



THE TRIO

Quarterly newsletter for the members of TrioTel Communications, Inc.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

1st of the month - Bills are mailed out

15th of the month - Prompt payments due (1st year customers)

20th of the month - Payment due

TRIOTEL HOLIDAY CLOSED DATES:

May 25th - Memorial Day

TrioTel is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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DIRECTORY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

SALEM

Jesse, Margaret J.	425-2014
Reyes, Ronald	425-2012
Schniesow, Jean	425-5121

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DIRECTORY CONTEST IMAGE & WINNER

In December, our customers were encouraged to send in an image for the 2020-2021 directory cover for a chance to win \$50. The TrioTel employee's voted on the best image, and this year it went to Ella Stiefvater of Salem. To the left, you can see the image that will be on this years directory. Ella took this picture west of Salem last spring.

Directories will be mailed out to our customers some time in May/June!

Special Olympics Donation

TrioTel Communications is happy to support these Special Olympics South Dakota athletes with a \$250 corporate sponsor donation to their Polar Plunge fundraising event. The athletes pictured live in the TrioTel service area and play for the Parkston Area Special Olympics. The funds help pay for uniforms, competition fees, team meals, and lodging for the families. Visit www.plungesd.org for more information on how you can support Special Olympics South Dakota.



Pictured (L-R): Braxton Burnham - Emery, Zach Tuschen - Spencer, Tyler Tuttle - Alexandria, and Drew Heumiller - Salem



TrioTel PopQuiz

CONGRATS TO OUR WINTER TrioQuiz WINNER:
Gail Roberts from Spencer, SD



Angels We Have
 Heard on High



Rockin' Around the
 Christmas Tree



I Saw Mommy Kissing
 Santa Clause



Grandma Got Run Over
 By a Reindeer



Frosty the Snowman

CAN YOU SOLVE THE BRAIN TEASERS?

Mail this in with your next payment or email your quiz answers to customerservice@triotel.net. Please include your name and address to be entered into a drawing for \$10 off your next bill!

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

2. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

3. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

USE YOUR CELL PHONE AS A Remote!

EASY AS 1-2-3. Utilize your personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops, to schedule, review, and manage your TV DVR (digital video recorder), or use as a remote control. There is no cost for TrioVision customers to add this feature to help manage your TV viewing. Forget to record your show while you are out to dinner with friends? No problem. Get on the app and set your recording from the restaurant! Download the **ManageMyTV App** and give us a call at 425-2238 to get the information needed to get started.



6 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR HOME SMARTER

Smart assistants like the Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant are becoming more present and useful in the everyday life. You can find out the temperature outside and add an item to your shopping list all within the same minute, just by giving simple commands. What's more interesting are the other gadgets that are compatible with Alexa and Google. Would any of the following devices be useful in your home?



LIGHT BULB

Smart bulbs are easy to set up and can be controlled using Alexa, Google, or through a smartphone app. Enhance your home with soft white lighting, controlled remotely wherever you are. Set timers, light schedules, and make voice commands to adjust your lighting on the spot.

"Alexa, dim the lights to 75%."



THERMOSTAT

Nothing can positively affect your electric bill quite like a smart thermostat. Certain thermostats will detect whether you are home or not and change the temperature throughout your house accordingly. Adjust the temperature settings from anywhere by using the mobile app. You are also able to make voice commands to your smart assistants to adjust your thermostat.

"Hey Google, set the temperature to 72 degrees."



VAACUM

Do you have guests planning to come over on short notice? Make sure your floor gets vacuumed before they arrive. With an iRobot that has WIFI connecting features, simply tell your Alexa or Google to start the vacuum. You can even schedule it to run during the day when you are not home.

"Alexa, tell Roomba to start vacuuming my room."





SMART PLUG

Schedule your lights, fans, and appliances to turn on and off automatically, or control them remotely when you're away. Simply insert the smart plug in to any outlet. Smart plugs let you voice control anything from lamps, fans, coffee makers, to much more. All you need is a Smart Assistant to help with voice commands.

"Hey Google, turn on the coffee pot."



DOORBELL

Smart doorbell cameras are for anyone who wants to be able to screen their visitors the way phone calls use caller ID. They serve a valuable security function by recording video of whoever (or whatever) comes to your door or crosses your walkway. When triggered by motion or a ring of the button, a smart doorbell camera will notify you by a smart phone notification. It will stream live audio and video to your phone or tablet so you can hear and see your visitors in real time.

"Alexa, show my front door."



DOOR LOCK

Transform your existing deadbolt into a smart lock in minutes. Control your lock from anywhere using the smart lock app or by using your voice control with your Alexa or Google assistant. Some locks grant you the option of allowing access to guests while you are out of town.

"Alexa, lock my front door."

Thinking about going SMARTER? Check these out!

Philips Hue A19 Starter Kit
Ecobee Smart Thermostat
Amazon Smart Plug

Nest Thermostat
EUFY RoboVac
Ring Doorbell

iRobot Roomba
August Smart Lock
Kwikset Convert Lock

You already seek convenience and connectivity at work, in cafes, on your phone — and now in your own home. Smart devices offer convenience and safety, and can even help you save money on your energy bills. Smartphone apps make it ultrasimple to control your devices at home or from wherever you are. Whether you want to create a warm house before you arrive, or grant front door access from your phone, these products might just be the perfect match for you.

HAVE YOU CASHED YOUR CAPITAL CREDIT CHECK?

The following people have not cashed their capital credit check issued by TrioTel. If you see your name listed below, please contact us.

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9csna804nw Security-Ids

A

Ackerman, Jon
 Ahlers, Robert
 Ahrens, Richard & Karla
 Cavanaugh
 Aker, Chad & Kristi
 Ales, Kelly
 Alexa, John
 Alexander, Guy P
 Allen, Lloyd D
 Allen, Wallace
 Anderson, Erik
 Anderson, Francis D & Joyce
 L
 Anderson, Fred H & Sarah
 Anderson, Mrs Myrtle
 Appel, R W & M A
 Arends, Sara
 Arnold, Jesse & Susanne
 Arnold, John
 ASJ Marketing

B

Backroads Steakhouse & Lounge
 Baker, Lacey J
 Bakke, Shane & Wendy
 Barrett, Mike
 Bartscher, Heather & Jonathan
 Bartscher, Jeff
 Bauer, Shane & Jennifer
 Bauerle, Dave
 Bauerle, Jake
 Baysinger, Stephanie
 Beck, Robert E
 Becker, Marie E
 Becker, Mike & Joyce
 Berg, John
 Berry, Jason W
 Bichel, Ardis
 Bies, Tammy
 Binfet, Daniel
 Bintliff, Christopher
 Bintliff, Robert

Birgholtz, Ladonna
 Birkeland-Ward, Kari
 Blackman, Kinnis
 Blindert, Scott
 Bobeldyke, James
 Boddie, Joni M
 Bohlen, Debra A
 Boomgaarden, Jon & April
 Bowers, Corey
 Brandt, Troy & Kris
 Braun, Alison
 Brendt, Joe
 Brewery Inc (% Sheri Greenlee)
 Bridges, Shannon
 Brockel, Billy
 Broda, Mike & Donya
 Brower, Jeff
 Bryant, Phyllis
 Buck, Gerald
 Buerger, Claryssa
 Bugg, Brian
 Bunde, Michaela
 Burgers, Rosie
 Burnett, Scott

C

Cadotte, Richard & Kim
 Cain, Heather
 Campbell, Jonathon A & Melissa A
 Carlson, Allen
 Carlson, Mary
 Carter, Cindy
 Cattlemans Supper Club (% Tyrus Twaddle)
 Cavigielli, Tyler
 Cavigielli, Tyler & Ethan
 Chasse, Angel, Jim Chasse,
 Becky Washa
 Choice Technology Inc
 Clousing, David
 Coin Com, Inc.
 Collins, Sandy
 Conway, John
 Corcoran, William
 Critel, Dallas or Heidi

Currier, Jonathan

D

Dakota View Sales
 Danley, Amber
 Davis, Kelsey
 Davis, Travis
 De Jesus, Mark & Rochelle
 De Jesus, Rochelle
 Dejong, Tom & Sue
 Deknikker, Aleesha & Donald Jr
 Depot Radio
 Determan, Richard
 Deters, Ashley
 Devos, Darrell L
 Dew Drop Steakhouse & Lounge
 Dewaard, Eric
 Diedtrich, Dale & Sarah
 Dierkson, Dayton & Sue
 Dodson, Hillary
 Doyen, Jeffrey L
 Dragonfly Candles & Gifts
 Duesterhoeft, Norm & Carol
 Duling, Abigail L
 Dutra, Gregg

E

Eichacker, Nick
 Eickman, Howard & Maxine
 Eldeen, Shauna
 Epiphany Church
 Ernster, Mark
 Esquivel, Judith
 Esser, Waylon
 Expediter Corporation

F

Faehnrich, Doug



Fallis, Robert
 FDIC-Bets Sr#106467
 Feterl, Jameson
 Feuerhelm, Glenn
 Fisher, Alicia
 Fitzgerald, Cameron
 Fitzgerald, Jessica
 Fitzpatrick, Tim & Cindy
 Forster, Barbara
 Francis, Jerry
 Freeman, Jerry

G
 Garcia, Jose R.
 Gardner, Cristie
 Garza, Pete & Melyssa
 Gause, Dianne
 Geppert, Bill
 Gerdin, Gail
 Gilchrest, Ross
 Gilchrest, Shannon
 Gill, Arlie & Vickie
 Gordon, Janet
 Gordon, Randy & Amanda
 Gosmire, Gerald
 Gosmire, Robert
 Gosmire, Sam & Dana
 Goss, Geneva
 Gossel, Jerry R
 Gottlob, Cecelia J
 Granite Springs Lodge
 Greenlee, Debra
 Grivas, Shirley J
 Gross, Kelly & Thresia
 Groves, Tom
 Grullon, Benjamin
 Gustin, Thomas & Jennifer
 Guthmiller, Rachel

H
 Haag, Wayne & Jennifer
 Hageman, Roger
 Hagemann, Jim
 Haines, Chris & Kim
 Halford, Lisa & Larry
 Hall, Darryl
 Hamrick, Lavern
 Handley, Austin
 Hanisch, Suzanne
 Hanson, Dale
 Hanson, Matt
 Harmon, Anita
 Hasz, Steve & Rita
 Hauge, K C
 Healy, Lyle
 Heggeseth, Brad

Heine, Jerrod & Alison
 Klinkhammer
 Heinz, Dorothy
 Helmuth, Reuben & Joy
 Henglefeld, Craig
 Hernandez, Amy
 Hernandez, Heather
 Heuer, Richard A
 Hilbert, Mark
 Hilton, Sabita
 Hinkle, Kevin
 Hirschman, Russell
 Hirschman, Wesley
 Hitchcock, Riley
 Hodges, Ben
 Hofer, Bryant
 Hofer, Matt
 Hofer, Randy
 Hofer, Shawn D
 Hoffman, Gwen
 Hohn, Billie
 Hollamon, Robert & Rachel
 Hopf, Haley
 Hopkins, Karla
 Hostikka, T.D.
 Hurtado, Nancy

I
 Iowa Packing Company
 Isley, John L

J
 Jacobs, Carey
 Jansen, Dave & Lori
 Jeffres, Darci L
 Jensen, Mark or Erna
 Jensen, Tori
 Jerman, Whitney
 Johansen, Eric & Heather
 Johns, Branden
 Johns, Michael N
 Johnson, Alvin
 Johnson, Mark
 Johnson, Mary E
 Johnson, Melanie
 Johnston, James
 Jones, Jessica
 Jordan, Allen & Dorri
 Jordan, Allen & Sheri
 JRG Guns
 Jungen, Kim
 Junker, Earl & Darlene

K
 K & T Properties Mgt. (%
 Kevin Zimmer & Tom
 Zimmer)

Kao, Shijie
 Karpinske, Melisa & Jeremy
 Kebede, Tiggy
 Keehn, Terry & Teresa
 Kelly, Kristy & Jason
 Norgaard
 Kern, John
 Kessler, Mrs Lorraine or
 Loree Kessler
 Kinkead, Parthena A
 Kinsman, Ladonna
 Kittleston, Scott & Margie
 KJAM
 KK93
 Klassy, David L
 Klassy, Elizabeth
 Kleis, Ben
 Klingman, Rhonda
 Knorr, Christina
 Knotts, David
 Knutson, Shane & Amy
 Kocer, Edward & Lonna
 Koepsell, Wayne & Shirley
 Kolbeck, Joseph
 Krier, Kevin & Nichole
 Rueckert
 Kruse Paving, Inc
 Kuglitsch, Deborah
 Kunkel, Richard

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 Lance, Cody
 Larsen, Chester
 Larson, Jamie L.
 Larson, Jean
 Larson, Terri
 Lassegard, Lee J
 Lauck, Elaine D
 Laufmann, Arnold
 Lauseng, Debra
 Lee, Fay
 Leidholdt, Allen
 Leitheiser, Will
 Lemke, Crystal
 Leonard, Jeremy
 Lescault, Allen



- Letcher, Clara
 Letcher, Keith & Susan
 Letcher, Kenneth
 Linaman, Rochelle
 Lisota, Robert & Lisa
 LMSHG Investments, Inc.
 Lohrman, Kristie L
 Long, Daniel P
 Long, Patrick
 Longe, Mikel & Kimberly
 Loon, Bob
 Luke, Colleen
 Lux, Amy
 Lux, Pete & Amy
 Lynn, Robert A
M
 Mabee, Michael
 Maddox, Blyss
 Magee, Stacie
 Maier, Marsha
 Marcucci, Kim
 Marquardt, James
 Marsh, Michael & Lisa
 Marshall, Heather
 Martinez, Joseph
 Mathews, Geraldine
 Mattheis, Judy
 Mayberry, Reed & Angie
 Mayfield, Colt
 Mayou, Hayley
 Mays, Mike
 McDermott, Christa
 McGinnis, Linda
 McGregor, James E
 Mead, Trevor
 Meehan, Howard
 Mejia, Marvin
 Mellem, Troy J
 Mendoza, Liliana
 Menning, Amy
 Mentele, Melissa
 Meyer, Pattie
 Meyer, Scott
 Meyer-Lueth, Marie
 Mickelson, Vanessa & Dylan
 Scott
 Miller, Lisa
 Miller, Terry & Patty
 Miller, Trent
 Moench, Jerry & Chris
 Mohror, Robert
 Moller, Katherine
 Morgan, Crystal
 Morgan, John B & Crystal
- Moriarity, Michael
 Morrison, Phyllis J
 Morton, Larry
 Muilenburg, Jason & Missy
 Muilenburg, Jim & Kim
 Murtha, Lynn
N
 Nebelsick, Duane
 Nebelsick, Richard
 Nelsen, Chad & Jenny
 Nelsen, Jenny
 Nelson, Robert & Diana
 Newton, Sheila D
 North, Darwin
 Nowak, Nathan
 Nowak, Richard
 NSP 14110-C153154-1
O
 O'Daniels, Marshann
 Okeefe, Dylan
 Ollerich, Darcy
 Omega Teleserve
 Ontanillas, Majonel L
 Orellana, Yaguelin
 Oteri, Santino V
P
 Pankratz, Lance
 Paradeis, Paul
 Parente, Ilan & Orit
 Paweltzki, Leigh
 Peacock, Connie
 Pearson, Eugene
 People Supporting Tom
 Daschle
 Persing, April
 Peters, Earl A
 Petersen, Daniel
 Peterson, Adam & Amanda
 Peterson, Evelyn M
 Peterson, Leland W
 Pine Ridge Farms
 Pistulka, Duane & Carol
 Pitts, Wilma
 Plagmann, Josh
 Plummer Jr, Billy
 Pohlen, Meghan & Jacob
 Pooley, Audrey
 Powell, Jerry or CJ
 Prairie Pump & Equipment
 (% Matt Wilgers)
 Predmore, Mike & Amber
 Price, Todd or Shelly
 Professional Employer Org
 LLC
- Pullen, Samantha
 Puthoff, Brad
R
 Racehorses
 Radford, Nicole
 Rang, Tonya
 Ray Jr, James
 Reece, Zakk & Farrah
 Reed, Diane
 Reif, Judy
 Reiner, Leigh
 Reiner, Wade & Leigh
 Reinicke, Orlynn
 Resident Trust (% Sheri
 Fisher)
 Reynolds, Richard
 Roberts-Loehr, Karla
 Robinson, Joshua
 Rocha, David
 Rohlin Construction Co. Inc.
 Roiger, Michael & Norma
 Rosa, George P
 Rothenberger, Wendy
 Rowland, Phillip
 Rowley, Travis & Meredith
 Ruhland, James & Jayne
 Rusinek, Margot
S
 Sabers, John
 Salem Lounge (% Thomas
 Twaddle)
 Sandine, Gene
 Schemmel, Amanda
 Schemmel, Lynelle
 Schmidt, Jacqueline
 Schmidt, Wendy
 Schnabel, Rueben A
 Schneider, Evelyn
 Schock, Judy
 Schoenrock, Amy
 Schreck, Tami & Dan
 Schueller, Linda



Schultz, Josh & Amber
 Schulz, Kyle
 Scott, James & Rebecca
 Seda, Milton E
 Sedillo, Jessica
 Selleck, Melvin & Lanita
 Andres
 Serck, Jacquelyn M
 Shearer, C
 Sherriff, Kay & Susan Sherriff
 Shopwise (% Doris Hoffman)
 Shrewsbury, Jennie
 Simmons, Dennis & Shawna
 Skaff, Robert
 Skoglund, Tom
 Smetana, Joyce
 Smith, Ashley
 Smith, Patty
 Smith, Sandy
 Smith, Tom
 Sorlie, Kip E & Marilyn
 Sowl, Marlene
 Spicer, Trude
 St Martin Catholic Church
 St Martin's Lutheran Church
 Stainbrook, Pat
 Stark Properties Inc
 State Home Care Services
 Steilen, Vernon
 Stewart, Jerry
 Stoffel, Gerald
 Stoltz, Cynthia
 Stone, Danny
 Sudbeck, Kelly
 Suess, Scott & Charolette
 Swaney, Jason & Kendra
 Swanson, Devin
 Swartzbaugh, Jared
 Sweeney, Judy

T

T & K's Steakhouse (%
 Thomas Twaddle)
 Tassler, Sheila
 Taylor, Brian
 Terwilliger, Blaine & Lori
 Terwilliger, Lori
 Thaden, Shirley M
 The Homestead (%David
 Alink)
 Thibodeau, Rhonda & Gregg
 Thompson, Floyd
 Thue, Jodi
 Tice, Steve
 Tierney, Derek

Tobin, Josh
 Todd, Loren
 Topf, Jim
 Townsend, Alberta
 Townsend, Lori A
 Transaction Data Systems,
 Inc
 Triebwasser, Roland
 Trudeau, Mark & Sheri
 Tucker, Scott
 Tufts, Vikki L
 Tuschen, Scott A.
 Tuttle, Matilda M
 Tuttle, Sindy
 Twaddle, Thomas
 Twaddle, Tyrus

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Umstead, Richard & Renee
 United Health Group
 United States Postal Service
 Uphoff, John
 Urbigkit, Robert
 USPS

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Vanboening, Jeremy
 VanBuren, Karen
 VanDenHemel, Tom & Marti
 VanLeur, Jessie
 Vickers, Chad
 Viereck Taxidermy
 Vilhauer, Clara
 Vonderlieth, Chad & Penny
 Vondra, Steven J
 Vondracek, Luke
 Voss, Melissa A

W

Wagner, Ann
 Wagner, Charles
 Wagner, Elizabeth
 Walker, Bradley J. & Emily
 Walters, Willard
 Warwick, Betty L
 Warwick, Ernie & Lisa
 Watkins, Colton
 Weaver, Bernice
 Weaver, C Michael & Rita L
 Weaver, R L
 Weber Sechser, Tisha
 Weber, Izak
 Weber, Jerry or Gloria
 Webster, Phil & Diane
 Wegleitner, Bill
 Weier, Jacqueline
 Weiker, Lea Ann

Wendland, Rod & Debb
 Werning, Scott & Ashley
 West, Kimberly & Nicholas
 Western Supper Club &
 Lounge
 Westhoff, Sally
 Wettlaufer, Tom
 Wiese, Christine
 Wilhite-Still, Barbara
 Williams, Steven
 Willis, Crystal
 Winker, Nancy
 Wismer, Teri
 Wold, Myrta A
 X
 Xcel Energy
 Z
 Zellers, Diana
 Zender, A V
 Zens, Mark

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 visit

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It's no secret, advancements in technology have changed the world. From the appliances in our home to vehicles, phones, computers, coffee pots, you name it. While some people suggest that life was more “simple” without these advancements, the most recent generations can't imagine life without them.

Let's *travel* back in time for a second. Before commercial use of an airplane, travel was not necessarily recreational, but necessary. Weekly trips to town for essentials were done by horseback and horse-drawn wagons. Most destinations further than that were by railroad or ship. Only the wealthy were capable of traveling with automobiles.

Nearly a century later, with a couple pushes of a button, we can plan a cross country vacation for a group of people. But not before plopping your preferred date and destination into a search engine to generate the best deals on airfare, hotels, car rentals, food, and anything else to make your vacation flawless! Let's take a look at some of the **FREE** apps and websites that claim responsibility for providing the **BEST. VACATION. EVER!**

VRBO

A way for people to travel together, pairing homeowners with families and friends looking for places to stay in the comfort of a home vs. a hotel. Have access to a kitchen, patio, fireplace, front porch swing, or whatever else each unique home may have to offer.

TRAVELOCITY

Offers hotels, flights, rental cars, package deals, and unique to them, a price match guarantee.

GAS BUDDY

Allows you to search for gas prices by city, state, or zip code, with listings for all cities in the USA and Canada.

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PACK UP AND GO

What's better than a surprise vacation that you didn't have to plan? This site will plan a three-day get-a-way for you to...well, that's the catch. You don't know where you'll be vacationing until the day before you leave. With a pre travel survey, you can select preferences such as budget, dates, and interests. One week before you leave, they'll send you the predicted weather and let you know if you'll be needing to bring hiking boots, tennis shoes, a swimsuit, or any other necessities.

KAYAK

Searches hundreds of travel sites to show travelers the information they need to find the right flights, hotels, rental cars, and vacation packages at the best possible prices. Unique to Kayak is a Trip Huddle feature that provides assistance when planning for a group of people.

HOPPER

The free Hopper app predicts prices and helps you book your flights and hotels at the right time, saving you up to 40%. You can request to receive notifications that will alert you when it's the best time to book your trip.

ZOMATO

Foodies unite! This app allows you to search for and discover great places to eat, browse the menu, or order in.

iTRANSLATE

Communication barrier? No worries. Easily translate text, websites, or start voice-to-voice conversations in over 100 languages using this app. Updated features allow you to snap a picture of a menu or sign and translate it to your preferred language.

UBER

Uber (in selected cities only) is a ridesharing app that allows you to schedule a ride from one destination to the next. Because it is ridesharing, it tends to be more cost-effective than a Taxi. Tap your app to request a ride, and easily pay with credit card or cash.



COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who entered TrioTel's Coloring Contest! We had 130+ coloring pages submitted. There were four age divisions: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Congrats to our 5 winners, including our grand prize winner, Rachel Brown, who won a basket of coloring items.



Roman Anderson
3 years old
Salem



Sophia Kayser
6 years old
Alexandria



Levi Hay
9 years old
Emery



Eliza Thomas
11 years old
Salem



Rachel Brown
11 years old
Spencer



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