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## Coryell County approves \$8 million price tag for district court building

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

The Coryell County Commissioners Court approved a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of more than \$8 million for the development of a downtown county annex during a regular meeting on Dec. 12. The building will house the 440th District Court, justice-of-the-peace courts, and constables for Precincts 3 and 4, and Texas Game

Wardens.

The total GMP is \$8,016,114.53. The action follows a presentation of the price from contractor Butler-Cohen, which took place at a special meeting on Dec. 5.

Following a close evaluation by the Coryell County Facilities Committee last year, the structures currently used by the courts have been considered insufficient

and substandard, according to a previous article by The Messenger.

“They have outgrown (the current building) and just need a proper courtroom,” County Commissioner Scott Weddle said.

The overall project amounts to \$9.5 million, a factor that led to a lengthy discussion at the Dec. 12

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The future site of a new district court building that will be located along S. 5th St. in downtown.

## STORY TIME WITH SANTA CLAUS



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Santa Claus recently visited the Gatesville Public Library during their weekly “story time” hour. Santa read to the children from the new Christmas classic, *Santa’s Socks*, written by David Gauvey. About twenty-five children sat on the floor around Santa and listened closely to the story he was reading.

## TNMP launches outage notification system

Staff Reports

Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) recently launched a notification system that will alert customers about power outages in the area.

TNMP provides electricity to homes and businesses in Gatesville and several other Central Texas cities. By signing up, users will receive updates after an outage is reported in the area, notifications about scheduled outages, and severe weather alerts ahead of storms.

According to a TNMP press release, the notification system will provide four main features:

- Real-time alerts: Customers receive immediate notifications via text, email, or voice during any service disruptions.

- Customized updates: Users can personalize notification preferences and receive updates tailored to their specific location or service plans.

- Enhanced transparency: Detailed outage reports and estimated restoration times provide customers with clear and accurate information.

- Seamless communication: A user-friendly interface allows for easy interaction, feedback, and reporting of issues.

Users will receive no more than 10 alerts per hour and can opt out at any time.

“We believe this system will redefine how customers interact with TNMP and perceive their service providers during outages,” TNMP Vice President of Operations Keith Nix said in a press release. “It’s a testament to our continuous efforts to elevate user experience.”

To sign up for outage notifications, visit: [www.tnmp.com/customers/power-outages-hazards/outage-notifications](http://www.tnmp.com/customers/power-outages-hazards/outage-notifications)

## Wreaths Across America honors fallen veterans annually

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

To honor our fallen veterans during the holiday season, the Turnersville Cemetery Association annually partners with Wreaths Across America to place balsam veteran’s wreaths along the tombstones of our past veterans.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, National Wreaths Across America Day took place at over 3,700 participating locations across the country. At Turnersville Cemetery, 250 veterans’ wreaths were placed by family members and volunteers.

Every year since 2008,

Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day, which is typically held on the second or third Saturday of the month.

From the volunteers, sponsors, and the truck drivers, each person played an important role in the mission to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families, and to teach the next generation the value of freedom.

The volunteers included members from Jonesboro Independent School District 4-H, the Turnersville Volun-

teer Fire Department, and the Turnersville Cemetery Association.

“Community participation involves saying the name of each veteran as their wreath is placed, so that they and their families know they are not forgotten,” Turnersville Cemetery Association Secretary Patty Weber said. “Taking time during the busy holiday season to place the wreaths is a small effort in comparison to their sacrifices.”

At each of the sites, Wreaths Across America Location Coordinators work throughout the year with a

cemetery contact and local governments to organize and promote the ceremony, coordinate wreath delivery, and manage the placement of wreaths.

Turnersville Cemetery Association Secretary Patty Weber and Karen Campbell are the Location Coordinators for Wreaths Across America.

In addition to the Location Coordinators, most Wreaths Across America locations rely on the assistance of community members, local businesses, and civic groups and organizations to place wreaths

on the day of the event.

Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active-duty military, and their families.

The balsam veteran’s wreath was a gift of respect and appreciation, sponsored by an individual or organization, and placed on a headstone by volunteers as a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed

annually.

There is no cost to attend an event on National Wreaths Across America Day and all are welcome to join. However, Wreaths Across America receives no government funding.

Each veterans’ wreath placed on National Wreaths Across America Day is sponsored for \$17 per wreath.

National Wreaths Across America Day and other events are made possible by thousands of volunteers who organize local

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# WREATHS

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ceremonies, raise funds to sponsor wreaths, and participate in the events. Individual wreath sponsors and corporate donors

pay for most of the cost for the program, and volunteer truck drivers and trucking companies make it possible for the organization to transport wreaths all over the country. "It's important to re-

member our veterans and the sacrifices they made all year round," Weber said.

For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit wreath-sacrossamerica.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY JONESBORO 4-H MEMBER BRAIDY LUSK

Turnersville Cemetery Association, Turnersville Volunteer Fire Department, and Jonesboro 4-H members joined together on Dec. 16 to place wreaths on the headstones of 250 veterans in honor of National Wreaths Across America Day.



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The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville's Program Director, Brittany Romero, is standing with the anonymously-donated bicycles that will be distributed to club members.

## B&G Club of Gatesville received anonymous bicycle donation

BY ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH  
Staff Writer

This past week, The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville received a donation of bicycles from a member of the community who would like to remain anonymous.

The donation included a plethora of bicycles, which staff members plan to give

to the club members for Christmas this year.

"This will help quite a few families with low income and will make their kids' Christmas a special one," Program Director Brittany Romero said.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville

is to enable all young people, especially those who are in need the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville is located at 2533 E. Main Street in Gatesville.

## COURT

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meeting about how the county would cover the additional \$1.5 million. The total cost reflects expenses outside of the GMP, such as the demolition, independent testing, civil engineering, surveying, utility connection, furniture, and equipment.

"Within the framework of the budget we have right now, can we write a check for \$9,512,352, and the answer to that is no," County Judge Roger Miller said.

Commissioner Weddle and Commissioner Kyle Matthews discussed utilizing available funds from other projects within the budget, including broadband and capital improvement, plus funds leftover from the county jail expansion. With this money, Weddle said the county has the means to pay the \$1.5 million toward the annex.

Miller was concerned about the legalities of making changes to the

county's current budget and borrowing from other funds.

"At the end of the day, no matter what we do, I want to make sure that it is legally sufficient and does not question the legality of the decisions that the court has made," Miller said.

Matthews presented a statute that says the court could amend the budget in the interest of the taxpayer. However, the same statute also claims county funds should remain in strict compliance with the original budget except in an emergency or public necessity.

"I think it's pretty clear that we can amend it, too," Matthews said.

Weddle said they determined at a previous meeting - with the guidance of the Coryell County Attorney - that they can pursue either option in the bill.

"They have to allow us that," Weddle said. "When we're making a budget, we cannot foresee everything that is happening throughout the year."

Following private meetings with financial advisors during a court recess to gather more insight into amending the budget, Miller motioned to approve the GMP. He adds that the court must make an amendment to the budget prior to utilizing funds outside of the \$8 million.

With a GMP in place, construction for the new building can move forward. Some work has already begun on the annex, such as the excavation of the parking lot.

The county approved the building design by Southwest Architects in September of last year. The plans include a 120-seat district courtroom, jury box, bailiff space, courthouse holding cells, and a secure area where attorneys can meet with clients.

Weddle estimates that a groundbreaking for the annex will take place around mid-January. While a project timeline has not been set, construction will take approximately 10 months.

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## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

*It ain't over until it is over*

BY SAM HOUSTON

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

**I**t was a particularly frustrating afternoon this past Sunday. As a loyal Cowboy's fan, I dedicated myself to spending three hours watching the Cowboys play Buffalo.

Careful efforts were undertaken to complete all my work tasks prior to game time, so my mind could focus on the game. Food was purchased and prepared, beverages were chilled, and I dressed in my favorite Cowboys jersey. My heart was full of anticipation of watching a close and exciting game with the hope the Cowboys would be victorious. My Sunday was going to be great! Unfortunately, when the game started, things went downhill very

quickly. Quicker than I could build a platter of nachos, the game was out of hand. We stunk!

Watching the game was painful, but this is the NFL. The league is built on parity, and as the old saying goes, "on any given Sunday any team can beat another." Sure, the Cowboys were slightly favored, but the game was on the road against a very good team who had been playing better the past few weeks and now desperately needed

the win to have a chance to make the playoffs. The Cowboys, on the other hand, have been playing terrific and have won five games in a row including a complete route of their rival and league-leading Philadelphia Eagles. With a loss by the Atlanta Falcons earlier in the day, the Cowboys learned before their game started that a playoff berth was locked in. For a month, everything had been going great for the Cowboys. Unfortunately, the kickoff of Sunday's game was the beginning of the Cowboys laying an egg.

Let me remind you, such a loss like the Cowboys suffered is not unusual. San Francisco, who many believe is the best team in the NFL, lost three games in a row earlier in the season. The returning Super Bowl Champs, the KC Chiefs, have a worse record for the season than Dallas, and their star quarterback Patrick Mahomes has thrown four interceptions in the last three games. This

is NFL football. Ups and downs are to be expected and accepted. It is how the league was built and what keeps people interested in the games.

Despite the fantastic season being played by the Cowboy quarterback, Dak Prescott, and a highly-rated defense, after Sunday's game I saw some fans take to social media bashing the team and their quarterback. They ranted, they criticized, and they cursed. Instead of having one of the best season records in the NFL, the loss to Buffalo clearly means the Cowboys are "losers," incompetent, and "never going to win anything." (Not sure that makes any sense.)

A few months ago, after a short losing streak, some Texas Ranger's fans began bashing their team, saying they would probably not make the playoffs and were clearly an inferior team. At that time, I wrote a column which expressed that baseball was a long season with lots of ups and downs,

and people needed to have faith the team would come together at the right time. As fate would have it, the Rangers not only turned it around, but they also turned it around so much they played themselves into a World Championship. I am not saying the Cowboys will win the Super Bowl, but they are a pretty darn good team - arguably, a top four or five team in the league. They will be going to the playoffs, and let's just wait and see how they do when the games are played before we declare them dead as a can of tuna. There is a lot of football to be played, and no championship is ever won before all the games

are played.

I had some folks tell me when I wrote the column about the Rangers that I was a cockeyed optimist. Maybe so, but as it turned out, my patience was well-rewarded. I am willing to give the Cowboys the same benefit of a doubt, and when the next game is played, I will be watching, hoping for the best. Isn't that what being a fan is all about?

Thought for the day: Being a true fan is not being there at the beginning but being there at the end.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out.  
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## Sports complex closed through Jan. 31

### Staff Reports

Over the winter break, the City of Gatesville has scheduled MUSCO lighting to be installed at the Gatesville Sports Complex from Monday, Nov. 20 through Sunday, Jan. 31.

The complex will remain closed during this time to allow necessary construction to be completed in time for the spring pro-

grams.

The lighting will upgrade poles and light fixtures on the Box, Hyles, and Arnold fields.

For more information, contact the City of Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department at 254-499-1015.

The Gatesville Sports Complex is located at 301 Veteran's Memorial Loop.

# Folks

around town



COURTESY PHOTO

**Lisa Steward**

## Say hello to our neighbor, Lisa Steward!

Lisa is a retired educator who runs the Gatesville Boys & Girls Club Resale Shop. She established the shop in Dec. 2011 and says the best part about her job is getting to help so many people within the community.

"I love the folks who work at the shop with me. We have an amazing group of people who put so much time and effort into that shop," Steward said. "We have a lot of fun while we are working." Lisa has lived in Gatesville since June 2001, and her favorite thing about the community is the generous people who reside here.

Lisa reads The Gatesville Messenger and says, "I like how friendly the Messenger staff are and how they work with businesses to help us succeed."

If you happen to see Lisa around town, say hello. She is one of us!

## CCGS Program to explore Sanborn Fire Maps

### Staff Reports

Beginning in 1867, the Sanborn Map Co. produced detailed maps of city buildings for use by fire insurance companies. The Sanborn Map Co. continues to provide an expanded mapping and visual concepts business today.

Genealogists and historians have found a bonanza

in these maps, which show architectural details of city buildings as they change through the years. Many of the buildings are identified with an owner's name or its commercial use. Of particular interest is the change in types of businesses that operated in the same building through the years. Mysterious, long-lost buildings such as a cala-

boose and arched cellars are revealed to stir one's imagination.

The Sanborn maps available online for Coryell County are limited to Gatesville and the date range 1885-1920. Even this small section of our local history gives a valuable and different perspective on genealogical and historical research.

Sherry Lawrence will present a program on the Gatesville Sanborn Maps at the Jan. 9, 2024, Coryell County Genealogical Society meeting. The public is welcome to attend the meeting at the Gatesville Public Library at 6 p.m.

Come see what surprises the old Gatesville maps may show.



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# May your Christmas Eve be thin

Christmas Eve was always spent at Whodee's house when I was growing up. Her name wasn't really Whodee, it was Susie. I heard others call her Susie when I was a toddler and despite my best efforts, Whodee was the best I could do. Like the best grandparent names, it stuck around for the long haul.

Whodee lived 1/10 of a mile up the mountain from our farmhouse, and the anticipation I felt before we made the trek up the dirt road rivaled the anticipation I felt for Christmas morning itself. The rule was, though, we could not touch the gifts until the sun went all the way down. After we had our fill from the mounds of chopped beef from B&B Barbecue, I would take my place right in front of the big bay window which overlooked the valley, careful to sit as close as possible to the first present I wanted to tear into. Expectantly, I would watch and wait, debating with my Dad at what point the sun really was down. To this day, he is more on the 'stars-must-be-shining' side. I, on the other hand, felt the visible disappearance of the sun's outline would suffice. The darkness of Christmas Eve was something I looked forward to.

Yet, the memory which is seared into my mind, and the one that comes rushing back every single year, is walking outside as we made our way home from Whodee's. Christmas Eve, for whatever reason, has always been encapsulated in that moment - the thick humidity of my breath hitting the frosty air, my cold hands grasping the cardboard box full of gifts, and the stunning clarity of the stars shining down on the valley with such a fierce and piercing brightness.

There are certain moments and places that feel 'thin' - moments and places where heaven feels just a little bit closer and the pain and difficulty of the world a little bit further away. Of all nights, Christmas Eve is one of the thinnest. The presence of goodness and peace on that night felt so close. It was then that I really began to figure out that what made Christmas so special was not what I was holding in my hands, but the arrival of peace and hope.

I'll take a 'white Christmas' but I always long for a crystal-clear Christmas Eve. When I look up at the shining stars on that night, I feel like that little kid filled with hope and expectation, and the moment feels very 'thin.' May your Christmas Eve be thin.

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## Business & office closures for Christmas holiday

### Staff Reports

In observance of Christmas, many local businesses and governmental offices will be closed in honor of the annual holiday.

Closings in the immediate area include:

#### GOVERNMENT

The City of Gatesville and the Coryell County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26. The City of Oglesby will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Dec. 25. The City of Evant will be closed on Friday, Dec. 22; Monday, Dec. 25; and Tuesday, Dec. 26. The Farm Service Agency will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25.

#### SCHOOLS

Gatesville Independent School District will be closed from Monday, Dec. 18 to Wednesday, Jan. 3. Jonesboro ISD will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 21 to Friday, Jan. 12. Oglesby ISD will be closed from Monday, Dec. 18 to Monday, Jan. 1. Evant ISD will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 to Friday, Jan. 5. The Boys and Girls Club of Gatesville will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 to Monday, Jan. 1.

#### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Extraco Bank, Cadence, Educator's Credit Union, The First National Bank of Gatesville, Evant, and Oglesby will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25.

#### POST OFFICES

The post offices of

Gatesville, Flat, Jonesboro, Oglesby, Evant, Mound, and Pumelo, will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25.

#### LIBRARY

The Gatesville Public Library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 23; Monday, Dec. 25; and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

#### SENIOR CENTER

The Gatesville Senior and Multi-Service Center will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 21 to Monday, Dec. 25.

#### MUSEUM

The Gatesville Museum and Historical Center will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25.

#### NEWSPAPER

The Gatesville Messenger will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25.

## RECIPE

The following article and recipe about shortbread appeared in the Christmas edition of The Gatesville Messenger 80 years ago on Dec. 24, 1943.

### SHORTBREAD IS TASTY SCOTCH HOLIDAY FARE

Want to please someone who "has everything" with a really extra special Christmas gift?

A festively decorated round of Royal Scotch shortbread is the perfect answer to that very pressing problem.

The familiar tartan-covered, heather-trimmed tins are missing from the stores this year, so we'll use a really wonderful old Christmas recipe from Scotland and make some ourselves instead.

A quarter cup of powdered sugar is all the recipe requires, so you can plan to make as many rounds as you can for Christmas gifts.

After all, sugar is a precious item this Christmas, isn't it? And it's good to know something so delectable requires so little!

One of the tricks in making good Scotch shortbread is to rub the butter into the flour mixture with the fingertips instead of a pastry blender. The butter softens slightly that way and absorbs the flour and sugar perfectly.

The sliced cherries and the chopped almonds are the ingredients that give the regal touch and unbelievably Christmassy texture to this usually somewhat austere Scotch specialty. It's so good you just have to taste it to believe it!

Save half a dozen of the most perfect cherries and almonds for decoration or use bits of green angelica with the cherries instead.

If you have a box of glace fruit, you can let your imagination run riot of course and really go to town, but in general the cherries will do the job very nicely indeed.

When the shortbread is baked, cut a round of white cardboard exactly the same size. Slide a broad spatula gently under the round of shortbread when it is cool and lift it carefully on to the cardboard.

Wrap gaily in cellophane and trim proudly with red ribbons and holly, for a gift of Royal Scotch shortbread is a very elegant gift indeed.

Royal Scotch Shortbread  
½ cup sifted flour

1/3 cup cornstarch  
¼ cup powdered beet sugar

¼ cup butter  
1 egg yolk, beaten  
¼ cup chopped blanched almonds

1/3 cup candied cherries, quartered

Sift together flour, cornstarch, and sugar. Add butter, blending with fingertips until thoroughly mixed. Add egg yolk and mix well with fork. Add almonds and cherries.

Form into a ball. Place in the center of a greased cookie sheet. Pat, or roll out, about half an inch thick keeping as perfect a circle as possible. Pinch edges decoratively. Arrange halved cherries and almonds or angelica in the center. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) for half an hour - or until center is done and edges are lightly browned. Allow it to cool.

Loosen carefully with spatula before transferring from cookie sheet. The shortbread may be shaped in a square and cut into finger strips before baking if preferred.



## Whatever happened to...

### 20 YEARS AGO (2003)

The Boys and Girls club in Gatesville appeared to be on the verge of starting up.

A new roof was being installed on the Jonesboro school due to a problem with leaks.

Librarian Faye Nichols read "Albert's Thanksgiving" by Leslie Tryon during Storytime at the Gatesville Public Library.

The annual Gatesville Garden's Tour of Homes was set to begin.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bill Hender-

son donated a piece of the "Bridge over the River Kwai" to the Coryell Museum and Historical Center. Henderson was the bombardier who destroyed the bridge during World War II.

### 30 YEARS AGO (1993)

The Gatesville School Board addressed the issue of classroom overcrowding.

City Christmas decorations went up along Main Street.

The Gatesville Country Club was set to hold a Christmas dance.

Two new officers, David Miller and Ernest Spratling, joined the Gatesville Police Department.

The Coryell County Shrine Club donated a check to Karem Shrine Temple to support the Shriner's children's orthopedic hospitals and burn treatment centers.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1983)

The Coryell County Collectors Club prepared to hold their Christmas dinner.

Gatesville Florist advertised an 11x14 wall portrait

for 99 cents.

Six Hornet football players made the first all-district team: Clayton Williams, Charles Mayberry, Keith Bankhead, Sam Best, Homer McDonald, and Harold Ratliff.

Gatesville's motel business was thriving. The two operating motels were Chateau Ville/Best Western Motel, and the Post Oak Motel.

Members of the Coryell County Extension Homemakers were set to sponsor

a bake sale at the Western Auto building.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1973)

Bob Cummings, of Gatesville, was administered the oath of office as the new district attorney in the 52nd District Court.

Chaplain Tyrone Herring, public education chairman for the Coryell County unit of the American Cancer Society announced that films on cancer were available to local clubs and organizations.

Mrs. La Rue Burke won a

man's Bulova wristwatch in a Christmas contest held by Foster Drug Store.

Lane's Chapel was to host their regular monthly singing.

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of the Coryell Baptists Association was set to be held at the First Baptist Church of Gatesville.



# Managing seasonal depression during the holidays

BY KAYLEE DUSANG  
Staff Writer

The holidays often symbolize a time of joy and celebration, but for many, it becomes a difficult season for mental and emotional health.

Dr. Jantzen Malti, a family medicine physician at Coryell Health, explains that there are many reasons why people might struggle with feelings of depression or anxiety around the holidays. One factor is known as seasonal affective disorder (SAD), which tends to occur during fall and winter when less daylight puts a strain on one's emotional wellbeing.

"For folks who have chronic depression and were in a stable remission for the rest of the year, it can be very common to see that flare up where it was stable just a few months ago," Malti said.

A recent survey by the American Psychological Association (APA) shows that nearly 89% of adults claim something causes them stress during the holidays, while 41% say it increases their stress compared to other seasons. One of the top stressors found in the survey includes financial wellbeing as the pressure increases to spend money on gifts. Excess stress is

often associated with increased feelings of depression and anxiety, according to the APA.

Since holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas often revolve around family gatherings, Malti said it can also trigger feelings of stress, grief, or loneliness if one is experiencing a family conflict or loss.

"I think the reality for most people is some of those relationships may be strained for one reason or another and can create a difficult time for folks (during a time) meant to be spent with your family, friends, and loved ones," he said. "A number of us may have a mother, father or loved one who has passed away, and the memories of previous Christmases or Thanksgivings spent at a grandmother's house or grandfather's house are no longer here due to a loss in the family."

Malti said that seasonal changes not only affect those with a history of depression and anxiety, but also those who might not normally struggle with a mental illness.

Some of the signs of depression include chronic fatigue, loss of interest in activities once found enjoyable, and changes in

sleeping and eating patterns. While depression and anxiety might present similar symptoms, anxiety also includes excessive worrying, fear, and irrational thoughts.

"I discuss this a lot with my patients, but if you feel like you're struggling with any new feelings of depression or any anxiety, often times that can come in very subtle ways," Malti said.

When it comes to managing one's mental health around the holidays, Malti provides a few recommendations that might help with symptoms:

- Remain active with aerobic exercise for about 30 minutes four to five days a week, such as walking or using an elliptical machine to work large muscle groups and elevate the heart rate.

- Get enough sleep each night. Malti recommends keeping a consistent sleep schedule to keep the circadian rhythm in check.

- Stay engaged with others. If family or friends live far away or are no longer around, find activities or ways to get involved in the community.

"Especially during the holidays, both community outreach and church programs usually have a



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The holidays can become a difficult season for some.

number of things going on to bring people together that may not have a lot of close family or friends that they are able to visit or are no longer alive, so it still allows people to have that sense of family they may not have anymore," Malti said.

Malti emphasizes the

importance of seeking medical help if one is struggling with any signs of depression, anxiety, or their overall mental health.

"Historically, depression has been stigmatized, but it's a very common thing we see and manage in a doctor's office," Malti said. "I encourage anybody to

be open about the way that they're feeling. If they feel like they are struggling with depression, to not feel like they'll be judged in any sort of way or be put in some category or feel like they are crazy, because none of those things are true. It's a very common thing that people struggle with."

## MOVIE IN THE PARK



DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

Braving the cool weather, several families recently ventured to Faunt Le Roy Park bringing lawn chairs and blankets to watch an evening showing of the movie "The Grinch." Hot chocolate was served while the movie was shown.

## Victorious Life Church seeking donations for individuals in need

### Staff Reports

The Victorious Life Church is requesting donations of gently used or new items for individuals who are currently without a home or living among the streets.

The items donated will be distributed to people through the Gatesville and Waco areas.

Examples of items needed:  
Coats and jackets

Socks and undergarments  
Blankets  
Sleeping bags  
Shoes  
Warm clothing  
The donations are to be dropped off at Rancher's Steakhouse located at 107 Hwy. 36 Bypass N. in Gatesville.

For more information, or to have items picked up, contact Rita Lee at 325-304-3834.

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MOUND NEWS

# Ruby Carolina Pullen qualified for the Junior World Finals last week in Vegas



BY BARBARA HOPSON  
Mound News Correspondent

Miss Ruby Carolina Pullen, of Rock Wall, the great niece of Barbara Hopson, competed in barrel racing in Las Vegas, NV last week. Ruby qualified for the KKRFFV/ Junior World Finals. She rode "Bizzy" Bar B Arabella Bug, owned by Kelli Ann McPherson. Together they finished 6th place overall.

Miss Anna McPherson and her team from Waco Juniors, 15 Black, played in the Tour of Texas Warmup in Austin this weekend. The team went 7-0 for the weekend and

won the championship. Paul and Rachel Hopson spent five days this week exploring New York City. They enjoyed looking at all of the Christmas lights and decorations as well as

seeing famous sights such as the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, the Rockefeller Christmas Tree, the 911 Memorial, the World Trade Center, the Brooklyn Bridge, Saks 5th Avenue, and Macys.

Steve and Kay Branham were Sunday dinner guests of Don and Sue Jones.

Bruce Cox visited Sunday afternoon with Don and Sue Jones.

Shelly Wilkerson, of Van, and Jimmy Williamson, of Waco, visited Monday with Don and Sue Jones.

Debbie Piller, Jennifer Miller, Neal, Amanda, Brodie, Slayton, and Caymbri Fisher attended the state championship football game in Arlington at the AT&T Stadium to see the Oglesby Tigers play. Blayze Fisher was there as a manager for the team.

Elli Kinnear performed in the Dynamic Dance company's 6th annual winter recital on Dec. 16. She performed stunts with

her Acro team.

Several people from Mound attended Christmas Holidays lights at BLORA Nature in Lights it's a Magical Holidays.

Those who had birthdays this month were Joshua Tatum, Vivian Moore, Brad Barnard, Truett Rose Pullen, Jacklyn Pearl Pullen, Bailey Gohlke, Robert Poynter, Gail Weaver, Blayn Smith, Kelli McPherson, Jill Winkler, Aspen Watts, Culli Brookshire, Katie Hopson, Sarah Turner, Helen Piller, Hollie Jones, Connie Montgomery, Debbie Tatum, Tammy Pruitt Russell, Joshua Cole, Richard Bryant, Chris Gribble, Ashley Pruett, and K.T. Botkins. Chase and Kelsey McGhee's little girl turned two years old on Dec. 17.

Barbara's Notes: HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO DAVID AND PAM HOPSON. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

# OBITUARIES

## Steve Cook

Jan. 15, 1932 - Dec. 14, 2023

Services for Winfred Earl "Steve" Cook, age 91, of Temple, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Koimm officiating. Burial followed at Turnersville Cemetery near Gatesville.

Mr. Cook was born on Jan. 15, 1932, in Coryell County to the late Jess Cook and Ruby Blankenship Cook. He attended school in Flat and Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School. He entered the US Navy in 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1955. Steve married Martha Cole in Temple, Texas in 1994. He worked for Sears, Roebuck and Co. for over 25 years in refrigeration repair. He was an avid bowler and antique car enthusiast. He was a member of the American Legion and Heights Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Cook, of Temple; step-son, Scott Cole and



wife, Marie, of Converse; step-daughter, Martha Jo Black and husband, Robert, of Rockwall; four grandchildren, Clinton C. Black and wife, Kristen, of McGregor, Sarah Miller and husband, Tim, of Rockwall, Renee Baran and husband, Jacob, of Temple, and Emma Cole, of Dallas; five great-grandchildren, Sam Black, Reed Black, Riley Black, Zach Miller and Zoe Miller.

## Edythe Lilljedahl

August 3rd, 1938 - December 15th, 2023

Edythe Fern Lilljedahl, 85, of Tyler, TX passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 15, 2023. Edythe was born August 3, 1938 in Coryell County to Carl and Ernestine Lilljedahl.

Edythe was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers - Charles, Kirby, Don, and KL "Pete" Lilljedahl; and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Lilljedahl. She is survived by her two children - daughter, Regina Winkles, and son, Gregory Jack Winkles; her two grandchildren, Andie Winkles and Jack Winkles Jr; three sisters-in-law, LuDean, Janet, and Bobbie;



and numerous nephews and nieces. Memorial services are pending at this time.

# Turnersville Cemetery Association meeting set for Jan. 15

Staff Reports

The Turnersville Cemetery Association will host its quarterly meeting on Monday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Turnersville Community Center and is open to the public.

Within the Turnersville

Cemetery Association, there are currently two vacancies on the board, so there will be new officers elected to fill those spots.

The Turnersville Community Center serves residents of the rural community of Turnersville (originally Buchanan Springs). Those interred

at the cemetery include many past residents, with ranchers, farmers, merchants, physicians, teachers, ministers, and military veterans among them.

A cemetery association was formed in 1900 but disbanded in the 1930s. The Turnersville Cemetery

Association reorganized in 1953 and continues to care for the burial ground. Today, the cemetery is one of the few remaining vestiges of the Turnersville community.

The community center is located at 8115 FM 182 in Turnersville.

# Gatesville Junior High Cheer rings bell for Salvation Army

Staff Reports

The Gatesville Junior High cheerleading team volunteered this past week to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

The team was led by Cheer Coach Amber Colson, where they performed

various chants, tricks, and formations to keep the community engaged in donating to the red kettle.

Every dollar raised through this 132-year-old campaign stays within the community and enables The Salvation Army to bring life-changing programs and

services to those in need throughout the year.

To volunteer, visit <https://signup.com/go/GxatyWD>.

For more information about The Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign, visit [salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org).



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Pictured in the back row (left to right) MJ Martinez, Jaeliea Bajovich, Lila Long, Adalynn Shelton, Leanna McCauley, and Amber Colson. Pictured in the front row (left to right) Emmalee Pearce, Kynlee Mangum, Tenley Winkler, Casey Comstock, and Ashlin Disierens.



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Pictured at the top of the pyramid (left to right) Tenley Winkler and Kynlee Mangum. Pictured on the bottom (left to right) Casey Comstock, Lilly Kinsey, Ashlin Disierens, and Emmalee Pearce.

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PEARL NEWS

# Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior



BY **BETSY CLARK**  
*Pearl News Correspondent*

**M**erry Christmas, y'all! Pearl wishes everyone a safe, blessed, healthy, and happy time celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior with family and friends.

This Pearl News purveyor surely prays for all the dear ones in Pearl and the surrounding communities each and every day. Miles may separate us (along with a few million pine trees), but you are never, ever forgotten. I am so blessed to call Pearl my home no matter where I may be. These words of Christ our Lord I especially share with you, so that you will know how much He cares for all of us: "Peace I leave with you, my

peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27  
The next Pearl Community Center quarterly board meeting will be Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center. The public is invited to attend.  
There are several people in the Pearl area in need of prayer due to illness right now. Please just pray for the health of our Pearl

people. The Lord knows who they are, and there's power in prayer.  
This week's Bible verse comes from Matthew 1: 20b-21—"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." NIV, I hope we all can share the Good News of the

Gospel with someone this Christmas. A life changing, everlasting gift for certain.  
Please pray for continued blessings of rain, for our veterans and service men and women, our country, our schools, and Israel.  
Be sure and like the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page, and the Pearl Cottage Bookstore and Resale Shop Facebook page. Please submit any Pearl news to [betsyclark47@yahoo.com](mailto:betsyclark47@yahoo.com)

## Citizen of the Year nominations sought

*Staff Reports*

The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce has recently announced that nominations are open for the 2023 Gatesville Citizen of the Year award.  
The Citizen of the Year award has been given to an outstanding citizen of Gatesville since 1959. Every adult within the community is eligible to nominate one or more

people who have made contributions to the town over a significant period.  
Nominees who function within the guidelines or requirements of their paid positions will not be considered.  
Only one nomination per individual shall be considered regardless of the number of letters or signatures received nominating that individual. The person who is making the nomi-

nation should be available to assist with the presentation of the award.  
The 2023 Citizen of the Year Award will be presented at the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20.  
Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, Jan. 3 to the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce office in the Cotton Belt

Depot Visitors Center. Nomination forms can be found by visiting <https://www.gatesvillechamber.com/vote>.  
The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce is located at 2307 S. Hwy. 36.  
For more information, contact the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at 254-865-2617.

## Free Christmas meal served Dec. 23

BY **ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH**  
*Staff Writer*

Cover2Cover Ministries will host its second annual free Christmas meal for the community on Sat-

urday, Dec. 23. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and they will continue serving food until 7 p.m.  
All children will receive a

Christmas gift to unwrap. The meal will feature live music, with possible karaoke.  
For further information,

contact Reverend Brandy Spiker at 254-392-9472.  
Cover2Cover Ministries is located at 405 SH 36 in Gatesville.

## Gifting table available to those in need

*Staff Reports*

Spur Nutrition is providing the community with its second annual gift table.  
The items donated are either new, or close

to new, and the table includes women's and children's clothing, toys, baby items, games, and books, which are completely free to the community.

Donations that are most needed at the moment include adult items such as body washes and hygiene products.  
The last day to donate,

or to pick up a gift, will be Sunday, Dec. 31.  
Spur Nutrition is located at 103 S. 7th Street in Gatesville.

## Sponsor a shelter pet this Christmas

*Staff Reports*

The Gatesville Police Department has announced the opening of sponsorships for its animals at the Gatesville Animal Shelter during the Christmas

holiday.  
There are various shelter pets ready to be sponsored for the holiday season at the Gatesville Animal Shelter.  
Items to be donated include toys, treats, dry

or wet canned food, vet care items, or spay/neuter vouchers.  
The items are to be dropped off at the Gatesville Police Department, which is located at 200 N. 8th St., or at Coryell

Veterinary Clinic, which is located at 1300 N. SH 36 in Gatesville.  
For more information, contact the Gatesville Police Department at 254-865-2226.

## Care Center needs volunteers

The Care Center of Gatesville is currently in need of volunteers at its facility.  
Volunteer responsibilities include unpacking daily

donations, marking items with the correct labeling, placing the donations in designated areas, as well as sorting through food, cloth-

ing, toys, movies, books, and more.  
To become a volunteer, contact the Care Center at 254-865-6736.

## Meals on Wheels in need of volunteer drivers

BY **ALEXANDRA MEELBUSCH**  
*Staff Writer*

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to local homebound elderly folks. Meals on Wheels is a federally-funded program for older adults who are homebound, unable to prepare a meal, don't drive, and have no one to cook for them.  
The Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered, nutritious meals that provide seniors in the community with support which allows them

to remain living in their own homes. This typically involves delivering a nutritious meal, a friendly visit, or a quick safety check.  
The volunteers are expected to deliver a meal while generally checking in with the clients to make sure they are doing well through a friendly greeting or small talk.  
Gatesville needs volunteer drivers Monday through Friday with meals picked up at the Senior Center. Drivers are needed for four different routes. Each Wednesday, a route

to Hamilton is taken. Anywhere from 10 to 14 clients are seen each day per route.  
At the end of last year, the Meals on Wheels program stopped reimbursing volunteers for their mileage driven. Vehicles need to be provided by the volunteers as well.  
To volunteer, contact the Senior Center Director Pam Rudolph at 254-865-8234.  
The Gatesville Senior Center is located at 208 North Lutterloh Ave. in Gatesville.

## SUDOKU

*Solution for the puzzle that ran Dec. 16.*

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

## MNSP to host First Day Hike of 2024

*Staff Reports*

To kick-off the new year of 2024, Mother Neff State Park will host its annual First Day Hike on Monday, January 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
The program is free, but park entrance fees will apply at the cost of two dollars per person for the ages of 13 and older, and children 12 and under are free.

Be sure to bring water, wear sensible shoes, and dress for the weather.  
Once you have completed the hike, stop by the Visitor's Center to share your experience and to receive a memento for participating.

Reservations can be made by visiting <https://tpwd.texas.gov/> or by calling Mother Neff State Park at 512-389-8900.  
Mother Neff State Park was the first official Texas State Park. The land was donated by Isabella Neff in 1916.  
For further information, contact Mother Neff State Park at 254-853-2389.  
Mother Neff State Park is located at 1921 Park Road 14 in Moody.



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# Christmas tamales in Pecos



BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series.

Sulema Ulate makes Christmas tamales in a small building in Pecos. “I usually start making them right after Thanksgiving,” she says. “I do twenty, thirty, forty dozen a day. I take pre-orders.”

She makes a bunch.

“Last year, I did close to

four hundred dozen. I had never counted it up before, but I guess if you multiply twelve times four hundred, you get forty-eight hundred. That’s close to five thousand.”

Sulema says she learned the recipe from her mother, who prepared Christmas tamales for her ten children.

“I carefully follow the recipe to the letter, measuring out the ingredients exactly so all tamales are exactly alike. I do it all by hand myself because I’m one of those people that want to make sure everything gets done right, you know.”

She makes pork and

chicken tamales.

“I had always made only pork. Then someone asked me to make some with chicken. I did, and they turned out really well.”

She says tamales at Christmas time is a Mexican tradition.

“Now, I think it’s not just Mexican people who want them.”

Some people pick them up at her small building, but Sulema delivers most of them. She assembles the tamales, then freezes them. When she gets ready to sell them, they are put in a vegetable steamer to cook them, so they’ll be fresh.

“I sell the tamales for seventeen dollars a dozen.”

Sulema has had a catering business for thirty-three years and caters events all over the state. She does some big jobs in major cities. She was born in Pecos and has lived there all her life. She does volunteer work for local organizations. Sixteen years ago, she and her husband started a free Thanksgiving Day dinner for the community, held in the Pecos Community Center.

“Each plate has turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry, bread,

and dessert.”

The desserts are either pumpkin or pecan pie.

“My cornbread for the dressing is made from scratch.”

She shops in Odessa and Midland for bargains on the things she needs. She’ll buy hundreds of turkeys. People make donations to pay for the event, which draws a large crowd every year. Last year, she bought twenty-five hundred plastic plates, used all of those and had to get several more.

# Two opportunities to attend Bell County Master Gardener Association workshops

## Staff Reports

### SATURDAY, JAN. 13

The Bell County Master Gardener Association (BCMGA) will host a hands-on seed starting workshop on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at the BCMGA Learning Center in Belton.

Certified Master Gardener Wayne Schirner will discuss the requirements for seed germination and how to grow seedlings. Attendees will receive information on when to start seeds to have transplants

at the proper time. Schirner will also speak about dense seed planting as well as optional pointers that can assist in seed starting. Everyone will plant seeds that you will be able to take home to germinate and plant in your spring vegetable garden.

The class fee is \$20 with a limit of 20 people to attend.

To register for this event, visit [bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com](mailto:bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com). Registration will close on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 18

The Bell County Mas-

ter Gardener Association (BCMGA) will present a free monthly seminar to discuss container vegetable gardening on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center in Belton.

The seminar will be hosted by Certified Master Gardener Kathy Love. During the seminar, Love will introduce research-based tips on how to grow your favorite vegetables in containers, as well as on apartment patios. The size of the containers is essential for each variety, meaning it is important to

gain knowledge on which ones to select.

The class limit will be 50 people, so be sure to register at [bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com](mailto:bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com).

Donations are appreciated to support continuing education opportunities in the Bell County area.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center is located at 1605 N. Main Street in Belton.



## NOVEMBER MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses filed during November 2023 in the Coryell County Clerk's Office included:

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- Brian Wade Hodges and Sadie Ann Meyer
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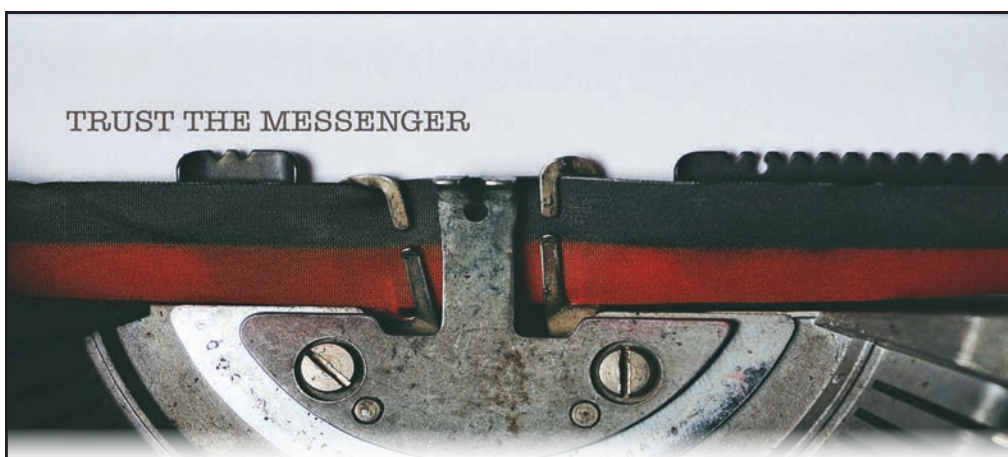
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# Present-day cost of the twelve days of Christmas gifts

Though it may be unlikely, it's not outside the realm of possibility that the founding fathers of the United States might recognize "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The words to the now instantly recognizable Christmas song were first published in London in 1780. Though it's unlikely General George Washington had time to read those lyrics, countless others did and have continued to do so well into the twenty-first century. One fun, relatively recent tradition associated with the song is to calculate the present-day cost of the gifts mentioned in the song. According to PNC Bank, buying all of the gifts in the song in 2022 would have set shoppers back \$45,523.



On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me

A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent

to me

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Eight maids a-milking

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Nine ladies dancing

Eight maids a-milking

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

10 lords a-leaping

Nine ladies dancing

Eight maids a-milking

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me

11 pipers piping

10 lords a-leaping

Nine ladies dancing

Eight maids a-milking

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

12 drummers drumming

11 pipers piping

10 lords a-leaping

Nine ladies dancing

Eight maids a-milking

Seven swans a-swimming

Six geese a-laying

Five golden rings

Four calling birds

Three french hens

Two turtle doves, and

A partridge in a pear tree

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## The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of December 13 - December 19. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. People are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

### CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Dec. 13**  
7:54 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

12:50 p.m., an assault was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

3:11 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of North 19th Street.

3:40 p.m., a structure fire was reported in the 11000 block of FM 929.

**Dec. 14**  
12:19 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of East Leon Street.

9:33 a.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of North Lovers Lane.

11:53 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 6000 block of FM 116.

5:38 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 500 block of County Road 238.

**Dec. 15**  
3:16 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of East Main Street.

2:27 p.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of Waco Street.

10:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1600 block of West Main Street.

10:51 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1900 block of East Main Street.

**Dec. 16**  
1:56 a.m., family violence was reported in the 600 block of North Lovers Lane.

9:57 a.m., criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North 8th Street.

12:28 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of East Main Street.

12:43 p.m., a missing person was reported in the 2300 block of Osage Road.

**Dec. 17**  
1:57 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1500 block of Waco Street.

4:28 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of East Main Street.

8:28 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of East Main Street.

8:58 p.m., harassment was reported in the 2900 block of South State Highway 36.

**Dec. 18**  
5:01 p.m., a theft was reported in the 100 block of Old Pidcoke Road.

5:25 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1900 block of East Main Street.

7:53 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Mulberry Avenue.

7:52 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2500 block of Powell Drive.

**Dec. 19**  
9:16 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2800 block of South State Highway 36.

9:22 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2200 block of East Main Street.

4:33 p.m., a threat was reported in the 2600 block of Mears Drive.

5 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of East Main Street.

### CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Dec. 13**  
9 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on FM 1829 and Mound Bridge.

9:44 a.m., a recovered stolen vehicle was reported in the 500 block of South 32nd Street.

4:53 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 4100 block of FM 930.

7:38 p.m., theft was reported in the 500 block of Mountain Road.

**Dec. 14**  
10:52 a.m., an animal complaint was reported on FM 1996.

12:35 p.m., a theft was reported in the 4500 block of Green Drive.

12:46 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of CR 337.

7:52 p.m., an attempted break in was reported in the 100 block of Doras Lane.

**Dec. 15**  
12:23 p.m., criminal trespass was reported in the 8600 block of US Highway 84.

12:40 p.m., a scam was reported in the 100 block of Jordan Road.

4:53 p.m., suspicious persons were reported on FM 215.

5:14 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 200 block of Geronimo Lane.

**Dec. 16**  
5:14 a.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Twin Mountain Road.

6:38 p.m., stolen property was reported in the 2800 block of Mulberry Drive.

7:33 a.m., suspicious persons were reported in the 4000 block of State School Road.

10:57 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of County Road 252.

**Dec. 17**  
12:29 a.m., a missing child was reported in the 500 block of County Road 339.

12:36 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 1113.

1:15 p.m., property damaged was reported on County Road 274.

6:58 p.m., an attempted break in was reported in the 2700 block of Willow Loop.

**Dec. 18**  
8:20 a.m., a recovered stolen vehicle was reported in the 4600 block of Lloyd Drive.

4:54 p.m., a threat was reported in the 100 block of Slater Road.

8:52 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Hunter Road.

11:33 p.m., terroristic threats were reported in the 500 block of Coryell City Road.

**Dec. 19**  
4:56 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported in the 2600 block of Arrowhead Drive.

10:20 a.m., a scam was reported in the 500 block of East Leon.

2:58 p.m., an animal complaint was reported in the 300 block of King Country Road.

6:02 p.m., missing livestock was reported in the 100 block of McKenzie Lane.

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Claims may be mailed to:  
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All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. If you have a secured claim against the estate, you must present your claim to the Guardian at the address listed above.

Rodney C. Bond  
 210 Bone Road  
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**Public Notice:**  
 Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting  
 January 8, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.  
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 City Council Chambers

The Gatesville Zoning Board of Adjustments will convene for a regular meeting to discuss routine matters and hold public hearing for several zoning variances. The meeting will include opportunities for community input and public comment. For accessibility accommodations or interpretive services, contact City Hall at 254-220-4419. The full agenda, in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, will be available at www.gatesvilletx.com and Gatesville City Hall.

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- ▶ 11 +/- ac, Amett, TX Coryell County, good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.01 ac. Lot 5 Ph 2 Rio Escondido, 3180 PR 42111 Evant, TX. Ready to build on w/ house pad, electricity, septic system, water well, Fiber-optic internet, small cabin w/kitchenette, bathroom, covered patio, & RV pad, 1 tank. \$212,500
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- ▶ 17.85 ac. 296 Cross Timbers Lane, Gatesville, 2 homes, 3/2 brick home, open floor plan, 2nd home 2/2 single wide, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences, 1 stock pond. \$749,500
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- ▶ 39.378 ac West of Gatesville, Hwy 36 frontage, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. Good fences, water meter on property & electric available, Jonesboro ISD \$395,000
- ▶ 41.0457 ac. Hamilton, CR 404, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. South of Ireland, TX, good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.24 ac. 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419 Evant, rolling terrain, good tree cover over 40% of property, remaining balance open pasture, great views. \$649,500.
- ▶ 58.51 ac. 3/2 frame home, 6630 FM 183 Evant, TX, water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, 2 tanks. \$585,000
- ▶ 60.23 ac. CR 238 near Turnersville, TX, 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain, \$361,380.
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- ▶ 74.264 ac. West of Purnella, FM 1241 & CR 181, 1 tank, barn w/cattle pens, good exterior fences, approx. 65 acres good pasture w/coastal & native grasses, \$508,709
- ▶ 82.43 ac. West of Evant, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$560,524
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- ▶ 105 ac. South of Pearl, TX, Self Rd. good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, 38'x42' barn w/rain harvest system, electricity along property line, will need to drill well for water. \$743,775
- ▶ 106 ac. CR 180 Purnella, Coryell & Hamilton County, good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity across road. \$832,100
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# All Aboard the Polar Express

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The Gatesville Chamber of Commerce held a Polar Express event on Monday, Dec. 18, where children from the community gathered for an evening of Christmas magic. The Polar Express event featured pictures with Santa Claus, a polar express train ride, hot chocolate, sweet treats, and more.





## Oglesby Tigers finish season as 1A, Div. II state runner-up with historic run in football program

BY TOM NORRELL  
Contributing Writer

The Oglesby Tigers made a valiant effort in their first ever state championship bid. Although the Tigers came up short to number one Benjamin Mustangs, the game, however, was much closer than the score indicated. The Tigers stayed close throughout the first quarter, and midway through the second quarter,

matching score for score with the Mustangs. However, as the game progressed, miscues by the Tigers led to quick scores for the Mustangs, and the Tigers were never able to recover.

Kyler Fossett had his usual outstanding game. Fossett put the first score on the scoreboard at AT&T Stadium with a 48-yard run in the first quarter, making the score Oglesby six

and Benjamin zero. The PAT failed, and the score remained 6-0 nothing Tigers. Fossett added three more touchdowns of 33 yards, two yards, and one yard. Fossett finished with four touchdowns in one day, and 290 total yards. Johnny Gomez ended his senior year with a 2-yard touchdown plunge to cap off his year. Alex Castillo had two PATs for the game

and rounded out the scoring for the Tigers. EJ Aviles had six carries for 24 yards. Landon Williamson caught one pass for 32 yards and first down at the 15-yard line and ended with 87 total yards for game. Hunter Walters was 2-5 passing for 47 yards, and he made key blocks to open the scoring lanes for Fossett's touchdowns. Hunter Ewing, Landon Williamson, and

Jack Hendricks also blocked well for the runners during the game.

*Defensively for the Tigers:* Jack Hendricks had 5 tackles.

Landon Williamson had 4 tackles.

Tyler Fossett had 3 tackles.

Johnny Gomez had 3 tackles.

EJ Aviles had 2 tackles.

Jaxon Tippit had 1 tackle.

The Tigers ended their season at 13 and 1, with the majority of the players returning, the Tigers will reload and work hard in off-season in an effort to make another run at the state championship in 2024.



PHOTOS BY GLADYS WHITENBURG

Oglesby Tigers played the Benjamin Mustangs in the Class 1A, Division II state championship game, but fell short in the end. The Tigers finished their season at 13 and 1. The Tigers made history this year under head coach Jeb Dixon, being the only time in team history to make it to state.

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**GLADYS WHITENBURG**  
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**Gatesville Boys defeated McGregor, 55-52 in last Friday's matchup. Pictured are Gatesville's Rayshon Smith (left), Charlie Winkler (top, right) and Amos Phillips (bottom, right).**



# Gatesville hoops teams fall, resume tourney play after holiday break

**BY CHRIS ALLMAN**  
Contributing Writer

The Gatesville boys and girls basketball teams are in the midst of a much-needed break after each squad stumbled in their final games before the holidays.

The Lady Hornets (7-11) fell 47-41 in a road contest at Mineral Wells on Dec. 15, while the Hornets dropped a Monday matinee to Llano 50-43 on Dec. 18. The boys team beat McGregor 55-52 on Dec. 15 and head into the break with a 15-3 record.

Against Mineral Wells, the Lady Hornets found themselves in an 18-9 hole after the first quarter, then battled back in the second. They outscored the Lady Rams 8-2 in the frame on the backs of their standout post players, Taylor Coward and Emma Pollard.

Coward scored six points in the period, while Pollard also had a bucket. Gatesville outrebounded Mineral Wells 10-1 in the quarter and 26-17 for the game.

In the fourth quarter, the

sharp shooting of Taylor Sanderson (two three-pointers) and Yasmin Sanders (four points) kept Gatesville in the game, but the Lady Hornets came up just short.

Pollard led Gatesville in scoring with 15 and had nine rebounds. Coward added 13 points on 4-of-5 shooting. She also had nine rebounds. Sanderson scored nine on a trio of three pointers with Sanders adding four points. Sanderson has hit 12 of her team-leading 18 three-pointers in the Lady Hornets last six games.

In their loss to Llano, the Gatesville boys could not overcome a slow start to the game and to the second half as they scored just six points in both the first and third quarters.

The hot hand of guard Charlie Winkler kept Gatesville in the game early as the sophomore sharpshooter buried three three-pointers in the first half. West Allman scored nine of his 14 points in the

fourth quarter. Allman led the Hornets in scoring in the game with 14, while Winkler had 12. Amos Phillips had nine points, and Graceson Stewart grabbed eight rebounds.

In their win over McGregor, Gatesville started slow again but picked up the pace over the middle quarters offensively. The Hornets trailed 23-18 at the halftime break before outscoring the Bulldogs 37-31 in the second half.

The win was a dogfight against a much-improved McGregor team from one year ago. The Bulldogs outrebounded the Hornets 35-27 and outscored them 36-24 in the paint, but the Hornets got stops and buckets when they needed them.

Gatesville scored the first six points of the second half, and Amos Phillips capped the run with a layup to give the Hornets their first lead of the game at 24-23 with 6:06 to play in the third quarter.

In the fourth, the Bull-

dogs cut the Gatesville lead to 51-50, but Kase Cox knifed through the lane for a layup and a 53-50 lead.

Following a McGregor layup, Phillips hit a pair of free throws for a 55-52 lead with six seconds left. From there, the Hornets forced a desperation three-pointer that missed and secured the Gatesville win.

Allman led a balanced offensive attack with 16 points and eight rebounds, while Rayshon Smith had 13 points and five assists. Cox had ten points and seven rebounds, while Phillips had eight points and seven rebounds. Scout Hall added five points.

Both squads will return from the break and head right into tournament action. The Gatesville girls will be in Troy beginning on Dec. 27, while the boys squad heads to Brownwood the same day.



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## Tarleton State opens indoor season, Angel Gomez breaks 5000m school record

### Tarleton State University

PITTSBURG, Kan. - The Texans came out strong in the first meet of the season Dec. 8 and 9 with multiple athletes moving into the top-10 in school history of their respective event.

The Purple and White competed Friday and Saturday in the Boo Rogers Multi Invitational and the Crimson and Gold Invitational. Both events were held at the Robert W. Plaster Center.

"We took a small group to Kansas to get a quality meet under our belt," said head coach Clay Holland. "I was happy to see the progression we have made but we understand that we have a long road ahead of us to get to where we want to be."

### Boo Rogers Multi Invitational

The lone Texan to compete, Jordan Rae, earned a top-10 finish in the Women's Indoor Pentathlon on Friday in Pittsburg, Kansas. She earned 3404 points across her five events. This performance earned Rae the No. 2 spot in school history for the Women's Indoor Pentathlon.

Rae tied for third place in the high jump with 806 points, her best event of the weekend. She had top-15 finishes in her other four events on the weekend. In the 60m hurdles she earned 842 points with a time of 9.33. In the shotput, Rae threw a dis-



Angel Gomez broke the school record for the mens indoor 5000m race on Saturday for the Texans.

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tance of 9.94m (32.61 feet), earning her 526 points. The long jump earned her another 578 points in which she jumped 5.07m (16.63 feet). In her final event, Rae earned 652 points with a time of 2:33.33 in the 800m race.

Crimson and Gold Invitational

Angel Gomez broke the school record for the mens indoor 5000m race on Saturday for the Texans. Gomez ran a 14:48.49 setting the new mark to beat. The previous record of 15:09.63 was held by Peyton Heinig (2017).

Teammate Angel

Contreras followed close behind Gomez in the mens indoor 5000m race, locking up the No. 2 spot overall in school history. Contreras earned his place with a time of 14:56.09. Following close behind was Kellen Frickle who now sits fifth overall with a time of 15:10.21.

Moving to short distance, the Texans had three athletes etch their names into history. Taylor McFarland, Reese Schoonover and Caterrin Cox all moved up to the No. 2 overall spot in school history for their respective race.

McFarland claimed her

first of two spots in the record books with an outstanding performance in the women's indoor 400m race. She ran a 56.36 moving her to No. 2 overall in the 400m for Tarleton State.

Moving to hurdles, McFarland alongside teammate Schoonover share the No. 2 spot for the indoor women's 60m hurdles. Both student athletes ran an 8.89 to set the new school record. Also moving into the top-10 is Mikayla Watson with a time of 9.22.

In the men's hurdles, Cox earned the No. 2 spot in school history in the indoor men's 60m hurdles. Cox ran a 7.96 etching his name in the Texan history books. The Purple and White had two other student-athletes move into the top-10 in Omar Mahmoud and Nathan Franco. Mahmoud ran an 8.20 earning him sixth place while Nathan Franco moved into ninth place with a time of 8.32.

The No. 2 spot in the Indoor Men's High Jump now has a new owner. Davi Torres took control of second place in school history with a jump of 2.06m (6.76 feet).

The Purple and White will head west next time as they will travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to compete in the New Mexico Team Open Jan. 26-27.

## Texans' 9-game winning streak against Cardinals snapped

### Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State has commanded the all-time series against Incarnate Word, but the Cardinals forced a tough offensive outing by the Texans and snapped the Purple and White's nine-game winning streak in the matchup.

The Texans (2-6, 1-1 WAC) fell 57-42 to the Cardinals (5-2, 0-0 SLC) on Sunday at Wisdom Gym in Stephenville, their first loss to UIW since 2008. The Texans still lead the all-time series 20-9.

Turnovers plagued Tarleton State in this one, as the Texans gave it away 25 times to UIW's 12. The

Texans outrebounded the Cardinals 41-29, but UIW outshot them 21-of-55 (.382) to 17-of-50 (.340). The Cardinals entered the game with the 17th best scoring defense in the nation at allowing just 52.2 points per game.

The Cardinals raced out to a 13-2 lead and never looked back. Tyler Jackson nailed a three at the first quarter buzzer to make it a 16-7 Texan deficit, but it was a similar second frame and UIW took a 29-16 lead into the locker room.

Tarleton's offense picked up in the third quarter, and after UIW led by 20, the Texans cut it

back to a 13-point deficit after three, 43-30. UIW maintained control in the fourth though to earn its fourth straight victory.

Teresa Da Silva led the Texans with 11 points and two blocks. Jackson and Elise Turrubiates each added seven points, with Jackson grabbing four rebounds, and Turrubiates adding six. Faith Acker secured a team-high eight rebounds.

UIW was led by Destiny Terrell's 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting and seven rebounds. Aliyah Collins led the bench with 12 points (4-8), and Nina De Leon Negron chipped in 10 points and three steals.



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## Off shooting night leads to Tarleton road loss at Northwestern State



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### Tarleton State University

NATCHITOCHES, LA — Tarleton State entered the Wednesday, Dec. 6 rescheduled game No. 1 in the WAC in field goal percentage (.460), but an off shooting night led to a Texan loss at Northwestern State.

The Texans (2-5, 1-1 WAC) shot below 40% for just the second time this season and had a season-worst night from long range (1-10). Despite all that, they still had a chance to win at Prather Coliseum in Natchitoches, Louisiana, but ended up falling 59-51 to the Lady Demons (4-4, 0-0 SLC).

Teresa Da Silva returned to the starting lineup and led the Texans with 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting. Jakoriah Long scored nine points (3-5 FG), Elise Turrubiates tallied eight points (3-5 FG) and six rebounds, while Faith Acker

added four points, five rebounds and four blocks.

The Texans and Lady Demons were tied 40-40 entering the fourth quarter. Northwestern State won the final frame 19-11 as they outshot Tarleton 6-of-9 (.667) to 3-of-16 (.188). The Texans actually outshot the Lady Demons in the game 19-of-56 (.339) to 19-of-59 (.322), but were outrebounded 45-34.

It was a slow start to this one, with a combined three points over the first four minutes of action. The margin was one-possession for either team over the first eight minutes, with Northwestern State taking a 13-9 lead into the second quarter.

After Northwestern State led 16-9, Tarleton fought back with a 7-1 run, then tied the game at 20-20 with 3:15 to play in the second quar-

ter. The Texans held a one-point lead at halftime, 24-23, forcing the Lady Demons to shoot 6-of-33 (.182) from the field, including 1-of-12 (.083) from beyond the arc in the first half.

The Texans had their best offensive quarter in the third, making 7-of-14 (.500). Neither team led by more than three in the frame, deadlocked at 40-40 entering the fourth.

Tied at 44-44 with 7:14 to play, Northwestern State went on a 10-1 run over the next five minutes to put the game out of reach.

The Lady Demons' Jiselle Woodson scored a game-high 19 points (8-12 FT), adding four rebounds. Carla Celaya notched 10 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Jasmin Dixon finished with seven points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.



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## GATESVILLE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL RESULTS

**8A vs. LaVega**

LV	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	10	7	7	11	35
Gatesville	15	10	5	7	37

Scoring: Eli Phillips- 14; Grady Keeton- 10; Draven Henderson- 10; Camden Webb- 2; Stefon Boyd- 1

**8B vs. LaVega**

LV	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	7	11	5	29
Gatesville	12	8	11	6	37

Scoring: Jaxson Franks- 20; Andrew Winkler- 8; Preston Barron- 6; Bennett Eggeling- 3

**7A vs. LaVega**

LV	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	3	6	2	11
Gatesville	10	5	4	1	20

Scoring: Isaac Crawford- 6; Jaxon Botkin- 6; Brensyn Pope- 4; Wayne Brumbalow- 3; Paydon Garrett- 1

**7B vs. LaVega**

LV	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	1	3	4	0	8
Gatesville	0	5	2	7	14

Scoring: Zion Nunn- 6; Trevvion Moore- 4; Brayden Warren- 4

**8B vs. Robinson**

Robinson	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	7	13	6	32
Gatesville	4	2	2	4	12

Scoring: Isaac Crawford- 10; Jaxon Botkin- 2

**8B vs. Lampasas**

Lampasas	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	7	8	6	2	23
Gatesville	3	3	3	9	18

Scoring: Isaac Crawford- 9; Jaxon Botkin- 4; Pate Foster- 3; Brensyn Pope- 2

**7B vs. Robinson**

Robinson	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	12	12	6	11	41
Gatesville	8	5	7	6	26

Scoring: Micah Olvera- 12; Brayden Warren- 5; Zion Nunn- 6; Jaxon Shepard- 3

**7B vs. Lampasas**

Lampasas	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	2	0	2	2	6
Gatesville	11	7	6	9	33

Scoring: Micah Olvera- 9; Zion Nunn- 9; Brayden Warren- 9; Brayden Brown- 2; Jaxon Shepard- 2

**8A vs. Jim Ned**

Jim Ned	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	7	2	7	5	21
Gatesville	8	12	9	6	35

Scoring: Grady Keeton- 18; Draven Henderson- 11; Eli Phillips- 4; Braxton Brown- 2

**8A vs. Zephyr**

Zephyr	1	2	3	4/OT/DOUBLEOT	FINAL
Gatesville	8	9	10	5/3/1	36
Gatesville	10	6	8	8/3/5	40

Scoring: Grady Keeton- 20; Eli Phillips- 11; Draven Henderson- 5; Kaydon Buster- 2; Callen Webb- 2

**8A vs. Wall (CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)**

Wall	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	5	7	6	8	26
Gatesville	6	11	7	7	31

Scoring: Grady Keeton- 15; Eli Phillips- 10; Draven Henderson- 2; Callen Webb- 2; Stefon Boyd- 2

**7A vs. Wall**

Wall	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	7	0	1	5	13
Gatesville	12	4	9	2	27

Scoring: Jaxson Franks- 9; Andrew Winkler- 8; Bennett Eggeling- 6; Preston Barron- 4

**7B vs. Early**

Early	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	9	9	7	4	29
Gatesville	7	6	4	8	25

Scoring: Jaxson Franks- 8; Andrew Winkler- 6; Bennett Eggeling- 5; Kian Dingianni- 2; Max Jacobs- 2; TayShon Evans- 2

**7A vs. Lampasas (3rd Place Game)**

Lampasas	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	6	5	3	6	20
Gatesville	11	4	12	13	40

Scoring: Jaxson Franks- 23; Preston Barron- 6; Bennett Eggeling- 4; Max Jacobs- 3; TayShon Evans- 2; Kian Dingianni- 2

**8A vs. Robinson**

Robinson	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	0	5	0	3	8
Gatesville	17	13	13	13	56

Scoring: Grady Keeton- 20; Draven Henderson- 9; Stefon Boyd- 7; Kaydon Buster- 6; Camden Webb- 6; Eli Phillips- 5; Braxton Brown- 3. Record: 7-1

**7A vs. Robinson**

Robinson	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	11	6	13	10	40
Gatesville	10	4	2	15	31

Scoring: Andrew Winkler- 9; Preston Barron- 7; Jaxon Franks- 6; Bennett Eggeling- 4; Sebastian Hubik- 3. Record: 5-3

**8B vs. Robinson**

Robinson	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
Gatesville	9	5	7	4	0	25
Gatesville	11	2	6	6	2	27

Scoring: Isaac Crawford- 12; Jaxon Botkin- 5; Memphis Salas- 4; Brensyn Pope- 4; Wayne Brumbalow- 2. Record: 2-5

**7B vs. Robinson**

Robinson	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Gatesville	9	4	10	13	36
Gatesville	6	2	6	8	22

Scoring: Zyla Baize- 8; Brayden Warren- 6; Jaxon Shepard- 4; Jennar Velasquez- 2; Copen Hartley- 2. Record: 3-4

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COURTESY OF OGLESBY ISD

Oglesby Independent School District recently held a board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14 to recognize its student athletes. Students who participate in cross country and volleyball were honored for their many accolades during the fall sports season including individuals and teams.

## Annual Susan Patricia Pitts Memorial Scholarship now open

### Staff Reports

The ladies of the John H. Reagan, Chapter 325 UDC, Gatesville, are offering their 11th annual Susan Patricia Pitts Memorial Scholarship to high school seniors, as well as home-schooled and college-level students who reside in

Coryell and Hamilton Counties.

To determine who will receive the scholarship, an essay will be required to apply.

The essay will have a topic provided and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 15. Essays that are received after

that Monday will not be accepted.

When completed, email the essay to Jane Pitts at johnhreagan325udc@yahoo.com.

The essays will be emailed to the membership and voted upon during their May meeting in which the final decision will be

announced.

The essay winner will receive a note of winning at its designated school's annual scholarship banquet.

For further information, contact Jane Pitts at 254-723-4724.

## MCC Foundation scholarship applications now open

### Staff Reports

The McLennan Community College Foundation opened its annual scholarship on Friday, Dec. 1. Applications must be submit-

ted by Monday, Jan. 15.

The MCC Foundation is allowed to award approximately 400 scholarships each year. The scholarships are funded from

permanent endowment funds, or through annual contributions.

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# School News

## JONESBORO ONE ACT PLAY



PHOTO COURTESY OF JONESBORO ISD

Students at Jonesboro Independent School District recently competed in their One Act Play District competition and won second place overall. One Act Play students Lacy Weaver and Jacoby Smith received the all-star cast awards, as well as Bryan Nabors and Maddox Stratton receiving honorable mention cast awards. The cast and crew was led by Director Kimberly Foy.

## GOFF WINS \$2,000 FOR SCHOOL



COURTESY PHOTO

Holdyn Goff, an 8th grader at Oglesby Independent School District, was given the opportunity to kick a 25-yard field goal at AT&T stadium at the end of the 2nd quarter during the state championship game. Goff made the field goal and got a check for \$2,000 for his school.

# GISD's GEAR UP announces senior winter checklist

### Staff Reports

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) has provided an important checklist for seniors who will graduate in 2024.

GEAR UP helps students understand how to prepare, apply, and pay for college. The program provides services such as academic advising, personal finance, summer enrichment camps, career exploration, college tours, and the process of applying for financial aid.

The senior winter checklist includes:

**Get your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submitted**

Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. Your parents will also need an FSA ID if they don't already have one. The FAFSA will likely be open sometime in December.

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible and watch out for announcements about the opening date.

**The earlier the better**

Apply to your colleges of choice as early as possible. Be sure you are aware of the college application deadlines for your choice of colleges. Many popular and selective colleges will have deadlines for applications as early as Dec. 1, while others have deadlines in January or February. Be sure to send your transcript

if prompted by your college of choice.

Once accepted, follow the instructions or checklist for the next steps. This will likely include creating and logging in to your student portal and email, applying for student housing, and registering for orientation or summer freshman camps. Be sure to do this immediately as important information will be available through your student portal. Check your college email regularly so you don't miss important information and deadlines.

**Apply, apply, apply**

Apply for scholarships by using the Scholarship Lady of Central Texas scholarship database with the

password "24goforit" and check with your counselor for local scholarships.

Obtain letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, and other important people in your life to include with your scholarship applications if required.

Spend time on your scholarship essays and get resources to assist you with completing it, whether that may be an English teacher, counselor, or parent.

Apply for student housing if you plan to live on campus. Once accepted to your college of choice, look for housing application information and deadlines. You will likely need to pay a deposit with your housing

application.

**Register for orientations, freshman camps, and more**

Once accepted, watch and register for orientation days, informational sessions, and summer freshman camps. These are very important to attend, so take advantage of any and all opportunities to learn more about your college, its traditions, and make connections.

Be sure to register for spring dual credit if you are interested.

Decide if you need to take or re-take the ACT or SAT and get registered.

**Up your game**

Keep up your grades, take advantage of extra credit assignments, and utilize

before and after school tutoring. If you are absent, be sure to immediately check with your teachers about makeup work and deadlines for submission.

**Participate**

Participate in extra-curricular activities and consider taking advantage of community service or volunteer opportunities.

Participate in GEAR UP activities and college visits.

For more information regarding GEAR UP or the senior winter checklist, contact the Gatesville ISD GEAR UP Site Facilitator Sarah Coker by email at scoker@gatesvilleisd.org or by phone at 325-451-1800.



## National Christmas Movie Marathon Day December 23, 2023

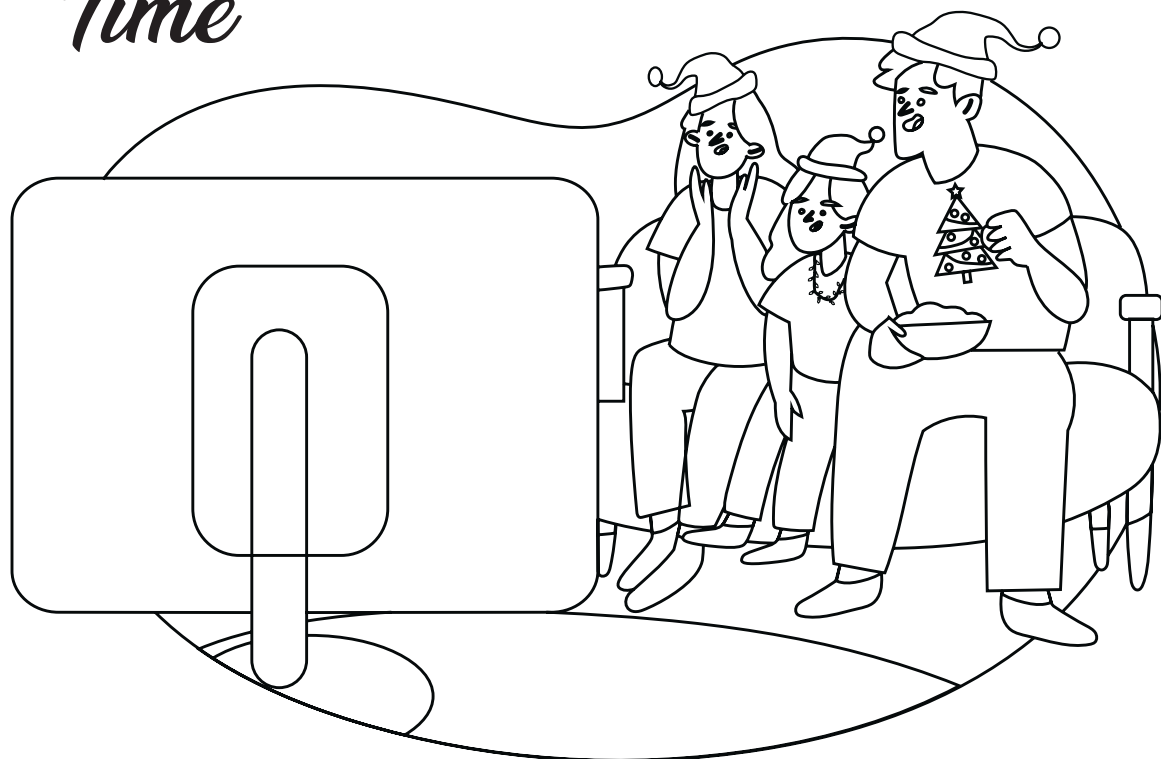
National Christmas Movie Marathon Day on December 23rd is a delightful treat for kids, offering a magical prelude to the festivities ahead. As children eagerly anticipate the arrival of Santa Claus, this special day provides a perfect blend

of excitement and joy. Families gather around the television, transforming the living room into a cozy cinema filled with the enchantment of holiday films tailored for the younger audience.

From animated classics like "The Polar Express" to the whimsical adventures of

Frosty the Snowman, the movie marathon captivates young hearts with tales of wonder and friendship. The air is filled with the sweet aroma of holiday treats as laughter and giggles fill the room. National Christmas Movie Marathon Day on December 23rd becomes a

cherished tradition for kids, fostering a sense of holiday magic and creating fond memories that will last a lifetime. It's a joyful countdown to Christmas, wrapped in the warmth of family and the magic of the silver screen.



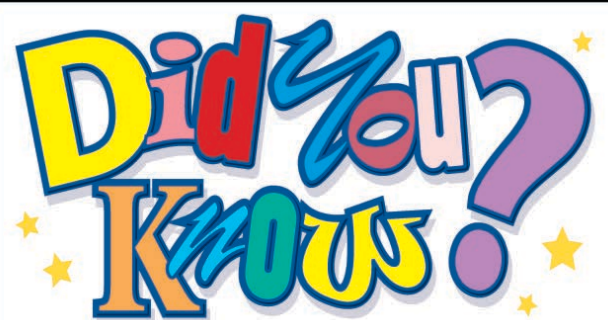
### Christmas

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

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**Word Bank**

- 1. rudolph
- 2. tree
- 3. grinch
- 4. nativity
- 5. stocking
- 6. elf
- 7. santa
- 8. mistletoe
- 9. frosty
- 10. presents



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# Dream Makers Visit Gatesville Primary

PHOTOS BY DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The Dream Makers organization recently visited Gatesville Primary School to deliver presents to eleven students. The stage at the school had been elaborately decorated by Houston and Lexi Brown in preparation for the arrival of Santa. When Santa arrived, he was busy helping to distribute gifts and he enjoyed sharing cookies and milk with the children involved in the Dream Makers program. Dream Makers has been associated with Gatesville ISD for over a decade and benefits the campuses of the Primary, Elementary, and Intermediate schools. Soldiers from Fort Cavazos were also on hand to help the students enjoy the event.



Top left: Santa enjoys sharing cookies and milk with some of the Gatesville Primary students. Bottom left: Santa was joined by Gatesville Primary principal Van Collins and by two representatives from Fort Cavazos, Jason Smith and Kyle Hanson. Above photo: Gatesville Primary principal Van Collins greeted Santa to the campus.

# WINTER WONDERLAND WALKTHROUGH

PHOTOS BY DAVID SCOTT | THE GATESVILLE MESSENGER

The 2023 Winter Wonderland Walkthrough recently collected a massive number of toys and monetary funds for the Hidden Gem Family Care Center. Admission to the walkthrough event, which was held on Dec. 16, was an unwrapped toy. John and Sharon Myers, along with various sponsors, were instrumental in making the event a success and delivering toys to the Hidden Gem office.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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# Breakfast with Santa Claus

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On Saturday, Dec. 16, residents of Gatesville had the chance to eat breakfast with Santa Claus at the Civic Center. Each child was able to have their photo taken with Santa as well as play with items from Santa's souvenirs and color while enjoying Christmas entertainment.





# Dear Santa



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**NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**  
 Letters to Santa are presented here as children wrote them. We mostly preserved the original spelling of the letters to maintain authenticity. We hope you enjoy reading them!




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Dear Santa,  
I have been a slightly naughty girl this year... but I would still like some presents, I would like some Mrs. Rachel toys, Elmo toys and some doggy toys for my sister Lady. And toys for my cousin Baby Daniel.  
**Jocelyn Dave**

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue scooter and a swing set. That way I can take turns with my sister pushing each other, I also want a motorcycle, a notebook with a dinosaur on it an eraser. And crayons  
**Koe Frazho**

Dear Santa,  
I like you because you give us presents, thank you for my baby doll because I love it! For Christmas I want an elsa jeep. Not a real one. But one you can ride in.  
**Robbyn Foley**

Dear Santa,  
I want the gabby dollhouse and an ice cream truck I had when I was a baby, I am trying really hard not to cry at school anymore. I am excited for our elf, rosie to come back!  
**Parker Masino**

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a Christmas dinosaur that bites! You are so nice because you bring me presents, I have been good because im nice to my teachers. I also like chocolate ice cream.  
**Landon Bryan**

Dear Santa,  
I want a present I would like a lemonade and something to eat. I also want a slap bracelet with a stuffed crab on it. I love you and I have been good all day!  
**Adelyn Demellopine**

Dear Santa,  
I want to pick up my present because you always pick out the best presents. How far away is the north pole and can I go there with max?  
**Heidi Smith**

Dear Santa,  
I would like the gabby dollhouse with all of the gabby cats with a cruise ship. How cold is it out there? If it rained snow I would wear a warm jacket!  
**Evie Collins**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good I want a pink barbie doll car for Christmas I really want 5 presents mommy needs a present brother wants a hat and daddy wants a racecar.  
**Aria Jones**

Dear Santa,  
I want a shopping cart from HEB a princess dress and a ring, and a necklace. Which reindeer is your favorite?  
**Raelynn Lyday**

Dear Santa,  
I haven't ever seen you, for Christmas I want a big toy truck with an extra trailer on the back. Didn't circle a drone on my Christmas book but I really want one, I will give you an ice cream cone because I like you!  
**Boone Hodges**

Dear Santa,  
I love a lot of toys at my house I like school and I have been good I also have a brother we watch baby boss at my house  
**Marceline Ramos**

Dear Santa,  
I want a dinosaur and a batman toy for Christmas. I have a reallybig monster truck!  
**Silas Jones**

Dear Santa,  
I want A TOY THAT IS RED I HAVE BEEN A GOOD GIRL I WANT 5 CHRISTMAS TREES THAT ARE PRETTY  
**Remington Cowan**

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I like robots with a button that makes them move. I really want you to wrap some of my toys and give them to other kids, I really want to hug you a lot  
**Barrett Robertson**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Christmas tree with a donut at the bottom I also want a paw patrol car with marshal and rocky on it, I need rhyder with it too I don't know if I been good or not, bit I think im good!  
**Robert Sanchez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll that changes colors. I have been so good, just ask your elves will you leave me some candy?  
**Ava Tatum**

Dear Santa,  
im going to leave milk and crackers for you to eat I would like new toys for Christmas like a choo choo train. I also want some chicken so I can make it with my daddy  
**Kye waters**

Dear Santa,  
I love you so much I want to give you a hug and a kiss for Christmas, I really want a mermaid doll and snowman doll, by the way I lost a tooth.  
**Harley Russell**

Dear Santa,  
I want a purple tractor for Christmas can I have a present that I can draw on? I have been really good. I also want to ride on your sleigh.  
**Waylon Rodgers**

Dear Santa,  
I really like little toy action figures I can hold in my hands. Like little people toys  
**Evelyn Conklin**

Dear Santa,  
I really like toy action figures I can hold in my hands  
**Evelyn Conklin**



Dear Santa,  
I would like hot wheels cars for Christmas  
**Jax Schuman**

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas Godzilla toy and a dragon toy a teddy bear and alegator...  
**Aelam Correa**

Dear Santa,  
more crayons and markers, a puppy, more colorful books, peppa toys, more pretty dresses  
**Maria Rossy G**

Dear Santa,  
I was a very good boy this year I would like paw patrol toys also want the paw patrol air patrol  
**Tucker**

Dear Santa,  
I love you save me cookies and carrots for your reindeer I want a really real makeup set  
**Brielle Campbell**

Dear Santa,  
thank you for my cows last year. We took good care of them, this year I would like feed for the new cows I am buying  
**Weston Brown**

Dear Santa,  
I love working out, I reall like a dirt bike spiderman the hulk, ive been good this year please stop too see me thank you  
**Elijah Conger**

Dear Santa,  
Charmander toy, Minecraft toy, magnetic sand rollerskates, scooter,  
**Leon Mclerdon**

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**Charlee Mosely**

Dear Santa,  
I want a squishy dinosaur mini squishy heros fur real pet and some bedtime books.  
**Maxen Barksdale**

Dear Santa,  
I want a little toy and health for my family  
**Joselin Gonzalez**

Dear Santa,  
I love you santa you are the best, I would love to have a new barbie house and a new barbie to go with is  
**Freia Strickland**

Dear Santa,  
barbie dream house  
**Lera**

Dear Santa,  
Titanic Optimus prime train  
**Raziel**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big unicorn, a big racecar and stickers I would like a dolly  
**Mayah Arzate**

Dear Santa,  
skates, shoes, sweater peppas new friens  
**Avie**

Dear Santa,  
lady bug barbie toy kitchen, rainbow shoes,  
**Leigh'Ann**

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**Caden Smith**

Dear Santa,  
I want hot wheels VR set, nerf gun, spiderman blanket, I wish to have a amazing Christmas and spend time with family thank for the gifts I love opening gifts  
**Colt Cox**

Dear Santa,  
telescope, get my doll addies ears pierced dallas cowboys cheerleading outfit for doll, doll camper, And my two front teeth back  
**Claire Stewart**

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog house you build  
**Evelynn harper**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bike and a Trex transformer  
**Theo Patterson**

Dear Santa,  
I want a whole big lego hotel, a lego racecar and a whole lego world! I also really want a lego robot, and a lego castle! I also have a little brother, and I think he wants a toy Christmas tree  
**Parker Arellano**

Dear Santa,  
a barbie house barbies, monster high, car robot, kung fu panda ring pops  
**Scarlett lewis**

Dear Santa,  
I want a pig with pink and blk dots, a doll house with a long slide, barbie dolls, one with brown hair and one with yellow hair barbie doll clothes and little kitchen.  
**Addalyn webb**



Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll and stickers I have tried really hard to be good, if there is room a baby tiger too.  
**Keeva McCafferty**

Dear Santa,  
I want crocs Xiphone, and rock candy.  
**Ember Carlson**

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I would like 5 baby kittens that are real, a purple furby, real baby dogs, pink microphone and pink money shooter.  
**Kinsley**

Dear Santa,  
you're a very special guy because you deliver presents and youre very sweet I want stuff for my chickens, like another egg holder I also want a magical mixie I want a cute squishmellow and also a fluffie stuffiez collectible.  
**Sawyer Ferguson**

Dear Santa,  
LOL, stuffed puppy, blanket, barbie doll big gummie bear.  
**Rayln Hartley**

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a four wheeler and also a hoverboard for Christmas this year some makeup as well.  
**Scarlett Smith**

Dear Santa,  
monster truck, candy, sharks,  
**Kooper Chiaverini**

Dear Santa,  
barbie dream house, barbie sets, little live pets, our generation dolls, bitzee, inspiration set.  
**Laiklyn Tanner**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bear dog cair also some grinch shorts, and matching shirt. I want a new football! I like a bat.  
**Grayson H**

Dear Santa,  
this year I have been good could I have a barbie house, I will leave you out a snack for you and reindeer.  
**Victoria Cruz**

Dear Santa,  
I have been extra nice this year and would like a robot a dinosaur a bumblebee robot a power wheels 4 wheeler and a decepticon robot for Christmas this year.  
**Jack Harper**

Dear Santa,  
Breyer reindeer horse, unicorn ornament, ornament with santa on a horse, I want a horse.  
**Avery Jo Buscemi**

Dear Santa,  
dog, bik, socks, barbie, pop it.  
**Codelia Snow**

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas this year I would love a new swing set with monkey bars, a playdoh set, legos, a bigger trampoline, a baby a live some arts and crafts, monster high dolls nnew high heels, makeup, pink head phones, jewelry, a diamond case for my ipad and a whole room of puppies.  
**Kylee Jayde Jennings**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a barbie dreamhouse a Chelsea, Stacy and skipper doll. As well as a barbie car please,  
**Love Alyxis Brown**

Dear Santa,  
hoverboard, tea set, guitar, easy bake oven, crafts, play house.  
**Landry**

Dear Santa,  
I really want a new ipad, and some slime and because my other dried and a minie mouse play house, and santa can I please have a glass of water to prank my daddy, I love you santa.  
**Catalina**

Dear Santa,  
dishes, kitchen, barbie, Harley quin.  
**Chiann**

Dear Santa,  
blue truck, race car, monster truck, gingerbread toy.  
**Landon Jenkins**

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I was good this year, I want a little bit more barbies, I really want some candy for the afternoon, I really want some makeup and grinch toys.  
**Nova Lopez**

Dear Santa,  
furbly, clip on earrings, LOL doll, \$100.00 to buy gifts for my sisters. 2 crop tops.  
**Laramie Jones**

Dear Santa,  
can I have a princess scooter? Also, an LLOL doll can I have a barbie doll?

Dear Santa,  
I want to have a princess castle and cookie and dinosaur.  
**Grace Lambert**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a elf on the shelf, next I would like a puppy dog, a real one of my own. I want a girl, I will name her crystal. Can you please bring my sister a tablet with games and movies I will leave out milk and cookies for you.  
**Olivia Long**

Dear Santa,  
can I a princess scooter also an LOL doll can I have a barbie doll santa can you please bring my brother Hudson a dinosaur toy, Can I please be on the good list? I promise that ill leave you milk and cookies.  
**Gracyn May**

Dear Santa,  
bike, cat stuff, family, cup, tree, paw patrol robot.  
**Stetson**

Dear Santa,  
sorry for being a little naughty I hope you can forgive me and bring me a few toys, I would like a nerf gun gumball machine and legos.  
**Kipton**

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas this year I want a robot dog a squishy spider that glows, a halo action figure, a lego iron man jet a red rc rZR and a toy tractor.  
**Henry hollinger**

Dear Santa,  
I would like 2 legos, robots, and a big trampoline, I would also like some new games and beast lab. I have been a good boy and nice to my sister, I love you Merry Christmas Santa!  
**Graham Pruitt**

Dear Santa,  
youre so nice to bring kids toys. I want an instant camera a watch, and roller skates.  
**Hallie**

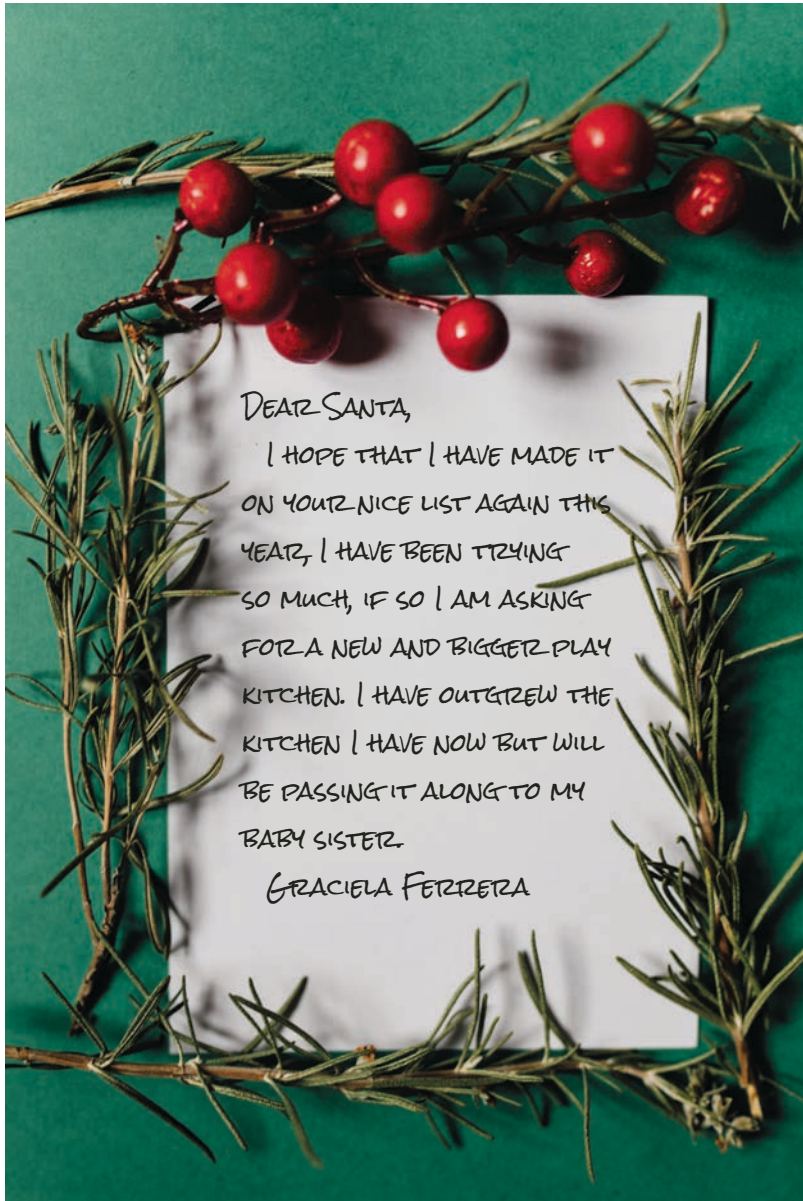
Dear Santa,  
I would like this Christmas a dinosaur playdoh set a big kitchen set toy trucks, spider man web shooters and a big building block set.  
**Henry Hernandez**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good baby girl! I would like a new baby doll and a baby bed.  
**Love Wrenley Pruitt**

Dear Santa,  
Horse, parrot, remote control car, baby dolls.  
**Joanie shoaf**

Dear Santa,  
ive been doing good all day and I have not been bad, I want a green and yellow boat and a fork lift I hope you have a great Christmas.  
**Case Brown**

Dear Santa,  
gymnastics bar, slime, unicorn, kids smart phone.  
**Minnie Cole**



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I would like a nerf gun a bike Pokémon cards, and a skateboard, thank you.  
**Jaxson Shandd**

Dear Santa,  
I would like new shoes I really like going to the beean I would like to have toy jeep, I would like to have new boots I will try to be a good boy.  
**Wylon**

Dear Santa,  
dance mat, little live pets, sparkles unicorn live, tech gear, multi voice changer bow & arrow archery, black cat, veterinarian kit and outfit.  
**Eloise Hebner**

Dear Santa,  
I love you, please bring me my puppie home it is a magically toy, I also want live hatchables and greedy granny game. I have been good at school and at home.  
**Kylie Floyd**

Dear Santa,  
what I want for Christmas is a drone helicopter, and a Nintendo switch.  
**Christian Sanchez**

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy this year for Christmas I would like a woody, buzz lightyear, robot, buggy to drive.  
**River Arnold**

Dear Santa,  
I would like occulus and I try to be a good boy this year.  
**Isaac**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year I want a squishmellow and a pink remote control car, and I would like a very cool mini-brands toy. Thank You and you are the best!  
**Adlee Chumley**

Dear Santa,  
I want a fox toy a coloring book a hello neighbor hide in go seek disk, a santi claus toy a spiderman suit, a vr headset a paw patrol costume and a pack of slime.  
**Noah Kizer**

Dear Santa,  
art desk, princess suitcase, pets alive hamster, gabby dollhouse, fingerling.  
**Harper Chumley**

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas because it is so fun! I want an indominus rex and monster trucks, save me a cookie!  
**Charlie Campbell**

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a little ripstick toy vacuum bike, and Nintendo switch,  
**Blakely**

Dear Santa,  
I would love play guns to hunt with I also do love PJ mask toys, and my favorite is mighty pups, candy is delicious to eat on Christmas morning please and thank you so much santa.  
**O'Conner Loera**

Dear Santa,  
I would like roblox gift cards, squishmellows fluffie stuffiez, care bears, lanky box plush, play day jump bouncer park, bumper car ride, and Minnie mouse convertible ride on.  
**Serinity Sinyard**

Dear Santa,  
can it snow and for Christmas can I and my sister can we get a copell of elfs on the shelf and snow close and a sled for me can I get netendo and a drt bike and my on elfon the shelf and a new elf pet.  
**Ryker**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a valentines dress I also would like a stuffed animal butterfly a babydoll and a squishy ball.  
**Kynlee N**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year for Christmas I would like some ultra rare glowberry prime, dry erase marker, a toy airplane, an art desk a new power wheels car or truck, markers from temu.  
**Nolan Hopson**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a furby and a bike and barbie car.  
**Tatum Davis**



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River Walter

Dear Santa,  
thank you for the presents, why do you always have snow on your boots?  
Addison Hoppe

Dear Santa,  
toy viking set, boxing set, thor hammer.  
Amos

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year so can I have a present? I want an xbox nba 2k fort nite a iphone 15 nitendo swich and candy. I would also like ps5, prime, Walmart gift card 100 bucks.  
Ranger

Dear Santa,  
ps games electric scooter, Nintendo switch games, hoodies,  
Jace Shepherd

Dear Santa,  
can I please have a crane, batman and race track,  
Atticus Fulcher

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year can I have a ghost face toy for Christmas also a mihal myers toy too? Can I also have ps5 and a dinosaur and spider man toy mabe a phone?  
Chad

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cdr, furby, barbie, baby sister, kitchen,  
Piper

Dear Santa,  
please bring me a dinosaur hotwheels race track that the dino spits the car out. I also want a Jurassic world lego set. I have been super good this year, most of the time. P.s. I also like minions not just dinosaurs.  
Colt Wells

Dear Santa,  
I want a apple I want a Iphone I want a rabbit I want some donuts I want some jelledeens.  
Lucas

Dear Santa,  
I have been kind of good this year can I please have a real bow and arrow? I want to shoot my first deer! Also can you get me a fake target so I can practice?  
Jett Pickle

Dear Santa,  
please bring me blue dragon I want a monster truck.  
Jace Schuman

Dear Santa,  
I want 400\$ I phone 14 robux, the 250\$ one upgraded speaker with a toy cam titan.  
Max

Dear Santa,  
can I have toys, grandma a necklace, grandad a boat and sister a babydoll.  
Santiago

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I would really like a toy tractor, a siren head toy, a hulk toy a toy gun, clothes 5T size, crayons, a toy plane, a toy phone and a toy helicopter.  
Ethan Myers

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas! I've been good I want shoes with rainbow I also want more close.  
Saylor MCGovern

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vacuum cleaner, a kitchen set, heck crown, magic wand in purple color, baby curry, stroller, baby.  
Arabella

Dear Santa,  
LOL, Bike  
Justiana

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby dog, I want a mat, I want some kneepads, I want a bracits I want some new close for me I want a paintball palit for me I want a balleball.  
Crystal

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play phone that makes sounds, moana doll, mermaid fluffy squishy, play car, and a unicorn.  
Blakely Hopson

Dear Santa, I have bin good this year, I brok my nerf gun so I want a nuther one, call of duty, also the big red boots also lite blue bike.  
Brody

Dear Santa,  
shoes, rabbit, horse, coat, socks, ball, dog, book, hat, ride.  
Karen

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Dear Santa,  
I have bine good. Please can I have two game an troller and ps5 and a horse?  
Dixon

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a game boy.  
Xander

Dear Santa,  
god jesus infinity money, mcdonalds, restaurant, burger king, waterburger, Nintendo swicho infinity burgers, a Manchin a donut.  
Brazos

Dear Santa,  
ive been really good santa. I want a pink blanket with my name on it.  
Brennen

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy rabbit can I have some tshirts and speshall erengs, and a baby youth, toy and erengs and a new wallet mom dad and lincin can I have animal steckers.  
Jaylyn

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Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year I want a ps5 iphone xbox air pods,  
Jason Vandiver

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed animal.  
Fielding

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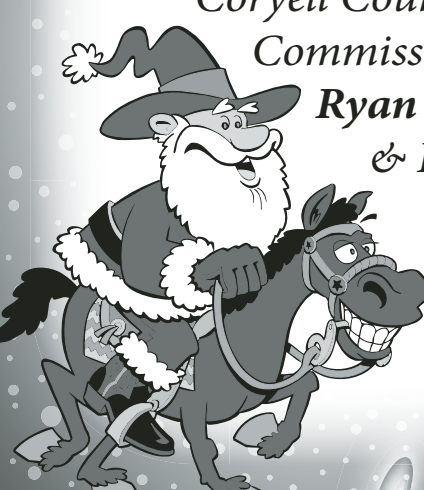


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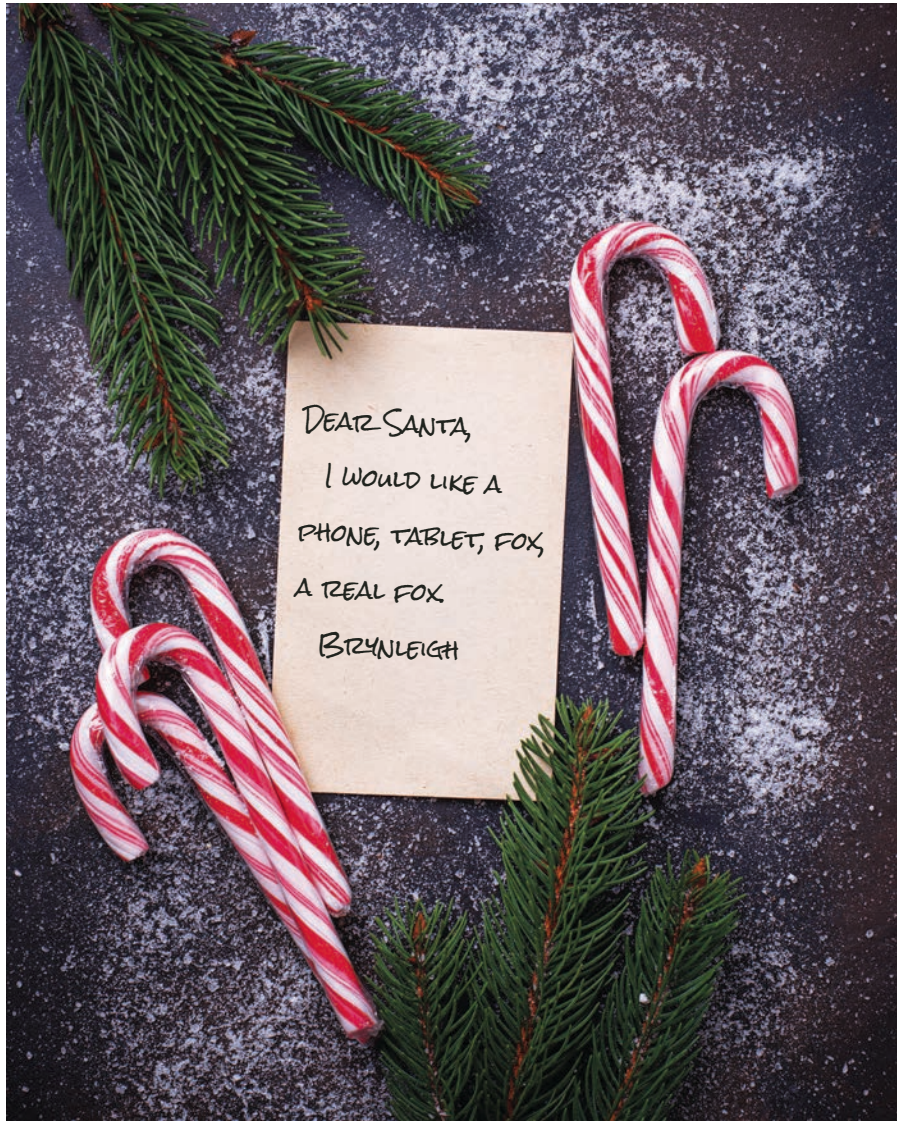
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**Kinley**

Dear Santa,  
I want makeup I want some barbie  
toys.  
**Ramsey**

Dear Santa,  
I want legos.  
**Lucky**

Dear Santa,  
I want a tiger stuffed animal, a toy  
tractor, and a toy truck with trailer,  
my own coloring table with markers  
and coloring stuff. And lots of cool  
shirts.  
**Jack**

Dear Santa,  
I want 5 makeup and pallet set. I  
want my own computer, a baby bicycle  
seat for my bike. I want a pouch where  
I can cook.  
**Kenadie**

Dear Santa,  
I want a futbee, LOL fairy, big toys,  
magic mixer, a kitten that is real my  
little puppies home a new trampoline,  
a new playground.  
**Jordan Gann**

Dear Santa, stuff, donuts, stuff  
animal, elf.  
**Jenna Ewing**

Dear Santa,  
I want a fone a lambregene, a  
remote control car,  
**Liam Wade**

Dear Santa,  
I wud like to hav a rell babe toot, a  
booy mermade costume for my dad  
and a girl 1 for my mom.  
**Madison Lechler**

Dear Santa,  
I wut a drt bike sut, a nou plahase,  
nou for wilr, I wut a fortnit, I wut to  
have dr peper.  
**Noah Crell**

Dear Santa,  
I want a time, and a robot and a  
gun and a blue finger and a mario  
kart, I want a bug to pet,  
**Grayson**

Dear Santa,  
I want a tiger stuffed animal. I want  
a new tablet, a Nintendo switch, a  
popit and books.  
**Noah**

Dear Santa,  
I want a costume of Bam-Bam and I  
want the rainbow friends toys. I want  
sonic and tails toys.  
**Logan**

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control robot, and  
I want 3,000 remote control cars for  
my dog to catch. An excavator and to  
dig up some dirt outside. I also want  
100,000 remote control house that is  
small.  
**Brantley**

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of toys like some, but  
not all.  
**Kye**

Dear Santa,  
I want a makeup stand and playdoh,  
a yo-yo! And a barbie and a new  
jacket. A stuffy for my mom and dad  
and a pop it. A painting pumpkin.  
**Alex**

Dear Santa,  
I want a real life unicorn, a real life  
dog, a real life kitten and a real life  
horse. I want a real life cloud that I  
can float on!  
**Za'Riyah**

Dear Santa,  
I want a tooth necklace, a foxy and  
milky from linky bots.  
**Jameson**



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**Stiah Hill**

Dear Santa,  
I want a pool a moder sickol, a ps5, a seoder, a slay,  
**Lincoln Taylor**

Dear Santa,  
I would likecandy, lizard, turdle, charly brown book.  
**Vance**

Dear Santa,  
I wat a jeep, I wut a camphals, barbies for Christmas.  
**Serenity**

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas kim dress, hoodie, robot cat, a tabit,  
**Annaya Smith**

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike, coloring activities and super heros stuff.  
**Bryson Brinkley**

Dear Santa,  
I would like LOL, my family a cat for me and a room for the cat and toys.  
**Ellie**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a xbox  
**Carson**

Dear Santa,  
I want plastic dog toys and cat toys and Anmol toys,  
**Maya Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
I wud like a Halloween costum a rell barbe, a rell cichin, a rell dog and bunc bed.  
**Karter Robinson**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a magik mixe pixi a freddy a air bans and a shark bite.  
**Cooper**

Dear Santa,  
I would like robux cards, v-bux, a xbox.  
**Brack ford**

Dear Santa,  
ten dolls, 100 stuff animals, 11 presis, 100 LOL,  
**Paisley Wisenhart**

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a dinosaur a set of lagos a dog a citin, and a swich.  
**Anderson Hopkins**

Dear Santa,  
I would like Ipad, rainbow ghost, scooter, clothes, shoos, omg LOLs  
**Keliah**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt bike number 3, dirt bike helmet a laptop.  
**Jaxon**

Dear Santa,  
I want lego gwstifirer, a pet berdid dragon, a want a lego nave ship, a hole lego army, sojers.  
**Brook Seymour**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a jrone (drone).  
**Emily**

Dear Santa,  
Robux, Barbies, VR headset, legos, bingo  
**Betty Claire**

Dear Santa,  
I would like show computer.  
**Micah**

Dear Santa,  
iw ould likecandy, and a VR headset  
**Casen**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a chucky, and any funko pop,black light.  
**Rachel**



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Dear Santa,  
I would like xbox, love, cande.  
**Izayah**

Dear Santa,  
I really would like a monster jam official grave digger trax all terrain remote control outdoor vehicle.  
**Alexander DiMuccio**

Dear Santa,  
I want a horse and a born and I want to snow amd want bag and pups  
**Sofia Hernandez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a lego set I will give you cookies.  
**Jaxon**

Dear Santa,  
I would like phone, moster hy doll.  
**Khloe**

Dear Santa,  
I wot a xbox I am game of you san dory of you bcus an u thousand sleighs santa.  
**Jaxon Kelley**

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox with games  
**Cannon Newton**

Dear Santa,  
I want pocemones

Dear Santa,  
I want to have lots of stitch toys like room decoration stuffies, dresses, shoes, I promise I will be good.  
**Lilly rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
I would like iphone, a watch, a vr headset,  
**Lois**

Dear Santa,  
I wo a controller I wo games.  
**Matteo Cardoso**

Dear Santa,  
I don't want much I only want arrows, tackle, Minecraft.

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a glove.  
**Hayden**

Dear Santa,  
I want a spray cup and a dog squishmellow. And a rainbow pillow and stuffed annal.  
**Chloe**

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot cat and dog and lol dolls and a new tablet  
**Lelani Mangham**

Dear Santa,  
I would like legos, pop bracelet, toy kitchen, toy food, toy forks and spoon and knives.  
**Presley**

Dear Santa,  
I want a trihaus and a barb a yunrcorn pet and a macop and some squashmalows and a marcrs toys rambow hair.  
**Mithzy**

Dear Santa,  
I would likea volleyball set, piano, soccer set.  
**Ariella**

Dear Santa,  
I want a table and it gows on yore lap and thar is rom to pot thangs in and a stich cup and a slad a ril rang deer and a tichr, scrp and a fatdiy and crand, you and mis clas is the bast.  
**Reyna Lynn Anderson**

Dear Santa,  
miny fridge, iphone, tablet.  
**Hazel**

Dear Santa,  
I want a rabbit for Christmas. I wan a boke for Christmas I want a dog for Christmas. I want a computer.  
**Autmn**

Dear Santa,  
a toy.  
**Kase Seacrest**

Dear Santa,  
I want as Nintendo swich and I would like it to snow I want a cat and a list tow books and santa mug  
**Katherine Hall**

Dear Santa,  
a cat culed up in a basket and I want a bare tea set.  
**Jaylynn**

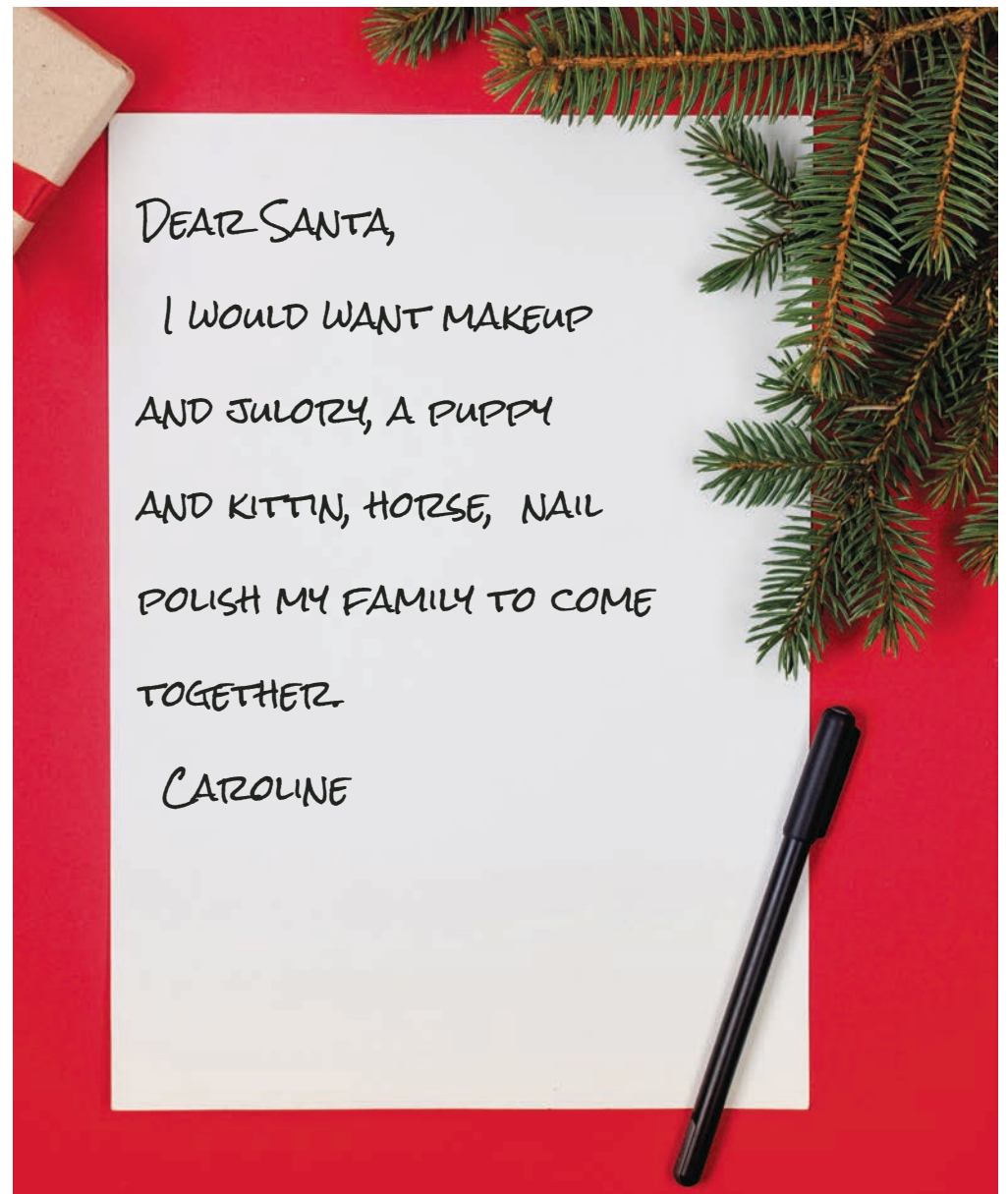
Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll and ice cream plushi. And doll and plushi.  
**Royaltee**

Dear Santa,  
house shoes/ new shoes  
**Leilanie**

Dear Santa,  
what I relly want for Christmas is a fourtnite game and a x box. And a fourtnite play gun.  
**Carter Taylor**

Dear Santa,  
I wot to get an bim in art stuff.  
**Ella**

Dear Santa,  
2 legos cases. Different set of avenger toys. Set of avenger bad guys.  
**Beckham**



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