

# Christmas Greetings



## Merry Christmas!

It's their first Christmas, and these two youngsters are looking for Santa and waiting for all the excitement of Christmas morning. The two young cousins, James Dylan Kirk, left, is the 7 month-old son of Casey and Heather Kirk of Iuka and John Connor Bullen, right, 10-month-old son of Colt and Haley Bullen of Iuka, will spend many wonderful holidays together over the years.



James Dylan, is the grandson of Billy and Kaye Kirk, and Neil and Brenda Edmondson all of Iuka. He is the great-grandson of Steve and Ruth Turbeville, and Jim and Debbie Kirk, Bobby and Joyce Riley and Dorlan and Jewel Edmondson all of Iuka.

John Connor is the grandson of Billy and Kaye Kirk of Iuka, Paula Bullen of Muscle Shoals, AL, and John C. Shirley Bullen of Naruna, VA. He is the great-grandson of Steve and Ruth Turbeville, and Jim and Debbie Kirk all of Iuka, Reba Coppedge and Paul Prestige of Red Bay, AL.

above came to comfort them, saying: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

As the shepherds came to the stable and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger, they fell on their knees and prayed to the child who was their King. In great excitation they returned to their flock, telling other shepherds they met about the child, Jesus, their King, who was born in a

manager.

In far off Persia, Three Wise Men were looking in the sky and saw a strange star. As they watched, the star told them of the baby, Jesus, who was king of the world. The wise men hurriedly packed their finest gifts on their camels and embarked upon their journey to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child.

It took many days before they arrived in Bethlehem. They came, saying: Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother. They, too, fell on their knees and prayed, presenting gifts of gold, Frankincense, an myrrh to the child of Love.

Now, after the Wise Men

left, an angel of the Lord appear to Joseph in a dream, saying: Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother, by night, and departed into Egypt.

There they lived until word came that Herod was dead. As he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, he shall be called a Nazarene.

## The Story of the Nativity

For centuries and centuries, the Jews had waited for the Messiah promised to them by Jehovah. Patiently had they waited - and the promise and dream was fulfilled. Faith, which had grown dim during the years was revived under the words of John, the forerunner.

As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before - thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Men and women bowed down in worship, repenting their sins while they waited the Anointed One.

An angel of the Lord came to Mary, saying: Hail, thou, that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus.

And while Joseph was along in thought, an angel of heaven appeared to him in a dream, saying: Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee - Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall call his name Jesus: for he save his people from their sins.

Then Joseph, awakened from sleep, did as the angel bid, and went unto his wife.

At this time, Caesar Augustus, ruler of the land, sent out a decree that all who lived there were to be taxed. Joseph and Mary were living in Nazareth, and the journey to Bethlehem was long and hard. Mary rode on a donkey while Joseph walked ahead, leading the donkey.

They were tired and wary

when they reached Bethlehem, and the city was crowded. There was no room for them in the inns. The innkeepers saw that they were very poor, and did not want to

bother with them. Finally, they knocked at the door of an inn at the edge of town. This innkeeper was a very kind man, and although he had no room in the inn, he said that they might sleep in the stable with the animals. Very thankful were Joseph and Mary for this shelter.

Inside the humble stable, Joseph gathered some of the fragrant hay and made a soft bed in one corner for Mary. She lay down and soon fell asleep in this strange place. The animals were curious to see who was sharing their home and gathered about Mary and Joseph.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

A great light shone in the sky - and the shepherds in the field were afraid, for never before had they seen such a sight. An angel from the heavens



Linda Nelson, Deedra Hollis, Betty Bailey, JoAnn Thorn, Rhonda Flynt, Erin Wade, & Tim Tyson  
Not pictured, Jeff Hollis and Vonnie Ledgewood

## Welcome The Season

Welcome Christmas into your home  
By gathering friends from wherever they roam;  
Welcome Christmas into your heart  
By sharing the faith and doing your part;  
Welcome Christmas by honoring others  
Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers;  
Welcome the season in your own special way,  
And enjoy all the blessings of Christmas Day!

## Town & Country Furniture



## Merry Christmas from Hunter, Buddy and Bear and everyone at COUNTRY CUPBOARD

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Bless you for your kindness throughout this past year.

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Merry Christmas to all from the Residents and Staff of

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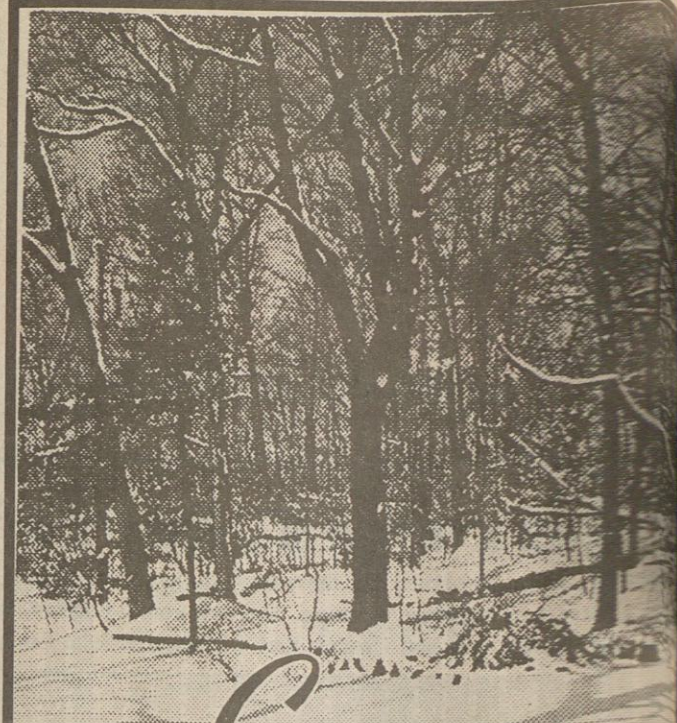




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## Greetings of the Season

Peace. Joy. Love.  
May all your prayers be answered this holiday season.  
Thank you so much for brightening our year with your visit.

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### The History of Santa Claus

Santa Claus has been called by several different names throughout the years. Traditions and legends of Santa Claus for the evolution of the modern-day Santa may be based on the early Dutch legend of Sinter Klaas, originating in the 1600's.

Santa Claus really started to get famous when American author Washington Irving published stories about Santa Claus, referring to him as Saint Nicholas who arrived on Christmas Eve bringing presents for children.

Santa Claus changed and became more famous when writer Clement Clarke Moore wrote a poem in 1823 about a Christmas Eve visit from Saint Nicholas, better known as "The Night Before Christmas". Millions of children now could have a consistent description of Santa Claus and his eight flying reindeer.

### Since Night Before Christmas Santa Claus Enjoys Popularity!

American magazines picked up on the popularity of Santa Claus, and many different versions of Santa Claus were published over the next 50 years. Santa Claus even began to appear in advertisements for popular products.

The most famed nosed Rudolph started to appear in the late 1930's. Santa Claus, Rudolph, and the other reindeer would get periodic boosts in popularity when songs, stories, movies, or videos were released

about them. Some of the more significant of there were

- Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- Jolly old St. Nick
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer by Johnny Marks © 1949
- Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer



## Merry Christmas

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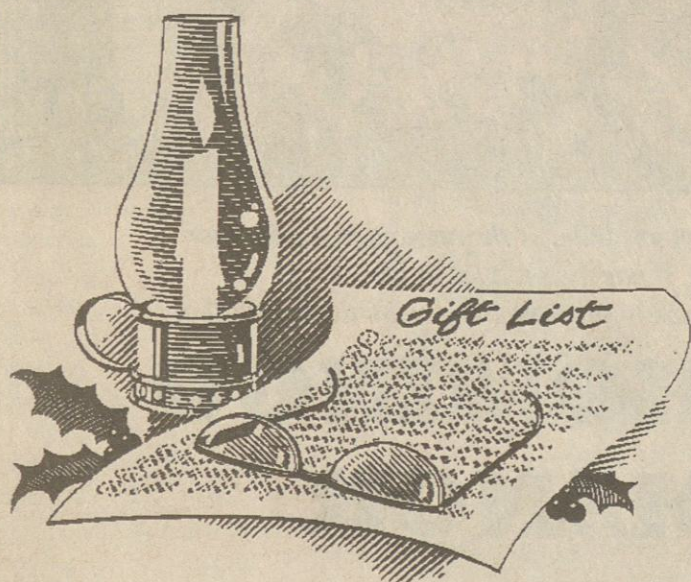
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AND FROM OUR HEARTS, TOO  
GO OUR VERY BEST WISHES  
TO EACH ONE OF YOU!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MANY THANKS.

### Roger's LP Gas

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## Visions Of Christmas!



Hope a happy holiday is in sight.  
Many thanks.

Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Gray  
Family and Staff

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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For all the kind people we've served this past year.

Thanks, friends!

Wishing Everyone A Happy Holiday

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## Letters to Santa



Ms. Susan and Ms. Lisa  
Unit 3

Dear Santa, my name is  
Brandon Thompson. Please  
bring me a train whistle, trucks,  
and surprises.

Love, Brandon Thompson

Dear Santa, my name is  
Tyler Lambert. I have been a  
good boy this year. Please  
bring me: Remote-control Mon-  
ster truck and surprises.

Love, Tyler Lambert

Dear Santa, my name is  
Karley Taylor. I am 4 years  
old. Please bring me for Christ-  
mas: baby dolls, doll clothes,  
doll stroller and surprises.  
Please remember my baby sis-  
ter, Katie.

Love, Karley Taylor

Dear Santa, my name is  
Shelby Rooker. I have been a  
good girl. Please bring me: Bar-  
bie house, blocks, a new Barbie  
doll, and surprises. Remember  
my sister, Madison and bring  
her something special too.

Love, Shelby Rooker

Dear Santa, my name is  
Madison Freno, please bring  
me a cash register, play money,  
new doll and clothes. Please  
remember my sister Olivia.

Love, Madison Freno

Dear Santa, my name is  
Zackary Curry. Please bring  
me a Star Screen Transformer,  
Cop-Car Transformer and sur-  
prises.

Love, Zackary Curry

Dear Santa, my name is  
Casey Brewer, please bring me  
a truck, schoolbus, bulldozer,  
and surprises.

Love, Casey Brewer

Dear Santa, my name is  
Lakota Hartley. I have been a  
good girl this year. Please bring  
me: a school bus, baby doll,  
baby clothes, and surprises.

Love, Lakota Hartley

Dear Santa, my name is  
Grace Carpenter. I have been a  
good girl this year. Please bring  
me: a new bake oven, Cin-  
derella's talking kitchen, Leap  
Frog learning center and sur-  
prises. I will leave you cookies  
and milk.

Love, Grace Carpenter

Dear Santa, my name is  
Mallory Norton. I have been a  
good girl. Please bring me a  
baby doll and a Princess TV.

Love, Mallory Norton

Dear Santa, my name is  
Reuben Grissom. I have been a  
good boy. Please bring me: a  
tractor, truck and dump-truck.

Love, Reuben Grissom

Dear Santa, my name is  
Kaleigh Brooks. I have been a  
good girl. Please bring me: toy  
cell phone, Sponge Bob toy,  
guitar.

Love, Kaleigh Brooks

Dear Santa, my name is  
Zachary Wood. Please bring me  
for Christmas: Monster 4x4  
Truck, helicopter and plenty of  
surprises.

Love, Zachary Wood

Dear Santa, my name is Vi-  
tal Toro. Please bring me for  
Christmas: Spiderman, Batman,  
Batman car, new clothes, books,  
puzzle and plenty of surprises.

Love, Vital Toro

Dear Santa, my name is  
Ethan Donaldson. Please bring  
me for Christmas: Hide and  
Seek Puppy, Hot Wheels,  
Chocolate candy machine, and  
surprises.

Love, Ethan Donaldson

Dear Santa, my name is  
Blake Hogeland. Please bring  
me for Christmas: roller skates,  
Monster trucks, new jacket, Spi-  
derman, Batman and surprises.

Love, Blake Hogeland

Dear Santa, my name is  
Timothy Williams. I have been  
a good boy. Please bring me:  
an Ernest Build A Dinosaur,  
dinosaur town and planet toys.  
I will leave you cookies and  
milk.

Love, Timothy Williams

Dear Santa, my name is  
Ashley Johnson. I have been a  
good girl this year. Please  
bring me: a Cinderella's Talk-  
ing Kitchen, a McDonald's  
Food Bucket, some clothes, and  
surprises. Remember my  
brother, Doug, too.

Love, Ashley Johnson

Dear Santa, my name is  
Natalie Arnold. I have been a  
good girl this year. Please  
bring me a new bicycle, Barbie  
doll, baby clothes, and some  
surprises.

Love, Natalie Arnold

### Wreaths...

The use of a Christmas  
wreath as a decoration on your  
front door, mantel or bay win-  
dow symbolizes a sign of wel-  
come and long life to all who  
enter.

## To Our Precious Friends At Christmas



Marli &  
Jake Moore

Gold and gemstones may be rare, but  
genuine friends are truly priceless!

Thank you for being ours.

Happy Holidays!

# MOORE'S JEWELRY

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Dr. Margaret Glynn  
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Happy Holidays  
from Physicians & Staff at  
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## Happy Holidays

May your Christmas be filled  
with the blessing of His love.

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## The Little Match Seller

by Hans Christian Andersen  
It was terribly cold and nearly dark on the last evening of the old

year, and the snow was falling fast. In the cold and the darkness, a poor little girl, with bare head and

naked feet, roamed through the streets. It is true she had on a pair of slippers when she left home, but they were not of much use. They were very large, so large, indeed, that they had belonged to her mother, and the poor little creature had lost them in running across the street to avoid two carriages that were rolling along at a terrible rate.

One of the slippers she could not find, and a boy seized upon the other and ran away with it, saying that he could use it as a cradle, when he had children of his own. So the little girl went on with her little naked feet, which were quite red and blue with the cold.

In an old apron she carried a number of matches, and had a bundle of them in her hands. No one had bought anything of her the whole day, nor had anyone given her even a penny. Shivering with cold and hunger, she crept along; poor little child, she looked the picture of misery. The snowflakes fell on her long, fair hair, which hung in curls on her shoulders, but she regarded them not.

Lights were shining from every window, and there was a savory smell of roast goose, for it was New-year's eve—yes, she remembered that. In a corner, between two houses, one of which projected beyond the other, she sank down and huddled herself together. She had drawn her little feet under her, but she could not keep off the cold; and she dared not go home, for she had sold no matches, and could not take home even a penny of money. Her father would certainly beat her; besides, it was almost as cold at home as

here, for they had only the roof to cover them, through which the wind howled, although the largest holes had been stopped up with straw and rags. Her little hands were almost frozen with the cold. Ah! perhaps a burning match might be some good, if she could draw it from the bundle and strike it against the wall, just to warm her fingers. She drew one out—"scratch!" how it sputtered as it burnt! It gave a warm, bright light, like a little candle, as she held her hand over it. It was really a wonderful light. It seemed to the little girl that she was sitting by a large iron stove, with polished brass feet and a brass ornament. How the fire burned! and seemed so beautifully warm that the child stretched out her feet as if to warm them, when, lo! the flame of the match went out, the stove vanished, and she had only the remains of the half-burnt match in her hand.

She rubbed another match on the wall. It burst into a flame, and where its light fell upon the wall it became as transparent as a veil, and she could see into the room. The table was covered with a snowy white table-cloth, on which stood a splendid dinner service, and a steaming roast goose, stuffed with apples and dried plums. And what was still more wonderful, the goose jumped down from the dish and waddled across the floor, with a knife and fork in its breast, to the little girl. Then the match went out, and there remained nothing but the thick, damp, cold wall before her.

She lighted another match, and then she found herself sitting under a beautiful Christmas-tree. It was larger and more beautifully decorated than the one which she had seen through the glass door at the rich merchant's. Thousands of tapers were burning upon the green branches, and colored pictures,

like those she had seen in the show-windows, looked down upon it all. The little one stretched out her hand towards them, and the match went out.

The Christmas lights rose

higher and higher, till they looked to her like the stars in the sky. Then she saw a star fall, leaving behind it a bright streak of fire. "Someone is dying," thought the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only one who had ever loved her, and who was now dead, had told her that when a star falls, a soul was going up to God.

She again rubbed a match on the wall, and the light shone round her; in the brightness stood her old grandmother, clear and shining, yet mild and loving in her appearance. "Grandmother," cried the little one, "O take me with you; I know you will go away when the match burns out; you will vanish like the warm stove, the roast goose, and the large, glorious Christmas-tree." And she made haste to light the whole bundle of matches, for she wished to keep her grandmother there. And the matches glowed with a light that was brighter than the noon-day, and her grandmother had never appeared so large or so beautiful. She took the little girl in her arms, and they both flew upwards in brightness and joy far above the earth, where there was neither cold nor hunger nor pain, for they were with God.

In the dawn of morning there lay the poor little one, with pale cheeks and smiling mouth, leaning against the wall; she had been frozen to death on the last evening

of the year; and the New-year's sun rose and shone upon a little corpse! The child still sat, in the stiffness of death, holding the matches in her hand, one bundle of which was

burnt. "She tried to say said some. No one beautiful things she into what glory she with her grandmother year's day.



Have Beautiful Christmas

Hope your glorious, each moment with good happiness.

We appreciate trust, and forward to you soon.

Staff and Employees

at

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## Season's Greetings

May peace, joy, hope and happiness be yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year

**Richard Bowen**

**Attorney & Counselor at Law**

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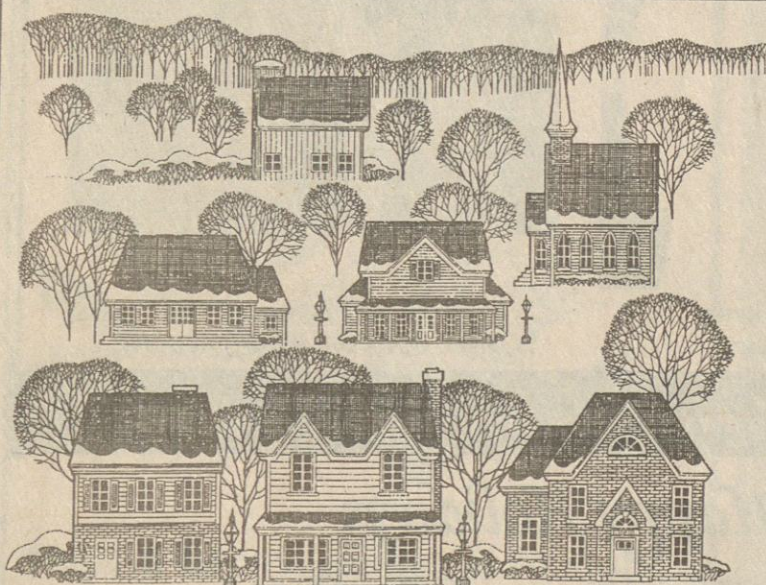
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May the magic of Christmas unfold within your heart and home bringing special joys and memories. As this season of love and cheer arrives, we extend warm wishes for a truly happy holiday to all.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from

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*Wishing You Joy, Peace & Enlightenment At Christmas*

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Merry Christmas!

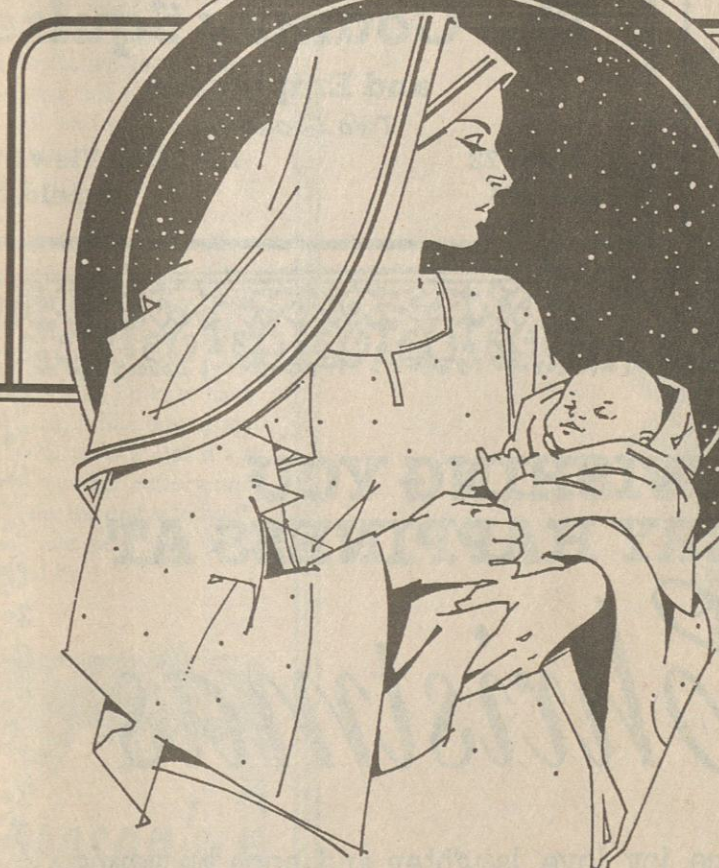
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the  
Faith

For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given; and the  
government shall be upon his  
shoulder: and his name shall be  
called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6

We're proud to join you and  
your family in sharing the  
miracle of Christmas.

**CITY OF IUKA**

Mayor - Jackie Bryant

Aldermen: Buddy James, Martha Biggs,  
James Grisham, Jerry Long, Johnny Southward

- the tree must be taken down  
by Twelfth Night or bad luck  
will follow,
- 'if Christmas on a Sunday be,  
a windy winter we shall see',
- 'hours of sun on Christmas  
Day, so many frosts in the  
month of May',
- the Twelve Days of Christmas  
will predict each month's  
weather for the coming year.

## AULD LANG SYNE

Scottish words meaning: "good old  
days", or "time remembered with  
fondness."

Should auld acquaintance be  
forgot  
and never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be  
forgot  
and days of Auld Lang Syne.

For Auld Lang Syne, my dear,  
for Auld Lang Syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet  
for Auld Lang Syne.



Evan, Amanda, & Valerie Blair

Wishing you many bright smiles

Through your Holiday Season

Dr. Stephen H. Blair,

Family & Staff

**STEPHEN H. BLAIR, D.M.D.**

Family Dentistry

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### Christmas Folklore....

Superstition and folklore about  
the Christmas season seems  
endless.

Here's a sampling:

- animals will all kneel down as  
the Holy Nigh arrives,
- bees hum the '100th psalm'  
on Christmas Eve,
- a windy Christmas will bring  
good luck,
- a person born on Christmas  
Day can see the Little People,
- a cricket on the hearth brings

good luck,

- open all doors of the house at  
midnight allows evil spirits to  
depart,
- you will have one luck month  
for each Christmas pudding  
you sample,



The Greatest Gift of All

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."  
- Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas

from **Family Home Care - Iuka**

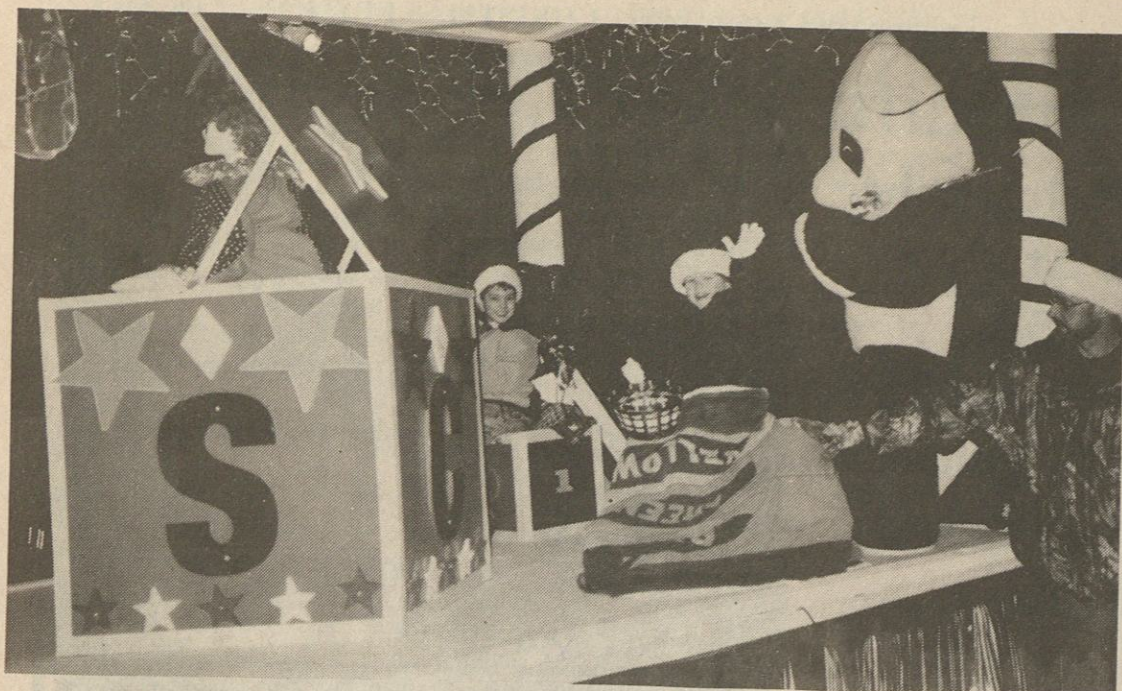
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Wishing you and your family the best this holiday  
season and the coming year.

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## 'Twas' the Night Before Christmas

by Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring,

not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! On Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the

wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes -- how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his

team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

## Stockings

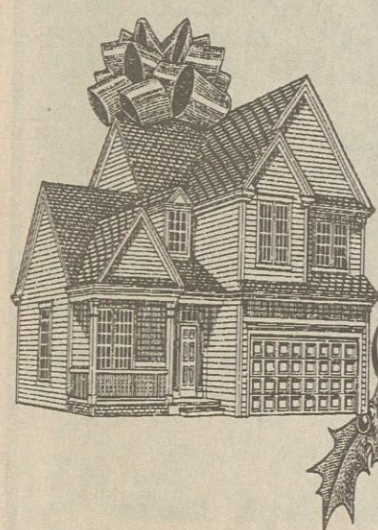
In the United States and England, children hang stockings on their bedpost or near a fireplace on Christmas Eve, hoping that it will be filled with treats while they sleep. In Scandinavia, similar-minded children

leave their shoes on hearth. This tradition is traced to legends of Saint Nicholas. One tells of three poor who could not because they had no money for a dowry. To save from being sold by father, St. Nick left each the three sisters gifts of coins. One went down chimney and landed in a of shoes that had been on the hearth. Another into a window and into a of stockings left hanging the fire to

WISHING  
YOU  
Well

Our prescription for a happy holiday season includes generous measures of goodwill and cheer along with a healthy dose of gratitude from us.  
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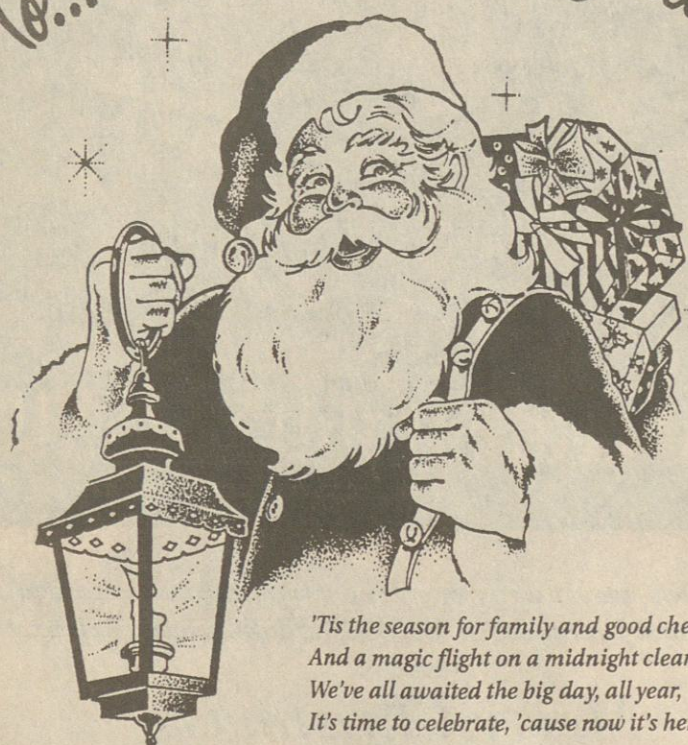
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May peace, joy, love, laughter and hope be yours during this most miraculous season.

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**Gary Matthews, Executive Director  
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## Letters to Santa

### Iuka Head Start Unit 2

Ms. Pam & Mrs. Jessica

4 year old's letters to Santa

Robbie A. - Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy so far, so can you bring me a Spiderman T.V. the Incredible Hulk toy, a Spiderman bike, a Spiderman vacuum and a Incredible Hulk vacuum.

Maddison B. - Dear Santa, if you could bring me a vacuum cleaner, a telephone, a doctor baby, a Barbie computer and a Barbie T.V. and a water gun and Barbie pillow. I have been good and I have been listening to my teachers at school.

Chelsy B. - Dear Santa, I want an ambulance and a hospital with a bed and gloves and all doctor things. I want all the doctor things to be a doctor when I grow up. I have been really good and a good helper at school.

Nikki C. - Dear Santa Claus, can you please bring me Barbie chair, and a Barbie T.V., some Barbie flip-flops and some Barbie dolls. I like Barbie stuff a whole lot.

Tayvius D. - Dear Santa Claus, can you bring me a Playstation 2 and a dirt bike, a Batman T.V. and a computer. I will share with my brother if you do. And I have been a good boy.

Colten E. - I want an Incredible Hulk pillow, a Spiderman toy, a Sponge Bob vacuum cleaner, a Fantastic 4 tent with rope. And one more thing chicken Little play dough toy, and a Superman cape.

Kayla F. - Dear Santa Claus, I would like you to bring some toys, and a doll, and a Barbie doll, and some clothes. Can you bring my little sister something too, her name is Hannah.

Hannah H. - Dear Santa, I want a princess T.V., a Barbie computer, a baby doll, a play dog, and a book to read. I have been really good.

Ben H. - Can I please have a big race car, it like one of my little cars, but its big, but it's a boy, and a race car battery and a kitchen like the one at school, and a race car pencil. I have been a good boy.

Abbigail L. - Dear Santa, can you please leave a Barbie T.V., an astronaut and a kitchen set with all the food, a computer and all dolly's and babies at my house when you come.

Lauren L. - Dear Santa, I want a Barbie chair, a computer and a doll. I have been a good girl.

Andrea N. - Santa Claus, can you bring me a Barbie T.V., a Barbie computer, I want a baby that goes to the doctor and a Barbie chair.

Will P. - Santa, I want a Batman computer, and a thing that

kicks and turns out to be a bed when you unzip it, and clothes and some shoes and can you bring me some of those cool sunglasses, you know the ones I mean.

Christopher P. - I want a Spiderman that's this big, a cop car and a computer, a dirt bike and a bunch of toys.

Austin P. - Dear Santa, I have been a good boy and I want you to ring me a dirt bike, a big robot and a little robot, and a little motorcycle and that's all.

Brett S. - Can you bring me a Thomas the Tank Engine, a bike, a computer, and a Spiderman Car to play with. I have been a good boy.

Corey S. - Santa, will you bring me a toy bay blade, a Spiderman web, a Fantastic 4 feet, a softball and that's all.

Mattie-Grace W. - Will you bring me a Barbie computer, a Barbie doll with a dress, a Barbie rocking chair, a Barbie book and the other Barbie doll I showed

mommy at Wal-Mart.

Seth W. - I want to tell Santa Claus, if he will bring me a kitchen toy like the one at school and some blocks, a vacuum cleaner toy a toy cell phone because I have been a good boy.

Sonny W. - Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike, a Spiderman chair, gloves and that's all.

### Caroling

Caroling also began in England. Wandering musicians would travel from town to town visiting castles and homes of the rich. In return for their performance, the musicians hoped to receive a hot meal or money.

### Canadian Christmas

Most Canadian Christmas traditions are very similar to those practiced in the United States. In the far north of the country, the Eskimos celebrate a winter festival called sinck tuck, which features parties with dancing and the exchanging of gifts.

## STEP LIVELY... IT'S CHRISTMAS!

In this season of revelry, we'd like to cut in and extend our best wishes to our many neighbors, associates and friends who've given us much cause for celebration this year. Thanks!

### Happy Holidays

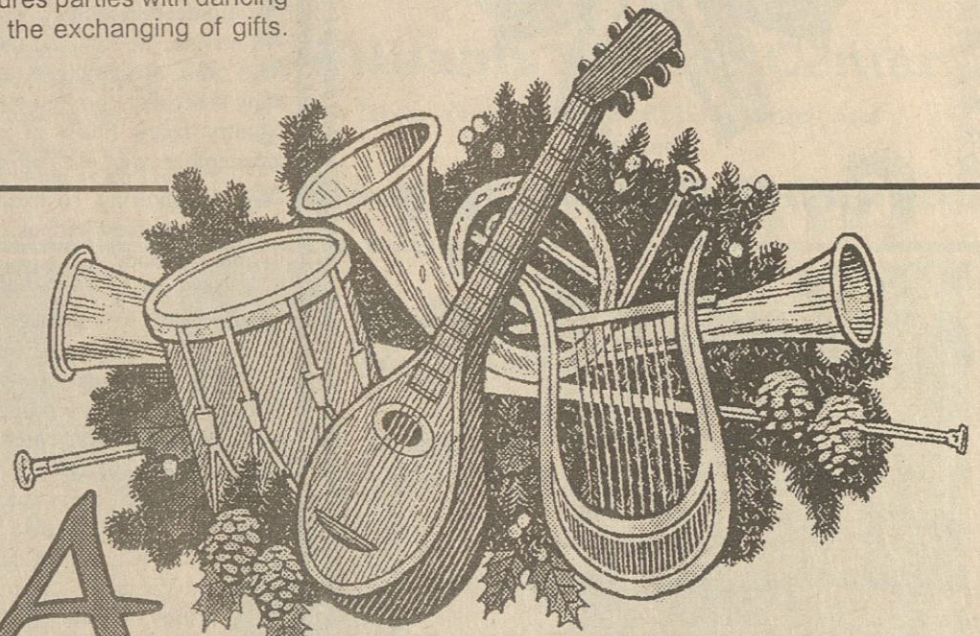
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## A Christmas Serenade

May your holidays be harmonious, and may the high notes of a beautiful Christmas linger in your memory.

Thank you for your friendship. We wish you a joyful holiday, and a wonderful new year. Having you for a customer has been music to our ears. We look forward to seeing you again very soon.

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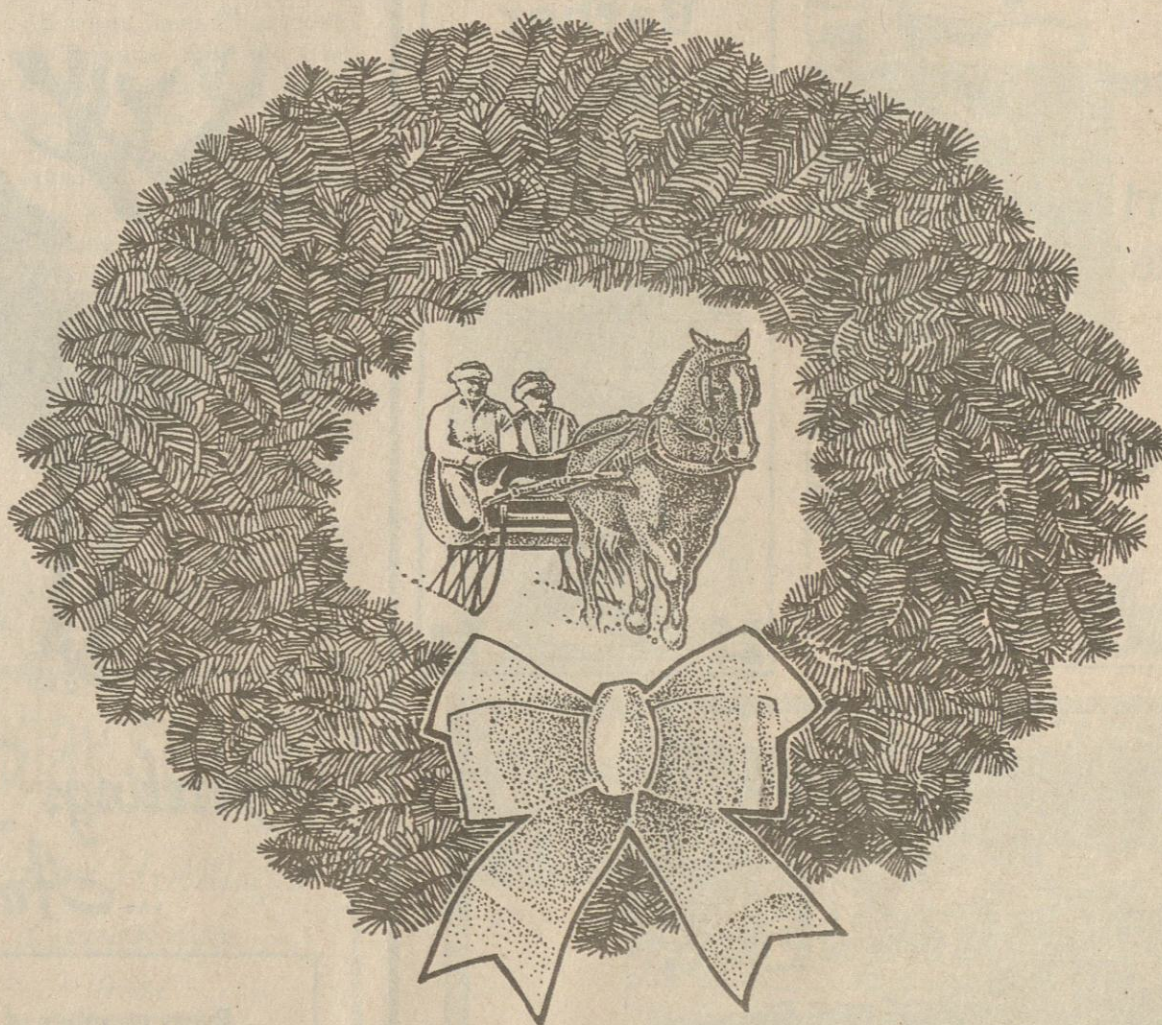
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## Catch the Spirit

In a grand tradition, we offer our thanks and warm wishes for a joyous holiday season.



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## Season's Greetings

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**Greetings of the Season**

As we wrap up another year, we'd like to wish our friends everywhere, a very happy holiday season filled with lots of warm wishes and wonderful surprises.

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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

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### Christmas Foods And Beverages...

Everyone wants more and better things to eat and drink for a celebration. Finances nearly always control the possibilities. In eighteenth-century Virginia, of course, the rich had more on the table at Christmas and on any other day, too, but even the gentry faced limits in winter. December was the right time for slaughtering, so fresh meat of all sorts they had, as well as some seafood.

Preserving fruits and vegetables was problematic for a December holiday. Then as now, beef, goose, ham, and turkey counted as holiday favorites; some households also insisted on fish, oysters, mince-meat pies, and brandied peaches. No one dish epitomized the Christmas feast in colonial Virginia.

Wines, brandy, rum punches, and other alcoholic beverages went plentifully around the table on December 25 in well-to-do households. Others had less because they could afford less. Slave owners gave out portions of rum and other liquors to their workers at Christmastime, partly as a holiday treat (one of the slaves may

have come to expect and even demand) and partly to keep slaves at the home quarter during their few days off work. People with a quantity of alcohol in them were more likely to stay close to home than to run away or travel long distances to visit family.



### Around the world Santa Claus is known as:

- \*English - Kris Kringle or Father Christmas
- \*Belgium - Sinterklass - feast celebrated Dec. 6th, and then De kerstman celebrated on Dec. 26th
- \*Italy - Babbo Natale
- \*Germany - Weihnachtsmann or Sankt Nikolaus
- \*Sweden - Jultomten, or Christmas Brownie
- \*Hawaii - Kanakaloka
- \*Chile - Viejo Pascuero
- \*France - Pere Noel
- \*Japan - Hoteiosho - a priest who bears gifts or Santa Kurohsu
- \*Russia - Ded Moroz - Grandfather Frost also Baboushka, a witch that visits good children on Christmas Eve

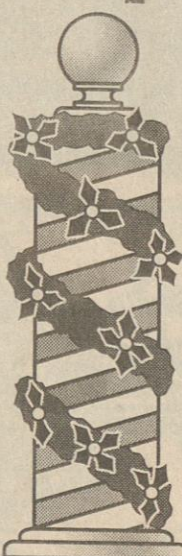


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**Greetings From The North Pole ... And From Us, Too!**

Every member of our team would like to thank all of those who have pulled so hard for us this year.

It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

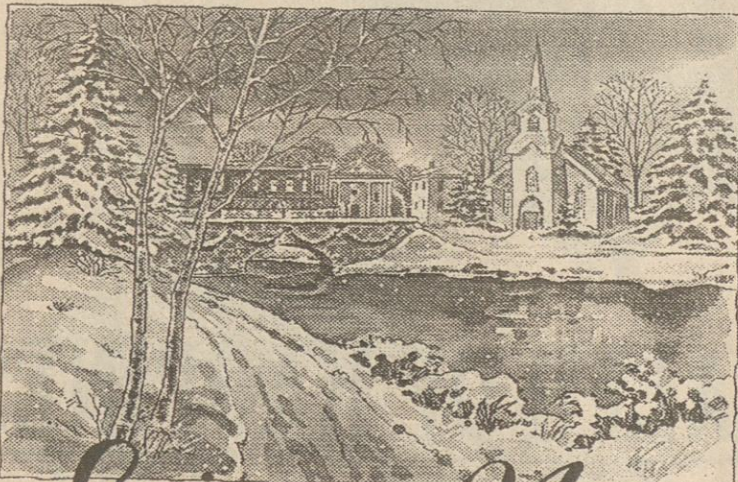


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## Wacky Christmas Facts

For every real Christmas tree harvested, 2 to 3 seedlings are planted in its place. In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday. The biggest selling Christmas single of all time is Bing Crosby's White Christmas.

Due to the time zones, Santa has 31 hours to deliver gifts. This means that he would have to visit 832 homes each second! In 1937, the first postage stamp to commemorate Christmas was issued in Austria.

Epiphany, 6th January, is the traditional end of the Christmas holiday and is the date on which we take down the tree and decorations. To do so earlier is thought to bring bad luck for the rest of the year. From the middle ages until the mid-nineteenth century, Twelfth Night was more popular than Christmas day, and even today some countries celebrate Epiphany as the most important day of the Christmas season.

Three years after Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb in 1879, Edward H. Johnson, who worked for Edison's company, had Christmas tree bulbs especially made for him. He proudly displayed his electric tree lights at his home on Fifth Avenue, New York City. They caused a sensation although some years were to pass before mass-manufactured Christmas tree lights were widely available.

In America in 1822, the postmaster of Washington, DC, complained that he had to add 16 mailmen at Christmas to deal with cards alone. He wanted the number of cards a person could send limited by law. "I don't know what we'll do if this keeps on," he wrote.

## Santa's Films

Movies you might enjoy during this Christmas Season include: An American Christmas Carol, It's a Wonderful Life, The Man in the Santa Claus Suit, Miracle on 34th Street (1947 & 1994), Scrooge, White Christmas, The Bishop's Wife, Christmas in Connecticut, A Christmas Story, A Christmas Carol (1951), All I Want for Christmas, Santa Claus (1984), A Christmas Wish, Mrs. Santa Claus, I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, Christmas Vacation, A Christmas Carol (1984 & 1999), The Christmas Star, Dear Santa, The Muppet Christmas Carol, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, The Grinch, Ernest Saves Christmas, The Christmas Box, Christmas in Connecticut (1992 TV), One Magic Christmas, Christmas Child, I'll be Home for Christmas, Christmas Unwrapped - History of Christmas, Christmas with the Kranks, An All Dogs Christmas Carol, An Angel for Christmas, Arthur's

Perfect Christmas, How the Toys Saved Christmas, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Claymation Christmas, Dora the Explorer - Christmas, Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas, It's a Very Merry Christmas Movie, Sonic Christmas Blast, Elmo Saves Christmas, Thomas' Christmas Wonderland, Fat Albert's Christmas Special.

## All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth

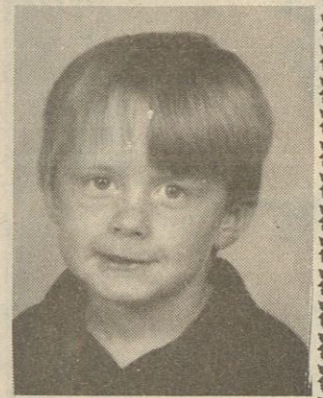
Every body stops and stares at me These two teeth are gone as you can see I don't know just who to blame for this catastrophe! But my one wish on Christmas Eve is as plain as it can be! All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth, see my two front teeth! Gee, if I could only have my two front teeth, then I could with you Merry Christmas. It seems so long since I could say,

Sister Susie sitting on a thistle! Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be, if I could only whistle (thhhh) All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth,

see my two front teeth. Gee, if I could only have my two front teeth, then I could wish you Merry Christmas!



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With Appreciation At Christmastime Christmas is a time for giving, and we'd like to give our thanks to all of you who have given us so much this past year. Happy Holidays!

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## AWAY IN A MANGER

From the moment of His holy birthday, He spread His love and light throughout the earth, Bringing a message of peace to everyone... So let's give thanks to Our Father, for the gift of His son. With warm wishes and thanks this Christmas season.

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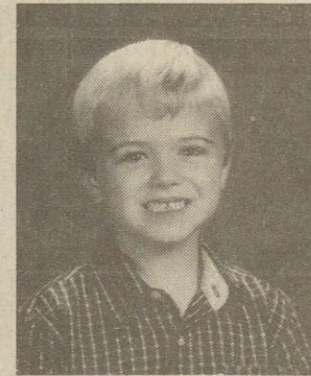
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Here's to a season filled with tenderness, love, and the best of friends. We appreciate your making this year a memorable one. Merry Christmas.

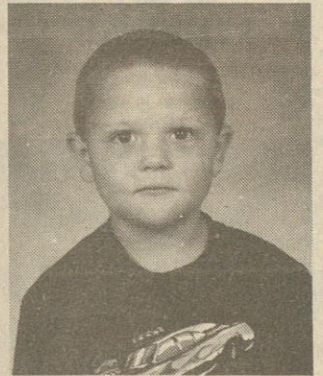
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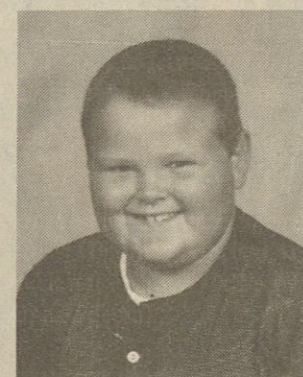
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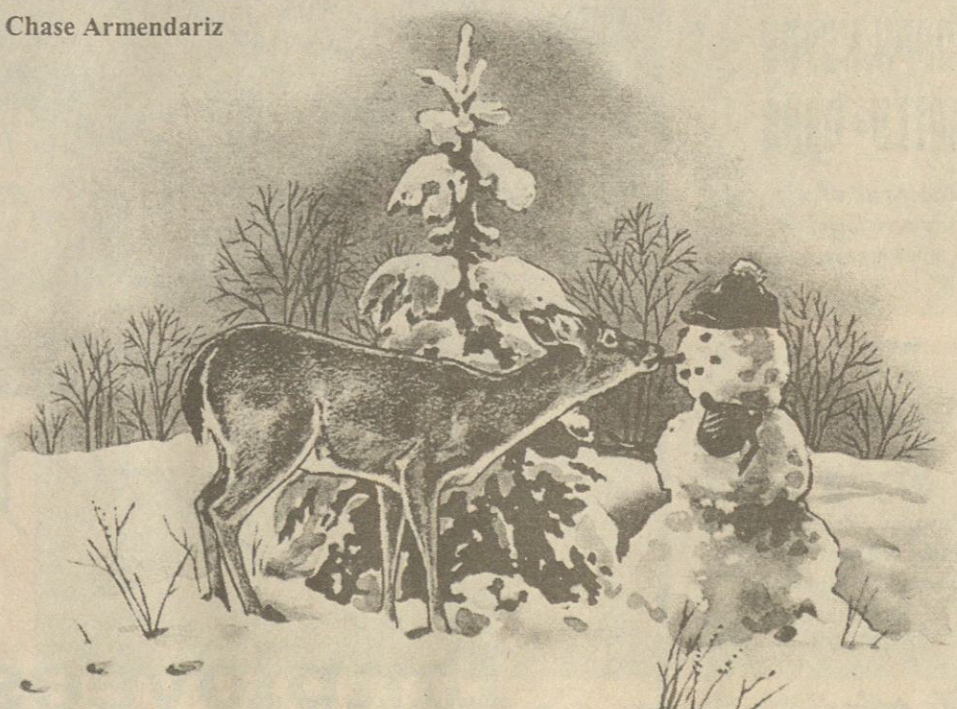


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### Length Of The Christmas Season

Eighteenth-century Anglicans prepared to celebrate the Nativity during Advent, a penitential season in the church's calendar. December 25, not a movable feast, began a festive season of considerable duration. The twelve days of Christmas lasted until January 6, also called Twelfth Day or Epiphany. Colonial Virginians thought Twelfth Night a good occasion for balls, parties, and weddings. There seems to have been no special notice of New Year's Eve in colonial days. (Maybe that is to be expected since Times Square was not yet built and Guy Lombardo had not been born.)

Most music historians agree that the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with all its confusing reimagined role of lords a-leaping and swans a-swimming was meant

to teach children their numbers and has no strong holiday connection.

In the late 1990s the Christmas season seems to begin right after Halloween and comes to a screeching halt by Christmas dinner (or with the first tears or first worn-out battery, whichever comes first). We emphasize the build-up, the preparation, the anticipation. Celebrants in the eighteenth century saw Christmas Day itself as only the first day of festivities. Probably because customs then were fewer and

preparations simpler, colonial Virginians looked to the twelve days beyond December 25 as a way to extend and more fully savor the most joyful season of the year.

### Christmas Trees

Decorating evergreen trees had always been a part of the German winter solstice tradition. The first "Christmas trees" explicitly decorated and named after the Christian holiday, appeared in Strasbourg, in Alsace in the beginning of the 17th century. After 1750,

Christmas trees began showing up in other parts of Germany, and even more so after 1771, when Johann Wolfgang von Goethe visited Strasbourg and promptly included a Christmas tree in his novel, *The Suffering of Young Werther*.

In the 1820s, the first German immigrants decorated Christmas trees in Pennsylvania. After Germany's Prince Albert married Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree tradition to England.

In 1848, the first

American newspaper carried a picture of a Christmas tree and the custom spread to nearly every home in just a few years.

### Christmas Cards


An Englishman named John Calcott Horsley helped to popularize the tradition of sending Christmas greeting cards when he began producing small cards

featuring festive scenes and a pre-written holiday greeting in the late 1830s. Newly efficient post offices in England and the United States made the cards nearly overnight sensations. At about the same time, similar cards were being made by R.H. Pease, the first American card maker, in Albany, New York, and Louis Prang, a German who

immigrated to America in 1850.

### Eggnog

According to legend, Captain John Smith's egg nog made in the States was consumed in 1607 Jamestown. Nog comes from the word grog, which refers to a drink made with rum.



## Glory To The Newborn King!

As we reflect upon the spirit of Christmas, and the miracle of His holy birth, we'd like to join you in celebration and a prayer for peace on earth.

Wishing all our friends everywhere, a very joyous and happy holiday season.

**From The Law Office  
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## At The Birth Of Our Savior

ON THIS HOLY NIGHT SO LONG AGO,  
OUR SAVIOR, PRINCE OF PEACE WAS BORN,  
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FOR THIS, AND OUR MANY BLESSINGS,  
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With eyes all aglow....

Little Miss Merry Christmas Queen 2005, Emily Rose Flack, was a sight to behold at the Iuka Christmas Parade. The 8-month-old daughter of Christy Hudson and Jeffrey Flack caught our photographer's eye as she rode by all dressed in Christmas red and white fur.

## The Legend Of The Christmas Tree

This symbol of the season has many legends associated with it, entire books have been written on the subject.

Some say the modern day Christmas tree has its origins in the Pagan Yule celebration. Pagan families would bring a live tree into the home so the wood spirits would have a place to keep warm during the cold winter months. Bells were hung in the branches so they could tell when a spirit was present. Food and treats were hung on the branches for the

spirits to eat and a five-pointed star, the pentagram, was placed atop the tree.

Some say the Christmas tree story began in the 1300's in northern Europe, when performers strolled the streets bearing huge pine boughs laden with apples as walking advertisements for the miracle plays they staged on the church steps. The boughs represented the Garden of Eden in the play about Adam and Eve, traditionally performed on Dec. 24th. Gradually this "paradise" tree,

as it was called, transmuted into the tree of life - the Christ Child's tree.

Another legend from the early days of Christianity in England tells the story of a Christian monk who was trying to spread Christianity among the Druids. One day, surrounded by a group of his converts, he struck down an huge oak tree, which, in the Druid religion, was an object of worship. As it fell to the ground, the oak tree split into four pieces and from its center sprung up a fir tree. The monk told the Druids, "This little tree shall be your Holy Tree tonight. It is a wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It's the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points toward the heavens? Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it,

not in the wilderness, but in your homes. There it will be surrounded by loving gifts and rite of kindness."

One of the first written references to a Christmas tree was in 1605, where a visitor in Germany reported seeing a tree decorated with apples, gilded candies, paper roses and thin wafers. The rose was the symbol of Mary the Virgin; the wafer represented the host of the Holy Communion, and the gilded candies were for children. The writer called the tree "Christbaum". Two hundred years later, it was brought to England by German Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria and found its way to the United States through German immigrants settling in Pennsylvania who put up our first Christmas tree on December 30, 1821.

As a little side-story connected with Christmas Trees, the addition of tinsel as decoration comes from a legend about a poor old woman who was unable to provide decorations for her children's Christmas

tree. During the night, spiders lodged in the tree and covered it with their webs. The Christ Child, seeing this, realized that the woman would be sad to see her surprise spoiled. He turned the spider webs into silver, and the next morning the poor family was dazzled by the brilliant "tinsel" that shone on the tree.

Tinsel was invented in Germany around 1610. At that time real silver was used, and machines were invented which pulled the silver out into the wafer thin strips. Though it was durable, it tarnished easily, so some attempt was made to make tinsel with lead and tin. This proved too heavy and breakable, so silver was actu-

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, this year I want a four-wheeler. I want it to be a red racing one. I also want a football, and a skateboard. I will go to bed early. I will leave you milk and cookies and some apples for your reindeers. Love, Jacob Monroe Kelley Cherokee, AL (age 6)

Dear Santa, my name is Jordan Daniel Kelley. I am 4 years old. For Christmas this year I would like for you to bring me a blue racing 4-wheeler. I also want a frontend loader, football, skates and some new hunting clothes. I also want my brother to have a new dump truck. His name is Jacob Kelley, he is 6 years old. I will leave you milk and cookies and a carrot for Rudolph. Love, Jordan Kelley Cherokee, AL (age 4)

Dear Santa, my name is Klarke Davis Senter. I am 5 1/2 months old. I have been very good. This is my 1st Christmas so just bring me lots of surprises. Love, Klarke Davis Senter

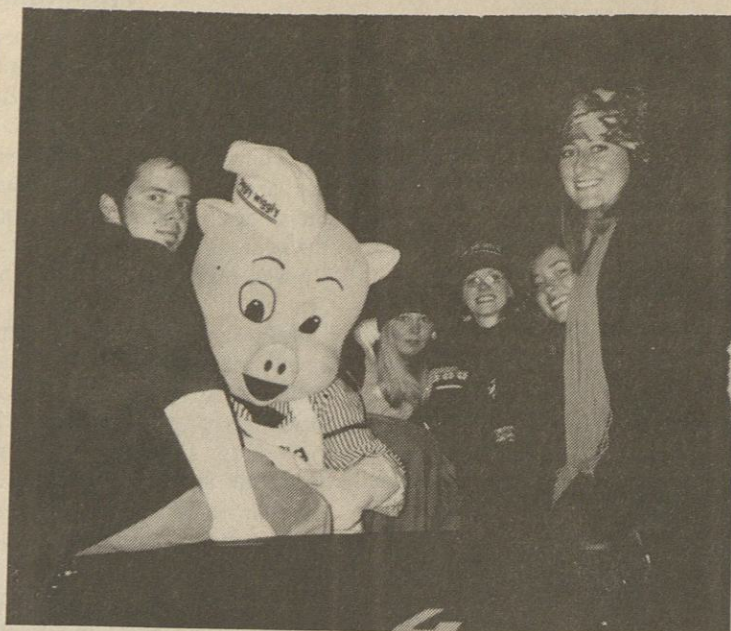
Dear Santa, my name is Katelin Lane Senter. I am 4 years old. I have been very good. I would like you to bring me a stroller, a doll house, a Dora house, Legos, a trampoline, a Cinderella movie and doll, and lots of surprises. Love, Katelin Lane Senter

### Tishomingo Headstart Teachers: Kathryn Hopkins and Gina Cavness

Dear Santa, I would like a set of pom-poms and a megaphone. I would like a real cheerleader outfit. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love you, Santa, Courtney Cox

Dear Santa, I want a laughing baby doll, a puppy that barks when you press a button, a night gown and a Barbie doll. I love you, Santa, Kenedie Puckett

Dear Santa, I want a Christmas tree, a shirt, some Barbie stuff, and some books. I'll leave you some cookies. Love, Carley Streetman



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Dear Santa, I want a choo-choo train, a big-ole truck, a tractor, a back-hoe, a stuffed puppy. Santa, don't forget to bring my Papaw David something. Love, David Ryan Terry

Dear Santa, I want a robot, a toy gun, a Ninja Turtle Sword, and a bicycle. Please bring my little brother Aiden some candy cigarettes. I love you, Santa, Arden Durham

Dear Santa, I want a big monster truck and some Blues Clues Books. Love, Patrick Murphy

Dear Santa, I would like a dinosaur, a blue robot, a trampoline, a horse and dinosaur books, a bunch of power rangers and a dog that talks when you push a button. Love you, Luke Carr

Dear Santa, I would like a Sponge Bob TV and DVD, some books, and a boy Barbie doll named Ken. Bring Ken some clothes. Love, Adam Berry

Dear Santa, I would like Dora the Explorer Bathtub toy, baby dolls, a Furby and some Bratz dolls. Please bring my brother, Dalton, some YuGoHo cards. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. I love you, Madison Nunley

Dear Santa, I would like some Barbie dolls. I want a Care Bear that has the book with it and it blinks it's eyes. I want a Santa necklace like Mrs. Ginas. I love you, Santa, Bethanney Esquib

Dear Santa, I want a motorcycle and a race car. I also want a Power Ranger movie. Love, Ethan McCorkle

Dear Santa, I want a stuffed doggie, a farm set with animals inside, please make sure there is a chicken with it. I would also like a toy boat to play with. Love, Tye Starkey

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck, a trailer truck and a yellow truck. Love, Mydrione Brock

Dear Santa, I would like a singing Dora Doll, and a singing Ripped-Pants Sponge Bob Square Pants doll. I love you, Zaria Pope

Dear Santa, I want a Sponge Bob SquarePants, a motorcycle, some toy horses. Please bring me some surprises. I love you, Josh Jones

Dear Santa, I want a big truck, a choo-choo train, and a tractor. Love, Charles Adkins

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll, a princess bicycle, and a princess doll. Bring my baby sister a rattle. Love, Naomi Eaton

Dear Santa, I want some Thomas the Train toys, some tigers, alot of books, a Cold-Nose Puppy, a Hot-Wheel Car, and some Star Wars toys. Don't forget to bring my sister, Kelly, and my brother, Kolten, something also. I love you, Santa, Hunter Roberts

Dear Santa, I would like a Spiderman toy and a monster truck. Love, Tkai Pope

Dear Santa, I want a frog movie, a mouse book, a bull, a hunting man, and an airplane. Love, Cody Smith

## Garlands And Greens...

Decorations for winter holidays can be whatever natural looked attractive at the time of year - evergreen, forced blossoms, the necessary candles.

In ancient times, celebrated their Saturnalia displays of lights and greenery formed in and sprays. Christmas have long been decorated. The tradition back so far that no one for certain when it began.

No early Virginians tell us how, or the colonists decorated for the holidays, so rely on eighteenth-century prints. Of the few - only half a dozen show interior Christmas decorations, a large mistletoe is always a feature for obvious. Otherwise, plainsprings or bay fill vases and tainers of all sorts or against windowpanes.

## LET FAITH BE YOUR GUIDE

Whatever course you take, may His love and wisdom lead the way to peace and enlightenment during this holiest of seasons. We thank you sincerely for the kindness you've shown to us this past year and wish you all a most joyous Noel.

Happy Holydays

**Iuka  
Flower  
Shop**

Teresa McGaughey,  
Family &  
Employees



Here's hoping you  
and yours enjoy a  
really cool holiday!

We're grateful for  
your warm  
reception this  
past year.

Merry Christmas  
from  
**DAUGHERTY  
REFRIGERATION**  
Iuka, MS

## RING IN THE SEASON!



We'd like to chime in with warm wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy holiday season. You deserve it!

**HEIL  
COMPANY  
& STAFF**

## With Best Wishes & Gratitude To Our Many Good Friends This Holiday Season

In the course of doing business this past year, we feel blessed to have made many new acquaintances, while enjoying the opportunity to serve many of you whom we know so well.

For this privilege we are grateful, and wish you all a very merry Christmas filled with glad tidings from beginning to end.

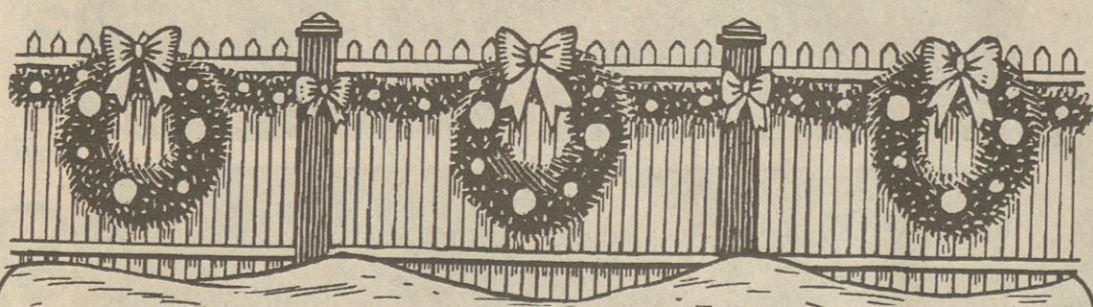
Happy Holidays from  
**ONE STOP BP  
& STAFF**

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## Jingle All The Way!

Wherever you're dashing off to this holiday season, we hope joy and laughter follow all the way. Thanks for including us in your travels this past year. Merry Christmas!

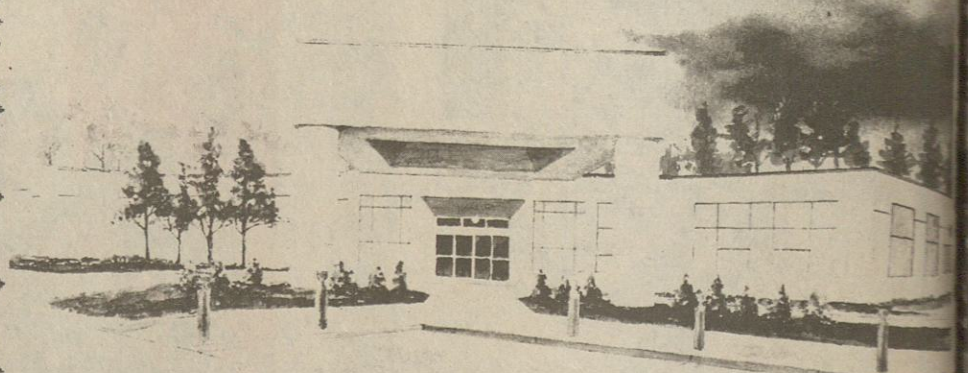
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Merry Christmas  
from

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Since 1898



It may be cold outside, but we feel warmed by the thought of all the good people we've had the pleasure to know this past year. With our warm wishes for a beautiful holiday season.

Employees of North Mississippi Medical Center - Iuka





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## In The Beginning

### In the Beginning

The cross so overshadowed manger—and the correction so overshadowed incarnation—that neither picture nor tradition has passed down a firm date for Christmas.

*origin of the date*  
There is a very widespread story that Christmas began in time as a response to pagan activities centering around the winter solstice, which was usually considered to be 25 December. The pagan celebration, which was first published by the Roman Emperor Aurelian in AD 274, is called *The Birth of the Invincible Sun*. However, there is evidence that, some years later, Christians had made a attempt to calculate the

actual date of Jesus' birthday.

In ancient Judaism, there was a common belief, which ancient Christians inherited, that the prophets of Israel died on the same date as their birth or conception. This may be behind the long-standing Christian custom of referring to the date of a martyr's death as their "birthday in heaven." According to ancient western calculations, Jesus was crucified on 25 March, so they assumed that 25 March was the date of Jesus' conception. The Annunciation is still commemorated on that date to this day. Nine months after 25 March leads to 25 December, which would be the birthday of Jesus Christ if all those assumptions and calculations were correct. They aren't

correct, but the fact remains that the date has a Christian origin.

In AD 354, Philocalus wrote a Christian martyrology that dates the nativity of Jesus Christ on December 25, and cites an earlier work as backup.

From this we can deduce that Christmas was celebrated on the present date as early as AD 335 in Rome.

The origin of our present celebration—Christmas failed to gain prominent or even universal recognition among Christians until quite recently. In some protestant-dominated areas, such as the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the celebration of Christmas was even legally banned, probably as part of their rejection of those parts of the traditional liturgical calendar that have no apparent foundation in Scripture. As late as the last century, Christmas had gained no great importance; it was not even a legal holiday. This explains why nineteenth-century readers found it credible that Scrooge could require Cratchit to come to work on Christmas Day and why in the nineteenth century the US Congress could meet on Christmas Day.

## Merry Christmas

from

### Tishomingo General Mercantile

In a time of great suffering for many throughout the world, our community gladly put into practice one of the most important lessons taught by the One whom we celebrate during the Christmas season - the lesson of sharing with and caring for our fellow man.

What better example of the true meaning of Christmas could we have? The folks at Tishomingo General Mercantile are very proud to serve our community. We wish you joy and peace and, of course, a very Merry Christmas!

Barbara, Nita and Bobbi

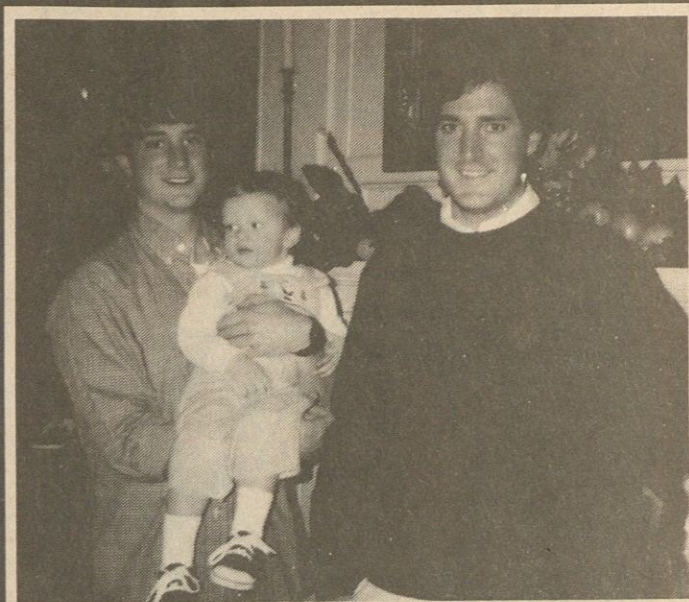
### Believe It Or Not

The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas is not irreligious. The first letter of the word Christ in Greek is chi, which is identical to our X. Xmas was originally an ecclesiastical abbreviation that was used in tables and charts. In the early days of printing, when font sizes were limited and type was set by hand, abbreviations and ditto marks were used liberally. Xmas came into general use from the church!

### Caroling

Caroling also began in England. Wandering musicians would travel from town to town visiting castles

and homes of the rich. In return for their performance, the musicians hoped to receive a hot meal or money.



Merry Christmas From Our Family  
To Yours!

### Brown Insurance Agency

Iuka, MS



## Believe in Miracles

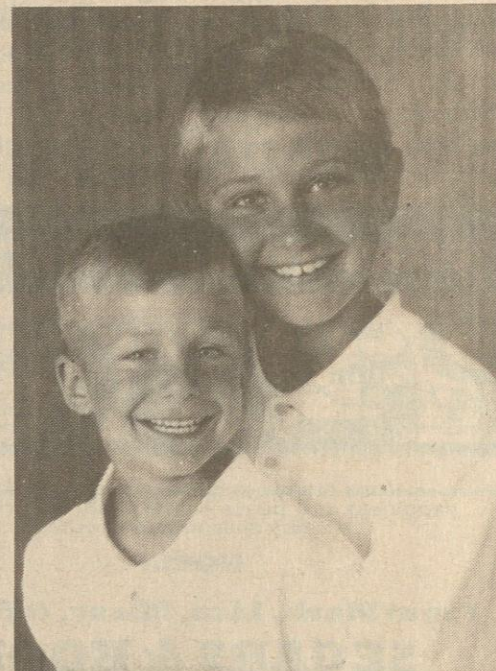
Miracles really do happen, and there's no better time than Christmas to restore our faith in the Lord and our fellow man.

Best wishes and heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors. We appreciate your trust in us.

Merry Christmas from

### Whitaker's Cleaning Service

Owners: Heath & Alisha Whitaker



Brady and Tanner Whitaker

## Keep The Faith!

*This holiday season, we'd like to join you and your family in a prayer for peace among nations and goodwill towards all men and women, everywhere.*

*Merry Christmas and many thanks for your valued business.*

**From  
the  
Officers  
&  
Employees  
of  
Iuka Banking**



**BancorpSouth**

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Let's Grow Together.

## ALL THE BEST

...To all the best people we're privileged to know—  
*our customers!*

Here's hoping your holiday season is filled with glad tidings, happiness and joy from beginning to end.

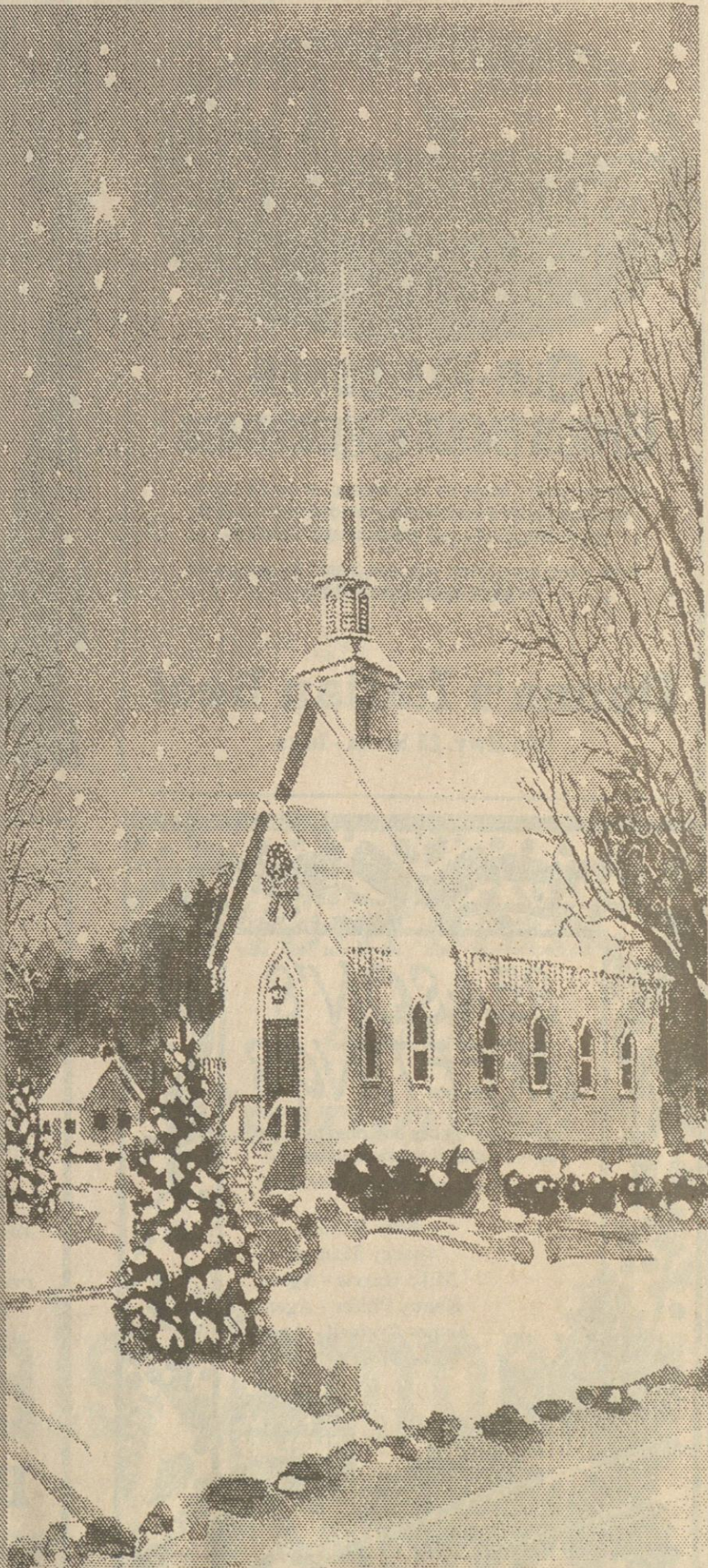
*Thanks!*



Kathy & Lila

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# The Origins of Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, Presents, and Trees



"HELLO, LITTLE ONE" WAS TITLE FOR this famed drawing of Santa, by Thomas Nast from *Harper's Weekly*. Nast, a noted 19th century political cartoonist, was the first to illustrate Santa as a bearded, red-nosed jolly old man whose rotund figure was clothed in a fur-trimmed red suit, according to researchers for Hallmark.

Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) was the traditional day for giving gifts to children. It is still the day on which children receive gifts from St. Nicholas in the Netherlands. Epiphany (January 6) is, in the western Church, the commemoration of

day on which the three kings presented the baby Jesus with gifts. Saint Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Lycia, which is in modern Turkey, sometime before AD 350. Nothing is known of his life except for the legends that have built up

around him, but he was associated with kindness to children. He was a widely admired saint throughout the eastern and western churches. The Dutch custom of giving presents to children on St. Nicholas Day was brought to America by early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, which was renamed New York when the British took over the colony. Santa Claus is the American pronunciation of Sinter Klaas, which was colloquial Dutch for Saint Nicholas.

In the US, gifts are now exchanged on Christmas Day in a sort of compromise of Dutch, German, and British gift-giving customs. The Christmas tree is a Christianized pagan custom that originated in Germany. German settlers introduced it in America. It became popular during the nineteenth century, and then later spread to Britain and Japan from the US.

## The origin of the retail madness

During World War II it was necessary for Americans to mail Christmas gifts early for the troops in Europe to receive them in time. Merchants joined in the effort to remind the public to shop and mail early and the protracted shopping season was born. Since those days, retail merchants have been hard at work to escalate our retail observances this time of year. Accordingly, we shop longer and buy more than ever before. Retailers have taken the gift motif from Saint Nicholas' Day and Epiphany and have used the combination to supplant the meaning of Christmas. They have instituted a secular sacrament of shopping, which pays no attention at all to the arrival of the Giver who gave His all. They call it a season for giving, and with that laudable slogan have lured us into a time of great expectations, huge let-downs, and lascivious

acquisitiveness. They could not have done this without our full cooperation—for instead of celebrating the arrival of our salvation, we jump with glee and clap our hands at the arrival of the UPS truck!

Truly, we have a form of giving, but not the spirit thereof.

## They all rolled over, and one fell out

Today, Advent has become a shopping season, and Christmas is over as soon as the wrapping paper has been set out in the trash. In fact, Santa Claus has out-done Jesus: in Japan, where Christian believers make up a very small percentage of the population, Santa Claus and gift-giving has become big business. One person who read this essay wrote to me to tell about his visit to Tokyo right before Christmas. He said the department store decorations included a manger scene, complete with the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Mickey, and Goofy. Bad taste, you say? But it is our fault for trivializing our own holy day. Only two percent of all Japanese are Christians, so how could they know?

Poor Jesus! For on His birthday we give earrings to Mother and slippers to Dad and

a bicycle to Junior, but nothing to Him. We yearn for possessions, and not for Him. We seek out appropriate gifts for all our loved ones except for Him for whom we can shop without money or credit cards or lay-away plan. Some of us no longer even give Him lip service, lest someone think we are too religious.

## How you can remedy this lamentable situation

Jesu and bad things from our historic Christian heritage. We cannot simply reject or embrace everything that is there: we must discern what is good and reject what is bad. We do not want to end up with 'bah humbug' attitude of the Puritans, nor do we wish to tacky up our homes with decorations until truckers stop and ask if Jolene is working this shift. Neither extreme is

desirable. Christmas is a jumble of good things and bad things, and we must be discerning.

Think of our nominal birthday boy this year. If anyone can have compassion on people who are plagued with holiday blues, it certainly must be Jesus on His birthday. This year, let Him be the guest of honor at your party. Copyright ©1995-2005 by the Rev. Kenneth W. Collins.

**Plum Pudding**  
Plum pudding, an English dish dating the Middle Ages. Sugar, raisins, and spices are tied in cloth and boiled. Ingredients are meaning they have enough to fill the then unwrapped, cake, and topped with cream.

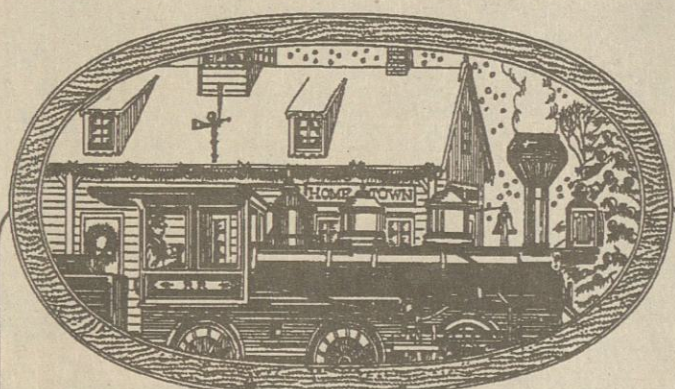
## A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS...



We'd like to join Santa in a wish for happiness and peace on earth throughout this holiday season and beyond.

## NOEL!

From Mark, Lisa, Missy, & Judi at  
**SEGARS & KOON**  
& Staff  
(formerly Segars & Holly)



## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Whether you're home for the holidays, or on the move, we hope you're surrounded by the cozy warmth and good feelings of a real old-fashioned Christmas.

Have a very happy new year, and thanks for being such a good friend and neighbor.

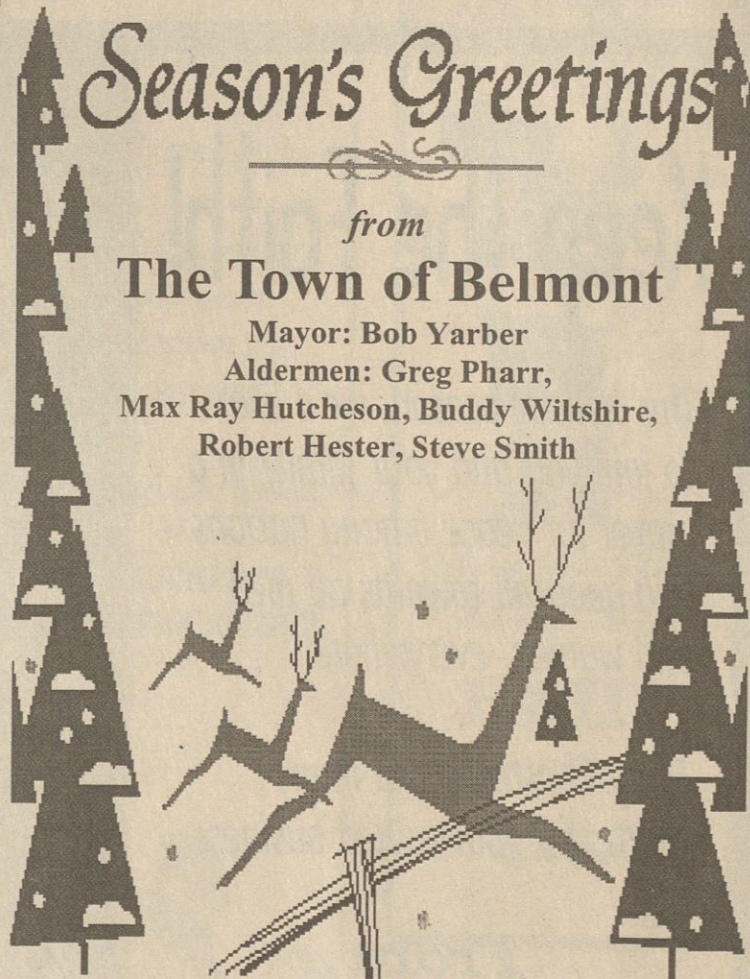
**Donna's Italian Beef**  
Old Hwy. 25 North - Iuka

## Season's Greetings

from

## The Town of Belmont

Mayor: Bob Yarber  
Aldermen: Greg Pharr,  
Max Ray Hutcheson, Buddy Wiltshire,  
Robert Hester, Steve Smith



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**  
to our Church Family  
at  
**Iuka United Methodist Church**  
Sincerely,  
**Ed, Edee, & William Temple**

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond.  
Many thanks and merry Christmas!

Billy Rainey,  
Agency Manager  
Mike Harris - Agent  
Kenny Phifer - Agent  
James Crowell - Agent  
Mike Moore - Agent

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**

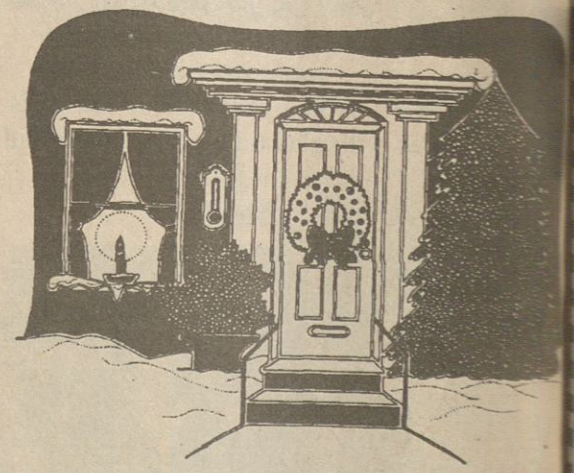
## Deck The Halls!

Wishing you all the trimmings of a beautiful holiday season.

Your presence has been the best present for us this year. Thanks!



**Bonds Company, Inc.**



## Season's Greetings

A special "Thanks" for giving us the opportunity to serve you, and for making year a successful one.  
May your holiday season and the coming year be filled with joy and prosperity.

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## Legend of Christmas

Taken from  
History Channel Information

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey.

Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick.

One of the best known of the St. Nicholas stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married.

Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary

of his death, December 6. This was traditionally considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married.

By the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. Even after the Protestant Reformation, when the veneration of saints began to be discouraged, St. Nicholas maintained a positive reputation, especially in Holland.

### Canadian Christmas

Most Canadian Christmas traditions are very similar to those practiced in the United States. In the far north of the country, the Eskimos celebrate a winter festival called sinck tuck, which features parties with dancing and the exchanging of gifts.

### Pinatas

In Mexico, paper mache sculptures called *pinatas* are filled with candy and coins and hung from the ceiling. Children then take turns

hitting the pinata until it breaks, sending a shower of treats to the floor. Children race to gather as much of the loot as they can.



## Thanks, Partner!

North, south, east or west,  
We hope your Christmas is the best —  
And after the holiday sun goes down,  
May joy and good fortune still hang around!

From All The Gang At

# THE CHUCKWAGON

We wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Back row, Justin, Samantha, Dustin, & Amanda Front: Bryant, Rebekah, & Abby

Merry Christmas From Everyone At  
**Virginia's Beauty Shop**  
Operators: Virginia, Gail, Cynthia & Cara



Mason & Madison Dipietro

## Christmas Greetings & Happy New Year

from

### Sanchez Chiropractic Center

## We Hope It's Merry!

How sweet it is,  
to offer you  
our sincere wishes  
for a wonderful  
holiday season.

**Ripley Industries**  
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## Sweet Holiday Wishes

Amidst all the holiday goodies, you'll find our sincere gratitude for your friendship. Happy holidays and best wishes to everyone!

**Shelia's Beauty Shop**  
423-2522



# May the Lord watch over you this Christmas

And may His love and His light guide you throughout the holiday season and beyond.  
Merry Christmas!

## From Staff and Employees

# Vulcan Materials Company

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## Letters To Santa

### Tishomingo Elementary School Letters to Santa

Dear Santa  
I have been good all year. Could you please bring me a 22" and a 410 Rifle and a chocolate fountain?  
Love, Zachary Dunn  
Dear Santa,  
I want some clothes. I want a care bear game. I want a V-smile game. I want a Cinderella kitchen.  
Love, Nancy  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a fantastic 4 movie, the thing feet and hands and fantastic 4 punching bag.  
Love you, Kolten Roberts  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a novelty lamp, bead filled toss pillow and a cash register play set.  
Dear Santa I love you.  
From Jasmine  
Dear Santa,  
I want a princess, barbie, bed, gameboy, a new backpack, shirts, pants, bracelets, necklaces, movies, Dora the Explorer, and Cinderella.  
From Hannah Pounders  
Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a Dora Explorer doll and a Easy bake oven, some clothes, some shoes, and some surprises.  
Love, Vicky  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a gameboy, video now, and the DVD the Polar Express. Also, I would like a toy truck pulling a toy trailer, please and thank you.  
Sinslerly, Jacob  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Madison. I like Strawberry Shortcake. Will you bring me a Strawberry Shortcake clock and doll house, chocolate, drawing set and some surprises. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
I love you, Madison McAnally  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a dirt bike. That's all I want.  
Love, Lance  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Austin Drake Brownin. I want a remote control horse, a pop gun, a fro wheeler, pocket knife, a stuffed horse and a ps2 shanktdegame.  
Love, Austin  
Dear Santa,  
I want a sky dancer, and a stuffed horse, and a star station, and a flip computer, and a braslet for my moma and a clock for my room.  
Love, Katelyn Rose  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to thank you for presents every year. Please bring me a game and surprises.  
Love, Savannah  
Dear Santa,  
I been good this year. I want a watch. I want a blanket. I wanta pooh bear stuff. I want a computer.  
Megan loves Santa  
Santa loves me  
Dear Santa,  
I wish for a toy transformer and a new Video Now color orange and a telephone and some new clothes and shoes.  
Deshawn  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Lyndsey Brooke Massey. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I want a barbie, baby doll, a robot dog, and movies.  
Thank you, Lyndsey  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Cedric Bennett. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a remote control truck, a teddy bear and a playstation 2 game.  
I am six.  
Love, Cedric  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. I would like an Annica Barbie

doll, a Brietta the Pegasus, Rayla the Cloud Queen Doll, Prince Aidan, the peach, Kelly Cloud Princess. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love, Katelyn Barnes  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a video now, a Barbie computer, and a Barbie doll.  
Love, Tatyana Malone  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a 30/30 gun, play 4-wheelers and dirt bikes, a gameboy with a light and new Harley boots, and a new Harley coat. Cobra dirt bike and a Cobra 4-wheeler and a RC car.  
Love, Joel Crane  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a scarf, karaoke machine, baby doll, mcdonald toy, amazing amanda, green earrings, makeup and a shiny purse.  
Love you, Taylor Epperson  
Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like a pair of boots, a rock star guitar, a truck with a trailer and some surprises maybe a blue phone.  
Love, Bobby Hill  
Dear Santa,  
I would really like to get a baby doll, baby doll play set and princess tent this year. I've been a good girl.  
Kallie Allred  
Dear Santa,  
I want a TV, herbie fully loaded, a dvd player, baby Amanda, new barbie doll, a car that she can drive, clothes, high

heels, stuffed dogs, cinderella dancing, tennis shoes, fake bird, pochohontas 2, table, fake stove, bed, purse, play mke up, camera.  
Love Gracee Harrell  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a barbie jeep. I will leave some santa cookies and some milk. I will be a sleep.  
Thank you, Allison Horn  
Dear Santa,  
I wanta Barbie doll. I want a Bratz doll; cloe. I want a baby Bratz. I want a baby doll. I want a Cody doll. I want a sister. Please, bring my brother lots of gifts. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the raindeers.  
I love you, Tabitha Smith  
Dear Santa,  
I want a grill. I want a jeep. I want a horse. I want a hat. I want a top. I want a truck. I want a pot.  
Love, Beau Patterson  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Allie Rebekah Robbins. I'm 7 years old. I would like a game boy spc, some games, beauty shop stuff, and black dress boots. I think you are very nice.  
Your friend, Allie Robbins  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Here is what I want for Christmas: Doodle Bear, Dr. Dreadful food lab, toy creator, a leapster 1st grade cartridge, and some tracing paper.  
Thank you, Sandra Schalkle

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jayden. I have been a good boy this year. I would like a truck, real drums, and a John Deere tractor.  
I love you, Jayden Terry  
Dear Santa,  
I want earrings, Polly Pocket set, purse (sequin), Princess and Pauper cash register, movies (How to Loose a guy in 10 days) Barbie computer, four wheeler, Harry Potter and the Goblet of fire for Butler.  
Courtney Chaffin  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a Yoda figure and some Star Wars stuff. A destroyer would be nice.  
Love, Austin Senter  
Dear Santa,  
I want a collectible barbie, a cindrella movie, a barbie doll, a barbie laptop and that is all. I would like for you to give the people who lost everything in Lousiana what they need. I'll leave you cookies and milk by the fire.  
Love, Lindsay Russell

Dear Santa,  
I would like games for gameboy, a piper game kit, a horse book, a building set. I will leave some milk and cookies.  
Love, Josh Monroe

### Mistletoe

Celtic and peoples had long mistletoe to have powers. It was said the ability to heal and increase fertility hung mistletoe homes in order themselves good ward off evil spirits holidays in the Victorian English would sprigs of mistletoe ceilings and in door someone was standing under mistletoe, they were kissed by someone in the room, behavior usually demonstrated Victorian society.



**We Know It's Been Said Many Times, Many Ways...**

Merry Christmas.  
Enjoy the fruits of the season.

**Ned P. Boston, C.P.A.**



**Peace On Earth**

All the best to you and yours this holiday season. We appreciate your business.

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### With Gratitude At The Holidays



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MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BRING YOU

**Peace and Joy.**



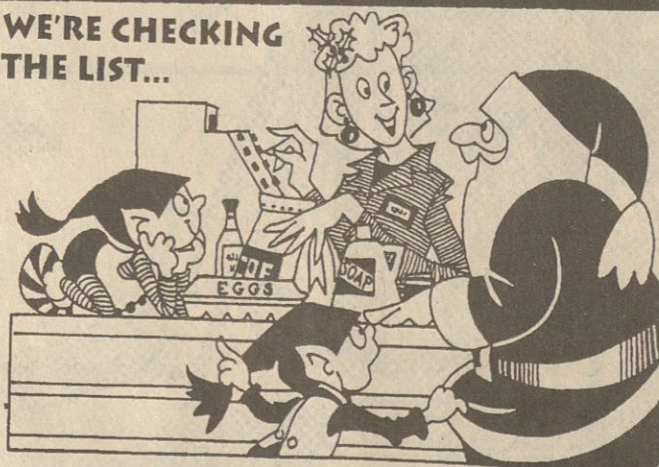
Just as the wise men found their way on that first Christmas, may you, and your loved ones, be guided by the light of His love this holiday season, and evermore.

Thank you for visiting us this year.

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**OF PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN GOOD TO US!**

We want to thank you for being a top-shelf customer, all year long, and we hope you and your family enjoy a very tasteful and fulfilling season!

*Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas from the management & employees of*

**NELSON'S SUPERMARKET**

**Silver Bells... Silver Bells...**

*Soon It Will Be Christmas Day!*

With resounding thanks, we wish you and your family a merry and bright holiday season.

**KC's Satellite**

Hwy. 72  
Burnsville  
662-427-9006

**Peace On Earth**

Your goodwill has meant so much to us these past months. Thanks for being such wonderful friends and customers!

**Dr. T. R. Rolleigh**

**CHIROPRACTOR**

309 N. Main Street - Iuka

Ph. 423-6700

Office Hours:

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 9-12, 2-6

Tues.-Thurs. 9-12



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### It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,  
Ev'rywhere you go;  
Take a look in the five-and-ten,  
Glistening once again  
With candy canes and silver lanes aglow.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,  
Toys in ev'ry store,  
But the prettiest sight to

see  
Is the holly that will be  
On your own front door.

A pair of hopalong boots  
And a pistol that shoots  
Is the wish of Barney and Ben;  
Dolls that will talk  
And will go for a walk  
Is the hope of Janice and Jen;  
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait  
for school to start again.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,  
Ev'rywhere you go;  
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel,  
One in the park as well,  
The sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas;  
Soon the bells will start,  
And the thing that will

make them ring  
Is the carol that you sing  
Right within your heart

## A Merry Christmas Is On The Menu!

We're serving up best wishes in short order for all our loyal patrons. It's always a pleasure to serve you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

### Ellie's Snack Bar

Ellie, Tina, Charolette, Ashley & Sheena



### 2005 Iuka Christmas Parade

## Chocolate Caramel Cookies

### Chocolate Caramel Cookies

4 dozen cookies

Chocolate Caramel Cookies

Chocolate Caramel Cookies

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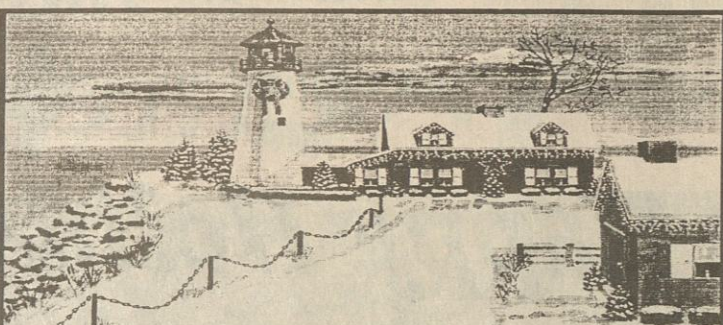
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chocolate.

Joan Randall, Kelley, Iowa  
Iowa State Fair, Des Moines,



## Merry Christmas

At this special time of year, please accept our sincere wishes for a holiday that's deeply satisfying from start to finish. Your support has meant so much to us. Thanks, everyone!

**WINGO CONSTRUCTION**  
Dennis Wingo  
423-2401

## A Christmas Wish For You

May faith guide you and your flock during this holy season, and may peace and joy follow wherever you go. Noel!

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## Season's Greetings

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU



**MONEY STORE INC.**

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**DISCOUNT TOBACCO**

**HANDY RENTALS**

**HANDY SANDY**

**WHITE & AKERS PROPERTIES**



**Express Yourself... It's Christmas!**  
We're expressing our gratitude because we wouldn't be here without all of you! Happy Holiday!

**McGuff Tree Service**



# Bright Christmas Wishes

From Your  
**Tishomingo County Officials**

We'd like to thank all of our friends, far and wide, for all their support throughout the year

***Have A Safe and Happy Holiday***

**Dale Price**  
*1st District  
Supervisor*

**Arlie South**  
*2nd District  
Supervisor*

**Danny Ryan**  
*3rd District  
Supervisor*

**David Sanders**  
*4th District  
Supervisor*

**Leon Cook**  
*5th District  
Supervisor*

**Hayden Ables**  
*Chancery Clerk  
& Staff*

**Donna Dill**  
*Circuit Court  
Clerk &  
Staff*

**Paul Whitlock**  
*Tax Collector  
& Staff*

**Diana Turner**  
*Tax Assessor  
& Staff*

**Glen Whitlock**  
*Sheriff*

**Donny Joe Sparks**  
*Justice Court  
Judge - South End  
& Staff*

**Billy Glover**  
*Justice Court  
Judge - North End  
& Staff*

**Nicholas Phillips**  
*County  
Attorney &  
Staff*

**Tim Bivins**  
*Constable  
North End*

**Jeff Kemp**  
*Constable  
South End*

**Mack Wilemon**  
*Coroner*

**Nicholas Phillips**  
*Board  
Attorney*