

Christmas Greetings!

A Christmas Carol

English author Charles Dickens created the classic holiday tale, A Christmas Carol. The story's message-the importance of charity and good will towards all humankind-struck a powerful chord in the United States and England and showed members of Victorian society the benefits of celebrating the holiday.

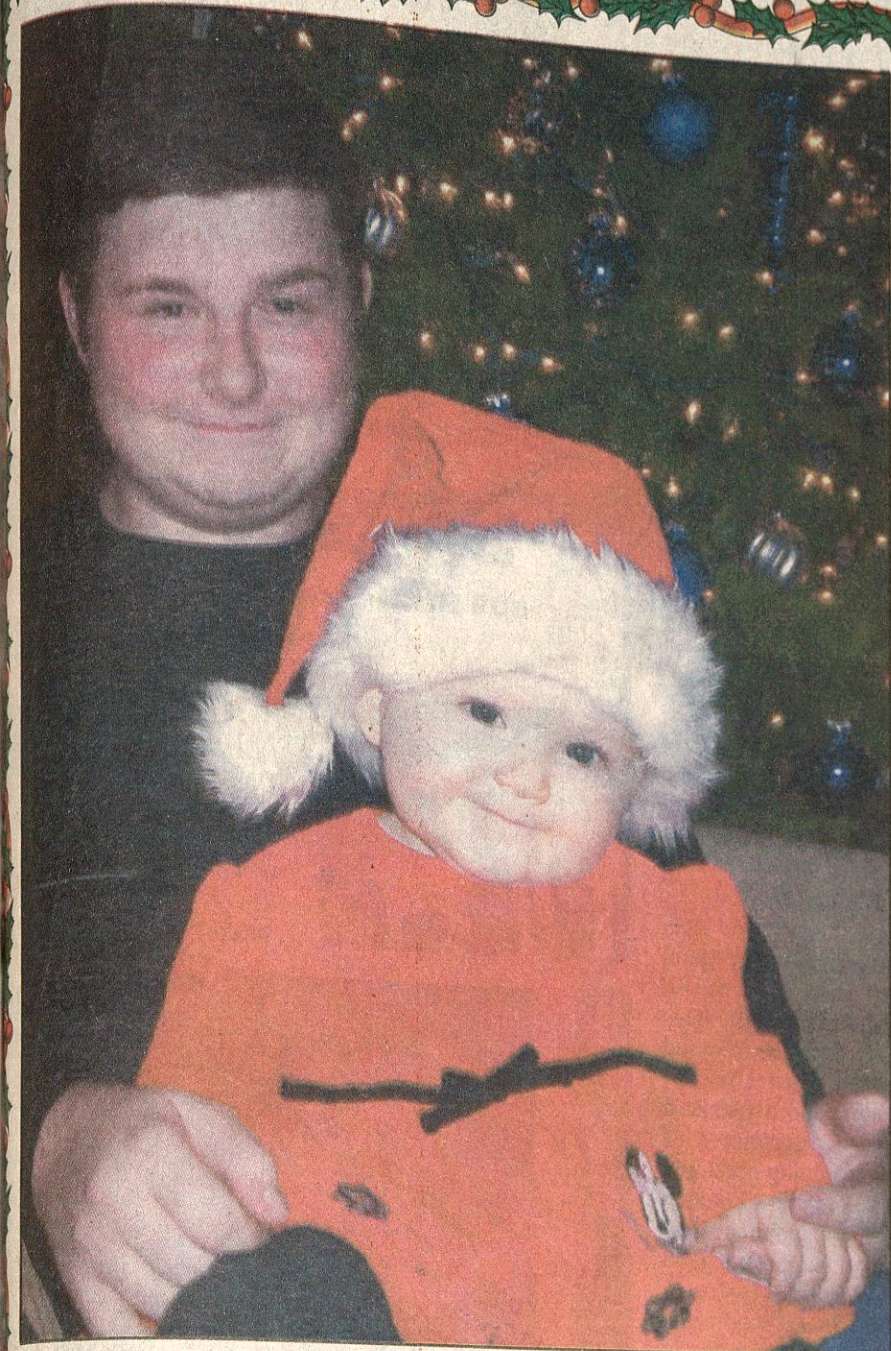
The family was also becoming less disciplined and more sensitive to the emotional needs of children during the early 1800s. Christmas provided families with a day when they could lavish

attention-and-gifts-on their children without appearing to "spoil" them.

As Americans began to embrace Christmas as a perfect family holiday, old customs were unearthed. People looked toward recent immigrants and Catholic and Episcopalian churches to see how the day should be celebrated. In the next 100 years, Americans built a Christmas tradition all their own that included pieces of many other customs, including decorating trees, sending holiday cards, and

gift-giving.

Although most families quickly bought into the idea that they were celebrating Christmas how it had been done for centuries, Americans had really re-invented a holiday to fill the cultural need of a growing nation.



**Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas
To Logan David Lambert, Dec 23, Age 19
& Cypress Noel Lambert, Dec 15, Age 1**

*We love you,
Mom & Dad (Angie & Butch Lambert), Sissy (Sierra Lambert),
Mamma Lane and Pappa Jimmy Pyle, Ma-Ma Dudgar and
Pa-Pa Joyce Cummings, Aunt Regina Pyle*

HAVE A BALL!



*We wish you
a Very Merry
Christmas
&
a Safe
and Happy
New Year.*

**Merry Christmas from Hunter & Everyone at
THE COUNTRY CUPBOARD**



Main Office



Tishomingo Branch

**From Our Family
To Yours
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**



**First American
National Bank**



Corporate



Burnsville Branch



Operations Department



Letters to Santa

Iuka Elementary School
Mrs. Wilmett's 4th Grade Class

Dear Santa,

I really want a iDog. Can you get me a cell phone? I would like a Gameboy or a Nintendo DS, and some games for it. Please! Santa, your the best. Your nice, kind, and funny. All I want now is a CD player. I need some batteries for these things. Thank you! Write back soon. Tell the elves thanks for working so hard. Say hi to Mrs. Claus. I got some yummy treats for you and the reindeer. I don't know if I've got any milk and cookies. I don't know if I'll see you either. Can I pet your reindeer? Well, I'd better go. I'm sure your real busy. I know you'll do good with my stuff. I'm sure of it. No matter what I'll always believe in you. Your the best. There's two more things I want, an X-Box 360 and a Furreal Friends horse.
Erica Brown, 9

Dear Santa,

My name is Makayla Johnson. I have been a good girl all year. This is what I want for Christmas. I would like a digital camera, a new bike, new markers for my board, an I-Pod, a MP3 Player. I would also like the Barnyard DVD, and the Happy Feet DVD. Oh, and one more thing, have a good Christmas.

Makayla Johnson
Dear Santa,
My name is Erin. I have been good. I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a blue camera and a little one too, the last thing I want is my horse back.
Erin Hill, 10

Dear Santa,

My name is Dylan. I have been okay this year. I am going to tell you what I want now. Okay, I want a PS3 and alot of games for it, a 4-wheeler, and a TV, and things for my brother. He wants a roll around jeep, a PS2. I also want a pro \$50 Kryptonics board. My mom wants a Razar phone.
Dylan Austin, 10

Dear Santa,

My name is Savannah Murphy. I don't need alot of toys this year. I am getting older. Everyone should know that Christmas is not about presents it is about the Lord's birthday. Some of the things I want for Christmas is more Playstation games, movies, board games, and a new Game Boy. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. When you come, Santa, I will have you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Savannah Murphy, 9

Dear Santa,

Santa, I want a Next Bike. Then I want a cell phone is a Razar phone. I want a Nintendo DS, then I want a Playstation 2.
Your friend, Cody Sides, 10

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaime. What I want for Christmas is a skateboard with red bones bearing and spitfire wheels, MP3 player, Scarface the game for X-Box, and a camera. This is Jaime Hernandez's Christmas list.
Jaime Hernandez, 10

Dear Santa,

My full name is Carmen Olivia Helton. I am in the fourth grade. We have a very pretty Christmas tree. The lights change colors. Well, I guess I should tell you what I want for Christmas now. What I want for Christmas is a DS Game Boy player. I've been wanting one of those for a long time. I don't care what color it is. Merry Christmas.
Carmen Helton, 9

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. So I would like to have a Playstation 3, Smackdown vs. Raw 2007, 42 inch TV, the movie See No Evil, Tony Hawks Underground 2, a go-kart, the movie, Grandma's Boy.
T.J. Lambert, 10

Dear Santa,

My name is Josh. I have been good this year. I wish I had a 22 rifle, a 4 caliber and a big Ford F150 pick up truck for me and my mom so try to get it for me. Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Josh Gadbow, 11

Dear Santa,

Hi, it's Madison. I have been good this year. Here is my wish list. I want a 4-wheeler, something from Liby-Lu's, new earrings, an art set, a bead set, make-up, shoes, things for my hair, and things for my room. You don't have to get me everything I want, but I do want some things. Fly safe and don't eat too many cookies.
Madison Norton, 10

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a laptop, video camera, and a pony.
Cameron Hutcheson

Dear Santa,

My name is Kiesha. I have been good. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a bike, a Game Boy, 4-wheeler, some clothes, shoes, and a wagon. I want a Doodle Bear. I don't want alot for Christmas. I want a computer, food for Easy Bake Oven.
Keisha Green, 9

Dear Santa,

I am Jimmilee Edwin Brown. I want a hydrofoam. I would like a BMX bike. Happy X-Mas.
Your friend, Jimmilee

Dear Santa,

I want alot of things for Christmas, but I'll only tell you a few. I want a Zoom Box, Video Now, Designers World the video game, Hannah Montana's CD and Venesa Ann Huddens CD and new clothes, plus alot more.
Katelyn Welton

Dear Santa,

I want Sponge Bob Creator of the Crusty Crab on the Wii, a PS3, an X-Box 360 and Tony Hawk's on Dawn Hill Jam.
Andrew Kilcrease

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. Last year I had so many toy's and things. This year if I have been good enough could I get a pair of roller skates, and a phone, a trampoline, or surprises? I hope you are doing good and having fun this year. I bet the elves are having fun making toys. I hope you have a good year!
Katlin Cox, 9

Wreaths...

The use of a Christmas wreath as a decoration on your

front door, mantel or bay window symbolizes a sign of welcome and long life to all who enter.

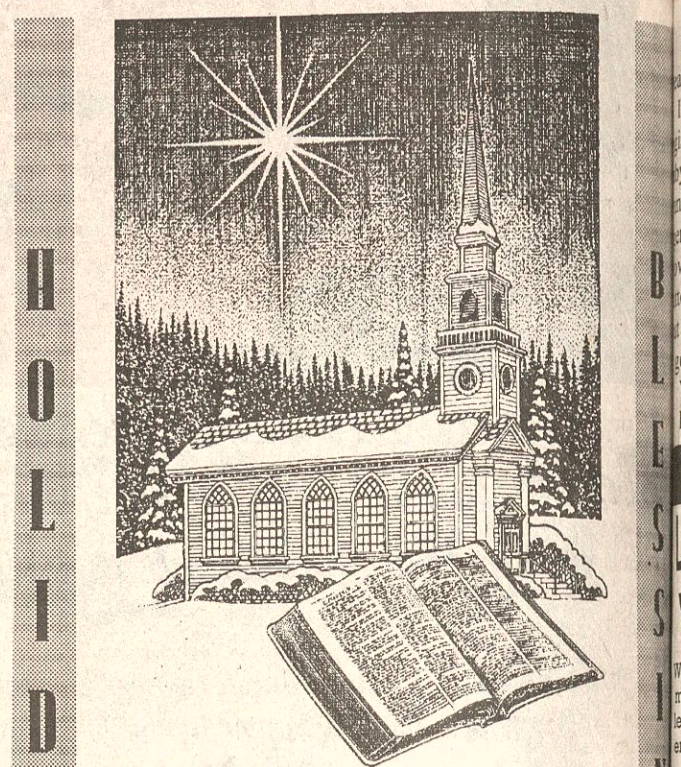


AWAY IN A MANGER

From the moment of His holy birth,
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.

SUBWAY

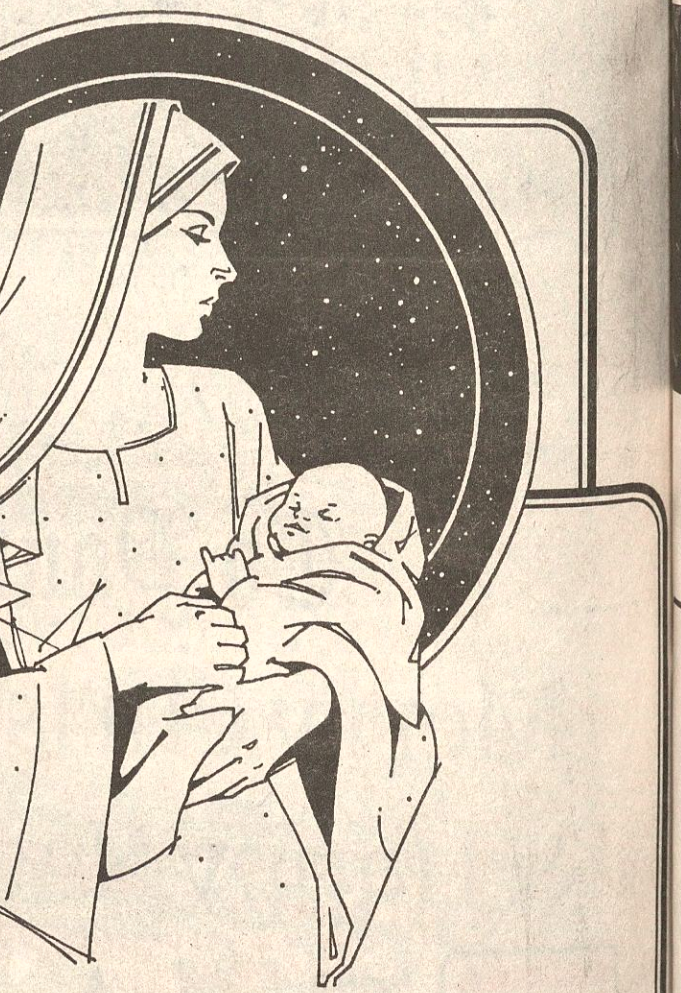
509 Battleground Dr. - Iuka
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May faith be your guide during this holy season.
We appreciate the good faith you've shown us this year.

LUDLAM FUNERAL HOME

Fairground Road - Iuka
423-5800



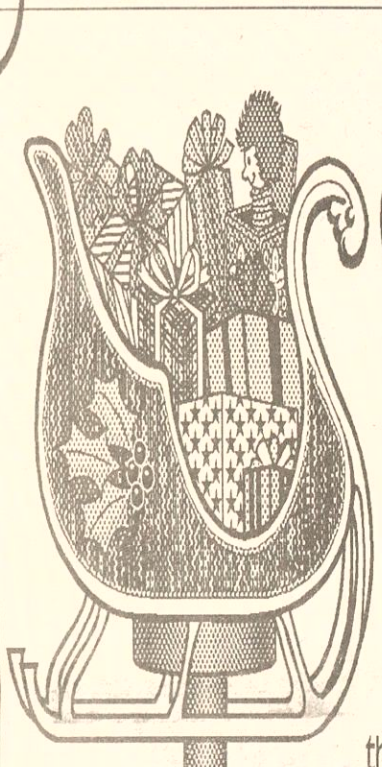
Share the Faith

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.

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James Grisham, Jerry Long, Johnny Southward



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and Greg



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; Glory To The Newborn King

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, 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.
Luke 2:10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

TISHOMINGO MANOR



2006 Iuka Christmas Parade - Grand Marshal



Letters to Santa

Tishomingo Elementary
Beth Bray's
Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora cash register, a toy puppy, and a baby doll that talks. I also want a new carebear, a baby carebear that has a bottle and it gives when you mash a button. I also want a baby doll that has a house and furniture to go with it.
Your friend,
Kenedie Puckett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a playstation 3, some games, and a laptop computer. My 1-year-old brother, Ashton, would like a lot of presents, and my sister, Danielle, she wants an MP3 player. My older brother, Dakota, he wants a dirt-bike.
Your friend,
Nathan Randolph

Dear Santa,
My name is Luke Carr. I am 5 years old. I would like a t-rex mountain and a lot of dinosaurs. I would also like some surprises.
Your friend,
Luke Carr

Dear Santa,
I want a Hannah Montana CD, a radio, a game for the Gamecube (the new Shrek one). I also want the new Spongebob Squarepants game with Patrick on it. I want a #8 car and a Lightning McQueen that has arrows and talks. I also want some new shoes and a penguin toy.
Your friend,
Adam Berry

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me 200 pieces of railroad track (not Thomas Train track). I would like 20 boxcars, and I would like 20 flatbed cars also. I would like 1 black train and 1 blue train. I would like a racecar track. I want for Molly some babies, a little kitten, and a stroller. Thank-you, Santa Claus, I hope you can get me all that.
Your friend,
John-David Luttrell

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Madison Nunley. I am 5 years old. I have been a very sweet and good girl this year. I would like to have a new baby and accessories. Also if you could, a new 4-wheeler and a Barbie DVD player.
Your Friend,
Madison Nunley
P.S. I promise to leave you lots of cookies and a big glass of milk. I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me some toys, a dump truck, some play tools, new shoes, new books, transformer and many presents, blocks and a cell phone.
Your friend,
Devante Malone

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring a motorcycle and power rangers. Thank you.
Your friend,
Jeremiah Anderson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a gameboy and some games, a gun, and a Bob the Builder workset. I would also like two baby sheep, a computer, cool sunglasses, a pair of work boots, a new stick horse, and bunkbeds for Devin and me. Also I would like a Batman wallet and belt. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Tye Starkey

Dear Santa,
I would like something that you use to practice tying your shoes. I would like some Carebears that you can put together by their hands. I also would like a singing, dancing Santa. Also, I would like a singing princess Dora and a Dora 4-wheeler my size. For my Mamaw I would like a smell good candle and a big 4-wheeler. For my papaw I would like a motorcycle shirt and for my Uncle Tyler a 4-wheeler. My sister Chassidy, I want to get her toys and get my momma pretty plates.
Your friend,
Bethanney Esquibel

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas.
Your friend,
Carley Streetman

Dear Santa,
My name is Zaria Pope. I am 5 years old and for Christmas I would like to have a Dora the Explorer cash register and a castle. I also want a Dora Explorer doll that hair grows with a magic wand. I want some clothes. Also, send my sisters something too. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Zaria Pope
P.S. I have been a good girl.

Dear Santa,
I would like a real turkey, a game, a drum with instruments, a guitar, and a train.
Your friend,
Charles Adkins

Dear Santa,
My name is Chaz. I'm 6 years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like you to bring me an "Over the Hedge" PS2 game, some "GI Joe Sigma6 Toys" some new story books and some surprises. I'll leave you some milk and cookies and carrots for your reindeers.
Your friend,
Chaz Hone

Traditional Play Dough...

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup warm water
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1/4 cup salt
- food coloring

Mix all ingredients, adding food coloring last. Stir over medium heat until smooth. Remove from pan and knead until blended smooth. Place in plastic bag or airtight container when cooled. Will last for a long time.



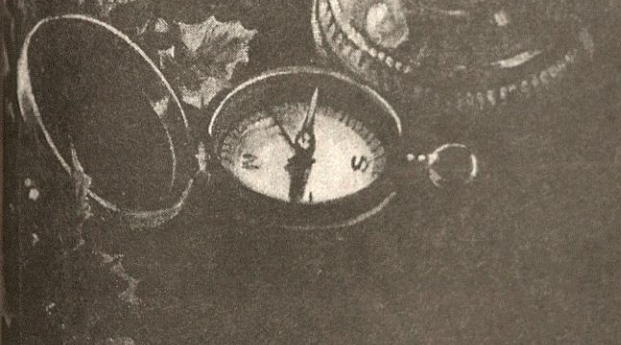
Madison and Mason Dipietro

Christmas Greetings
& Happy New Year
from
Sanchez Chiropractic Center

LET FAITH BE YOUR GUIDE

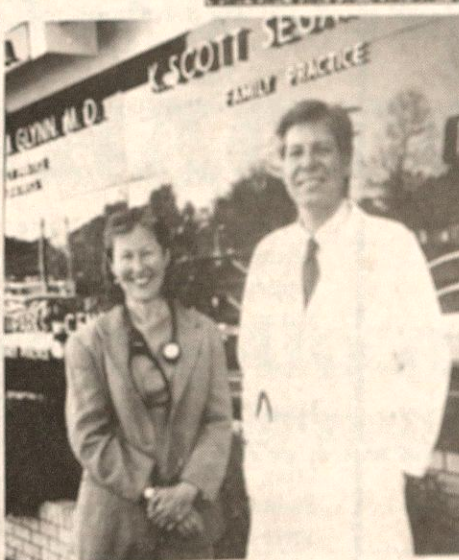
Whatever course you take, may His love and wisdom lead the way to peace and enlightenment during this holiest of seasons. We thank you sincerely for the kindness you've shown to us this past year and wish you all a most joyous Noel.

Happy Holydays
Iuka Flower Shop
Teresa McGaughy,
Family & Employees

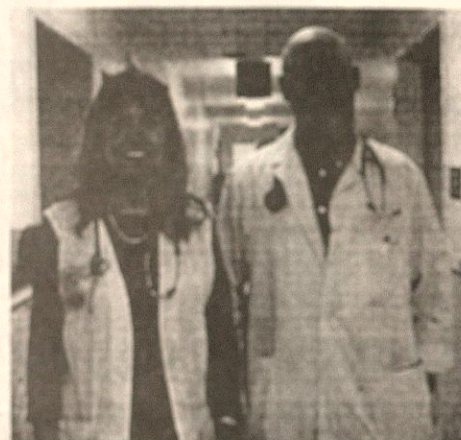


A Christmas Serenade
May your holidays be harmonious, and may the high notes of a beautiful Christmas linger in your memory.
Thank you for your friendship. We wish you a joyful holiday, and a wonderful new year. Having you for a customer has been music to our ears. We look forward to seeing you again very soon.
BUSHWHACKERS
Andrew, Margie, & Marlo
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Thinking Of You At Christmas



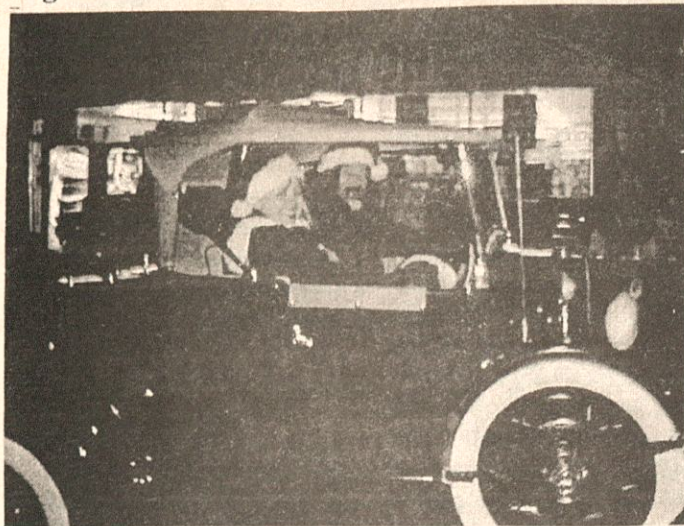
Dr. Margaret Glynn
Dr. Scott Segars



Nurse Practitioners
Diane Davis and Randy McDuffy

With best wishes from our house to yours this holiday season.

Happy Holidays
from Physicians & Staff at
The Segars-Glynn Clinic



Tishomingo Christmas Parade



Letters to Santa

Ms. Crystal Taylor's
Kindergarten Class
Tishomingo Elementary

Dear Santa,
First of all, I want to say hello. Please tell the reindeer I said hi, too. I would like the following things: a train set, hot wheels, Batman figure, remote control truck, hacky sack, and last but not least a punching bag. I'm sorry for acting bad this year. I promise I'll act better next year. Hope you have a safe trip. I'll have cookies waiting for you and reindeer treats, too.

Your friend,
David Adamson

Dear Santa,

My name is Natalie and I am 5 years old. I would like a Bratz ice skating doll and a toy horse named Butterscotch. I would also like for you to bring my baby brother a truck and a Bratz Boyz doll. We have been very good this year.

Your Friend,
Natalie Arnold

Dear Santa,

I would like a scooter electric car and please bring our troops home safe so they can be with their families for Christmas.

Your Friend,
Chase Brawley

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a hot wheel car, CD player, four-wheeler, and a computer like my granddaddy. My sister Hannah want a Dora dream house and for my Memaw a brand new purse. My granddaddy wants a brand new truck and for my Mama a pair of brand new shoes and a lot of money! Thank you Santa!

Your Friend,
Mydrione Brock

Dear Santa,

I want a doll house, some dolls, a Garfield Gameboy game, and a few surprises. I have been good this year. I will leave your milk and cookies.

Your Friend,
Kayla Clark

Dear Santa,

I want a big horse, Dora talking doll house, movies, games, a Barbie doll, toy animals, a Dora doll, SpongeBob, and a cell phone.

Your Friend,
Kaitlyn Clayton

Dear Santa,

I want a dinosaur, a Playstation 2, a giraffe, DVDs, a picture frame, clothes, my own little treehouse, a real kitty cat, and that's all.

Your Friend,
Arden Durham

Dear Santa,

How are you? My name is Bryce and I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like you to bring me a real gun, a deer target, playstation games, play horses, a stable, wagon, trampoline and net, tool belt and tools, stereo, and CDs. Please leave my two sisters some clothes and jewelry and please leave all of us a camera! Have a Merry Christmas! I will leave your something good to eat.

Your Friend,
Bryce Epperson

Dear Santa,

I would like a puppy, a Cars piston cup race track, a blue talking Mater, a Gameboy and Cars game, and a Cars tractor tipping game. I will leave you and Rudolph a snack.

P. S. Please leave my sister, Chloe, some Ariel stuff.

Your Friend,
Rory Hollingsworth

Dear Santa,

I would like a robot, some movies, a zebra, a little desk, dinosaurs, pictures, a trophy, and an X-box.

Your Friend,
Josh Jones

Dear Santa,

I was good all year. Please bring me some My Little Ponies, a pottery wheel, and some coloring books.

Your Friend,
Emma McRae

Dear Santa,

I would like some new playstation games, a toy gun, a play monkey, a turtle, Bully, and some cars.

Your Friend,
Collin Middleton

Dear Santa,

I want a go-cart, a play BB gun, and some new clothes. I would also like some candy and bubble gum.

P.S. I think I maybe want a four-wheeler, too!

Your Friend,
Hunter Mock

Dear Santa,

My name is Luke and I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like a remote control gas powered monster truck, a bike or four-wheeler game for my Leapster LMax, a pair of brown cowboy boots, a General Lee car, and a Pirates of the Caribbean sword. Please bring my baby sister Chloe some surprises, too.

Your Friend,
Luke Pounders

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody and I have been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a Buffalo, Ant Bully Boy, Fox and the Hound II movie, Barn yard movie, Teen Titans, and lots of surprises? I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Your Friend,
Cody Smith



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I am an 11 year old girl. I live in Tishomingo. I would like to have a MP3 Player, iDog, Dream Life game and lots of surprises.

Antonia Terry
P.S. Mom made me write this letter.

Dear Santa,

I would like a go-kart with some gas. If you can't do that then I would be ok with an X-Box 360 with some games. I would also like a Robo-raptor, a remote control Lightening McQueen, a B.B. gun, bow and arrow set and all the Cars characters from the movie, Cars. I really want that movie DVD also.

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Will McMillan, age 7

Dear Santa,

I would like a robotic dog with cover, clothes, a cover and charger for my portable dvd player and a go-kart. Merry Christmas, Santa!
M'Lynne McMillan, age 10

HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS



Turns Out Just Right!

Here's our
foolproof recipe
for a perfect
holiday season:

Take One Part Cheer
Add Two Parts Joy
Throw In Our Very Best Wishes
And Serve In Generous Portions
To A Fine Mix Of People Like You!

Sweet
tidings and
many thanks
to all.

The Country Squire & Employees

Thanks for 31 Years!
459 Hwy. 72 - Iuka, MS



He's Checking It TWICE!

We know you're on the list of people we'd like to thank this holiday season.
Your kind patronage has made it all worthwhile.

Merry Christmas!

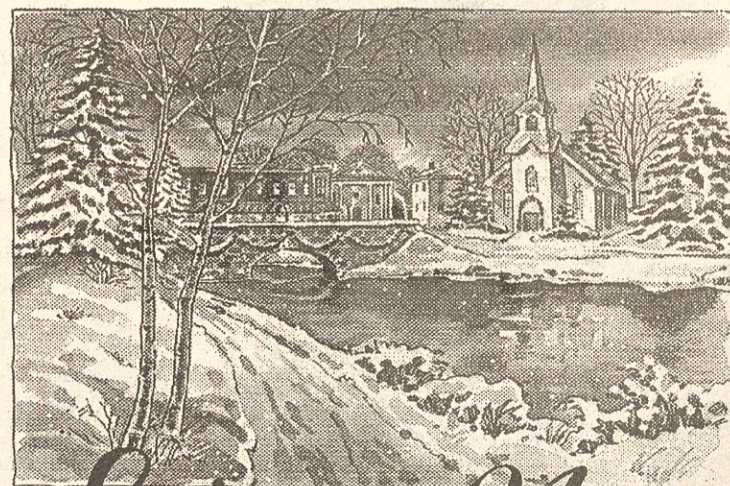
From all of us at

Milligan's Ready Mix

Kirk, Hollie, Greg, David, J.B., Stacy,
Eddie, Charles, Tim, Benny, Josh, Tommy, Chris,
Jamie, Joe, Robert, Jason, Bobby, Mack

1679 Constitution Dr., Iuka

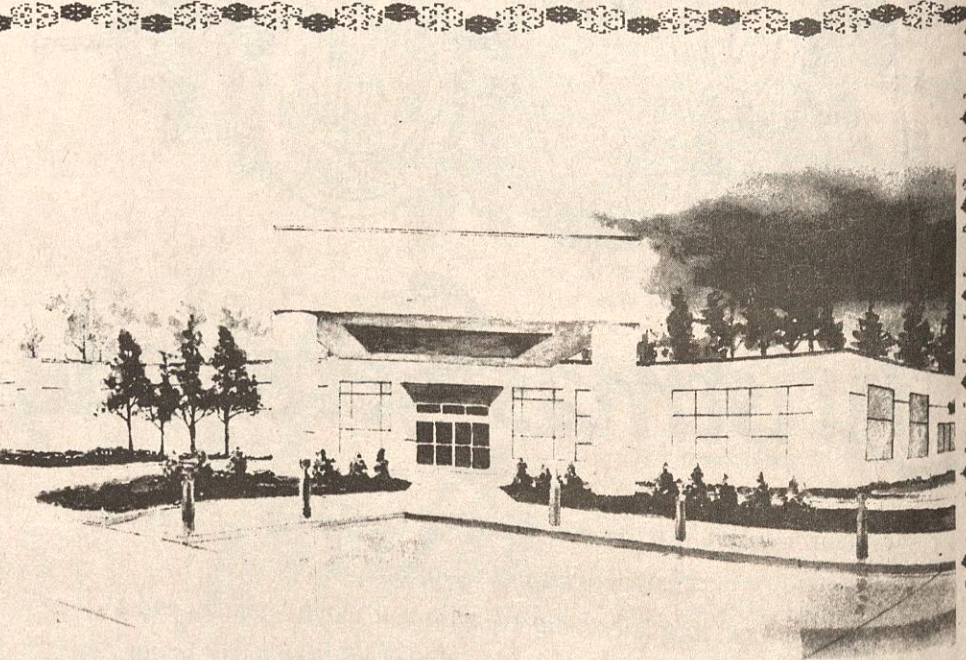
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Enjoy the Magic

No matter what your age, Christmas is a time that makes us all feel young at heart, and our hearts are gladdened by warm thoughts of good friends like you.
Happy Holidays!

Monotech of Mississippi



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



Season's Greetings

We really appreciate your patronage and wish you all a joyous holiday season.

Happy Holidays from
Whistle Clean Car Wash
across from Iuka Mineral Springs Park

LETTERS TO SANTA



Santa Wish List 2006
Juka Head Start Unit 2
Ms. Pam & Mrs. Jessica

Dear Santa,
I would like a jungle play set with alligator toys. A T-rex and a train, I have been a good boy.

Malachi S.

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Dora cash register. Bring my momma a Dora kitchen for me.

Racheal S.

Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a Barbie doll.

Hannah F.

Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a cooking stove, a princess, and a new blanket for school.

Cyndal R.

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a Dora talking kitchen, I have been very good.

Paige S.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a mermaid kitchen so I can make cookies.

Aneesia S.

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a purple bike and a kitty that don't scratch and don't have nails. And a baby dog like at my Samantha's with little nails and a fake stove.

Jaiden B.

Dear Santa,
I want an easy bake oven the baking sheets to make real cookies with sprinkles and chocolate. I will share with my brother and I want a Buzz light year and woody.

Donovan W.

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid stove a real cell phone a blanket and a truck.

Shekia H.

Dear Santa,
I would like some Lego toys, a backpack, dinosaur t-rex astronaut game robot, one of those helmets, a punching popper, a superman suit, dar Vader, dance stomp music thing, microphone with who let the dogs out song.

Justin H.

Dear Santa,
I would like a racing track that has those wings that makes it goes round and around. A robot dog with blue eyes that does all the tricks. Remote control truck that turns into a car, a pinchie thing that grabs keys and pulls them.

John C.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a dollhouse, a baby doll, a baby stroller, a toy kitchen and a door for my bedroom and letters on my bedroom wall. And a TV, for my sister and a T.V. for me.

Katelyn S.

Dear Santa,

My Play station 2 was struck by lighting and I would like to get another one, I like airplanes, trucks, and matchbox snow monster and it comes with like 100 parts to make cars, and I would like airplane stamps for my wall and green paint for the grass in my room. I have

Jamie S

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like you to bring me a Dora Magic Castle, and Princess Cinderella kitchen. I have been very good.

Hannah W

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a bike, Dora magic castle, a elephant nose catcher, a game and a rolling thing like a yo yo.

Elissa C.

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring me Princess Cinderella kitchen, a camera, and pencils with my name on them and a dog.

Brittany T.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Spiderman kitchen, dinosaur race car, my brother want a toy race car, a Christmas tree, a choo choo train and a toy monkey.

John B.



Dear Santa,

I would like a Dora magic castle.

Breanna N.

Dear Santa,

I would like a go-cart and a Spiderman.

James S.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE.
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**Merry Christmas
& Best Wishes**
from the
**Tishomingo County
Republican Party**

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

Tanner and Brady Whitaker

Season's Greetings
FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU

**MONEY
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INC.**

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&
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WORKS**

**DISCOUNT
TOBACCO**

**WHITE & AKERS
PROPERTIES**

**HANDY
SANDY**

*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



2006 Iuka Christmas Parade

It's Time to Invite Forgiveness To Your Holiday Meal

Are you dreading seeing your family this holiday season? Perhaps the unresolved conflicts of years past are haunting the visions of sugarplums dancing in your head?

Ignoring issues never makes them go away. This is especially true when it involves family. Unresolved hurts breed bitterness that affects everyone. There is no escaping the silence, the awkwardness, and the loss of intimacy. The only way to fix it is by coming to terms with the pain...and choosing to forgive.

Have you every wondered how you managed to end up with the family you did? No matter what is said and done, you are still part of the same family. You can't do anything

about it, other than become Mr. Scrooge. Choosing to forgive takes guts but will reap you and your family great rewards!

So how do you forgive? Here are 5 practical steps to get you on your merry way:

#1 - Be real, be honest: You simply need to state the facts. Be very clear with yourself about what happened and who hurt you.

#2 - State what you want: Peace? More intimate relationships? Any answer is a good answer, as long as it drives you to take action and forgive.

#3 - Choose to forgive: Forgiveness is a choice. The fact that you are choosing to forgive automatically puts you in control.

#4 - Show love: By

showing love, you are giving the offending person permission to change.

#5 - Move on: Decide what you want and focus your energy on getting there. You are free!

Forgiveness is a must within families, which is why it is incredibly important that we take extra care to resolve issues and keep short accounts. Maybe you are the one that needs to be forgiven? If you said or did something in the past that hurt someone in the family, have you asked for forgiveness?

In addition to fixing what you know you've broken, there is a time and a place within your family to fix the things you don't know you've broken. How can you repair the damage caused by what you said or did if you don't remember what you said or did?

Simple: you ask. You don't remember, but they do! Listen to what they say...and apologize!

It might be a "little" thing, but little things can grow into big mountains. By fixing the hurts and pains, you are taking the offensive and making sure that unforgiveness and everything else that comes with it...does not grow in your

family.

There are many reasons to seek forgiveness, including peace, avoiding bitterness which ruins relationships, and breaking the cycle - hurt people always hurt people.

It's time to honestly look at your naughty and nice list, choose to forgive and move on. Choosing to forgive is the best present you could give to yourself and your family this year.

(Paul J. Meyer is a New York Times best selling author. To get a closer look at what forgiveness really is and is not, go to pauljmeier.com for his newest life-changing book: Forgiveness...the Ultimate Miracle.)



"Jingle Bells" Sings Of

Snow and Sleigh

Although it says not a word about Christmas, the song, "Jingle Bells" is now a familiar part of the holiday season. The spirited description of "Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh" conjures up visions of the old-fashioned Yuletide nearly everyone remembers -- or likes to think he remembers.

Usually it is thought of as "Jingle Bells," but early copies of the song show that the title was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells" -- with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.

Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14.

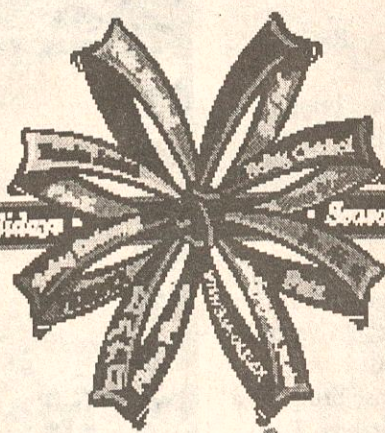
Pierpont wrote the song in the late 1850's according to Encyclopedia Americana. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where at the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simpson's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the "Jingle, Bells" melody.



Peace On Earth

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

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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.

Thank you so much for your loyal support.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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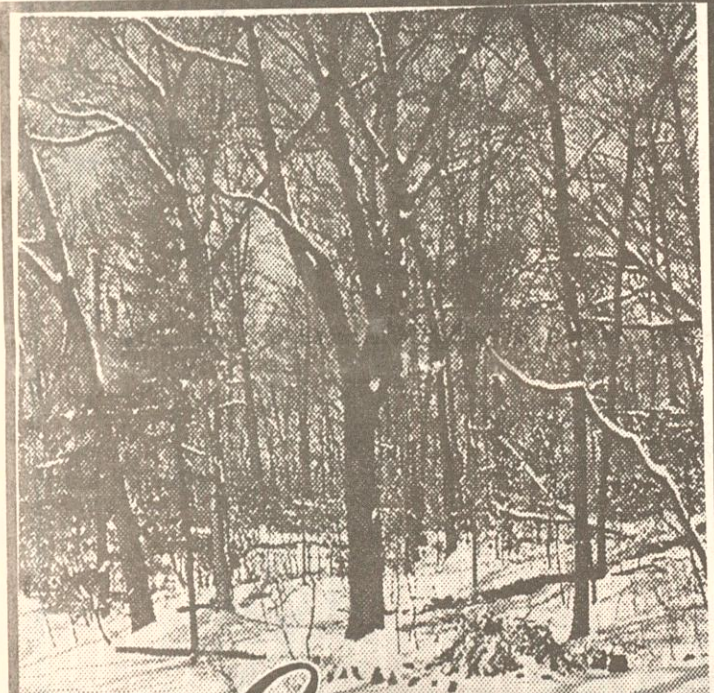
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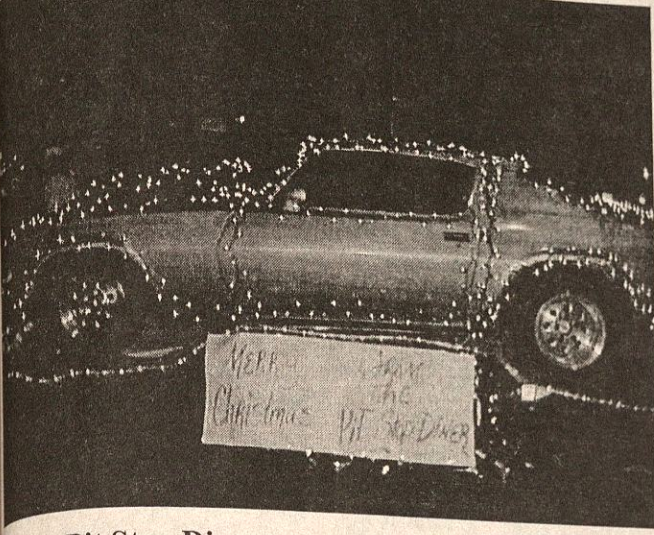
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Merry Christmas



Pit Stop Diner entry in the Tishomingo Christmas Parade



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

We are boys and girls from Burnsville Head Start. We are in Ms. Brenda and Ms. Darlene's room. Here is our wish list:

Harrison-Darth Vader mask, swords, trucks

Yaire-Horse, baby doll

Tristan-Thomas the Train set, Buzz Lightyear

Skylar-Power Ranger that goes underwater

Ashley-Orange lipstick, a new blue and red princess dress

Logan-2 big rocket ships, robot

Katy-Dora Bed and Kitchen, Dora C.D.'s

Allie-Mermaid that swims by herself, Andrew some baby toys

Chloe-Tooth Fairy Dora, a present for my Mama

Taylor-Pink Barbie car, baby doll

Nathan-Race cars and a race car set

Faith-Dora cash register

Azlea-Barbie car, a Barbie for Faith

Caleb-BB gun, dirt bike, 4-Wheeler

Makalyn-CD and movies, Dora bed and kitchen

Donavon-Batman and Spiderman toys

Blaine-Toy guns, clothes, shoes

Starla-Bicycle, clothes, and pants

wish list. Please bring it to us.

Sebastian-Four Wheeler

Christopher-Spiderman four wheeler

Brandon-Tractor, trailer, truck

"J"-Motorcycle, teddy bear

Jonathan-Two General Lee

Anna- Tea sets, Barbie dolls

Brooklyn-A cell phone, pink book with glitter on it

Ethan Fry- Big Toys

Jaydon-Video games

Justin-New motorcycle, four wheeler

Samantha-A ball with a Princess on it, a heart necklace, a dress with a crown on it

Eli-Bicycle, big monster truck

Riley-Big trucks, motorcycles, toy guns

Ashton-Dora kitchen, Dora video games

Katie-Barbie dolls, new play guns

Jaycee-Everything

Ethan Rast-Airplane, car, big train

Ryan-Guitar, chocolate candy, a suitcase, candy canes

Xmas...

This abbreviation for Christmas is of Greek origin. The word for Christ in Greek is Xristos. During the 16th century, Europeans began using the first initial of Christ's name, "X" in place of the word Christ in Christmas as a shorthand form of the word. Although the early Christians understood that X stood for Christ's name, later Christians who did not understand the Greek language mistook "Xmas" as a sign of disrespect.

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!

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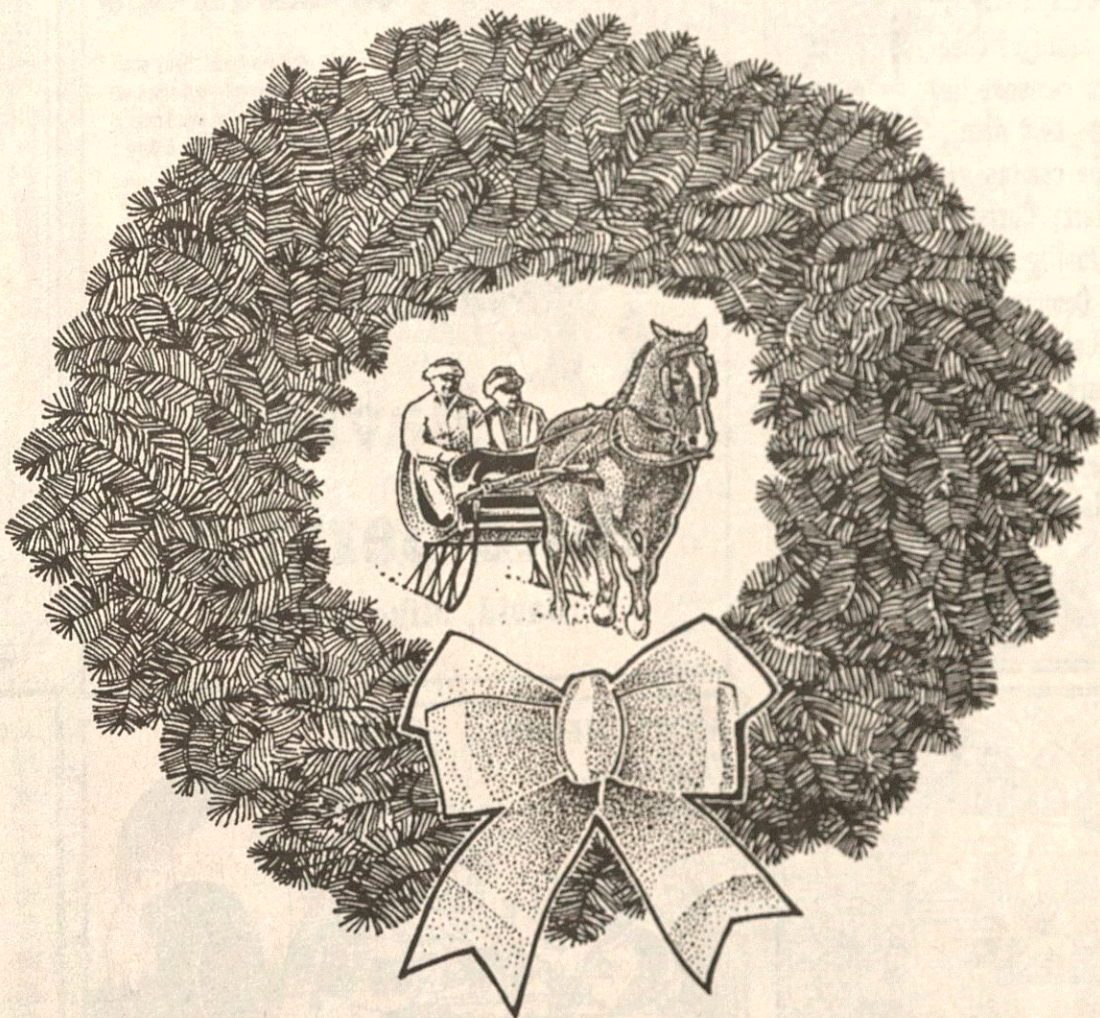
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Letters to Santa

Burnsville's Elem. First Grade Class *Letters To Santa* (from Kristy Blunt's Class)

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want two dirt bikes for me and my brother, and I want a four-wheeler, and I want a Harley Davidson for my Dad. I want two bikes, and I want 3 water guns, dart board, and a small play gun, and some play money. That's all.
Love, Isaiah Miller

Dear Santa,
I love your Santa presents! I would like a pretty Bratz doll, and I like you because you are nice.
Love, Ivy Gaines

Dear Santa,
I want a Marval Heroes enemies, and a space gun that has a big one and a little one and I want a GI Joe training card game, and a game cube and I want the world to be happy!
Love, Elijah Brooks

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and a pet cat and I want my granny to get better and I want to see you Santa!
Love, Dylan Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control 4-wheeler and 4 water guns. I want a play gun and a little dirt bike. I want a shot gun. I want a little 4-wheeler that goes. That's all.
Love, Steven Meeks

Dear Santa,
I want a game - Dragon-Ball Z game from Wal-Mart and that's it.
Love, Jonathon Trimm

Dear Santa,
I want the D X-Men Triple H and Shaun Micheal and a big remote control Tony Stuart Car. I want a Dale Earnheart Jr. car and a batista doll (Wrestler) I want an Undertaker doll, and a Hardy doll. I want a 4-Wheeler. I want a Jimmy Johnson car and a Santa Claus toy and a chopper and a motorcycle with a man on it and a John Seena (Wrestler) Merry Christmas! Thank You Santa! By Santa!
Love, Blake Carroll

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Dream House and a Baby Alive and a new game and another horse and Merry Christmas! and Santa Claus thank you for bringing us stuff.
Love, Ashleigh McRae

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an amazing Amanda, and I want a new Baby Doll and I want some new marbles and I want some goggles and that's all.
Love, Whitney Plaxico

Dear Santa,
I want lots of presents and I want a baby doll and I want a barbie doll and clothes for hte doll and I love you, Santa Claus!
Love, Taylor Shea

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a game boy, and a Playstation 2, and I hope my mom has a good time at Christmas, and I want my family to have a good time at Christmas.
Love, Ethan Twitty

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a new play cat, and a new PS2 game and a new tire for my 4-wheeler, and a new X-Men toy, and an automatic motorcycle and that's all.
Love, Noah Lawson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have make-up and Cheetah girl stuff, and a play kitten. That's all.
Love, Katie Dees

Dear Santa,
I want a parachute guy and some clothes and a stuffed spiderman and a stuffed superman for my brother.
Love, Tyler Moss

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a 4-wheeler.
Love, Destiny McClellan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a Playstation 2 and a fast talking Lightning McQueen and a X-Box.
Love, Alex Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a one-strap backpack. I want pink boots and that's all.
Love, Emily Newkirk

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a lot of surprises.
Love, Austin Knapp

(Deborah Marlar's 1st Grade Class)

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like to have a baby doll, bicycle, and some money for Christmas. My dad would like to have a new truck. Please bring my Mom a new cell phone. My brothers need an Ole MS and Auburn hat and cell phones.
Love, Kaley Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a ninja turtle, spiderman action figure, and a motorcycle.
Love, Noah Blackburn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want stickers, clothes, and shoes. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Emily Oaks

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I will leave you cookies and milk. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a mp3 player. I will help my mama clean house.
Love, Aurora Hicks

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun, coloring books, candy, clothes, puzzles, and a stuffed horse. I have been good at home and school. I will have chips and milk for you.
Love, Phillip Williamson

Dear Santa,
I have been helping my mom do laundry. I have been real good. I love you Santa. I like your deer. I want a my little pony that comes with an elevator. I want a toy kitty that is in a float. I want it to be pink.
Love, Hayleigh Slack

Dear Santa,
I have been good at home and school. I have been at church handing money out to the older people to help them because some of them have been sick. I would like to have some games about star wars, lego star wars 1 and 2, star wars bounty hunter, madeen football, and a real army game.
Love, Brady Anglin

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation 2 and a big black gun.
Love, Drew Zaccagnini

Dear Santa,
I love you! I will be glad to see you. I want a barbie doll, bratz doll, and barbie house. Please bring me an easy bake oven because my other one is broken.
Love, Savannah Powers

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a doll, doll house, kid's high heel shoes, play computer and a printer.
Love, Summer Mock

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I have been good. I have been helping clean at home. I want a dirt bike, motor truck, and a toy motorcycle.
Love, T.J. Moody

Dear Santa,
I want my two front teeth, monster truck, toys, and ninja turtle costume.
Love, Dylon Kneisly

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I love my family. I am very good. I want a baby crib, a baby doll, and some new shoes. Please bring me two front teeth because mine have been gone for a long time.
Love, Sarah Odom

Dear Santa,
I want an mp3 player, remote control car, and little head phones.
Love, Jake Huffman

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some milk and cookies. I want a barbie doll for Christmas. I love you!
Love, Britanie Oaks



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Thank you for visiting us this year.

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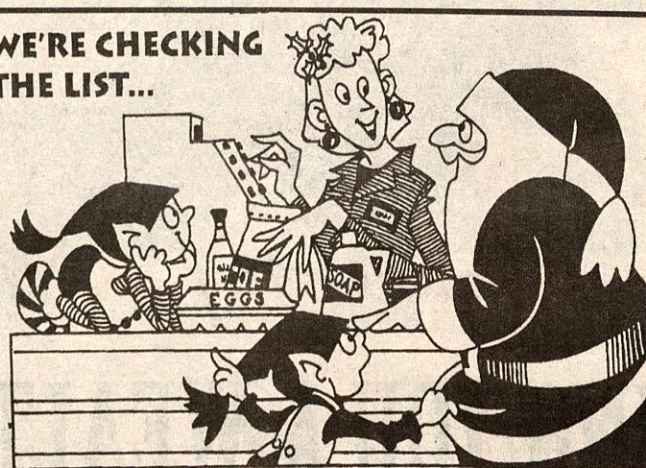
IT'S A WINTER

Wonderland!

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.

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Star of Bethlehem Has Made Wise Men Wonder For All These Years

"Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright..."

Ever since the first Christmas, the star that led the Wise Men to where the Infant Jesus lay has been the object of conjecture and wonder.

Unfortunately, the only reference to the star in Matthew's Gospel offers no explanation for the phenomenon: "And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the child was."

Thus it is that scientists and biblical scholars alike have been free to speculate about various theories, ranging from the supernatural to logical explanations.

One theory is that the star was actually a comet; yet another asserts that the star was probably a supernova, a star that suddenly takes on spectacular brilliance.

There is still another theory that the star was actually a conjunction of planets. According to astronomical studies, there were three conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn in the year 7 B.C. There were

also major conjunctions of planets between 3 and 2 B.C., claim other studies. The 17th-century astronomer Kepler calculated that Mars, Saturn and Jupiter had been in conjunction around the time of Christ's birth.

in fact, Hipparchus is believed to have discovered a brilliant star where none had been seen before in the year 134 B.C. Could this have been the Star of Bethlehem?

Aside from being a beacon to the Magi, the star also fulfills an important prophecy regarding the Messiah. The Book of Numbers foretold "There shall come a Star out of Jacob."

Whatever explanation seems most plausible, Christians have always attached great significance to the star's appearance.

There have been many songs written about the Star of Bethlehem and certainly no Christmas tree would be complete without its star shining atop.

The Star of Bethlehem is a wondrous part of the still more wondrous Nativity story; its brilliance has come to symbolize for us the miracle that is Christ-

mas: the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.



The Candy Cane...

Candy canes have been around for centuries, but it wasn't until around 1900 that they were decorated with red stripes and bent into the shape of a cane. They were sometimes handed out during church services to keep the children quiet. One story (almost certainly false) that is often told about the origin of the candy cane is as follows:

In the late 1800's a candy maker in Indiana wanted to express the meaning of Christmas through a symbol made of candy. He came up with the idea of bending one of his white candy sticks into the shape of a Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols of Christ's love and sacrifice through the Candy Cane. First, he used a plain white peppermint stick. The color white symbolizes the purity and sinless nature of Jesus. Next, he added three small stripes to symbolize the pain inflicted upon Jesus before His death on the cross. There are three of them to represent the Holy Trinity. He added a bold stripe to represent the blood Jesus shed for mankind. When looked at with the crook on top, it looks like a shepherd's staff because Jesus is the shepherd of man. If you turn it upside down, it becomes the letter J symbolizing the first letter in Jesus' name. The candy maker made these candy canes for Christmas, so everyone would remember what Christmas is all about.

Plum Pudding

Plum pudding is an English dish dating back to the Middle Ages. Suet, flour, sugar, raisins, nuts, and spices are tied loosely in cloth and boiled until the ingredients are "plum," meaning they have enlarged enough to fill the cloth. It is then unwrapped, sliced like cake, and topped with cream.

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 the hearth. This tradition can be traced to legends about Saint Nicholas. One legend tells of three poor sisters who could not marry because they had no money for a dowry. To save them from being sold by their

father, St. Nick left each of the three sisters gifts of gold coins. One went down the chimney and landed in a pair of shoes that had been left on the hearth. Another went into a window and into a pair of stockings left hanging by the fire to dry.



Morgan Elyssa Beck
daughter of
Matt and Katreena Beck

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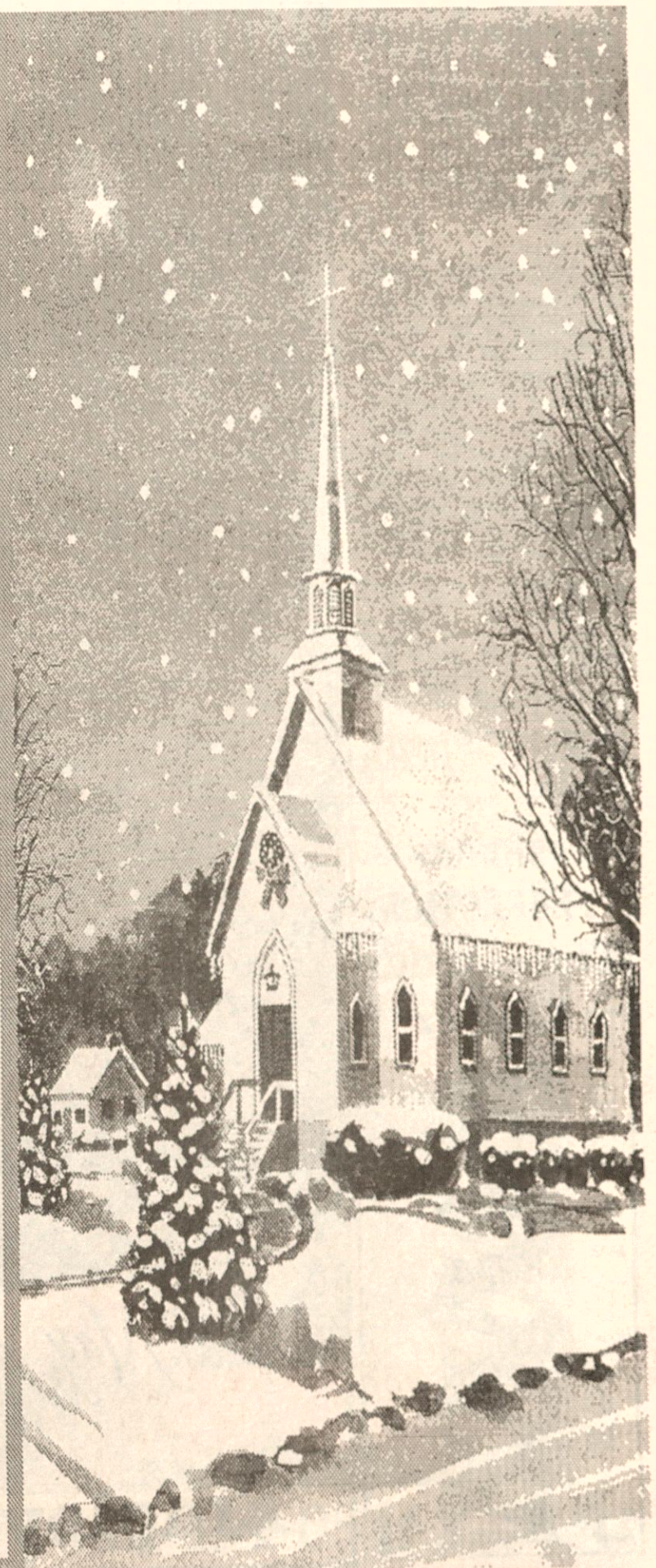
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Ellie & Charlotte



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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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want Baby Alive. I like stuff puppies. I want a picture frame. I want a baby animal. Makenzie

Dear Santa,

I want a ball. I want a doll and a new bike and a make-up kit, and lots of supprises and a Game Boy. Kayla George

Dear Santa,

My name is Anna Houston and I am six years old. I want a new primary doll and some clothes. I want some new clothes. I want some new jewelry. I want some new shoes. I want a new cook book. I want some new movies and some surprises. Anna Houston

Dear Santa,

I want dirt bike, monster truck, iFish, electric drum, Game Boy, and some games for my Game Boy. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Tedie

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the things you brought me last year. This year I would like a Baby Alive, an Easy Bake Oven and locket, The Fox and the Hound 2, Power Puff Girls movie, and some candy and surprises. I love you. Anna Kate Robinson

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me games and a skateboard? I would like a new TV for my room. I would like a Buzz Lightyear and a Woody and presents for all my family, and could I have some little 4-wheelers? Thank you. Philip Sartain

Dear Santa,

I want a CD player, games, some action figures for Christmas. Kayleb

Dear Santa,

I would like a Power Ranger for Christmas. If you have a green one, that would be great. Also, Ninja Turtle's are so cool. Could you please bring my brother and I one. Last but not least, a Game Boy with a Dinosaur game for it would be awesome. Brandon

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas. How do your reindeer fly? I wish the good boys and girls get some of the things they want. I want a Princess Geneveev doll, Teddy Bear, radio, notebook, Junie B. Jonser books, boots for my mommy, tools for my daddy and Bratz Christmas Class. Will you please give me some things I want? Love Abigail

Dear Santa,

I would like a Ben-10 watch and a Heat Blaster target toy. And a small TV that goes in the car with some movies to go with it. I would like a real sword. But my Moma and Daddy said it would cut me. But I would really like to have one. Please.

Thank you, your friend, Lane Cooper George

Dear Santa,

We are boys and girls from Burnsville Head Start. We are in Ms. Pat and Ms. Trish's room. We have been good this year.

Our wish list is:

Riley-4-wheeler, battery
Tristan-Train
Kaitlin-Makeup

Cheyenne-Cinderella ballerina doll

Isaac-Power Ranger Dalton-Dirt Bike

Lonnie-T.V.

Courtney-Kitchen Set

Shelton-Dirt bike

Collin-4 wheeler

Joshua-Blue bit thing

Monica-Kitchen Set

Trenton-Sponge Bob TV

Shea-Mermaid kitchen,

Sleeping Beauty umbrella

Sam-Monster truck

Dusty-Dirt bike

Adrian-Train

Nicholas-Hot wheels car.

The Christmas Tree...

The Christmas Tree originated in Germany in the 16th

century. It was common for the Germanic people to decorate fir trees, both inside and out, with roses, apples, and colored paper. It is believed that Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, was the first to light a Christmas tree with candles. While coming home one dark winter's night near Christmas, he was struck with

the beauty of the starlight shining through the branches of a small fir tree outside his home. He duplicated the starlight by using candles attached to the branches of his indoor Christmas tree. The Christmas tree was not widely used in Britain until the 19th century. It was brought to America by the Pennsylvania Germans in the 1820's.

*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.

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Children Riding on the Polar Express were (from left) Eli, Luke, Andy, Melissa, Lila Grace, Paisleigh and (front, right) Katelin. (See details below)

Local Children Take A Ride On The Polar Express

A group of local children were lucky enough to get a special train ride on one of Christmas' most popular trains—The Polar Express!

The train left the station on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, from the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum, located outside of Birmingham, Ala. in Calera, Ala. They began their magical trip at 7:30 p.m. and it lasted for about 2 hours to the North Pole where they were able to spend time with ole St. Nick, himself.

For these children, this was a trip they will remember for a life time. Along the way, they sang songs of Christmas, ate cookies and drank chocolate milk with all the other

children on board. The conductor read the story "The Polar Express" while traveling to the North Pole. When they arrived at the North Pole their faces lit up like a Christmas Tree. The children received their first gift of Christmas from Santa—a bell from Santa's Sleigh. At the North Pole, they all were welcomed by Santa, Mrs. Clause and Santa's Elves. Also, each child received a gift from one of Santa's Elves. These lucky children were Andy and Katelin George and Melissa Carter-George, children of Jared and Chasity George; Paisleigh, Luke, Eli and Lila Grace Sanderson, children of Buzz and Sonya Sanderson.



The Three Wise Men...

The Three Wise Men (also referred to as the Three Kings and as the Magi) were always a part of the Nativity scene. The story of a visit of wise men to the Christ Child is told in the bible in St. Matthew 2:1 tells us: "...Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem..." This Bible passage doesn't state how many wise men actually came from the east nor does it mention their names or their method of travel. It is only assumed they traveled by camel and they could have easily traveled by foot. The Bible doesn't claim these men to be kings, however it is speculated they were at least learned men and perhaps even astrologers.

Matthew 2:11 mentions three gifts that were presented: "...they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." Several Eastern religions have claimed up to twelve wise men made the journey to Bethlehem.

According to Medieval legend the names of three were Melchior, King of Arabia, who brought gold; Gaspar, King of Tarsus, whom

brought myrrh; and Balthasar, King of Ethiopia, whom brought frankincense. These three names do not come from the Bible and did not appear in Christian literature until five hundred years after the birth of Jesus.

It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew 2:11 it states: "...and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him..." The statement of coming into a house instead of a stable (or cave) and seeing a "young child," not a newborn, leads one to

Bethlehem.

Many believe that these gifts brought to the Christ Child by the wise men may well have been the origin of our present-day custom of gift giving at Christmas - or as many religious people believe it is a showing of our desire to emulate the unselfishness of Christ. Whatever the origin, the practice has become universal.



Christmas Trees...

Real Christmas trees are an all-American product, grown in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Most artificial trees are manufactured in Korea, Taiwan, or Hong Kong.

Merry Christmas & Many Blessings To You & Yours...

May the "true spirit" of that first Christmas be found in our hearts this holiday season as we give "Thanks" to God for his wonderful blessing, our families, who have loved and supported us, our prayer partners and home town folks who have been so good to us throughout this past year.

Thank you All & May God Richly Bless Each of You Is our Prayer - - -

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An Outlaw Christmas...

In the early 17th century, a wave of religious reform changed the way Christmas was celebrated in Europe. When Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan forces took over England in 1645, they vowed to rid England of Decadence and, as part of their effort, cancelled Christmas. By popular demand, Charles II was restored to the throne and, with him, came the return of the popular holiday.

The pilgrims, English separatists that came to America in 1620, were even more orthodox in their Puritan beliefs than Cromwell. As a

result, Christmas was not a holiday in early America. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually outlawed in Boston. Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. By contrast in the Jamestown settlement, Captain John Smith reported that Christmas was enjoyed by all and passed without incident.

After the American Revolution, English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas. In fact, Congress was in session on December 25, 1789, the first Christmas under America's new constitution. Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870.

A Time For Giving

May the gifts of health, happiness and harmony visit your home this Christmas. For the gift of your precious friendship, we give you our thanks.



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Christmas Blessings

St. Lucy's Day: "Festival of lights" brightens Swedish Advent

Mankind has traditionally celebrated the triumph of light over darkness. The most well-known of these "Festivals of Lights" is the Jewish holiday of *Hanukkah*, which usually falls in the month of December, and lasts for eight days.

It is a season marked by joyous celebration, gift-giving and, especially, candle-lighting. In fact, the *Menorah*, a nine-branched candelabra, is one of the familiar and traditional symbols of this festive occasion which commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greco-Syrians who had occupied the temple in Jerusalem in the second century B.C.

The miraculous victory of this small group of Hebrews over the forces of the enemy is paralleled by a miraculous vial of oil within the temple which, though it contained only enough oil to burn for a single day, miraculously lasted for eight days.

The Christians, too, have their "Festival of Lights" which is celebrated on De-

cember 13th, St. Lucy's Day. (The name, Lucy, is derived from the Latin word for light, *lux*.)

This holiday is chiefly observed in Sweden, where most households have their Lucia Queen.

St. Lucy is impersonated by a young girl, usually blond, who is garbed in the customary flowing white gown, which is sashed in red and decorated with stars.

On her head, the Lucia Queen wears a crown of bilberries, in which lighted candles have been arranged.

In the early hours of the morning of December 13th, before sunrise has begun to light the sky, the Lucia Queen proceeds slowly throughout her home, singing the traditional "Lucia song."

She awakens the household, bringing them hot coffee and special buns, known as *lussekatter*, which are flavored with either saffron or cardamom, and formed

into braids, twists or, sometimes, cats.

After she has finished this task, she goes out to the barn, bringing food and coffee to the farmhands and special food for the animals.

Later in the day, there is a church ceremony, during which a young girl attired as Lucia, candles burning in her crown, brings light into a darkened church.

She is frequently followed by young boys garbed as "star-boys." These "star-boys" carry staffs crowned with stars and wear star-studded caps.

How did St. Lucy's Day become a "Festival of Lights?" Lucy, a Christian martyr, who lived in Syracuse in Sicily in the third century AD, and who herself was cruelly blinded, is the saint who restores sight to the blind — bringing light to darkness.

St. Lucy is frequently represented in paintings carrying a lamp or torch, reinforcing her position as the bringer of light.

Additionally, according to the Old Style calendar, St. Lucy's Day, December 13th, is the shortest day of the year, and thus the darkest — the ideal time to celebrate the yearly victory of light over darkness.

How the celebration of St. Lucy's Day made its way from Sicily to Sweden is something of a mystery. The first celebration of St. Lucy's Day in Sweden would seem to have occurred in the 18th century, but it wasn't until the 19th century that the custom of nominating a young girl to take the part of St. Lucy seems to have taken hold, and then only in rural areas.

And, it was only toward the end of the 1920s that the holiday was popularized in Stockholm, where the Lucia Queen would lead processions through the city streets.

The joyous acceptance of the St. Lucy's Day festivities in Stockholm was immediate, ensuring the holiday a permanent place in the Advent calendar, and in the hearts of Swedes.

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 - Granfather Frost also Baboushka, a witch that visits good children on Christmas Eve



In the Spirit of Christmas

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New Ways to Use Old Christmas Cards

Forty years ago when I was growing up on our dairy farm in Wisconsin, my mother always saved the Christmas cards she had received in the mail. In those days, people sent many more Christmas cards than they do now.

Today, I still find myself saving the cards that I get each Christmas. When the holiday season is over, I take them down off the dining-room side of our kitchen cabinets. I look at each one and think about the person who sent it. Then I tuck the cards into Christmas canisters and store them with my Christmas decorations.

The next year when I take the decorations out, I discover the cards and then I look through them again. They are still much too pretty to throw away, but unfortunately, I only have so much space available for keeping cards!

If you save your old Christmas cards, too, but don't know what to do with them, here are three ways that you can put them to good use:

Make ornaments

1) Cut out the pictures and glue ribbon or lace around the edge. Craft shops and variety stores carry an amazing assortment of ribbon and lace.

2) Punch a hole in the top and hang from the Christmas tree with yarn or ribbon.

Make gift tags

1) Cut around the pictures,

leaving enough room at the edge to write "To" and "From" if the pictures are arranged in such a way that there is a large open space around the perimeter. Glue ribbon or lace around the edge to add a bit of decoration.

2) Cut out the pictures and glue onto pieces of colored paper folded in half (so you can write your message inside). Add ribbon or lace, if desired.

3) Cut out the pictures, write your message on the back upside-down and tape just the top edge to the package so that recipients only have to lift the tag to read your message. Once again, glue ribbon or lace around the edge for extra decoration.

Make collages

1) Purchase a 5x7 or an 8x10 picture frame with glass (or a larger frame, if desired.)

2) Cut out the pictures from the Christmas cards.

3) Glue the pictures onto a piece of cardstock or other heavy paper cut to fit the frame. Cover the paper with pictures. Experiment with different arrangements before you glue them down.

4) Display the collage on a coffee table or end table or hang it on the wall. Christmas card collages also could be given as gifts to family and friends.

Greetings

May your holiday season be bright with joy and happiness!

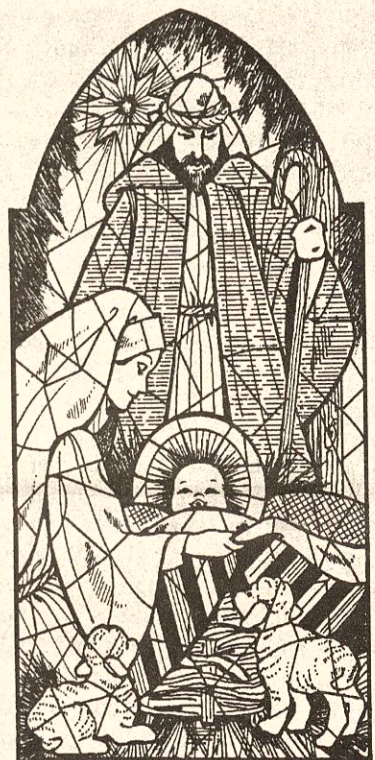
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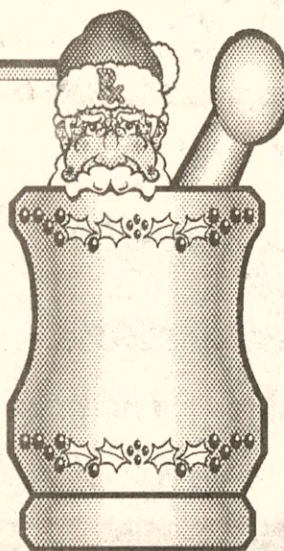
Come, Let Us Adore Him!

May your heart be joyful, and your spirit lifted, as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

Happy Holidays
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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. We're really thankful for your confidence and support.

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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.



Embrace The Season!

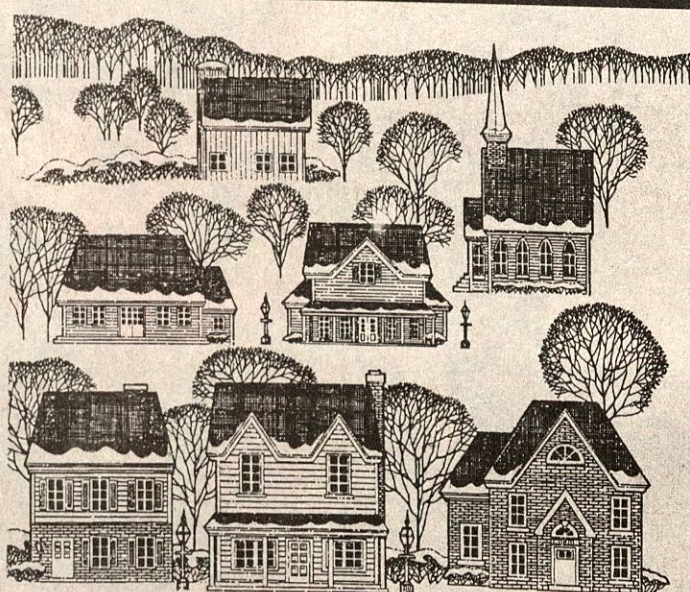
Wishing you all gifts you can wrap your arms around, all the joy our heart can hold. Merry Christmas and thanks, friends.

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a load of thanks

It's time to deliver our message of goodwill and gratitude to the many kind folks who have visited us this year. Have a very merry season!

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Merry Christmas from Our House to Yours

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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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Hannah. I am six years old. For Christmas, I want a new red drum, a scooter, a new pink baby, and a Dora blanket. I'll leave cookies, milk and an apple for you. I love you, Santa.
Hannah Brown

Dear Santa,
I want a Bratz Class. I want some scechers. I want some clothes. I want a Barbie. I want make-up. I want Hello Kitty.
Ashley Rojas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a dog in a bag, a Hello Kitty pez, bath stuff, a sticker book like my moms, two stamp pads that are bubble gum flavored and orange flavored.
Madison Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I would like a few musical toys that I can play with and a couple of CD's to listen to. And some new clothes. I'm not picky, anything will be nice.
Justin Puckett

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I want some Chrome wheels for my 4-wheeler. I want some racing gear for my 4-wheeler. It is red. I want a new John Deere knife that has the word Cody on it. I want a red helmet. I want a Tokyo Drift Playstation 2 game. I also want a new cell phone that takes pictures. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Cody Wooten

Dear Santa,

I like to have some make-up, lipstick, some jewelry, Barbie dolls, new dress shoes, new socks, also some Barbie clothes, a new back pack, Barbie boots for me, a size one. Dear Santa, I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree you can eat and drink. Love, Bethann Durham

Dear Santa,

I want horsy. I want a Barbie. I want a birdie. I want candy. I love Santa. I want a baby doll. I want a calculator. I want a kitten. I want a wrench. I want a gold fish.

Alyssa McCorkle

Dear Santa,

I am six years old and in the 1st grade and I would like for Christmas is a new pair of shoes and some clothes for my baby, a littlest pet shop, dry erase board, My Little Pony stuff and I will leave milk and cookies. I hope you have a good trip and I love you.

Jaycee McGill

Dear Santa,

I want a 4-wheeler, X-Box with all the games, a Playstation 3 with all the games, some clothes and shoes, a Power Range movie. Austin

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, a ball, a bike, a Carebear, a Teddy Bear, a four-wheeler. I hope I have been a good enough girl so you come see me this year. Ireland Hooyer

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good. I've been alright. I would like to have a Game Boy Advance, baby doll, watch, bike, Pixter in color, some warm clothes to wear and lots of surprises. Be safe this Christmas and I love you. Maria Daniel

Dear Santa,

I want a reading book. I want a little brown dog with long ears. I want a picture of you, Santa.

Andy George

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys last year. I want an X-Box 360 and an iPod and a go-cart, SpongeBob Monopoly game, Wheel of Fortune game set, motorcycle with a helmet, Ice Age the Meltdown movie, Deal Or No Deal and the Price Is Right TV game set and an electric game and Cars the movie.

Dakota James Hester

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a brand new car and a gift for Christmas. Thanks, Santa and I love you so much! Tre' Grizzard

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like to have a doctor's kit, telescope, and a 3-D Game Boy. I also want an alarm clock and a train set. Thank you.

Jameson Tennyson

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl sometimes. I would really like a 4-wheeler, some Barbie dolls, some clothes and I wish Jesus would send my dad back from heaven. I miss him really bad. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I love you, Abby Huff

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a red bicycle with a horn and a real guitar? Ryan and Sassy have been good too. So please bring them something good. I love you and I will leave you some cookies.

Jayden

Dear Santa,

My name is Morgan. I am 7 years old and I have been a good girl. I would like a Dora Explorer Kitchen, a pair of boots, and a My Little Friend.

Morgan Gober

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We thank you for your business during the past year and wish you exceeding great joy as together, we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



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*Randy and Rhonda
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Letters to Santa

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Maddison Barlett - I want a four-wheeler, a baby doll, a pacifier for baby doll, a basketball. I want some clothes for mama. I want you to bring some clothes for my Grand-mama's and for my Papa a clock. I will leave some cookies for Santa and some corn for his reindeers.

Madison Butler - I want a motorcycle and a baby doll, baby Christmas lights and a baby doll that lights in a car. I will leave Santa Claus a present under the tree.

Evan Donaldson - I want a motorcycle, a game, a skate board and a basketball. I will leave Santa a skateboard under the tree.

Tyriek Duckett - I want a motorcycle and a car, a playstation and a puzzle. I will leave Santa a motorcycle.

Savanna Holt - I want a little red motorcycle, a game, a car and a puzzle. I will leave some cookies under the Christmas tree for Santa.

Malaria Keller - I want a new couch, a motorcycle, baby doll and bottle for my

baby. I want Santa to bring mama and daddy a new clock. I will leave some cookies for Santa and some corn for his reindeers. I will also leave some milk for them to drink.

Chelsea Lomenick - I want a baby bright, a puzzle and some clothes. I want you to bring mama and daddy some presents too.

Caleb Long - I want some big toys. A bicycle and flowers for mama and for papa to have a bull-dozer. I want my mama to have lots of babies.

Maria Medley - I want a motorcycle, a bicycle and a baby doll. I will leave some cookies under the tree for you to eat.

Ethan Merrill - I want Santa to bring me a motorcycle and lots of toys and clothes. I will leave some cookies under the tree and some corn for the reindeers. I want my momma Shirley and papa Charlie to have some presents under the tree.

Trey Mitchell - I want a motorcycle, some blocks, and some puzzles. I will leave cookies under the tree for Santa and his reindeers.

Heather Osorio - I want some puzzles, a baby doll, dishes and a motorcycle. Bring my mother and father a clock. I will leave cookies for Santa and a light for the reindeers so they can see in the dark.

Madison Rooker - I want a baby and bottle for my baby, dishes and some clothes. I want mama to clean-up the floor for Santa.

Austin Rooker - I want a big motorcycle, some clothes for my daddy and a motorcycle for my daddy. I want my mama to have a clock. I want big toys. I will leave cookies for Santa Clause and popcorn for the reindeers.

Mrs. Mary's Kindergarten
at Tishomingo Elementary
Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle. I've been good. I love you.

Your friend,
Ethan McCorkle

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Power Wheels four-wheeler with fire on it. I also - would like a new bedroom with Batman stuff. I have been good to my parents. I promise I will leave cookies and milk for you to eat when you bring my toys.

Love, J. C. Requena

Dear Santa,

I want a Spiderman, a plastic gun, Peter Parker, a Power Ranger toy, an X-man toy, a red and a black Simbia, Justice League toys, a toy sword, and Pirates of the Caribbean toys.

Your friend,
Bradley Lee Smith

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. I wish for a Barbie and a Barbie dollhouse. I want a trampoline to play on, and I would like some Bratz make-up.

Your friend,
Amberlee Kilgore

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, a Barbie car, clothes, a bike and a doll bike, and a Windy With DVD.

Love, Naomi Eaton

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. I want a choo choo train and a toy motorcycle. My little sister wants everything. My big sister wants a Razor Phone. My daddy wants tools and my mama want a new car!

Your friend,
Shawn Russell McAdams

Dear Santa,

I want pink roller blades, a Barbie horse, pretend poodle, Barbies, clothes, shoes, and lots of surprises!

Love, Hannah Harrell

Dear Santa,

I would like some Barbie dolls, a new Barbie doll house, a teddy bear, a chair that has Bratz on it, and a Bratz movie. I will leave some cookies and milk for you! PS Don't forget to bring my little sister Gracie some toys.

Your friend,
Sheridan Page

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl this year and if it isn't too much trouble this year for Christmas I would like a baby doll, toys that make noise, and clothes.

Love, Ashley Watson

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a very good boy. Please bring me some surprises and some surprises for my brother, James.

Your friend,
Patrick Murphy

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a toy gun and a BB gun. And now can I please have a motorcycle that's black. Santa, I love you so very much. I want all the stuff on my list. And some boxing gloves, red. Tell all the reindeer hi for me. And I hope ya'll are doing well. And your Mom, too.

Your friend,
Landen Musgrave

Dear Santa,

I would like a Dora cash register, Dora kitchen, a Barbie house, a Baby Alive, and My Play Piano. I will leave milk and cookies. PS please leave my sissy Krista a surprise.

Your friend, Kylee Barry

Dear Santa,

My name is Courtney Cox. My big sister and I want a go-cart for Christmas this year. I've been a good girl this year.

Your friend,
Courtney Cox

We Hope It's Merry!

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

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Dear Santa,

I want a Buzz Lightyear toy. I want a Playstation 2 and a Cars game. I want a drum set and a few surprises. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave milk and cookies.

Love,
Taylor Denson

Dear Santa,

I want a color explosion toy, "Cars" race track, floam, 2 "Cars" books, Lightning McQueen and Mater toys, "I Spy" and "Thomas the Train" paint books. Please bring me

lots of surprises. I will leave you cookies and milk. I have been a good boy this year. See you soon!

Your friend,
Hunter Roberts



TO OUR BEST FRIENDS

We're putting on the dog to say, "Hope your holiday's merry in every way!"
Thanks for hanging in there with us.

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Thanks, Partner!

North, south, east or west,
We hope your Christmas is the best —
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May joy and good fortune still hang around!

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Merry Christmas from
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The Staff of
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Warm Greetings

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

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

Merry Christmas from
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We Wish You A Merry Christmas

'Tis the season for us to say,
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Beware of Gift Card Fraud

More than \$18 billion in gift cards were purchased in 2005 and projections for 2006 approach nearly \$25 billion in total gift card sales. Where there is big money, crooks, criminals, thieves and scammers are soon to follow.

The Better Business Bureau system has issued an advisory through its 129 local BBB's across the United States and Canada warning that a number of scams surrounding gift cards have evolved and consumers should be cautious about where and how they purchase them.

"Gift cards have provided a solution to the age-old

problem of deciding what types of gift to buy, but with the convenience of these cards, there is also the possibility of fraud," said Bill Moak, President of the Better Business Bureau of Mississippi. "We urge consumers to be careful when purchasing gift cards during the holiday shopping season."

Two types of gift cards exist: Those sold by retailers, which can only be used at that store or sister stores; and bank cards, which can be used just about anywhere. The bank-issued debit cards, however, come with a variety of fees and restrictions.

Gift cards can also be purchased on Internet auction sites, but oftentimes these cards have been stolen and

ultimately hold no value.

In another scam, crooks copy down the numbers on the back of gift cards displayed on retail store racks, then wait several days in hopes the card is sold before calling to find out the balance left on the card. When they find one with a balance, they go online for a free shopping spree using that card number, essentially picking the pocket of the legitimate customer or gift card recipient. Another scam involves corrupt cashiers who pocket newly loaded cards and hand customers blanks.

The Better Business Bureau offers several protective measures consumers can take to guard against ending up with a fraudulent gift card:

- Buy from reputable sources, preferably directly from the store and, if possible, not off a rack. The BBB discourages buying gift cards from online auction sites because it's difficult to know where the card is stolen or will arrive with the promised amount.
- Do not rely solely on a sales clerk or cashier to select a card from publicly inaccessible stock, e.g., behind the counter. Always personally examine the card for signs of tampering - specifically looking for evidence of the PIN number having been exposed.
- When buying a gift card, keep the original purchase receipt with the card as proof of purchase.
- Immediately after buying a gift card, ask the cashier to scan the card itself to ensure the card is valid and has the proper value.

If an individual does find that they have been the victim of a gift card scam, the BBB suggests the following actions:

- Retain the proof of purchase receipt.
- Most gift cards will have a toll free telephone number on the back of the card for consumers to report problems through company customer service representatives.
- The BBB encourages use of company customer service operations as a first step in the process - as opposed to returning to the point of purchase where personnel will have little authority or opportunity to resolve the issue.

For additional tips, or to file a complaint, contact the Better Business Bureau at 800-987-

8280 or online at www.bbms.org.

Homemade Chocolate Cake & Frosting Recipe

This old-fashioned chocolate cake recipe has been in the family for years and it's a big hit at holiday gatherings. It's very easy to make!

Recipe Ingredients:

2 c. flour
1 c. sugar
1 c. mayonnaise
1 c. water
4 T. cocoa
2 tsp. soda

Combine ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat on medium speed. Pour into 9x13" cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Frosting Ingredients:

3 c. powdered sugar
1/4 c. shortening
1/4 c. water
2 tsp. vanilla
food coloring or cocoa (optional)

Add ingredients to a mixing bowl and stir. You can add food coloring to color frosting

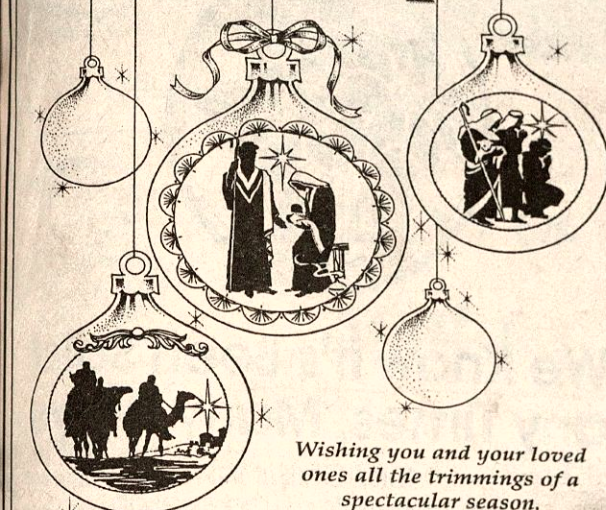
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We're hoping all of you have a beautiful and inspiring holiday season. For your patronage, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

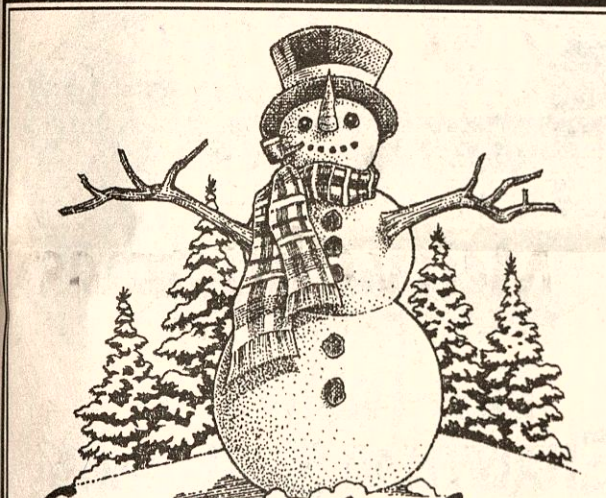
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& HAPPY HOLIDAYS HEARTFELT THANKS



Wishing you and your loved ones all the trimmings of a spectacular season.

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Greetings of the Season

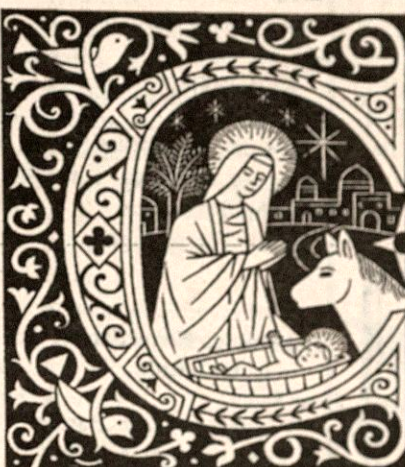
We're reaching out to all our good friends
To wish you a season of joy without end!

Thank you for warming our holidays with your friendship.

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Christmas Blessings

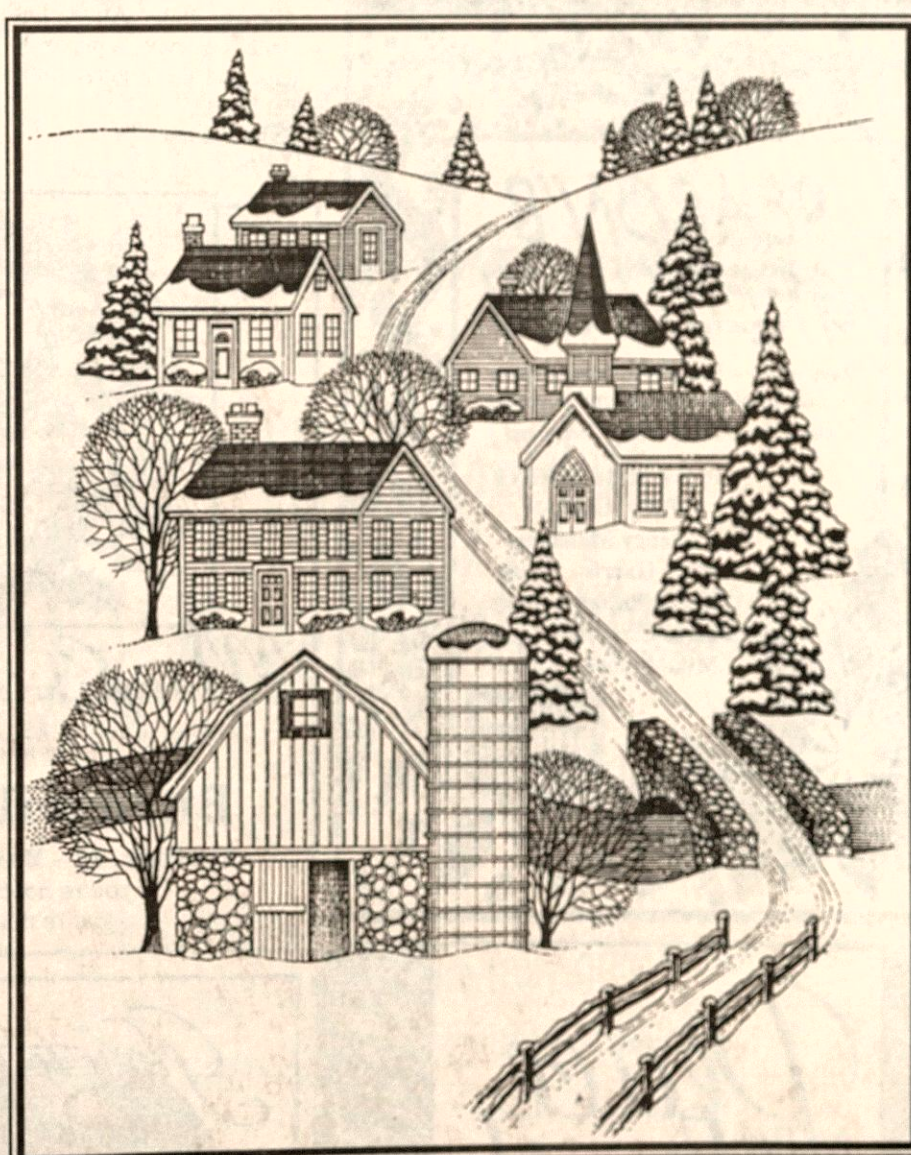
Let the message of that Holy Night light the way for us today, to the blessings of lasting peace and goodwill to all men.

With appreciation for all the goodwill you've shown us this past year.
Thanks!



Thanks to everyone for the great support during our first year.
We are looking forward to serving you in the future.
Tri-State Builder's Supply
Custom Cabinet Shop

Jason, Benny, Gene, Blake, Jeremy, Keith, & Frank



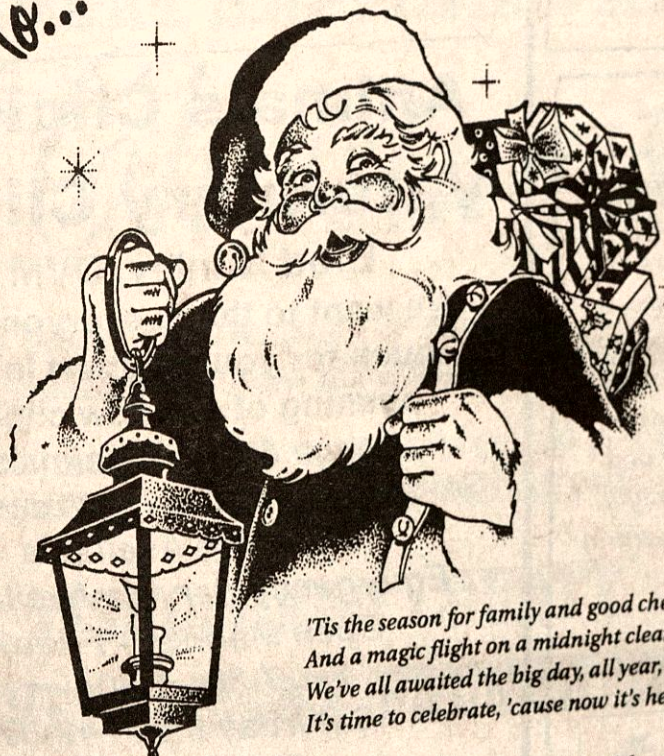
To Our Good Neighbors At CHRISTMAS

We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the privilege of serving you.

Happy Holidays and heartfelt thanks!

Town of Belmont

Ho...Ho...Homespun Greetings!



'Tis the season for family and good cheer,
And a magic flight on a midnight clear.
We've all awaited the big day, all year,
It's time to celebrate, 'cause now it's here!

Many thanks to all who helped make our year one worth celebrating.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GOLDEN SALES COMPANY

454-3226



Letters to Santa

These Letters to Santa are from Tammy Davis' First Grade Class at Burnsville

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like a trampoline please.

Love, Preston Carpenter

Dear Santa,

I would like a 4-wheeler and a baby doll.

Love, Leslie Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I love you very much. I have been good this year. I would like a trampoline for Christmas

Your pal, Robert Newcomb

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer, motorcycle, 4-wheeler, fire truck, and a new bike. I have been really good this year. I have helped my mom clean my room. We are going to make home-made cookies for the reindeers and you. Santa is the best Santa in the whole world.

Best buddy, Josh Johnson

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a big truck from Wal-Mart, trampoline, and a play computer.

Love, Austin Crum

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I want a purse with a K on it and a Brat Baby doll. We will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Kaitlin Wigginton

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I love you very much. I want Sly 3 for Christmas. I saw you at the mall Saturday and I waited a long time to talk to you.

Love, Elizabeth Wallace

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like Get Gross Kit and some surprises.

Signed, Dylan McCoy

Dear Santa,

I do not know what I would like for you. Please bring me some surprises.

Love, Samuel Davis

Dear Santa,

Santa Clause is the best in the whole wide world. I love you. Please bring me some surprises. Mom and me will have you some cookies and milk for your trip.

Love, Cayce Johnson

Dear Santa,

I would like some hot wheels and some toy dinosaurs.

Best Buddy, Billy Brown

Dear Santa,

I would like a 4-wheeler. I love you very much Santa.

Your pal, Kelsey McClellan

Dear Santa,

I would like a robot and a singing puppy for Christmas. Please bring my brother a teddy bear. Please bring us some surprises.

Your buddy, Gage Stricklin

Dear Santa,

I love you. Please bring my sisters and me some surprises. I would like a Robo Pup, please.

Your buddy, Brittany Doyle

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I would like a Princess Dairy book, cooking set, and a purse with a K on it.

Love, Kelly

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me some surprises. I work really hard at school.

Love, Tyresa Kiger

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a horse, an art set, movies and lot of surprises. Please bring my sister and my cat something really nice. I will leave you milk and cookies under the tree. I love you.

Tiffany Coco

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy. I want a Game Boy blue, the Ant Bully game, Unfables game, baseball game, Over The Hedge game, That's So Raven game and a puppet.

Jesse Barnes

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a dirt bike, bicycle, some Bratz, some Barbies, new CD's, a radio and a computer for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I will leave Rudolph some carrots. Please don't forget my brother and sister this Christmas and don't forget my mommy and daddy.

Kandi Horn

Dear Santa,

I want a PSP and a paint ball gun, a puppy also, and games, music and movies for a PSP. I want Hero Scapes, I want a X-Box 360. I want the new HALO3 for 2007.

Brady Butler

Dear Santa,

My name is Landon Dawson. I am 7 years old and in the first grade at Tishomingo Elementary. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a "Cars" PS2 game, a shotgun, a Tony Hawk PS2 game, a skateboard, a new basketball goal, and some surprises. Please bring my baby brother some toys too. We will leave you some milk and cookies beside the tree.

Landon Dawson

Poinsettias...

Poinsettias are native to Mexico. They were named after Americas' first ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett. He brought the plants to America in 1828. The Mexicans in the eighteenth century thought the plants were symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. Thus the Poinsettia became associated with the Christmas season. The actual flower of the poinsettia is small and yellow. But surrounding the flower are large, bright red leaves, often mistaken for petals.

Tishomingo Elem. School 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz Barbie doll, I also want some clothes, shoes, hair bows. I would like to have princess, purse doggie, cook maker, jacket, make-up kit, capris, a fake car, books.

Nicha Luster

Dear Santa,

I would like a PSP Tony Hawk Four Skydiving and a Need For Speed Underground Four games. I would also like a big airplane and go-cart tires and go-cart parts like Lightning McQueen and lots of surprises.

R.J. Aldridge

Dear Santa,

I want an Amazing Allesyn, Baby Alive, Let's Dance Genevive, a puppy, kittens, and the Biggest Littlest Pet Shop.

Kalynn Crane

Catch the Spirit

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



Iuka Rentals & Bobby Riley Trucking

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

IUKA & BELMONT

Billy Rainey,

Agency Manager

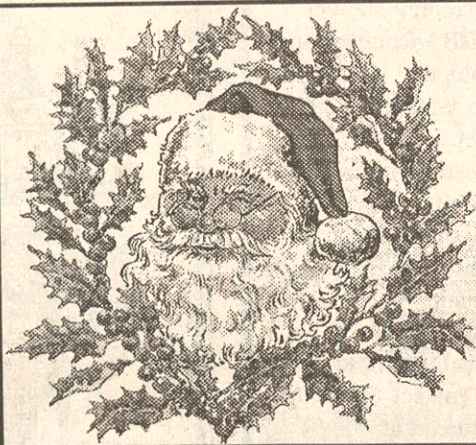
Mike Harris - Agent

Kenny Phifer - Agent

James Crowell - Agent

Mike Moore - Agent

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE



Merry Christmas from Santa!

And from us, too! You're a very special customer, and we're grateful for your patronage this past year.

Burnsville Gas Co.

359 Hwy. 72 - Burnsville, MS 427-8287

"If you're not burning natural gas, you're not saving money"

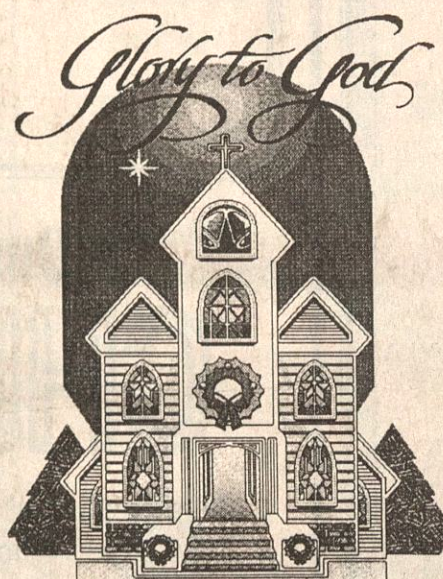
Peace on Earth

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

Mon. - Thurs. 9-12



Cherry's

Creative Touch

Cherry Owen, Elsie Wallace,
Natalie Stacy, & Betsy Harbin
211 East Street - Iuka
Ph. 423-5151



With Gratitude At The Holidays



Here's wishing you a holiday that's filled with a generous dose of health and happiness. We thank you for your trust in us and look forward to serving you again next year.

Barnett APOTHECARY

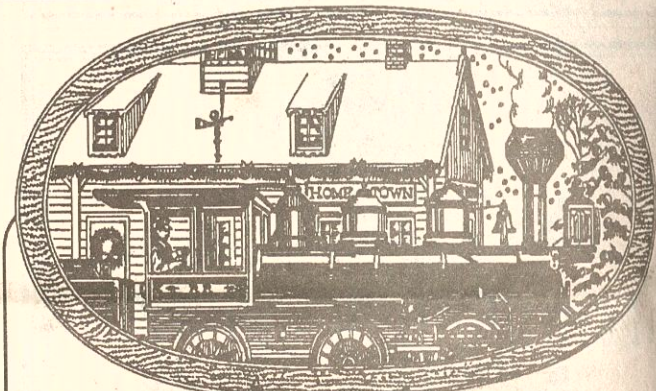
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We Know It's Been Said Many Times, Many Ways.

Merry Christmas.
Enjoy the fruits of the season.

Ned P. Boston, C.P.A.



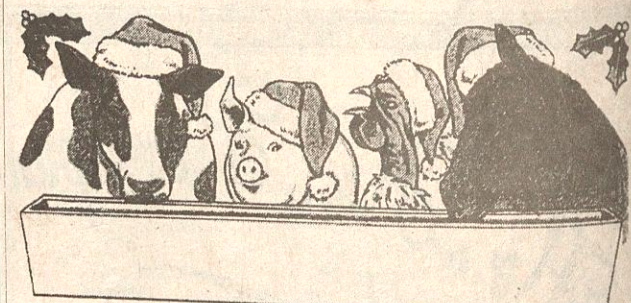
OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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



Animals Choice Veterinary Clinic

Brad Nunley, DVM

We want to thank everyone so much for your support in the opening of our new clinic.

Large & Small Animals

Grooming Available on Wednesdays

Boarding Available

Emergency Service Available

Open Monday - Friday

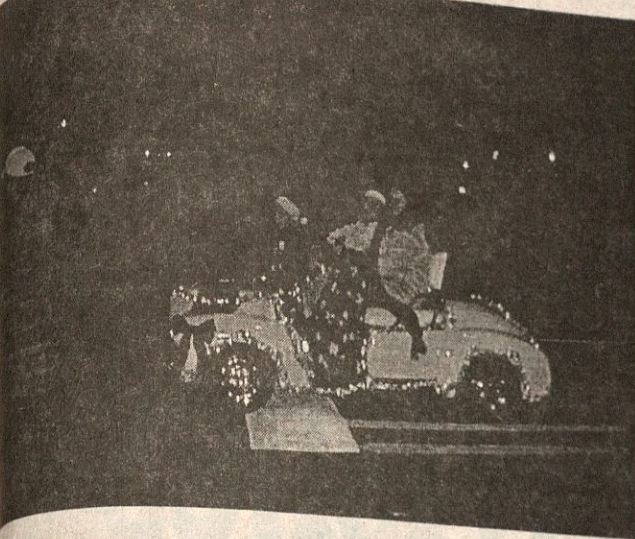
7:30 - 5:30

Saturday 8:00 - 12:00

662-423-2686

Merry Christmas

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



Tishomingo Christmas Parade



Letters to Santa

Iuka Headstart Unit 3
Ms. Susan & Ms. Lisa
Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner. Please
bring me a new bicycle, a new
motor and charger for it, new
shoes, and new books.
Love,
Tanner Borden

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan. Please
bring me a purple jeep, with
keys, and a baby doll with doll
clothes, and plenty of
surprises.
Love,
Jordan White

Dear Santa,
My name is James. Please
bring me a toy truck,
tricycle, and army men. Please
bring me plenty of surprises.
Love,
James Harrison

Dear Santa,
My name is Braleigh.
Please bring me some Bratz
dolls, Barbie dolls with
clothes for both dolls. Also
bring me Bratz books, Barbie
books, pictures of Bratz and
Barbies.
Love,
Braleigh Booker

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase. Please
bring me a guitar, drum set,
firetruck with siren. I will
leave you some cookies and
milk
Love,
Chase Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney.
Please bring me a bicycle,
baby dolls with clothes. Also
new earrings, clothes and
plenty of surprises.
Love,
Courtney Byrd

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob. Please
bring me a car, truck, tractor,
bulldozer and some surprises.
Love,
Jacob Hamm

Dear Santa,
My name is Carli Jo.
Please bring me a big
Playhouse, (the pink one),
babydolls, bicycle,
motorcycle and surprises and
bring me a kitchen bake set.
Love,
Carli Jo Spencer

Dear Santa,
My name is Paden. Please
bring me some "Bad Boys"
figures, monster truck, Big
Foot, and some surprises.
Love,
Paden Calton

Dear Santa,
My name is Brianna.
Please bring me a pink Bratz
shirt, Bratz doll, Barbie dolls,
books, earrings and necklace,
and some surprises.
Love,
Brianna Porterfield

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance.
Please bring me a new 4-
wheeler, bicycle, monster
trucks, guitar, cowboy boots,
and plenty of surprises.
Love,
Chance Poole

Dear Santa,
My name is Delana. Please
bring me a Big Bike, babydoll
with clothes, Baby Alive, new
clothes for me and my baby,
and a new baby jacket. Also
make-up set, tea cup, and
plenty of surprises.
Love,
Delana Newcomb



Dear Santa,
My name is Ishalyn. Please
bring me a tea set, make-up,
nail polish, baby dolls with
clothes, and plenty of
surprises.
Love,
Ishalyn Tensley

Dear Santa,
My name is Alivia, please
bring me Bratz girl, Barbie
doll, make-up, Barbie doll
house, playhouse, new
clothes, and plenty of
surprises.
Love,
Alivia Nunley

Dear Santa,
My name is Malcolm.
Please bring me a 4-wheeler,
motorcycle, and a dirt bike
and a electric drum, and a play
truck.
Love,
Malcolm Bennett

Dear Santa,
My name is Cana. Please
bring me a radio, some
lipstick, a new baby doll, a
play bottle for my doll, and a
baby bed for Abigail, a ring, a
new book and lots of
surprises.
Love,
Cana Smith

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison.
Please bring me a Bratz doll,
doll clothes, kitchen set with
dishes, and some surprises.
Love,
Madison Davis

Dear Santa,
My name is Carley. Please
bring me a big bike, makeup
set, nail polish, DVD player,
and surprises.
Love,
Carley Sides

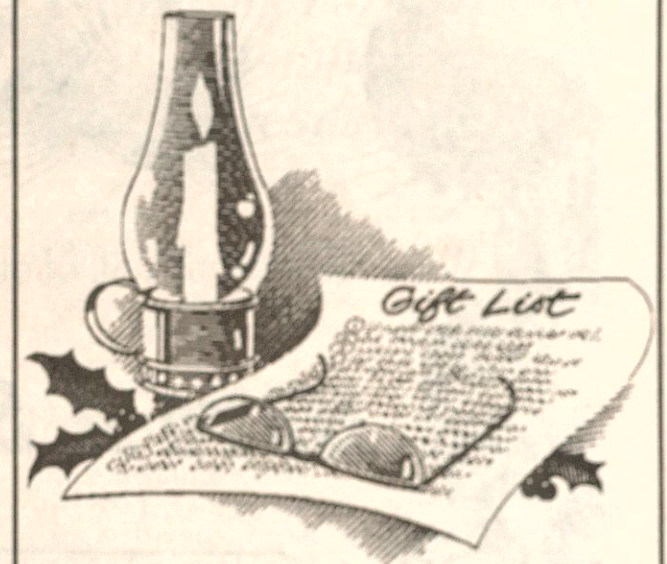
Dear Santa,
My name is Sierra. Please
bring me a new set of crayons,
soft coat, soft blanket, Bratz
dolls, lipstick, and make-up
set, and new clothes.
Love,
Sierra Alago

Dear Santa,
My name is Jake. Please
bring me (2) bicycles, new
shoes, new toys, new bed,
guitar, and a 4-wheeler. And
bring me some surprises.
Love,
Jake Whitehead

Mistletoe And Holly...

Two hundred years be-
fore the birth of Christ, the
Druids used mistletoe to cele-
brate the coming of winter.
They would gather this ever-
green plant that is parasitic
upon other trees and used it to
decorate their homes. They
believed the plant had special
healing powers for everything
from female infertility to poi-
son ingestion. Scandinavians
also thought of mistletoe as a
plant of peace and harmony.
They associated mistletoe
with their goddess of love,
Frigga. The custom of kissing
under the mistletoe probably
derived from this belief. The
early church banned the use of
mistletoe in Christmas cele-
brations because of its pagan
origins. Instead, church fa-
thers suggested the use of
holly as an appropriate substi-
tute for Christmas greenery.

Visions Of Christmas



Hope a happy holiday is in sight.
Many thanks.

Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Gray
Dr. Adam Gray
Family and Staff

With Warm Regards

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MANY THANKS.

Roger's LP Gas

Joe Walker, Wesley Smith,
James Miley, Bobby Jones,
Don Davis, Kaye Lovelace

WISHING YOU EVERY HAPPINESS AT Christmas

May peace, joy, love, laughter and hope be yours
during this most miraculous season.

We're pleased and proud to have served you and
look forward to your continued support.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

TISHOMINGO COUNTY ECONOMIC
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TISHOMINGO COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

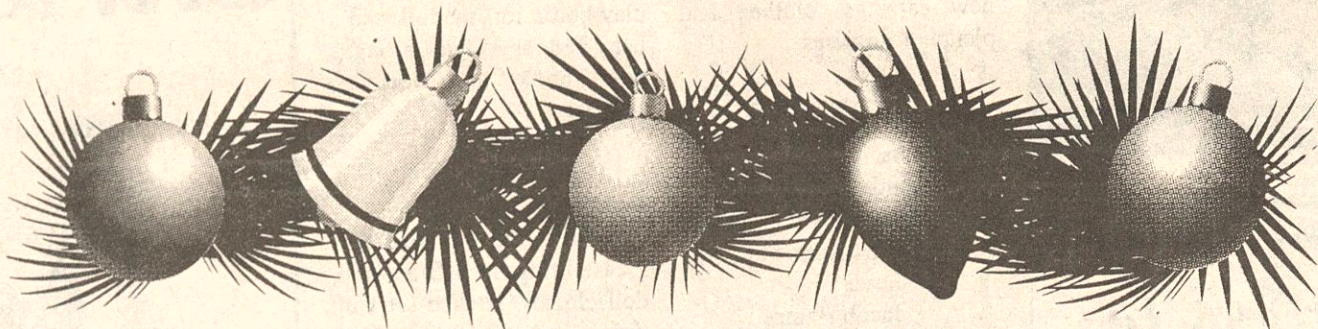
Wishing You Joy, Peace & Enlightenment At Christmas

With thanks to all of those who've inspired
us this past year. We are truly grateful for your
friendship and continued loyalty.

Tuka Ford
and
Employees

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*