. It also shows how much we have grown as a team."

Woodberry led the team in scoring with 16 points, followed by Burns with 14, Brandyn Carter, 13, Herschel Conway, five, Dominic Tucker, three, and Gardner Shivers, two.

Somerville fell to Thrall 53-37 on Saturday, Dec. 12, in Thrall.

Despite a strong first half, the Yeguas were short handed, and it showed in the second half.

Trailing by just three at halftime and four at the end of the third, "we simply had nothing left for the fourth quarter," Ramey said.

Jesus Espinoza was out with an injury, and Carter left in the first half and was unable to return, Ramey said.

"The effort was good considering how physically and emotionally drained we were from the tough, hard-fought Milano game," Ramey said.

Thrall did a good job on the boards, and their zone defense disrupted Somerville's offense, he said.

"It was an opportunity for our younger players to get a lot of varsity playing experience," he said.

Tucker led the team in scoring with 18 points, followed by Burns with eight, Shivers, six, Carter with three and Woodberry with two.

Somerville also lost a Tuesday home game with state-ranked Cal-

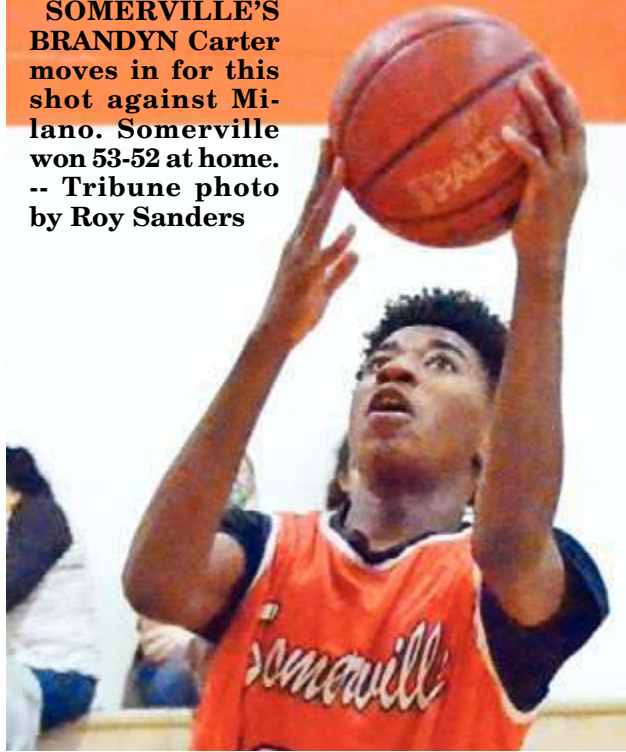
vert 53-35.

"Calvert has a special team this season. This was a good opportunity to host them," Ramey said.

Ramey said Calvert dominated on the boards, limited the Yeguas' shooting and had multiple offensive rebounds, while scoring most of their points in the lane.

Tucker was the leading scorer with seven points, followed by Espinoza and Burns, six each, Carter and Conway, five each, Woodberry, four, and Jaret Pinkerton, two.

SOMERVILLE'S BRANDYN Carter moves in for this shot against Milano. Somerville won 53-52 at home. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders



SOMERVILLE'S BRANDYN Carter gets ready to shoot against Milano.



DOMINIC TUCKER OF Somerville dribbles the ball around these Milano defenders. Somerville won 53-52. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders

HUGHES

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rounds, I loosened up a little."

"What was awesome about this year was that the NFR was in Arlington, Texas. More of my family and friends were able to attend, so I had more support than I would have had in Las Vegas (where the NFR has been held)."

"The support really helped a lot," he said.

Hughes added that the support he received from people "back home" also helped "calm his nerves" at the NFR.

"It was truly amazing having the whole town behind me. They are so supportive," he said.

Before the 2020 season, Hughes' best finish was 20th in the World Standings, and Hughes' road to making the NFR this year was not easy.

In 2018, he broke his arm which ended his rodeo season.

Then, in 2019 while Hughes was ranked 11th in the the world, his back went out during a rodeo and he required surgery.

Hughes said that it feels good to have done so well in 2020 -- his "turn around year."

"I've tried for five years to make the NFR, and it finally happened," he said.

"One thing I've learned is that you gotta be tough -- not just physically, but also mentally."

"You have to keep trying and have long-term vision. You need short-

term memory and can't dwell on your losses."

"World champions can be beaten by an amateur on any given day," Hughes said.

Hughes explained why people are drawn to follow rodeo as a sport and why it is different than other sports.

He said, "Rodeo is a very tight-knitted group."

"We hold on to our traditions and values."

"In our openings, we're not afraid to pray. Even at the NFR, there was a huge cross at an opening."

"This is what makes rodeo so special," Hughes said.

However, Hughes was not able to celebrate his good showing at the NFR for too long because the 2021 season has already begun.

He said, "I can't wait to see how the new season goes."

"I'm more confident for 2021," he said.

But, one thing is sure, Hughes loves being from Caldwell and plans to buy a home of his own in the Caldwell area.

"I've traveled from Maine to San Diego, Calif., and there's something special about Caldwell," he said.

"The support I've received from the people in Caldwell and in Burleson County have fueled me, and I want to try to represent them well," he said.

"I'm truly blessed to come from a great town and great community," Hughes said.

SNOOK

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the win.

Three Snook players were in double digits: Stringfellow with 18 points; Kovar with 11 and Walker with 10.

Other scorers were: Brisco, eight points; and Green four.

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Snook was scheduled to host Hull-Daisetta on Tuesday, Dec. 15, however the game was canceled.

Next, the Lady Jays will host Class 4A Number 25 Mexia on Friday, Dec. 18, with tip off at 4:15 p.m.

Then, Snook will host Aggield HomeSchool on Monday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.

Lady Hornets fall to Hearne 62-22

Hearne's Jenny Johnson had a big game last week against the Lady Hornets, scoring 26 points to lead the Lady Eagles over Caldwell 62-22.

The Caldwell offense was led by senior Macy Taylor with eight points.

Other scorers for the Lady Hornets included: Ja'Asia Mathis, four points; Aalayiah Jones, four; Andrea Flores, four; K. Gomez, two.

last week to Aggield HomeSchool 51-32, but no other information was available at press time.

Caldwell was scheduled to host Rogers on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Next, the Lady Hornets will travel to Lexington on Friday with a tip off of 6:15 p.m.

Caldwell will then travel to North Zulch on Tuesday, Dec. 22, with the game set for 2:15 p.m.



SNOOK'S JERMAINE KEARNEY dribbles the ball against Moulton. The Bluejays defeated Fayetteville, Moulton and Leon in the past week. -- Photo courtesy of Mark Lube of the Moulton Eagle

Snook improving with three road victories

Bluejays beat Leon, Moulton, Fayetteville

The Snook Bluejays won three road games last week with the offense and defense getting more relaxed and confident.

Snook defeated Leon 66-48 on Saturday, Dec. 12, the day after a 63-32 win at Moulton. Snook also defeated Fayetteville 61-52 on Tuesday, Dec. 8, in Fayetteville.

Snook Head Coach Travis McFarland said his team was finally getting in sync by the Leon game -- implementing their full offensive package.

"We are finally getting everything in so we do not have to think too much about what we want to do," McFarland said. "It was the first time we were able to do what we wanted at a reasonable speed."

Snook took control in the second quarter and led 34-23 at halftime and 51-36 at the end of the third.

Snook shot 58 percent from the field and was 7-15 in free throws.

The Bluejays had 20 transition points and 20 points off turnovers.

Snook had eight offensive and 26 defensive rebounds.

Kaleb Carroll led the scoring with 19 points, followed by Deshun Hamilton and Dalvon Workman, 13, and Jermaine Kearney, 12.

The JV won 36-25 with Joshua Nickerson leading the scoring with 14 points. Also scoring was Josh Green, eight, Cason Pitts, six, Caleb See, five, Richard Santillan, two, and Danny Davila, one.

Against Moulton, Snook dominated throughout with leads of 15-6 in the first, 33-12 at halftime and 53-22 at the end of the third.

Snook's defense dominated, using steals to take the ball away from Moulton's younger play-



SNOOK'S Ma'DARIUS Hamilton moves in for this layup against Moulton. Snook won the game 63-32 at Moulton. -- Photo courtesy of Mark Lube of the Moulton Eagle.

ers.

"They are really young and lacking their primary ball handlers (from last year), and we were able to get after their ball handlers," McFarland said. "It worked for us."

Snook shot 46 percent from the field, including 52.2 percent in two-pointers and 12.5 percent in three-pointers, while hitting 60 percent of their free throws.

The Bluejays scored 32 points off turnovers and 48 points in the paint.

They had 18 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds.

Hamilton led the scoring with 20 points, followed by Kearney with 15, Workman, 11, Carroll, eight, and Ryder Becka, seven.

Snook's JV won 27-16. Against Fayetteville, McFarland said the team was fortunate to

win.

After building a 52-37 lead after three quarters, Fayetteville rallied with a 15-9 fourth quarter.

"I don't feel we played particularly well. We were happy to be able to win it. It was a sigh of relief, and we decided to get back to practice," McFarland said.

Snook shot 43 percent from the field, including 48.7 percent in two-pointers and 23.1 percent in three-pointers.

The Bluejays finished 11-22 in free throws, scoring 20 points off turnovers and 38 points in the paint.

Snook finished with 15 offensive and 23 defensive rebounds.

Snook was scheduled to play at Wallis Brazos on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and Caldwell on Friday, Dec. 18, at home.

Navasota takes control late, defeats Caldwell 63-49

The Caldwell Hornets kept it close most of the way but were forced to foul at the end as Navasota pulled away 63-49 last Saturday in Caldwell.

The Rattlers took control in the final minutes with some late free throws and layups to put the game away.

But Caldwell Head Coach Casey McDaniel said it was Caldwell's best game of the season.

"We played well. We were down by only four (at one point in the fourth)," McDaniel said. McDaniel the Hornets

have not had a full team recently due to quarantine issues.

"We look forward to having those kids back. The next few games will be crucial," he said.

Caldwell fell behind 17-12 in the first quarter but rallied to cut the Rattlers' lead to 33-32 at halftime.

Navasota controlled the second half with an 18-10 run in the third for a 51-42 lead.

Caldwell shot 48.8 percent from the field, including 17-35 in two-pointers for 48.6 percent, and 3-6 in three-

pointers for 50 percent. The Hornets were 6-15 in free throws for 40 percent.

DeAutre Burns led the scoring for Caldwell with 17 points, followed by Larry Davis, 13, Zach Heaton, 12, Ryan Roehling, five and Michael Gonzales, two.

Navasota led in rebounds with 18 total, 11 offensive and seven defensive.

Caldwell was scheduled to host Milano on Tuesday, Dec. 15, before a Friday, Dec. 18, road game at Snook.

ALL-STATE

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tion during her sophomore year.

Head volleyball coach Jane Anne Giese said, "It speaks volumes about Elizabeth's ability that she has received this honor three consecutive years."

"She has been recognized for her talent and hard work."

"Elizabeth has left a legacy at Caldwell and will definitely make her mark at Sam Houston," she said.

"It has been an honor to be her coach," Giese said.

Last season, See was also a First Team All-District selection with 72 blocks and 432 kills.

To be selected to a Legacy All-Star Team, the standing committees for cross country, volleyball, basketball, track and field and softball reviewed submitted nominations from their region and division for the Legacy All-Star team selections. The selections were made from player nominations submitted to TGCA by member coaches. Selections will be based on the following criteria:

* The nominated players must be graduating seniors.

* The Standing Committee will select the best 20 nominees in the particular sport in 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A and the best 20 nominees in the particular sport in 5A and 6A.

* The high school head varsity coach must be a member of TGCA in good standing before Nov. 1 of that school year before the school is eligible to have an All-Star(s).

* A coach may nominate as many of their graduating senior players as desired.

* The TGCA Legacy All-Star team members in each sport will receive a certificate from the TGCA recognizing their achievement of being named to the team. There will be no All-Star game for these

teams.

The entire roster for the Class 1A-4A squad is: Hallie Conklin, Bushland, 3A; Reese Fetty, Farmersville, 4A; Holly Harwood, Wimberley, 4A; Tayte Helton, Decatur, 4A; Maddy Hrcncir, Needville, 4A; Rhyann Masur, Wimberley, 4A; Sadie McKay, Bellville, 4A; Taylor Moravcik, Shallowater, 3A; Erica Otto, Schulenburg, 2A; Reese Parris, Prairiland, 3A; Tatum Pavey, Kennedale, 4A; Madison Pike, Devine, 4A; Kinley Rudder, Bushland, 3A; Megan Runyan, Devine, 4A; See, Caldwell, 3A; Bryley Steinhilber, Kennedale, 4A; Shianne Thomas, Poth, 3A; Trinity Vinzant, Decatur, 4A; Daelyn Warmke, Bellville, 4A; Taylor Westerfeld, Crawford, 2A.

Joining See from District 19-3A on the All-State Team are Lexington's Kadence Looper and Shelby Ray.

The entire roster for the Class 3A TGCA All-State Team is: Taygon Jones, junior, Bowie; Riley Braziel, junior, Boyd; Ava Tanner, Brock, senior; Madison Hord, senior, Brownfield; Jaycee Adams, junior, Bushland; Hallie Conklin, senior, Bushland; Kinley Rudder, senior, Bushland; Taryn Shultz, senior, Bushland; See, senior, Caldwell; Laura Bradford, senior, Central Heights; Elizabeth Underwood, junior, Clyde; Peyton Warren, senior, Clyde; Bethany Berengen, senior, Dalhart;

Lexi Ivy, senior, Denver City; Helene Bolton, senior, Diboll; Kellen Dorotik, sophomore, East Bernard; Samantha Rabiuss, junior, East Bernard; Mollee Henicke, senior, Goliad; Karleigh Hill, senior, Goliad; Abby Yanta, sophomore, Goliad; Jada Hudson, senior, Grandview; Jacee Childers, senior, Gunter; Nyah Ingram, senior, Gunter; Rayanna Mauldin, sophomore, Gunter; Josie Rollins, sophomore, Hardin; Jenci Seahorn, junior, Harmony; Mckinzee Settles, senior, Harmony; Sadie Kabisch, junior, Henrietta; Nevaeh Rodriguez, junior, Highland Park; Payton Murray, junior, Holliday; Bree Zellers, senior, Holliday; Lauren Williams, senior, Industrial; Karlie Bonnam, senior, Ingram-Tom Moore; Anna Crittenden, senior, Ingram-Tom Moore; Makena Gelsone, senior, Ingram-Tom Moore; Looper, junior, Lexington; Ray, senior, Lexington; Sara Lyne, senior, London; Carsen Young, senior, Maypearl; Hannah Barry, junior, Peaster; Avere Tipton, senior, Ponder; Sydney Kroll, junior, Poth; Khloe Naegelin, junior, Poth; Harley Kreck, sophomore, Rains; Aubree McCann, junior, Sabine; Sydney Whitmire, senior, Tarkington; Graycee Mosley, junior, Troy; Kylie Phillips, senior, Wall; Kamryn Williams, sophomore, Wall; Halley Maler, senior, West.

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NOTICE OF NEW RATE REQUEST AND CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT

On December 9, 2020, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "the Company") filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") permitting ETI to deploy natural gas-fired distributed generation and statement of intent for approval of Rate Schedule UODG (Utility-Owned Distributed Generation) and an associated form Customer Agreement. ETI's Application was assigned Docket No. 51575 and is styled *Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Deploy Natural Gas-Fired Distributed Generation and Statement of Intent for Rate Schedule UODG*. In this Application, ETI seeks to own and operate up to 75 MW of natural gas-fired distributed generation ("DG") located at the premises of to be determined hosting commercial and industrial customers throughout ETI's service territory. The total estimated annual non-fuel revenue requirement associated with ETI's proposed ownership and operation of 75MW of DG is approximately \$16 million, excluding estimated Schedule UODG revenues that will offset that amount. Rate Schedule UODG is a new voluntary rate schedule that will be charged only to eligible commercial and industrial customers who elect to subscribe for backup electric service supplied by the DG. ETI is requesting that Rate Schedule UODG be effective beginning January 29, 2021.

The proposed fleet of DG will supply a portion of ETI's long-term resource needs, be available to provide capacity and energy benefits to all ETI customers and enhance the resiliency of ETI's electric grid. In addition, during an outage, the DG will be available to supply backup electric service to host customers and allow them to continue to provide vital goods and services to the community while service to the larger area is being restored.

If the PUCT adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Application, the deadline to intervene will be January 25, 2020, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the PUCT, at its address provided below, by that date. A prehearing conference is expected to be held in Austin, Texas in the near future. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the PUCT's Office of Consumer Protection at 512-936-7120 or 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT at 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2988. All communications should refer to Docket No. 51575, and any request to intervene in that proceeding should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. Persons with questions or who want more information about this Application may contact ETI at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (409) 981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Application is available upon request. A copy of the Application may also be viewed on the Commission's webpage at www.puc.state.tx.us. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Interchange Filing Search" section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is 51575.

CISD

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jeans and leggings being not as tight as some skinny jeans, which are permitted under the current dress code policy.

The second group of students recommended that boys be permitted to wear their hair longer than the current policy permits.

Currently, the high school's dress code does not allow male students to have their hair past the bottom of their shirt collars.

The group said one reason for the change is to give "equality for boys," stating that girls are allowed to have long hair, so "why can't boys?"

The students said that girls can pull their hair back into ponytails for safety reasons during extracurricular activities, so boys could do the same.

Another argument used by the BIM II students was the fact that some religions do not allow men to cut their hair, which has been supported by court cases.

The group also cited neighboring school districts which allow boys to have long hair, stating that those school policies only restrict hair that is distracting and not clean.

The final group recommended a change to the current cell phone policy on campus which states: "For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must be turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are used for approved instructional purposes...For the purpose of this policy, the instructional day is from 7:50 a.m. to 3:45 p.m."

The definition of the instructional day allows students to be able to use their cell phones during school breakfast, but not at lunch, the group said. So, they recommended allowing students to be able to use their phones during lunch time.

This group also cited neighboring school districts which allow phone use during breaks, lunch and even between classes.

Caldwell ISD Superintendent Andrew Pe-

ters said that district administration would discuss these student recommendations with school administrators and then bring this back to the board as a possible agenda item.

In other business, the board:

* Held a public hearing over the targeted improvement plan (TIP) for the elementary and intermediate campuses.

In the 2019 Texas Education Agency (TEA) accountability ratings system, Caldwell Elementary and Intermediate Schools were identified for Targeted Support and Improvement. CES earned a D in the Closing the Gaps domain, and CIS earned a D overall with an F in the School Progress and in the Closing the Gaps domain.

Within the state accountability system, campuses must engage in intervention requirements, including identifying members of the campus intervention team, conducting a needs assessment and developing an implementing a Targeted Improvement plan if:

- a campus received an overall rating of F;
- a campus receives an overall rating or a performance rating in any domain of D;
- a campus receives a Comprehensive Support and Improvement identification;
- a campus receives a Targeted Support and Improvement identification; or
- a campus receives an Additional Targeted Support identification.

Due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in Spring 2020, campuses identified for support and improvement based on 2019 state and federal accountability designations have continued to be identified and implement the required interventions during the 2020-2021 school year.

* Approved the performance objectives in the District Improvement Plan and all four Campus Improvement Plans.

* Was told that the district will be using Zoom for its new phone service through the internet.

Peters said the district should save around \$1,200 per month by using Zoom's internet

phone service instead of the current service from Frontier.

He said that there would be no long distance charges and that teachers could use their school phone number or extension on their personal cell phones, which would benefit the teachers if campuses were closed and they needed to work remotely.

* Was updated on the 2018 bond construction by Rusty Wallace of Owners Building Resource, LLC (OBR) of Bremond, the district's project management company.

Wallace said that Drymalla of Columbus, the district's contractor, still needs to replace the exterior doors at the high school, but were waiting on the hardware to arrive to do the job.

He said that they also needed to refinish the new gym's floor and should have the final coat on soon.

Wallace said that after the doors are installed that he could give the board a final total cost of all the high school projects, but he estimated that the bond projects at the high school will "come in about \$280,000 under budget."

Wallace then gave an update on the new elementary school at the old middle school campus.

He said that construction is ahead of schedule, and he and Erin Supak, the elementary principal, have begun selecting new furniture for the campus.

* Approved stipends for the district's Reading Academies.

Per House Bill 3 (HB 3), passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in June of 2019, all kindergarten through third-grade teachers and principals must attend a "teacher literacy achievement academy" by the 2022-2023 school year, which TEA refers to as "Reading Academies."

Peters said the academies 12 modules long and are time consuming, so he recommended to the board to pay each teacher a stipend of \$3,600 to complete all 12 modules.

He said the stipend would be paid to teachers out of the district's "transitional funds" from the state, and not out of the general operating fund.

* Discussed implementing a maintenance plan where the district would hire specialists in maintenance, such as electricians and plumbers, over generalists.

No action was taken.

* Discussed guidelines for teachers having kitchen appliances, such as refrigerators, coffee pots and microwaves, in their classrooms.

Points discussed included the added electrical draw on electrical circuits, safety issues and convenience for teachers who have short lunch periods.

During the discussion, the board recommended to district administration that teachers should move their own personal items this upcoming summer when three of the campuses will be

moving to their new locations -- the elementary to the old middle school location, the intermediate to the current elementary campus and the junior high to the current intermediate campus.

The district plans to hire professional movers to move furniture and other district items.

No action was taken.

* Was told that the district has tested almost 200 staff, students or families of staff for COVID since the district began offering free testing.

* Was told that the district's child care center scored perfect scores in both state inspections.

* Set the superintendent's evaluation for January and will adopt a new evaluation document in February for the 2022 evaluation.

Peters told the board that by adopting the evaluation document in February, then he would have 11 months to implement any goals set by the board before his evaluation.

* Was told the current enrollment of the district was 1,710.

* Recognized the VFW Patriot Pen winners from Caldwell Junior High School.

* Accepted a grant from the Caldwell Education Leadership Foundation for over \$16,700.

* Approved \$648.35 from Customink, LLC of Fairfax, Va., for their fundraising program during the Dyslexia Dash.

* Approved a \$200 from Bud Cross Ford of Caldwell for the Dyslexia Dash.

SISD

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Sparks said the district received a bid in June from CWS of Waco for \$89,872 for devices and was approved by the board in July. However, due to a shortage of Chromebooks, CWS could not fulfill the entire order at that time, Sparks said.

Recently, CWS contacted the district to inform them that they could not currently sell Chromebooks at the original bid of \$177 each, so the district put out a new request for bids, Sparks said.

CDW-G responded with a bid of about \$180 each, which totaled \$61,764 for the remaining needed devices, Sparks said.

Sparks said the new Chromebooks will be for second through seventh-graders.

The board then approved a budget amendment moving money from repairs, vehicle purchases and appraisal district fees, totaling \$60,500, to help cover the expenses for the devices and for some needed technology at the high school, Sparks said.

In other business, the board:

* Approved a one-time \$500 stipend for all full-time employees.

Sparks said the board approved the stipend to show their appreciation for all the extra time Somerville ISD employees have had to put in due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sparks said, "Teachers have had to put in more time for instruction. The janitorial staff has had to clean more than ever."

"It's a token of appreciation from the board and from myself for all the teachers and staff are doing for the district," she said.

* Accepted a \$1,000 donation from Bluebonnet Petroleum, Inc. of Brenham for the high school math and science departments.

Sparks said the donation will probably be used for computer software for the science department.

* Set Monday, Jan. 11, to evaluate Sparks' performance as superintendent and to set board goals.

* Approved the board's operating protocols for the current school year.

* Was informed that the district enrollment was 523 students.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the board met in a "Team of 8" Workshop, facilitated by Brian Zemlicka and Suzie McWilliams from Region 6 Education Service Center.

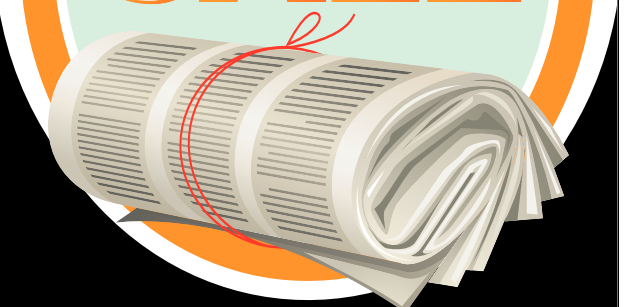
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400-500 lb.	140 ⁰⁰ . 195 ⁰⁰	125 ⁰⁰ . 187 ⁰⁰
500-600 lb.	120 ⁰⁰ . 162 ⁰⁰	111 ⁰⁰ . 162 ⁰⁰
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The terms of office for three places on the Board of Directors of Region 6 Education Service Center, an organization that provides educational services to school districts and charter schools in 15 counties in southeast Texas, will expire on May 31st of this year. The ESC Board consists of 7 members who are elected to a specific place on the Board for a term of 3 years and 1 non-voting, appointed representative of charter schools.

Persons interested in filing for positions on the Board may do so at the office of the Executive Director (3332 Montgomery Road, Huntsville, Texas) during regular office hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday) beginning February 1, 2021. Deadline for filing is February 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Interested persons may file in person or, upon request, may receive a filing form by mail with the return by certified mail postmarked no later than 4:00 p.m., February 20, 2021.

Phone: (936) 435-8200 Mailing address: Office of Executive Director
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Huntsville, Texas 77340

The positions up for election this year are:

- Place 1 (Grimes and Walker counties)
- Place 2 (Polk, San Jacinto, and Trinity counties)
- Place 3 (Austin, Burleson, and Washington counties)

To hold the office of member of an ESC Board of Directors one must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age
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Each local school board member in the 15-county region has a vote for each vacancy unless there is an uncontested election. Votes will be cast at the first local board meeting after the deadline. Ballots will be returned to the Chair of the Board of Directors of Region 6 no later than April 5, 2021 and the ESC Board will canvass the ballots by May 31, 2021.

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TESTS

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The tests were conducted by Curative Inc., a private firm with one of its three laboratory facilities in Pflugerville. They provide mobile testing services. They also have labs in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

Strange said the Department of State Health Services is no longer using the Texas State Guard to conduct its tests sites and is now contracting with Curative Inc.

Burleson County was a testing site previously at the county fairgrounds with the Texas State Guard assisting the Department of State Health Services, who administered the tests.

"I requested this site to try to help our residents get tested who may have been feeling symptoms or who were worried that they

may have been exposed during Thanksgiving," Strange said.

Those tested should have received results with two days after testing, he said.

Results were sent via e-mail, text or phone calls, he said.

Strange said the state is not scheduling any more test sites at this time, so it is uncertain when the county can request another testing team.

Burleson County Judge Keith Schroeder said he was grateful to Strange for arranging the test site.

"Duane Strange has been very instrumental during the COVID epidemic," Schroeder said. "Not only has he arranged testing and PPE deliveries, but now he has been very helpful in procuring grants related to COVID and the CARES Act. He is a great asset for Burleson County."

Meanwhile, shipments have begun for the first

COVID-19 vaccine, according to news reports.

Pfizer Inc., has begun shipping its recently approved BioNTech vaccines to health departments and hospitals across the nation, according to those reports.

So when can Burleson County residents be vaccinated?

Strange said he is still waiting on that information.

"I do not have any good solid information on this yet," Strange said. "Planning is still being done at the state level, and the amount of vaccines that will be made available to the general public is not yet known."

Strange said Burleson County will have vaccine locations, but it is unclear at this time if the county will have any DSHS operated vaccination locations.



DANCERS FROM KICE'S Elite Dance Studio cheered on Christmas in front of hundreds attending this year's Christmas on the Square.

COVID-19 doesn't dampen Christmas spirit

Hundreds attend Christmas on the Square

Covid cases spiking. Restaurants, bars and businesses struggling. Families isolating. It's hard to imagine a bleaker backdrop to the Christmas season than this set of cascading crises disrupting so many of our holiday traditions.

However, if cultural history is any guide, no holiday is more prepared to meet the muddle of frustration and worry than Christmas.

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," written by Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, is a story about one who attempts to upend the joyous holiday by stealing all its trappings, from the gifts to the stockings to the roast beast and all its trimmings -- only to find his victims were perfectly happy gathering for a pared-down Christmas. The takeaway here is: "Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe

Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And, last Friday night, that same Christmas spirit was alive and well in downtown Caldwell, as was shown through the Burleson County Chamber's annual Christmas on the Square -- with about 500 in attendance for an evening of holiday music and dance, featuring the Caldwell High School Band, Honeybees and dance class and dancers from Kice's Elite Dance Studio.

The night also included an area where residents could decorate ornaments to place on Christmas trees at local law enforcement agencies in appreciation to all the work those agencies do around the county and a lighted Christmas parade to end the event.

Susan B. Mott, Executive Director of the chamber, said she did not believe that COVID-19 affected the crowd attendance since this year's numbers were about what was seen in 2019.

She said, "People of Burleson County are so ready for normalcy."

And, those in attendance were encouraged to take their own chairs for social distancing and to wear masks, however, Mott said that she "didn't see as many chairs as I hoped."

And few in the crowd wore masks.

She said, "Having the event outside makes things a bit easier with concerns of COVID, but



CHIMES RANG THROUGH the air, courtesy of the Caldwell High School Band, during Friday night's Christmas on the Square.

it's up to the public if they are going to follow the guidelines of social distancing."

"We can only encourage people to do so," Mott said.

She said that all the participants were eager to help make the event a success.

"Everyone that participated with Christmas on the Square was asked if they would be willing to participate. And almost all asked said 'yes.'"

"If there are willing participants, I feel like the event should go on."

"And since the local officials and my executive board gave the thumbs up, I felt that Christmas on the Square was a must," she said.

Mott said that it was the foggy weather that was this year's biggest challenge for the event.

She said, "Really this

year I was concerned with the pandemic, but this year the weather was more disruptive."

Mott said that next year, residents could expect a few changes, but she was tight-lipped to exactly what those changes would be.

She said, "I was approached by someone this year after the parade with a great idea. So, I expressed that I loved her suggestion and if she would be willing to work on her idea with me, and she agreed she would."

"So, I think we will be adding a couple of new things for next year, but I'll let those things remain secret for now," Mott said.

Mott said she appreciates all the sponsors for the event and for all the work that City of Caldwell workers did "that makes the event possible."

WORKERS WITH THE CITY of Caldwell were represented in the lighted Christmas parade during Christmas on the Square last Friday. This electric truck is covered in lights and decorations to celebrate the season. -- Tribune photo by Denise Squier-Hornaday



THESE GIRLS ARE DECORATING ornaments to place on Christmas trees at local law enforcement agencies. The ornament decorating was done during this year's annual Christmas on the Square.

May your heart be filled with all the precious joys of Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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Dear Santa,
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Your Friend,
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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
I really think I have been good this year, you can ask my mom. I have been really wanting a gas dirt-bike. I also really want a tractor with a truck and trailer that has a deer stand to go with it. My mom is going to make you some cookies and I will leave you some milk. Have a safe trip back to the North-Pole.
Your Friend,
Easton Lopez

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl. And woulde you bring Cindy Lou back. I want a hoover board. And a camera. I'm so happy for you to met my little sister. And she would like to have a lots of Baby toys. And it would be a good day for you. Because we and Roxie have a surprise for you.
Love,
Riley Koch

Dear Santa,
I hope you are safe. I would like a hoover board and a basket-ball goal. I will leave cookies and milk.
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Dear Santa,
How are you doing how are your elves and reindeers doing I hop you have a merry Christmas day I wut 3 elves for me and my sisters I wut a barbie camper thank you I love you.
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Selene Garza

Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
I have been trying hard to be good this year. I really want a charm bracelet with a rainbow unicorn charm and a bunny charm. I also would like a rainbow unicorn yeti. I cant wait for you to come to visit me and my little sis-ter and brother.
Your Friend,
Kayslee Brock

Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
I wot a fon to plan on becatecez. I hav nuth to do becatecez nobide plan weth me and thats. I wut a fon.
Your Friend,
Arabella Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
For chritsmud can i pleas have a toy boy, cleaning splis for mom Thank you a funeeh Plushye, a funeeh BackPak. Thank you
Your Friend,
Madi Harris

Dear Santa,
May I have for Christmiss a new Boots and Gloves. how are you dewing? and thanks.
Your Friend,
Rowen Harris

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I have been a good girl this year. I want a calendar and a necklace and a hacro bar for christmas. Have a safe trip.
Your Friend,
Jenna Hibbeler

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa I want a DirtBike a gaming headset and gaming chair
Your Friend,
Weston Muzny

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike for christmas and for my sister a barbie camper.
Your Friend,
Eli Romero

Dear Santa,
What I would like for christmas is a bike, Fitbit, and my family.
Your Friend,
Collins Starmer

Dear Santa,
I would like a lol remix and a o.m.g doll and a blanket with narwhales and one more thing to get a robot cat and Santa three thing's for my Mom and dad. Thank You and a happy new year Santa.
Your Friend,
Zoey Waldroup

Dear Santa,
What I want for chrismis is a toy car a camra and a barbie and clothing for my dolls and slippers and a toy cat and a toy dog and a Peayano and dresses for my barbie hous and shoos for my dolls and computer and a diuren and a phone and slime and a bike and a amerkin doll.
Love,
Ava Teague

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want to ask if I can get a big barbie house and some barbies and size 12 clothes and big slime.
Your Friend,
Elysia Willis

Dear Santa,
I would like a sewing kit, a nail polish set, and a toy for my baby brother. I can't wait to make cookies to set out for you.
Your Friend,
Zoey Gausin

Dear Santa,
I wut a Barbie House for Crismis They a sum now shoos for Crismis my say theah is a tepe Dol for crismis.
Your Friend,
Zyra Hall

Dear Santa,
Pleas hurry up. I would like a toy bunny. And I would like Logo's. I would like a Elasa costum.
Your Friend,
Addison Illigkeit

Dear Santa,
My name is Reagan Dow, and I've ben excellent most of the year! I would like a T-shirt that has hearts on it! :) I would like a new bike! I would like a box of Dr. peper! How is your day?
Your Friend,
Reagan Dow

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope good. If you could give me something for Christmas, it would be a Turbo Robot and a fourwheeler. Oh and by the way Merry Chistmas.
Your Friend,
Brant Garza

Dear Santa,
I would like a ps4 and mlb the show 20 fortnite nba 20 mincraft a baseball nife real a Houston Astro coloring book with all the astro people a baseball neckless and some nerf blaster
Your Friend,
Ryker Chollett

Dear Santa,
I would like a drum set and rc car. I would like a pocket knife to. I would like a giant pile of cookies at my door please.
Your Friend,
Cameron Cherico

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a wonderful thanks-giveing. I want a Dog man Book and a kid cat Book Please bring some snow for Christmas.
Your Friend,
Jaxon Harrison

Dear Santa,
I hope none of your elfves got covid. I have ben a good girl this year. I haven't got any marks this year at school. And I helpd with my baby bruther. Can I ples have a blue bike with no training wheels, squishiy, and helmet. thank you for all your help
Your Friend,
Cora Legg

Dear Santa,
I would like books, cloths, school suplis, Poster Where you hang up as a teacher, I will have cookie and milk for you. Merry Christmas!
Your Friend,
Raylee Chollett

Dear Santa,
How goes Christmas preparation? We already have our Christmas tree and lights up at my house! How's Dash-er doing? I hope he's alright. I saw him get hurt when I watched 'Christmas Chronicles Two.' For Christmas this year, I was hoping for a hoverboard or a few new video games to play with my dad.
Your Friend,
Blake Boyd

Dear Santa,
i want a playstation and a controler and a mik a Gocart a hotdog costome a toy rifle Santa i have Been Good very Good
Your Friend,
Griffin Leubner

Dear Santa,
i want a computer a nutcracker and a nerf gun. since i have been a good boy i would also like a pool
Your Friend,
Kinsler Chandarlis

Dear Santa,
this Christmas I want the Game uno, Big nerf Gun, a Robot and the animal truck. thank you
Your Friend,
John Chism

Dear Santa,
I woud like a scooter. I woud like lol dolls. I woud like a watch. I need new shoes. I hope you get lots of cookies.
Your Friend,
Kambree Toney

Dear Santa,
I want a nerf gun and PS5 and a bike and football cleats. thank you.
Your Friend,
Ariah Saucedo

Dear Santa,
Santa can I please have a mini computer please if you dont have it. Then you should give another kid a toy instead of me.
Your Friend,
Koda Clark

Dear Santa,
I would like a t-shirt, a big bucket of slime, a barbie set the Chelsey camper and a bracelet kit. Thank you santa for giving us presents and elves I will make you a huge plate of cookies & carrots
Your Friend,
Brooke Brymer

Dear Santa,
I love christmas! I like you santa claus because you Bring us presents. You are amazing and the nice one. I want alot of Ryan mystery play-date toys. I like 1 Ryan bag. A Baby Born suprise please. one more thing the osmo genius starter kit with the creative kit to & L.O.L suprise dolls. thanks... P.S. I will make you some cookies and tell my mommy to get some milk & carrots for your reisndeer.
Your Friend,
Jazmyn Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want car's and Teddbeer mighty mac Train and mini Thomas and friends Train and Henry Stickmin for Christmas and I want some clothing and I wish have good christmas this year with my family have a good time with my family have fun playing game's with my family this year for Christmas. Merry Christmas Stanta
Your Friend,
Benjamin Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I would like a basketball goal and a wooden horse and rock kit and a animal info book for christmas. thank you santa.
Your Friend,
Faith Rector

Dear Santa,
my name is Bentley. For Chritmas I would like a new Bike, Xbox, dert Bike, rocket boots to. Ples and thank you.
Your Friend,
Bentley Pineda

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are doing well. I would like a PS5 and a chapter book called goosebumps. A Star Wars lego set. Thank you.
Your Friend,
Brayden Davidson

Dear Santa,
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• Ameruca girl doll ice cream truk set
• Ameruca girl doll frig
Your Friend,
Alexis Calderon

Dear Santa,
I will like a nintindo swich And a hoverbord. And can I have magic for me?
Your Friend,
Jayden Torres

Dear Santa,
How have you been? this year I've been well behaved. I would like to have a hoverboard. Have a safe trip back to the North Pole.
Your Friend,
Rogelio Rueda

Dear Santa,
I want a necklis, a sandbox and a Jeep. I have been as good as I know how to be.
Love,
Rhett Hartman

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo Switch, guitar, and Easel with paint.
Your Friend,
Aariya Daniels

Dear Santa,
how are you? where do you put your rein-deers? I want a water-proof watch, a safety box, a notebook. i have been good this year. i hope to get what I asked for. Happy Holid-ays santa clause!
Your Friend,
Jayden Dimas



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 Sincerely,
 Aubrey Melson

Dear Santa, I hope Mrs. Clause is doing well. Gurje crashed the elf express into the trees. But let's move on. I want a toy RC jet for Christmas. Also I want a toy scar from Fortnite to beat my cousins. I have been good. I have been doing good at math and I have been nice to my brothers.
 Love,
 Dallas Ortega

Dear Santa, How are you and Ms. Clause doing? I've been a good student in class. I tried to be good at home. Our elf snowflake has been watching us but not going to a different spot. I swear I didn't touch snowflake. How are the elves and reindeer? I want this Christmas to be very special for everybody in town. I want for Christmas is 3 things of Ariana Grande merch
 Sincerely,
 Danica Kazmir

Dear Santa, How are you and your elves. I have been really good and I want an elf because I have never had an elf and because they are really cool. Can I have a pig, chocolate lab, hoverboard, English saddle, horses. I am sorry it is too much and the real gift that I want is a computer with headphones.
 From your friend,
 Kenna Brown

Dear Santa, Hope you are doing well. I miss my elf sorry. I didn't get my Christmas tree yet. But we are going to do it today so my elf will come!
 hope to see you soon,
 Grace Cadan

Dear Santa, I want some clothes and an elf and a elf pet and a computer and an iPad and a new TV.
 Your friend,
 Jacob Patranella

Dear Santa, Please bring some toys and cute clothes and cute accessories and some legos and some coloring stuff and rings and necklaces and bracelets and some candy how are you doing
 Sincerely,
 Raegan Fitzgerald

Dear Santa, I was very good this year. Oh, and Santa can have a pitcher of the reindeer? Please? Santa can I get a unicorn rocking chair
 Sincerely,
 Joceline Pedroza

Dear Santa, I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well including your elves. I should say that I have been nice to all my friends, siblings, random people and my mom. So I was hoping that I could at least get 1 present from you if not then can you just make/buy me a water bottle? I have also been very nice to everybody that I have met. I can also tell you that you are a very nice guy because of your name. But if your elves don't have time to make a toy for me. Then just buy me a toy.
 Your friend,
 Karen Vargas

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great time at the north pole and I hope your elves to and your reindeer to. I want a PS5, Madden 21, Airpods Pro or Airpods, Xbox 1s not digital, Laptop
 Sincerely,
 Luke Becker

Dear Santa, I hope you and your elves are OK from making all these toys. Be safe fling tell the reindeer I said hi. I told Simon my elf what I want. But this is what I want a PS4 gift card a PS4 Mike and a pull toy shot pellet gun
 Sincerely,
 Rylan Zboril

Dear Santa, I wish you good luck this Christmas. I want a PS4 for Christmas, plushy
 Thank you Santa,
 Alan Serna

Dear Santa, How are you? It was early in the morning and I knew you were coming and I want to ask you can I get a hoverboard and a touchscreen computer and some slime and a diary with a lock and a pen and can I please get some makeup and some ripped jeans
 thank you,
 Amari Washington

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause today? Are the reindeer OK? How do you get around the world in one night? What do you wear at hot spots on earth? I got 2 puppies this year and I think they would like clothes to wear for Christmas. I would like a 3 wheel scooter for Christmas. Also Ironman and Star Wars LEGOS.
 Merry Christmas,
 Mason Edwards

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are the deer? Can I please have the holiday Barbie four 2020 with brown hair. The white doll
 Your friend,
 Andrea Story

Dear Santa, I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing well. How is the north pole? Is it cold? How much ice and snow is there? I like the north pole. I will make some cookies I hope I have to ask my mom and maybe my dad well if he is home but do you know what I want a Santa Stufey and a sentsey that smells like strawberries oh yah I forgot the milk some good milk I hope you get this letter. And also a tablet.
 Sincerely,
 Paisley Shepherd

Dear Santa, I've been really good and if I am lying I am sorry. All I've been really wanting is a hoverboard an \$100 for the people who need food & water & clothes for them. An I also want a VR head set so I can play with my sis but I'm not playing no scary game cuz I don't want no nightmares tonight. An all I want for Christmas is for people to have a good Christmas if you could do that an please give Ms. Sims a gift to! An all the other teachers! Till next time Santa Claus.
 Your friend,
 Mariah Ramirez

Dear Santa, Hey Santa what I want for Christmas is Roblox and Coles and more Roblox and surprise me with the rest please.
 Your friend,
 Cambrey Hinojosa

Dear Santa, Santa I been trying to be good this year but I hope I was good and I also want a Barbie dream house for a long time and a new iPad and a pet puppy but my mom and dad don't let me have puppy or a cat, dog, bird. and I want an electric bike so much please please and your best Santa! My friend Nathalie she has a bike and I have a small bike and a big bike and I don't know how to ride and the big bike only but can I also have a Barbie food truck toy.
 Sincerely,
 Erin Ek

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I hope you have a great Christmas. How are you and Mrs. Clause? All I want for Christmas is some outfits and a light a bed and an iPhone 12
 Your friend,
 Jessica Aldaba

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a Thomas Tank Train. I helped daddy clean the room. Thank you for the Barbie you brought me last year.
 Hugs,
 Kalise Hill-Butler

Dear Santa, How are you, your wife, reindeer, and elves doing. For Christmas I want a Santa girl dress, roller skates, makeup, a lot of books, computer, a phone, mini toys and friends for Mr. B, money, baby dolls and baby clothes, PS5, a club house, a swing set, plastic food for Mr. B, a real pony, and two Barbie play sets. Mr. B is my stuff animal but more important and I will give you 5 or 4 warm cookies.
 Your friend,
 Nathalie Kazmir

Dear Santa, How are the elves I want a blun huverbord and a PS5 and a Spiderman game vedux and a new chulr
 My friend,
 John Gray

Dear Santa, Hi Santa I hope you are oh okay but I want a hoverboard and a new bike.
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 Jasmyne Ayers

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Merry Christmas,
Anniston Brackman

Dear Santa,
how are you doing? Where are the elves coming. Santa I want a moped for Christmas. But I don't know about the moped yet I'm Deciding still. Hope you have a good Christmas. love you Santa

Sincerely,
Jaycee Parker

Dear Santa,
How tiring are the reindeers? Is ms.claus fine. Are you fine? Can i have a phone and hoverboard. can i have panse with holes in them and electric scooter and a Diary with a lock and a pen for the Diary and a lot of slime oh and how are the elves and those high heels that are shoes. and some Dork diaries and ac-erlicnallse and pink hair and makeup to. and flare jeans.

Your friend,
Lexie Colbert

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? How is Rudolph and the other eight reindeer? They must be very excited that Christmas is coming soon. They will be helping you deliver presents all around the world. I will be listening for sleigh bells on Christmas Eve and I will also leave a snack and a drink for you and your reindeer to have... for christmas I would like a Dark Machina Skin PS5 console, a 60 mph/rc car, and a 2019 Kawasaki KX 85 lime green dirt bike. Have a great Christmas and thank you for all the happiness that you give us!

Your Friend,
Easton Becka

Dear Santa,
I want a Mighty Mac. I helped mommy move. I have been nice to mommy, Justin, Ben and Bailey too. Thank you for the Hat Wheels and dinosaur toys you brought me last year.

Hugs,
Emmanuel Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a ipad, phone, clothes, shoes, Bos, agribird.

Thank you,
Opal Brunson

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing well. I really would like a red lamborghini aventador SV sports car. I am also hoping for a mongoose legion freestyle BMX bike. If I am really good, can I have a SRV00Z remote control car? I'll make sure I put out the milk and cookies for you.

Your friend,
Kellen Deere-Hewitt

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I will put out cookies and milk for you. I will give your reindeer food. This year for Christmas I would like a Siberian Husky, a hoverboard, a Nintendo Switch, a phone, an iPad and a computer.

Love,
Macey Ellen Beeman

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas! I would please like a Milwaukee Bucks poster, Nintendo switch, and a Houston Astros autograph from the whole Astro team. Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Rudolph. Fly safely,
Reed Currington

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer doing? I would like an ipod, phone and a police dog. I was wondering if everything was

just fine? I would like to meet Rudolph and Dasher. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I like to decorate the Christmas tree. I like Christ-

mas because it is the best.

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Sincerely,
Kelley Laub

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you, your family and your reindeer doing? I bet you are busy getting ready for Christmas. How is the North Pole? I will give you cookies and milk. Could I please have an iphone 11, gray cowgirl hat and rope? From your friend,
Ashtyn Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you and everybody in the North Pole doing? Santa can I please have a Hoverboard? I try to be very nice to people. I will give you a gift because you give me and my brothers what we want. I promise you treats. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love your friend,
Makaylah Rayne Koerth

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good this year. I hope you're taking care of yourself, Mrs. Clause and your elves. I hope you're not busy. My class is nice. I like both of my classrooms. Mrs. Blum and Mrs. Foster are my best 3rd grade teachers ever in the whole world. I hope they have a good Christmas this year. May I please have a Nintendo Switch? Love,
Octavio Hernandez-Lopez

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing well. I hope you are getting ready for Christmas. Can I please get a weight bench with weights or a hoverboard or if you want you can get me a 4 wheeler. I hope you have a great flight delivering presents. Sincerely,
Landon Cash Albright

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good and I've done my chores when my mom and dad told me to. Can you please get me some gifts? I would like a cotton candy machine. My room is clean. I can give my whole class, my teachers and sister's and brother some cotton candy. Your friend,
Aliiyah Morris

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clause are getting along and getting your reindeer harnesses on and hooked up to your sleigh. I also hope you are packing up the toys for Christmas and getting your elves ready. By the way can you stop and tell your elves to get me a Nintendo Switch, a skateboard, a hoverboard, and bigger boots. I hope you have a great flight dropping off presents at each state at their houses. Sincerely,
Keygun Austin

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Please can I have a hoverboard, a phone and I would like a train track toy. I also would like a Thomas Go-cart, 3 nintendo-switches, ipad, toy kitchen, and a Jeffy puppet. Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause i love you because you two give us the best toys in the world. Merry Christmas,
Kornelius Hill-Butler

Dear Santa,
How is your day? I have been nice to my family all year. May I please have a Nintendo Switch and a Siberian Husky? I love you!
Fly safe,
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Bring joy to kids,
Bradyn Licea

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm doing fine. I hope you, Mrs. Clause, Rudolph, and the Rudolph, and the elves are doing good. Can you please get me a good Christmas and for everyone to be happy? I would like an iPad and two Xbox 1 games. I love you! You are the best. Don't forget that. Have a good Christmas!
Fly safely Santa,
Bentley Livingston

Dear Moses and God,
How are y'all? How good has it been for the last ten-thousand years? Please can you give me all my presents for Hanukkah?!!! Please?---okay. Please can I have a real Yorkshire terrier, black pit bull dog, a ghost action figure, go-kart, PS5, kitten, something to fix my pocket watch, to be an adult. I would also like to have a cloak, a cape (black only), firecrackers, and an alarm clock.
Yours truly,
Milo Lundeen

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and elves doing this year? Are you, the elves and reindeer busy this year? I would like my family and friends to be safe. I would like some Barbie Reveals for Christmas and can I have a phone and watch please? I love you so much. Thank you Santa Claus!
Love,
Linda Leann Pipkin

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a great Christmas. Thank you for all the amazing toys you give us. I would like a horse, a trampoline, and a baby doll. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Ta'Leyah Monroe

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are doing well. I bet you've been busy getting ready for Christmas this year. I've tried to be good this year and I worked really hard in school. Can I have a playstation 5, an iPhone 12, and a Xbox Series X? How are your reindeer?
Fly safe,
Daxton Morris

Dear Santa,
Say hi to the elves and reindeer for me. I'm going to leave carrots for the reindeer. I would like a black pitbull puppy, a Nintendo switch, some firecrackers, Call of Duty Cold War, Pokemon, DBZ cards and action figures please
Your friend,
Hunter Watts

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I tried to be good this year. Can you say hi to the reindeer for me? I would love a slime kit, a phone, a cotton candy maker, an ice cream maker, and a hoverboard.
Merry Christmas,
Staleeya Morris

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you and Mrs. Claus have been wearing y'all's mask. When is my elf Jingles coming? This is what I would like for Christmas- a hoverboard, Nintendo switch, iPad Pro, Playstation 5, playstation 5 games, and a playstation 5 headset. I hope you and your reindeer fly safe.
Sincerely,
Edward Antheny Orona-Rangel

Dear Santa,
Hi!!! How are you doing? Is Mrs. Clause baking cookies? How are your reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Clause doing? Can I please have an American Girl Doll like every year, an iPhone 11 Pro Max and a horse.
Your friend,
Milady Petroski

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves? Jep tried to hide from my mom! I was very good this year but why was Jep bad last year? On the 25th I would like a phone, a watch, and a new lunch kit for Christmas. I would also like a jean jacket and my family to be happy. Say hi to the reindeer for me. Jep is bringing a present for you. Mrs. Claus and Santa I love you so much! Merry Christmas!
Love,
Danielyn Pifer

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer doing? I would like a Xbox Series X for Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Ryan Reyes

Dear Santa,
How have you been at the North Pole? I hope I've been a good boy this year. Have I been mean to my brother? I hope my brother is being good at school. Have I been good in school? I wish I could sit on your lap and tell you what I want for Christmas. I really want to see you!
Love,
Brantley Pittman

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I did very well this year. I didn't fight with my sister that much this year. I did very good in school. I hope you can give me an iPhone 12, a PS5, and a football game for Xbox 1. I would also like a hoverboard, a dirt bike, a drone, an electric scooter, and hot wheels.
Love,
Clayton Polasek

Dear Santa,
I would love to know how you are doing and of course I can not forget the elves and reindeer. How are they doing?? So I've been really good this year, so in exchange I would like a LOL Doll, squishies, slime, and for Chloe to stay longer and just one more thing for my mom and dad to be happy. Santa and please make 2021 better. Bye Santa!
Your friend,
Tierany Rainn Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you today? Can you bring me a hoverboard and PS5? How is Mrs. Clause? I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas,
Kingston Ray

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? One day can I go to the North Pole and see you, Mrs. Clause, the elves and Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Doner, Blitzen and Rudolph over the weekend? I have helped my mom clean and I have been good. I would like to receive an iPhone, Nintendo Switch, LOL Doll, clothing, and to see you in real life. I would like for you to give everybody good luck. If you do that I will give you cookies and the reindeer can get carrots.
Merry Christmas,
Alejandra Regena

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be as good as I can. I have worked as hard as I can in school. I would like a Dachshund, a hoverboard, and some slime. I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Georgia Willard

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I hope you are having a good Christmas. I would like a Ps5 please. They are really cool! I would also like two Walkie Talkies so I can give it to one of my friends and we can talk to each other. My friend moved so when he comes over to my house then we can talk to each other. Can you tell the reindeer and the elves I said hi? We'll leave some extra cookies and milk and I would like Pokemon.
Have a good Christmas,
Lane Rhodes

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa how are you and Mrs. Clause? I was excited when our elf came. I hope your reindeer are ok, especially Rudolph. I would want an American girl doll desk in her house and American girl doll close. I want to redo my room because I want it to be my dream place to go, which is Paris so can I maybe can I get a Paris comforter. Hope you stay safe and wear your mask I can't wait until you come.
Love,
Savanah Faust

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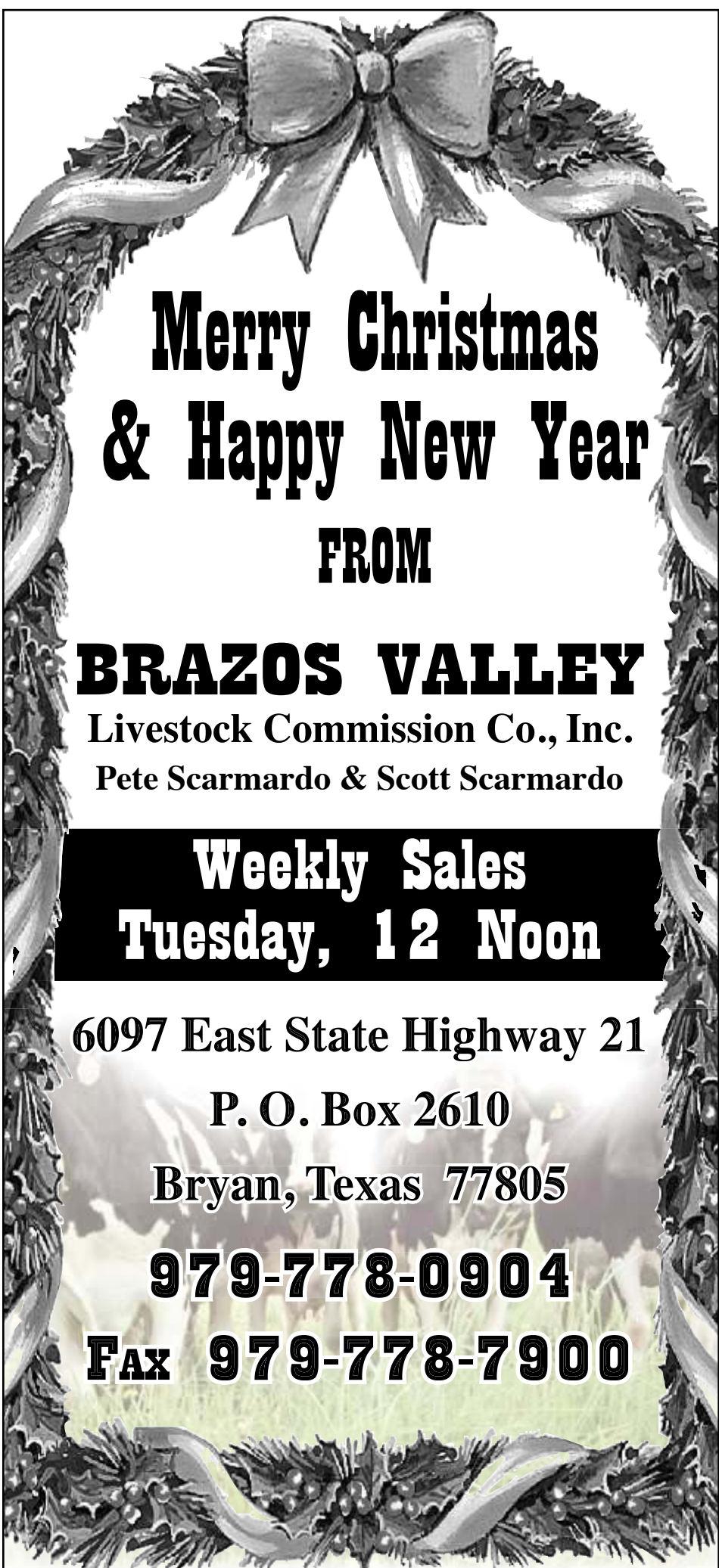


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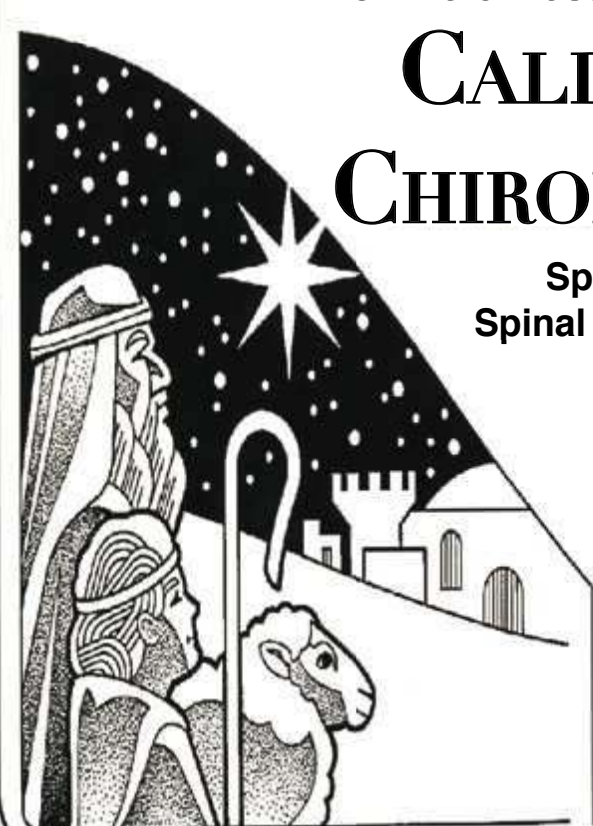

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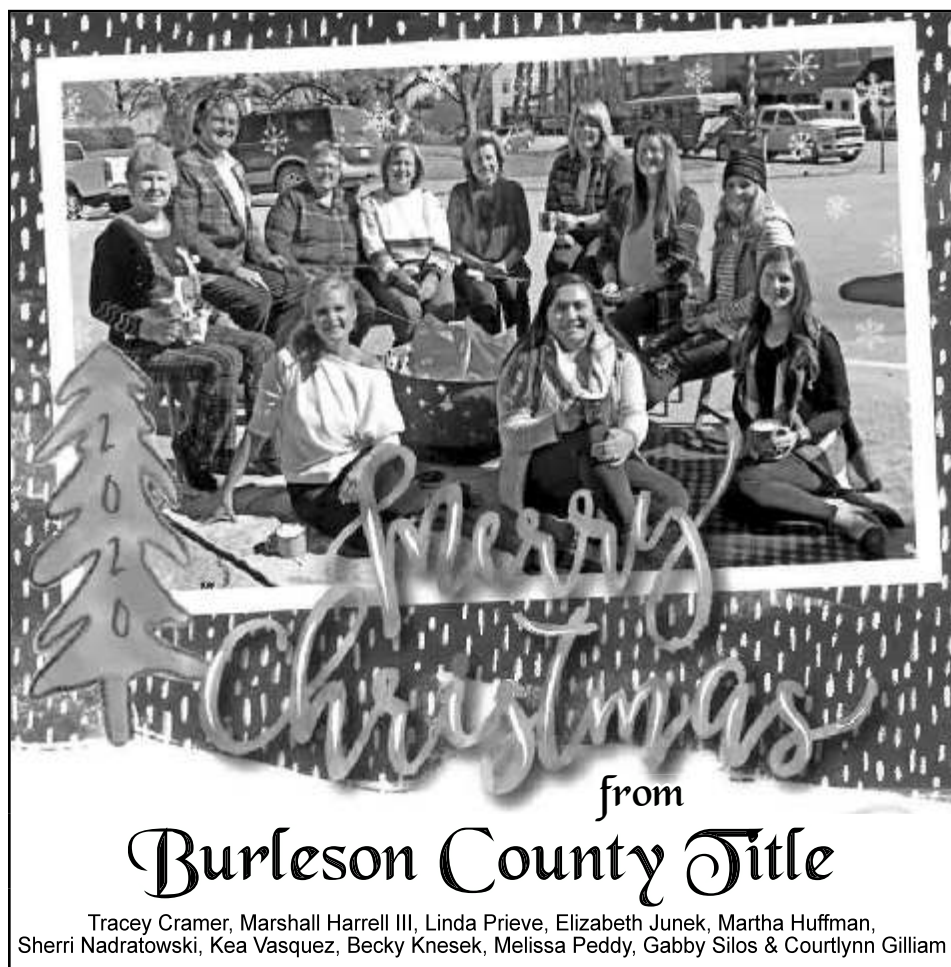
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Dear Santa,
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Love your friend,
Any Smith

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I have been good this year! I would like a hoverboard and some slime. I am trying to get good grades. My sister wants a Barbie and slime. Also my brother wants a Miles toy action figure. My mom wants makeup and my dad wants a ps5. My dog wants a treat too. Tell Rudolph I said hi!
Merry Christmas,
Elisa Rinck

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I would want a LOL House and a hoverboard. How is it at the North Pole.
Love,
Anazia Roberson

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I miss you. I'm trying to not have an attitude and I'm trying not to fight with my brother, mom or my dad. Tell Rudolph hi. I want a toy kitchen with food and a hoverboard. Can you tell Mrs. Clause I miss you both. Does Mrs. Clause miss children?
Love,
Ajriana Sims

Dear Santa,
Hay santa I am a good kid. I would like a new skateboard please. It's nothing much but I like one.
Love,
Lucas Allen Alford

Dear Santa,
How are you. I hope you have a good christmas and i hope your elves have a good christmas to. I hope no one gets covid up there. I hope your reindeer have a good christmas. And for christmas i want a horse stuffed animal. And a dog. And a fish.
Love,
Harlow Ferguson

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you? I hope I've been good this year! I would like to have these three things this year Elmers slime surprise kit, the inflatable pink sparkly beanbag, and a dog with toys for it! Do you remember Snowflake and Winter? I hope Joe and Cowboy are being wild, especially Cowboy he is so crazy he hides in the craziest places like hanging from our chandelier.
Love,
Kelsey Becka

Dear Santa,
Can I please have an Ipod and also a skateboard and a guitar.
From,
Khassie Long

Dear Santa,
I hope you be well, and the reindeers be good i just want to know how are you because i want to be more good girl these least days of the year. i want to be good and be honer-est with others, for christmas i want a teddy bear i want a barbie or a animal toy who he can move.
Thank you,
Evolette Cruz Galvan

Dear Santa,
st.nickols I hope you will watch me. I am ready for christmas and my brother. We hope our Christmas will let you get to all the children in the world. Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. claus P.S let the leves get on Quarantine and when you come we will get you hand Sanitizer and we will give you gloves to eat your cookies safe and we will wash carrots for the reindeer and take good care of Rudolph the rednosed reindeer 5 and the rest of the reindeer will get 4. Happy holid-ays
Love,
Mark Estes

Dear Santa,
Hope you are staying warm in the north pole. Here are a few things I want for christmas. Ps4+ plz. Pokemon board game and cards and stuff animals. i been really gooooooood we maybe
Your friend,
Carson Ferrell :)

Dear Santa,
I hope the reindeers are doing well. The elves are good at my house. For christmas i want l e d lites and i want jeens and i want a snake neck les for my sister and it says squiggles. The elves are so nice I love them. I hope you have a great christ-mas.
Have a great christmas,
Ava Gardner

Dear Santa,
Hi santa are you having a good day i would like to have a hoverboard for christmas and a fourwheeler and a trampleen thanks for working hard for the kids we appreciate that and hoply you will be safe flying on the way to town
Be safe,
Kayla Hill Butler

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause and The Elf's i hope all of ya'll are good and please can i Please I really want a bird, you know what kind and Thank you for evre thang and a hover bord
Love,
Rayleigh Faye Johnson

Dear Santa,
For christmas please can i have a horse and a reindeer and a play-station 5 with the game in it the game is g for christma and thank you for every-thing you gave me five more things.
Sincerely,
Mark Kearney

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa Clause and Mr. claus. how is your day Well my day is good. if I have being good. I know have ben busy but if you have a nuf time I want sum slime, sly ciet, chap-ter book. Sa Hi to the elves and reindeers for me.
Your friend,
Arianna Walker

Dear Santa,
Hi yah St. Nick! My name is Braxton Pittman. And this year Can I have samurai armor and a sword and I am eight years old. But here's a big question: can you get the coronavirus out of America so we can get back to being around everyone and can you Say hi to the reindeer for me and say hi to the elves for me. One more question can you say hi to Mrs. Claus for me please.
Your friend,
Braxton Pittman

Dear Santa,
Hi santa. how are you i hope you are doing well at the north-ple. and i hope you'er rader are doing well. and i hope mrs. clause and you santa are doing well. Can i have a phone new and a nintendo switch and a DOG! That is it good bye.
Thank you,
Jocelyn Lazo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I hop I bin good because I want to get some Present and to give you some cookies I love Christmas be-cause We get to see the expressions of kids The Happiness on therefaces
Love,
William Reace King

Dear Santa,
How are you say hi to the elves and reindeer oh and mr. Claus For me. I want all 3 Wolverine mix and sashers suits and juggernaut mix dan smasher and Dedpool mix and smasher.
by have a good christmas
Love,
Bailen Kocurek

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Are you ok? I hope Mrs. Claus and you are having a good vaca. How is ru-dolph? Let me tell you my favorite wishes. I would love a switch.
From,
Ian Marshall

Dear Santa,
Hi santa how are you i hope you are doing well at the north poll'i wish i get a ps5 and a ps4 and a bike and toys for my kitties i what a toy for christmas and dog mans book and a house for my pets and a iphone11
Love,
Jaime Retana

Dear Santa,
How are you doing santa and Mrs. Clause say hi to Rudolph say hi to the elves for me please
Thank you,
Dae'ontae Robertson

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. Be safe when you drive. I really hope you bring me presents. I Loved what you got me last year. Don't eat too many cookies and drink too much milk. I hope you like our christmas tree. I enjoy playing baseball. What are your hobbies? I hope your reindeer don't get tired. My favorite one is Rudolph. Tell your deer i said good luck. Have a fun christmas! I almost forgot to tell your elves i hope they don't get touched.
Sincerely,
Chase Rackel

Dear Santa,
How are you? This morning it was very cold. It must be cold up there. I hope my elve said something good about me. For Christmas can I please have some barbies, Polly Pockets, and a Barbie Dream House, and maybe some toys for my little dog. I'm going to put some reindeer mix on the ground so you can find my house. My dad is putting lights on the roof. My nana gave us something to put in the yard to make a big snow flake. I can't wait to see you. Say hi to the elves and the raindeer for me.
Love,
Cloy Russ

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing so good u and mrs. clause and i hope you and your elves are doing great i hope i get a lot f presents for christmas i love u and all of your family and a holyjoly new year tell mrs.clause i hope shehas a holy joly new joly year thank u for all of the presents be safe while your donating ur presents love u dear santa
Sincerely,
Ea'Niyah Rogers

Dear Santa,
Haw are the efts are thar good or bad. santa is it cod up thar is it santa. tel me that the rades santa.
Bye Santa,
Bailey Rubio

Dear Santa,
I've always wanted to meet you, you're such a nice and joyful person and I admire your work, including Mrs. Clause's work and I hope you can have a great trip and nothing bad happens when your in flight, I have many ideas for presents I want but its not right for me to put them on this list so I wont bother to ask you on this list, I hope you can make everybody's day even more joly by your work on christmas day, But i do not want to work you up by all these ideas toys and so much more so I insist on taking it a bit slower this year, thing gets rough, By the way make sure to say hi to all the elves and reindeers by me.
Stay safe on your trip!
Colton Laine Sears :D

Dear Santa,
I've been trying to be good all year. In case you didn't know I got baptized! Now enough about me, and about you. How are you and Mrs. clause? I have a question can you take a picture of the reindeer for my older sister Savannah. I'd really like a kitty bed, and some kitty toys, and a kitty please
Your friend,
Annabelle Stahlheber

Dear Santa,
for Christmas please can i have a play station five and a nerf gun How are the rein deers santa
by have a good christams,
Wyatt Tabor

Dear Santa,
I hope you and mrs. clause are ok. i want kinetic sand and barbie car white a barbie.
Have a perfect christmas,
Yazmin Tellez-Valdez

Dear Santa,
Hey, Santa! How are you doing in the north pole? Is it cold there? I really want to see my elf soon. Also I just want to say that I am glad that you are alive in our world right now, its also such a great time to give thanks, and be very jolly like you Santa. Really all I want for Christmas is a green hoverboard, a LEGO SET, a girl or boy KITTEN. I hope that you make it safe back to the north pole. Oh and when you get back please tell Cristy bell that she is the best elf ever! Also please tell Jolly my friends elf that she is very nice and very JOLLY! I just have to say Santa you are the best Santa ever! Also don't tell the reindeer, I have carrots for them! I bet there going to love it!
Your Friend,
Jesee Ann Telschow

Dear Santa,
Santa are you doing well? Because I am. What is it like up at the north pole? You can tell me any time. How are the and the raindeer? For Christmas I will want the nintendo game animal crossing, a new minecraft bed set, and a bakugan broll stadium.
Please fly safely,
Ayden Triplett

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. Can I please have a four wheeler I also want a nerf gun and a drone like my cousin Josh.
From,
Ryan Burns

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I hope you're doing fine. I have been trying all year long to be a good girl and make the world a better place. May God bless you Father Christmas. Can I please have a better future and can you please make my wishes true. Oh have a Merry Christmas Father Christmas. Also can you please make me a real life cat that never dies and doesn't loose its fur and it's the most adorable thing you've ever seen.
Love,
Nargis Sherzad

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, how are you and miss. clause. is your reindeer all right cause they've been working hard. And what i want for christmas is a dig up dinosaur and a toy unicorn, and a toy dragon and can you give my little brother a toy monster truck for my little brother and tell the elf i said hi.

Stay warm santa and miss. claus,
From,
Layla Martinez

Dear Santa,
Hi santa can you send elves to come get sofea?
Your friend,
Soleil Robertson

Dear Santa,
It is a pleasure to meet you, don't forget to use a mask We have a naughty and nice bord for me Nick and Natalie, We are also probably going to do it next year. We have a new dog Ripley so watch, so watch out for Ripley he hears very good even though he is young. May I please have a Xbo, a shotgun nerf gun, and a real Lamborghini. I have so much questions to ask you.
Sincerely,
Nathan Glidewell

Dear Santa,
My name is Coltyn. I am 8 years old. I live in Lyons. For Christmas this year I would like a yoyo and a sneckers and a boll and a blackint. I will leave you and your reindeers some cooke and carris for eve will giv you a presin when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Coltyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Keihlly. I am 7 years old. I Live in Somerville. For christmas I will like a barbey dream house.

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhonda Kay. I am 7 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like A Babe doll hotel and I whord have a boll and a tory cat. I will leave you and your reindeers some cireis and miuk cookise when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Rhonda

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Dear Santa,
My name is conner i am seven i live in Lyons i want love for Christmas Love santa. See you next year santa.
Conner

Dear Santa,
My name is Mckenzie I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like makeup and hils and a new backpack and adres. I will leave you and your reindeer some cookies and some candy cans when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Kenzie

Dear Santa,
My names is Kylah I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like a BIG Hoas a new shert. I will leave you and your reindeers some coces, candy canes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your Friend,
Kylah

Dear Santa,
My name is Adriana this christmas I would like a new hover board a new Phone air jordans and a baby reindeer i promise i will be good and I live in Somerville
Adriana

Dear Santa,
My name is Gatlyn I am 7 yeas old. i live in Somerville for christmas a modersic plaes for uar deer 10 candycanes Gatlyn friends?
To Santa
From,
Gatlyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter Lynn. I am 7 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like a Bike and a Phone and a foobed cude and a Junt to Panda Boles. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookeis and milk and carretes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend Santa,
Hunter Lynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylon. I am 7 years old. I live in Brenham. For Christmas this year I would like rc car And a Toy modrsic and a Toy Hot wil. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Taylon

Dear Santa,
My name is Elijah. I am 7 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like a cabogeeny. They has badreezu. I will leave you and your reindeers some koukeez in milk when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
My name is Corey. I am 7 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like lo doll grafashn. I will leave you and your reindeers some keres and melk when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Corey

Dear Santa,
Name Lilly
ring
necklis
parss
ering
JoJo shoes
Backpack
shirt and
paints

Dear Santa,
My name is Jorge.
I am 7 years old. I
live in Somerville.
For Christmas this
year I would like A
drone And A nerf gun.
I will leave you and
your reindeers some
carrots And cook-
ies when you visit on
Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jorge

Dear Santa,
My name is Arianna.
I am 7 years old. I
live in Somerville. For
Christmas this year
I would like a Huver
bord and a puppy. I
will leave you and your
reindeers some cookes
and milk when you visit
on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Arianna

Dear Santa,
Hi mom i know that
santa is not rell but
i am gona make a list
of the stuff i want
its... nerf gun pollits
2 pinss roblox card
vbox 2 big can 2 ride
toilss
Love,
Layla

Dear Santa,
My name is Arieana
Alba-Pena. I am
7 years old. I live
in Somerville. For
Christmas this year I
would like PS4 games
and some new nerf
guns and new Bullets
I would like about 7
nerf gun and ultra
nerf guns. thank you.
I will leave you and
your reindeers some
cookies and milk and
carrtos when you visit
on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Arieanna

Dear Santa,
My name is Trin-
ity Casas. I am sev-
en years old. I live
in Somerville. For
Christmas this year I
would like barbie life
in the dream house.
and a tabot, a ball pit.
and a pool and that
is it thank you. I will
leave you and your
reindeers some cook-
ies and milk and car-
tos when you visit on
Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Trinity

Dear Santa,
My name is Aden.
I am 7 years old.
I live in Lyons. For
Christmas this year
I would like space
learning book, pool,
ball pit, pencils, can-
dy and Homework.
I will leave you and
your reindeers some
cookies, milk and car-
rots when you visit on
Christmas Eve
Your friend,
Aden

Dear Santa,
My name is Brady
Jay Eschete. I am
8 years old. I live in
Sumer vil. For Christ-
mas this year I would
like sum lags sum nerf
guns sum mate ken-
chrole cars sum naw
foot ball ukwitmit
and sum baedoll. I
will leave you and
your reindeers some
care its and for you
sum coockes and
melk when you visit
on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Brady

Dear Santa,
My name is Joseph. I
am 7 years old. I live
in Somerville. For Christ-
mas this year I would
like a minigun huver-
bord 5 ps5, I will leave
you and your reindeers
some Hambenernt
Iphone when you visit
on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophia
Mccomack. I am
7 years old. I live
in Somerville. For
Christmas this year
I would like new hair-
stuf, phone, BarBie
Doll, BaBy alive groyr,
LOL omg Dolls, makup.
I will leave you and
your reindeers some
kess cress when you
visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Sophia

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddie.
I am 7 years old. I
live in Somervill. For
Christmas this year I
would like a key bord.
I will leave you and
your reindeers some
cookies and carits
when you visit on
Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Maddie

Dear Santa,
for chrstmas I wot
a new Bapak and I liv
in Somerville and my
house is blue and I
have a white bag and
I have 4 BaBys pupes
and one tiney bag and
I have a huskey and
for chrstmas I wot to
have a smiley macre
and I wota tablit and
my Name is Jaqueline
Hernandez and I wot
5 omg bos.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kennedy
Howe. I am 7 years
old. I live in Lyons
texas. For Christmas
this year I would like a
Disco Ball, Phone, BaBy
alive grow up, Lol omg
dolls and germents
and makeup magic.
I will leave you and
your reindeers some
cookies, treats, and a
presnt when you visit
on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Kennedy

Dear Santa,
My name is Adriel
Hinojosa. I am 8 years
old. I live in Lyons tex-
as. For Christmas this
year I would like Nerf
gun Nitido Game Baby
Yoda Geko. I will leave
you and your reindeers
some cookis and milk
rain dire Food when
you visit on Christmas
Eve.
Your friend,
Adriel Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
My name is Michaela
Vela. I am 7 years
old. I live in Somer-
ville. For Christmas
this year I would like
a Hover Board and
a Dog. I will leave
you and your rein-
deers some cake and
milk when you visit on
Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Michaela

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan
Nissan. I am 7 years
old. I live in Oke
Springs. For Christ-
mas this year I would
like a logo set plese,
and Plase git me a
new sonic Game. I will
leave you and your
reindeers some cair-
its and mik when you
visit on Christmas
Eve.
Your friend,
Dylan Nissan

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylee.
I am 8 years old. I
live in Somerville. For
Christmas this year
I would like a phone
a bike with a basket
and a pit bull and a
new doll and a ew pecil
pouch. I will leave you
and your reindeers
some cookies and milk
and carrots for your
reindeers when you
visit on Christmas
Eve.
Your friend,
Kaylee Gentry

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaylen
Vela. I am 9 years
old. I live in Somer-
ville. For Christmas
this year I would like
some clothes I would
like some pants and
a tool box and a new
par af shoes from
santa. I will leave you
and your reindeers
some presents nex
time when you visit on
Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jaylen



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Your friend,
Elona
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
My name is Katelyn Ladewig. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas thsi year I would like kinetic sand, dog backpack, make up set, hover Board, Barbie car, and a Drone. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, toothbrush, and presents for the raindeer when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Katelyn L.

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter. I am 8 years old. I live in Caldwell, TX. For Christmas this year I would like a ramo deer rifle and a hoverboard. I will leave you and your reindeer some cookies, milk, and carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
My name is Bentley. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like a xdox 1 and a hover board. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies and candy canes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Bentley

Dear Santa,
My name is Mariel Caylee Ramirez. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like a fitbit, clothes, LOL dolls, new Phone, Lincon block, shoe's, hairties, new colorful mask, LED light's and mini brand's and toilet paper. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookie's milk and carrot's when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Mariel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like a new bike and a new puppy spend time whith my family, diary. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookie's car-rots candy canes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Madison

Dear Santa,
My name is Limo. I am 9 years old. I live in Caldwell, TX. For Christmas this year I would like a Bike, legos, BeBe gun, laptop, a secref note Book, a iPhone 12. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies and milk and candy canes and carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Limo Rodarte

Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like A soccer Ball and a slime set And a scooter and one more Thing A Big Stuffed animal thats a teddy Bear. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies and carrits, and candy canes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Autumn

Dear Santa,
My name is Adan. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like a blue nerf gun. I will leave you and your reindeers some christmas cookies and bells when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Adan

Dear Santa,
My name is Sybil. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, Texas. For Christmas this year I would like the famous Jelly fruit candies. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies milk and a magic mix when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Sybil

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexia. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like black bike and a piano. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, and carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Alexia

Dear Santa,
My name is Corbin. I am 9 years old. I live in Caldwell, TX. For Christmas this year I would like Bakugan, Nerf guns. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, and new bells when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Corbin

Dear Santa,
My name is Caleb. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like poke'mon and a lego, paper mario and the origami king, cash sand, it's about time, and a poke'mon set. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, and carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Caleb

Dear Santa,
My name is Melanie. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like Tan purple bike, iphone, hover board, piano and tan purple shoes I wear a siz 9 1/2. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, and carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Melanie Rutch

Dear Santa,
My name is Khloe R. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like a bike, some pjs, pink shoes, LOL surprise, and som clothes. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Khloe R

Dear Santa,
My name is Paevlee. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like laptop. a new Bick Bunch of candy. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies and candy canes when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Paevlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiana. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like a phone a tablet, and losl of toys. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies and milk and carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Tiana

Dear Santa,
My name is Khloe Lucio. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like a LOL Doll, coloring set, Baby Ifie, and an Elf. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, Milk, and Carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Love, Khloe

Dear Santa,
My name is JaKayvion. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like a nintendo light with pokemon sowrd and a Baby German Sheperd. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookeis and milk, carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, JaKayvion



Dear Santa,
My name is Lupita Ruiz. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like new blue bike, two new gucci bags, new makeup

and new pink shoes. I will leave you and your reindeers some candy canes and cookies and milk when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Lupita Ruiz

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremy. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like xbox 1 and a hover board and pupys hesky and a reille rein-

deers. I will leave you and your reindeers some cerits and candy apples when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
My name is Mya Sodalak. I am 10 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like some makeup. I will leave you and your reindeers some Milk and cookies for yall when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Mya Sodalak

Dear Santa,
My name is Taliyah C. Reese. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like a PS5, VR set, hoverdoard, 2 yellow nintendo, tamagotchi on, a white Rabbit. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Taliyah

Dear Santa,
My name is CJ. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville. For Christmas this year I would like a green nerf gun, a Book, and a Blue hat. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies, milk, carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
CJ Sowders

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Your friend,
Arlana

Dear Santa,
My name is Xilee. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like a remot car, clay, candy, hover boer. I will leave you and your reindeers some corn and for you cookies and milk when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Xilee

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael. I am 8 years old. I live in Somerville, TX. For Christmas this year I would like Fortnite, BaKngan and a nerf-gun. I will leave you and your reindeers some milk and cookies and randieer some carrots when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Michael

Dear Santa,
My name is Joselin. I am 9 years old. I live in Somerville TX. For Christmas this year I would like a bracelet maker so I could make bracelets for my friends and cousins. I will leave you and your reindeers some cookies and warm milk when you visit on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Joselin

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From,
Sasha Janac

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a nice year. I would like Poke mon. I would like a ps5 I would like air pods. I would like a brown I would like a iPHone I would like pin. I would like a comic I would like a baby Yoo Have a Nice crismas
Luis

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good santa! I would like a PS 5 and a Baby loly and I would like a neargon I would like a Big tv
By,
Henry

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I want a mine-craft skelin Picture, a nether skelin Lago set, a xbox controler, a Key bord, and a Lago minecraft The Jager. Thank you santa!
Love,
Blaine

Dear Sant,
Here are some things i want for christmas is a 410 shotgun a dirt bike a 22 shotgun a ps5. How hot does it get in the north Pole in the summer? Abby whants a go pack of bath and body works smell hand sanitizer.
Kallen Weaver

Dear Santa,
I want a I phone, earrings, a tablet, and some new clothes Thank you santa. Thank for my presents
Love,
DeAsia

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great christmas. I want for chritmas is arpod, Iphone11, Horse, House, Hoverboard, and laptop. I want to drive your slegh!
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Love,
Samiyah

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy tis year. I would like a new kite and some shoez. Thank you
Desel Miller

Dear Santa, Are you filing well? Are you elfs low on magic? I want a case of air pouds, iphone, nerf miney gun, and a new-tintow swich.
Mason

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a White bord. May I have a cumpuder. I would like a forwealer Please> I would like a girl puppy. How are the raindeer? Marry christmas Santa Claus!
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From,
Bianca

Dear Santa,
How has this year bin for you? I want lego sets, Art stuff, Robloz fro Roblox, and crafting stuff. Thank you for all the gifts, but is it okay if your elves could fix my tank?
From,
Hunter Hoelscher

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I would like an Apple wach, a book all about horses, an ipod, a boy wallet for my Dad because he is speshl. Thank you for geting my prezents to me.
Love,
Taylor H

Dear Santa,
I, want, a, LOLs, for, christmas. I want a, crenm, cat, for, christmas. I want, cam, corsent, corsent, trm. Chrsn. Thank you santa!
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Dear Santa,
How do you fill an Crismis may I Have a trucks, and a plan, cars, siinta clase pells x-box 5
Michael

Dear Santa,
I hope i was nice and I wat a hedphones But ran Bow hed-phones and a case, and a chrachl. ad ples
Janelle Munoz

Dear Santa,
You are the best Sant Clas I want a nintendo switch, lol, a barbedoll
Emari Jackson

Dear Santa,
I wold like a hububn shcool, grey phone, pet snake, cat, and new haome, I hope you are not sic!
Joseph A.

Dear Santa,
I hoep you like my cookies. I would like A LOL cluB I would like a baby rodar I would like a New clothes, I would like a salon set. I hope you have A Good chresmase.
Allison

Dear Santa,
How do you mak Peits? May I hav a fourwheeler can ride it I will git good cookes. I wut clothes for school may I hav new shas for school? Mere Christ Mas! The last thin is a PS!
Cesar Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you this Christmas? I want Roblox and Among us stuff! Please! I want the world to be a better place! I want anything fun!!! I would like any Animie thing! Please! I would like the world to be a better place
Lily Jolly

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Pug, a Bike, a yoyo, and a phone. This year did you get sick? Thank you for the presents.
Christopher Cody Feurauer

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike, when-wpog, slime kit, popet nife, B-B gun with skoop, Santa you are the best santet
Braydin Bryant

Dear Santa,
I want a baby yod and a xbox and a lap-top and a mlb and my dad. Santa can you ples can you lep my dad of christmas at my home? Ples can you ples can i have my dad and can i have my presunts ples
Kyler Brock

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Tyler Haile

Dear Santa,
Can you bring please bring my thing? I would like a cell Phone, puppy and bole. I want a bnce also. I love you!
Lylah Emery

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I hove been will. For Christ.mas I would like a slime kit. I also want a stuffed mario plush and a water slide.
William Rhoades

Dear Santa,
I woeld like a Monster truck I want a hover board. I want a iPhone.
Zayden Sessums

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Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like some airpod's and a 23 Youth gun and a hunting trip with my dad. The people I love are my family. I would do anything for them. I want to have a good christmas! My present to them is SNOW!
Love,
Jaycee Johnson

Dear Santa,
I really want a laptop, hoverboard, tablet, hamster big stuff animale. Why do you eat cookies on Christmas? How old are you and Ms. Clause? How old are the raindeer? Merry Christmas! How is it on the north pole.
From,
Natalie Leonard

Dear Santa,
I have ben a very good girl. Can I please have a New Hoverboard, Laptop, crock's, slime, I Phone, I Pod, buny, Dog, cat, hamster, and a big barby Dream hous?
From,
Jamiya Baines

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Can you get me a three screen computer please? Did you know that I was a little notty but I apologized. Sorry Santa Claus, I forgot some of the stuff I wanted for Christmas. Hay Santa Claus, am I on the notty list? Can you send a elf to my house named Snowflake.
Love,
Jariah Blake

Dear Santa,
For christmas I will want some legos, a bike, a ipad and a fishing pole to go fishing on the lake. I wish you a good merry christmas. I want a ps4 and a bunny, color white for my sister because she really wants one.
From,
Sebastian Briones

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Phone for Christmas and my brother wants a Game stop gift card and more legos. My mom want a new deep freezer. Do you have any pets? Why do you love cookies so much? Why do you eat cookies so much?
From,
Lexi Colley

Dear Santa,
I want my grandpa to stay alive loger. I want a shotgun so I can go shoot hogs and deers with my dad and with my stap bruthers.
From,
Zane Lauderdale

Dear Santa Claus,
All I want for Christmas is an outfit for Jinky because he brings us gifts on Sunday. Aslo, who is your favorite elf? How do you Dliver presents to all the children in the world in one night. Do people in the north pole get COVID-19? Aslo, I want me, Jariah, Charlee and Charli Jo to have a matching outfit. But, I've had some mastakes but overall I think I've been good.
Love,
Zhiishiibens Aubrey

Dear Santa,
How are The reindeer and you? For Christmas I would like highlighters, laptop some King size sharpies good luck for my mom and dad and brother and my dog. and a hover bord. That is it. Thank you so so much.
Love,
Karson Lazo

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you, you are the best Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I would like a new Playstation for Christmas. I would also like a minecraft toys and some Power Rangers toys. Another thing I would like is a robot. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a merry Christmas!
From,
Khriztofer Valtierra

Dear Santa,
I wan shrapies, slime, a tablet, and a book. I want dog, LOL dolls, elf Christmas is the best holiday. Mer-ry Christmas Santa. I wish I can see your raindeer.
From,
Melanie Romero

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I made Elfie a tiny bed so he can rest if he wants, and I mad him a cake. this year my family put up Xmas lights. What I REALLY want for Xmas is a 22, so I can go hunting with papa, and a brush for Sara my hefer, Mery Christmas!
From,
Charlee Brooke Sebesta

Dear Saint Nick,
How are you? I would Like a tablet some cosy white boots. a watch and Legos. I have Been good this year. I'm so thankful for you. You give us Joy on Christmas. how are you enjoying winte?
From freind,
Ximena Villegas

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is... PS5, Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit. How's Mrs. Claus doing? Do people get COVID-19 in the north pole? Back to presents, I want my own computer. Also, a BB gun and Animal Crossing-New Horizons. But, what are the reindeers favorite food? For my sister, a lego set and a toy mini coper Have a wonderful Christmas!
PS: Thank you Santa Claus.
Sincerlly,
Javier Herrera

Dear Santa,
What do you like to do for fun? I like to ride my bike but I do not have one. can I get one on Christmas? I have been good.
Love,
Jenny Moses

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? What is your favorite reindeer? What is Mrs. Claus's real name? What is your favorite country to visit? I want a BB gun for Christmas. For my mom, I want to get a Christmas mug. For my dad, I want to get a fancy fishing pole. For my grandma's, can you make my great granma a whatch and my memmaw a neck-lace?
Love,
Charlize Crockett

Dear St. Nick,
How are your reindeer feeling? Who is your best reindeer I want I aripods nintendo switch, and a iPhone so I can call my mom. I want a new phone and I want for my Daddy a bunch of clothes.
Love,
Ronyah Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I wut for Christ-mas Rainbow high, a doll home and 4 dolls and presents for my grandma a teddy bear. Why do you like cookies and milk? Is it cold in the north poll? wut do the reindeer eat? I also wut a Holly wood hair, and merry christmas.
From,
Valerie Vasquez-Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,
Adam wuts to givme to have kindness on Christmas. And a computer. Do reindeer like candy canes? How cold is the North pole temperature in sumer?
From,
Remy Perrin

Dear Santa,
Yo Santa, how are things going at the North pole? Are you and Mrs. Claus doing alright? Will you please bring me Call of Duty black ops three, a nerf shotgun, a pocket knife with a holster, athletic gaitor, and some expo markers for Mrs. Petroski I know that I may not get those things because I have had some mistakes. Have a merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Jace Thigpen

Dear St. Nick,
I have good days, you are a mature man. and a good man can you mak me a nine-teando and a BB gun too?
Truly,
Laireice Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,
How have yall been in the North Pole? For Christmas I whant Lego ninjago sets, aliso a ninetendo switch, and lots of pokemon sets. Can you please get my sisters Raily and Dkota airpods? Can you get my brothers airpods and a I-phone 11? My mom and dad need a new I-phone 12 and a new coffee macker and my grandpardnts need the I-phone 12 too.
From,
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At Christmas, we want to wish everyone a happy holiday and a bright new year. Thank you for making our year a special one.

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been?
How is your elf been?
How is Mrs. Santa Claus?
Do you have to wear a mask?
Can you please send the elf that you sent last year he was the best elf?
I want airpods for Christmas. And a hoverboard. I also want a sling shot and the sling shot BBs. And the last but not least I also want a small bow and arrow.
From,
Khloe Vajdak

Dear Santa,
Are the elves good or bad? Could I get a Nintendo Switch with Animal Crossing? Also, I want Rick and Morty VR Blade and Sorcery VR, and VR headset with controllers. Also, I would like a four wheeler. Finally, Dogman book the Grime and punishment.
From,
Jayson Crossland

Dear Santa,
Can you please give my Best friend and my hole class a iphone 12 max pro and me :) Just a little present for me. I have Ben a Little Bad but, I don't know why I have binn doing this stuff. It's a Little hard to coun trole my Body this year. I think its is Becuase of Bryse or mayBy I am just too noty.
From,
Adam Kersten

Dear Santa,
What is the temperature at the north pole? I love Christmas a lot. When I think of Christmas, I think hot chocolate, candy canes, snow, and warm blankets. I want two things. It is a Iphone XR. I think I am nice most of the time, but sometimes I am naughty and I also want a hoverboard.
Love,
Stella VanZandt

Dear Santa Claus,
I love Christmas
How are you doing?
I have made some mistakes all though I have ben nice 94% of the time. Here are three things I want, a hoverbord, a Bereta, and apple watch.
Love,
Abigail Huddleston

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing for Christmas? I want a tablet, a new cat and a computer. That's all I want for Christmas. I maybe made some mistakes
From,
Yoshi Mascencia



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Dear Santa Claus,
I wan't a some elf close and a never elf and a motersikl I'am so glad it is christmas I noe you can make wishes come trawe and the matersikl is going to be a toy since rely.
Love,
Jayden Thomas

Dear, Jesus
Thank you for my family, I love you so much. Thank you for Connor and Honey and Papi and Katie and Magen and Mom and Dad and Parker and DJ and Ad-dyson and My friends and Kassly and thank you for Mr. Ehler.
Love,
Dixie Hamilton

Dear, Jesus
I thank you for Ding for are sins you pr-ivpd for all who are poor and who are not poor i love you whif all my hart
Love,
Jayden Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a skooter, canndek sand, sand art, brasslets, rings, neckles Santa Claus thank you for giving a bresent erer year I love you I wunder how you get around the world in time and agen thank you for giving erer one a bresent
Love,
Lorelei Giesenschlag

Dear Santa,
I Thank you for Christmas. I know it's a lot of work to make the toys but thank you for the presints. I am so happy when I see the presints. You are the best.
Love,
Charlie Speckman

Dear Santa Claus,
I wut a ginePig and a can a char I wut t Pbits and a medutl pi-sulhuoar and a mitbud
Love,
Fred Kouatli

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Dear Santa,
Wut tibichen wood you like my hous to be? wood you like worm milk or cold? wut kind of cookie wood you like? wood you like some leps on? tell Jesus Hi for me. and tell Jesus Happy Birth Day for me. can you put erasable in my stocking? we do not have a chimney so come in the Door. and be careful we have a new Dog that Barks alot. her name is caley. If you say sit she will sit. We have treats in the cabinets. Her favorite are the red ones. She gets two. XOXO

Love,
Mia Zequeira

Dear Santa,
What cookies Would you like? Could you leave a note? Can Elfy bring a friend Next year? Can you get me an Among us Plaghy thats lime. Tell Jesus happy birthday. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Bodie Blackmon

Dear Jesus,
I hope you have a happy Birthday and just help all those no-die people out their. if it you wern't here we would not have christ-mas. You help all those people that sin and do bad things. Just help them so they can have some presents too. Tell santa that I always belive that I can do anything when people think I can't.

Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing good. I have a question, what kind of cookies do you like? What kind of milk do you like? Now for the things i want for christmas. I want a eltrick gautar with some speakers, i would like a plane skate bord, i would like a phone for my mom she relly wants one. I want a fjit spinner. And give me sum stuff that i don't even ask for. I jsut want a good christmas.

Love,
Greyson Behler

Dear Santa, and Jesus,
This is my favorite holiday, and Jesus happy birthday even if i don't get to see you. I Love you both of you. Jesus your birthday is on the same month as mine is but mine December 19. and Santa I have been good this hole year. Sometimes i wach BiBle movies and Santa movies.

Love,
Joseph Rosas

Dear Jesus,
I hope I have a good Christmas this year. Tell Santa I want a bunny for Christmas. Happy birthday Jesus. Prayer:

Thank you for my family. Thank you for my House. Thank you for my friends in Jesus name Amen.

Merry Christmas Jesus.
Love,
Lylah Ayers

Dear Jesus,
I Hope you Have a Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday. Jesus I love you 100%. Jesus your my favorite Person.

Love,
Jaxson Schoppe

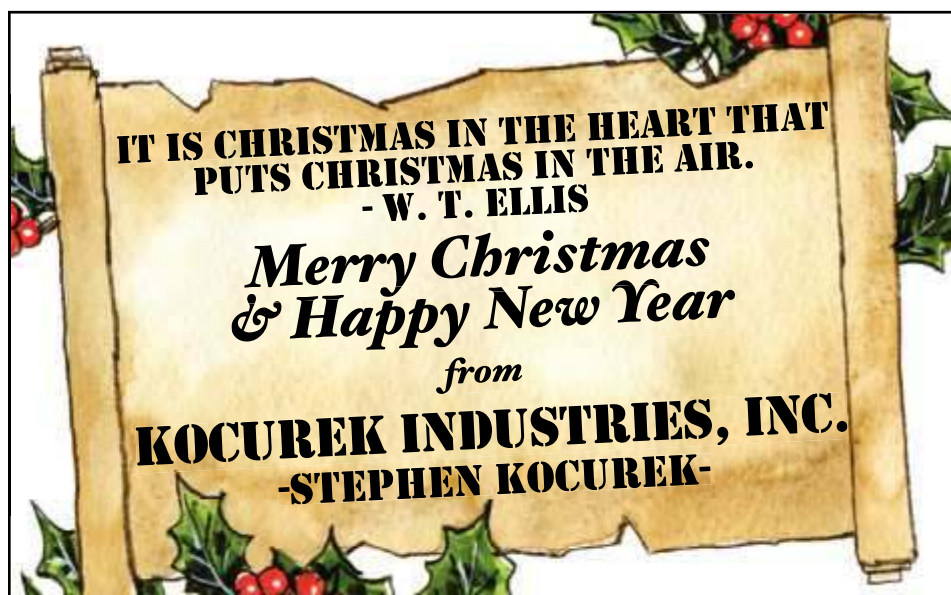


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