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It's been a most difficult year for everyone.

But Christmas is a magical time filled with magical moments and I certainly wish everyone reading this gets everything they asked for this holiday season.

If I could, I would have liked to have given some people in the county some very special gifts. Who knows? Maybe when you come down the stairs Friday morning, you will be able to open these presents:

To all the student-athletes in Randolph County and around the state: A Covid-19-free second semester, a semester where you can enjoy sports, clubs, proms and graduation the way it was meant to be.

To Asheboro High School Basketball Coach Brian Nance: A 6-5 point guard who can shoot the 3 and drive through the lane, even if he has to wear a mask.

To Southwestern Randolph High School baseball coach Ethan Marsh and to Asheboro High School football coach Blake Brewer: A successful non-interrupted season in your very first years of being a head coach. You've been through enough already.

To Providence Grove High School Athletic Director Calvin Brown: Everything he wants because he's one of the top administrators in the state. A class individual.

To SWRHS Athletic Director Chris Chapman and good friend Rich Reid: Many, many Wolfpack victories the rest of the basketball season and a Bowl victory as well for the football team.

To Tommy McDonald and Luke Hanes: Many, many Tar Heel victories the rest of the basketball season and a Bowl victory as well for the football team..

To David Hart: A quicker way to pack up all the equipment after webcasting a baseball game for Sportstone at McCrary Park. (Just kidding).

To Trinity High School basketball coach Tim Kelly: Health and the ability to coach the game you love for another 20 years.

To the Wheatmore High School volleyball team: The ability to come back strong and challenge once again for a state 2-A championship.

To Tony Wright: Continued success with Sportstone and the realization of just how many people are thankful for all the work you do for high school sports in Randolph County.

To Bruce Trogdon: Read above.

To Randleman High School football coach Shane Timmons: A way to keep this train roaring down the track.

To Doug Ward: The patience and heavenly guidance to spend another year with Carolyn! She knows she is one of my favorite people of all time!

To PJ-Ward Brown: A new camera and for the Ravens to win every game so we can all go back to looking at Facebook during their games.

To Eastern Randolph High School baseball coach Mitchel Frazier: The commitment from all your players to make the Wildcats program among the elite again. I think it will happen.

To Uwharrie Charter Volleyball coach Lee Kennell: Continued wins and for people to see one of the most underrated programs in Randolph County.

To Wheatmore coach Philip Yarborough: A 6-5 lineman who can push anyone around and then that person joins the wrestling team and enjoys success there as well.

To the NCHSAA: The wisdom to keep the proposed Randolph County split conference.

To high school coaches across the county: The strength to overcome these past 10 months and continue guiding our student-athletes in the right direction.

And finally, to all those who are reading this: Health, happiness and a very Merry Christmas!!!!!!