

Season's Greetings



Merry Christmas from the Whitfields

Fifteenth-month-old Alex Whitfield (center) and his parents, Cindy and David Whitfield of Iuka, are sending special birthday wishes to his two brothers, Austin, who turned 10 on December 2nd and Andrew who turned 9 on December 17th. All three boys are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Christmas and all the joys it brings for their family. They are the grandsons of Jimmy and Brenda Whitfield of Iuka and Tommy and Charlotte Abrams of Olive Branch, MS. Their great-grandparents are Cecil and Rosie Phifer and Euna Mae Whitfield of Iuka and Robbie Murphy of Waterloo, Ala.

as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and

view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By Francis P. Church, first published in *The New York Sun* in 1897. [See *The People's Almanac*, pp. 1358-9.]

We take pleasure in answering this prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as

compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

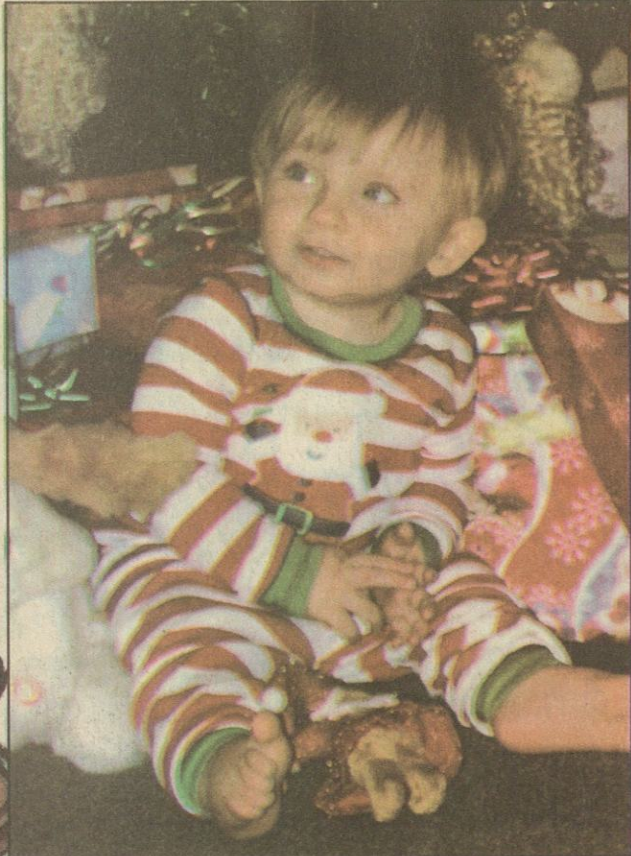
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly

Greetings

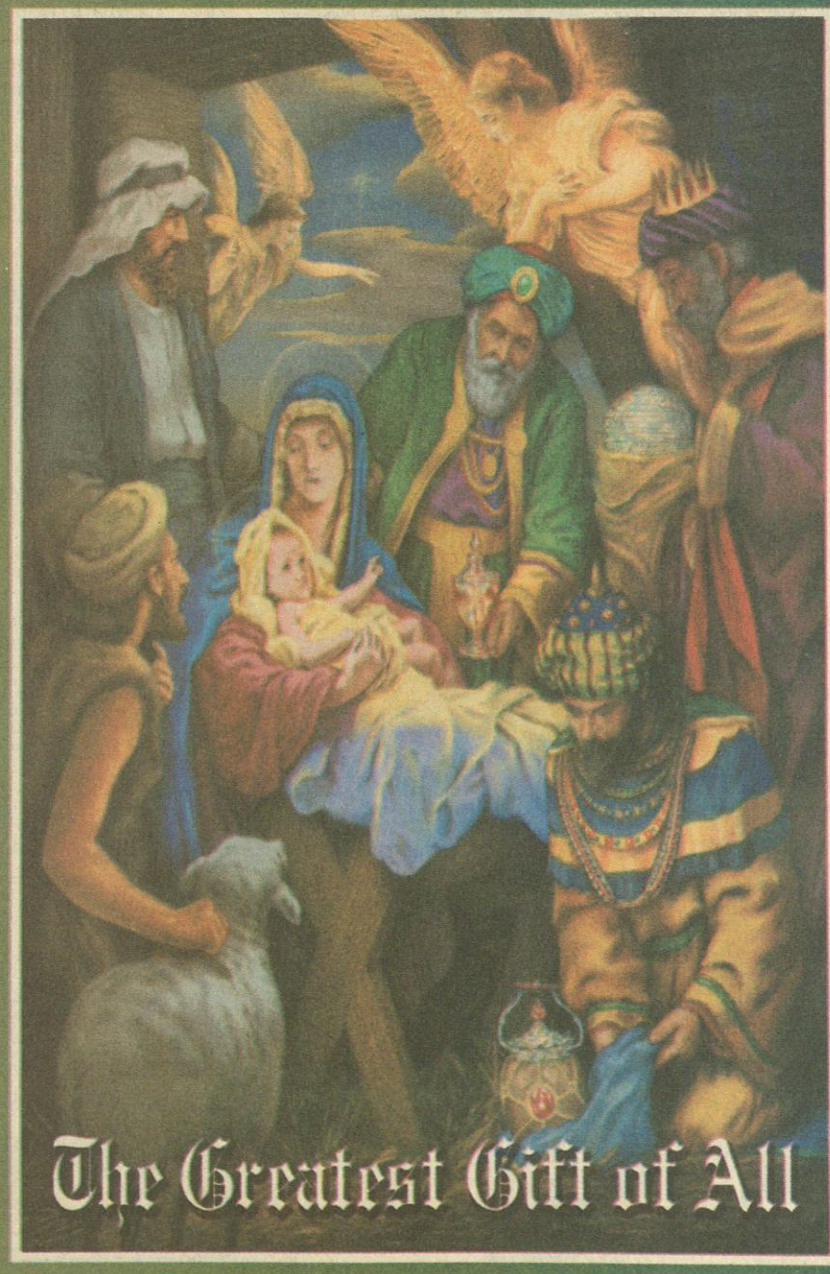
May your holiday season be bright with joy and happiness!
Merry Christmas From Burnsville Discount Carpet



Happy Holidays



from: Kurtis Franks - 1 Year Old
Parents: Billy & Hayley Franks
Grandparents:
Charlotte & Jimmy McVay
& Great-Grandpaw Johnny Biggs



The Greatest Gift of All

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

Wishing you and yours the happiest of Holidays
and a Merry Christmas!

From the Attorneys & Staff of

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2007 Iuka Christmas Parade - Shady Grove Kid's Church

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Green Bean Casserole: A Holiday Must-Have Year After Year

(NAPS)—During the holiday season, folks look forward to spending quality time with family and friends, exchanging gifts, decorating their home and—eating Green Bean Casserole?

It's true. In a recent survey commissioned by the Campbell Soup Company and Kelton Research, 44 percent of people say that Green Bean Casserole has been a favorite holiday vegetable side dish and a staple at their holiday table.

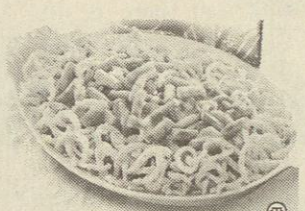
The original recipe has stood the test of time. In the 1950s, the dish was created as a way to make the most out of ingredients commonly found in kitchen cabinets and deliver a wholesome, home-cooked meal to the table quickly and easily. It evolved into a holiday must-have, and currently an estimated 30 million households proudly serve this comfort food year after year.

The traditional recipe calls for a rich combination of green beans, cream of mushroom soup and french fried onions. Recently, though, a new variation of the recipe has emerged as holiday hosts are adding the ultimate comfort food to their Green Bean Casserole—cheese.

Appropriately named

Cheesy Green Bean Casserole, this holiday side melts cheese into the casserole to add even more creaminess and rich flavor to the timeless classic.

To add even more pizzazz to this holiday mainstay, holiday cooks like to customize



A variation on green bean casserole—a favorite holiday staple—adds the creamy goodness of cheese to the dish.

their Green Bean Casseroles with variations on a crunchy topping. Survey results show that other favorite, crispy toppings are almonds (17 percent), potato chips (8 percent) and crackers (7 percent).

Whether you are keeping up a family tradition or looking for a new holiday favorite this year, these casseroles are mouthwatering dishes that are sure to leave a smile on your guests' faces.

For more holiday dishes, visit www.campbellkitchen.com.

Green Bean Casserole
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Bake Time: 30 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients:
1 can (10% ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom or 98 percent Fat Free Cream of Mushroom Soup
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon soy sauce
Dash ground black pepper
4 cups cooked cut green beans
1½ cups French's French Fried Onions

Directions:
1. Mix soup, milk, soy, black pepper, beans and ½ cup onions in 1½-quart casserole.
2. Bake at 350 °F for 25 minutes or until hot.
3. Stir. Sprinkle with remaining onions. Bake 5 minutes.

Cheesy Green Bean Casserole
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Bake Time: 30 minutes
Serves 12

Ingredients:
2 cans (10% ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom or 98 percent Fat Free Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 cup milk
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
8 cups cooked cut green beans
1 can (6 ounces) French's French Fried Onions (2% cups)

Directions:
1. Stir soup, milk, ½ cup cheese, black pepper, beans and 1½ cups onions in 3-qt. casserole.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until hot.
3. Stir. Top with remaining cheese and onions. Bake 5 minutes.

Why Sugar Cookies are a Part of Christmas

In fact, a while back some folks even suggested that Christmas sugar cookies should be made without sugar. Can you believe that?

While Santa agrees that kids everywhere need to exercise and eat proper foods he is quick to point out that moderation in all things -- including exercise and vegetables -- is the wisest course of action. What he means to say

is that a Christmas without candy canes, eggnog and sugar cookies isn't going to hurt anyone as long as no one over does it. Each of those foods, you see, has an important part to play in the celebration of the season. Today we'll discuss sugar cookies.

Sugar cookies are a particular favorite of Santa's. He estimates that he eats at least 3.2 sugar cookies per house that he stops at every Christmas eve. That's a lot of sugar cookies.

But Santa says he doesn't eat the cookies because he is hungry. He says that from the cookies he can tell the level of Christmas spirit in the house. "Oh, it's true!" Santa said.

"Sugar cookies are simple to make and always put a smile on the face of whoever decorates them. They are wonderful outside the Christmas spirit. When I eat a lot of cookies in a house, because I feel the love they have for each other and Christmas. It is my way of

sharing their Christmas spirit with me. I never eat the sugar cookies because of this. You can never eat too much.

And you thought it was just flour, eggs and sugar!



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

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!

B & J SUPERMARKET

Burnsville, MS

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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Dr. James F. Perkins
423-3470

Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas CITY OF BURNSVILLE

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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
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY &
TISHOMINGO COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL



Letters To Santa

TISHOMINGO ELEMENTARY 1ST GRADE

Dear Santa,

I've been a good little girl this year and I would like to have some toys that plays music, baby dolls, clothes, and some dishes, and some tables and chairs. If that ain't too much to ask for this year.

Love, Ashley Watson

Dear Santa,

My name is Luke and I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a real camo four wheeler, clothes, Sperry's, a MS State football and some surprises for my stocking. Please bring my little sister Chloe some surprises, too, she has been fairly good this year. Have a safe trip.

Luke Pounders

Dear Santa,

I am 7 and in the first grade. For Christmas I would like drums, razor scooter, DS games, camera, and many surprises. Merry Christmas.

Bryce Epperson

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy all year long. For Christmas I would like some Playstation games, guitar, a Terrania C, a dog, and some surprises.

Colin Middleton

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a So Real Baby, a growing puppy, and a whack a mole tower. Also I would like Operation Spongebob and a Snugglekings nursery. Please bring me some surprises. Please bring my Sissy money, also bring my brother Christopher lots and lots of surprises. We will leave you milk and cookies. I love you Santa.

Kylee Barry

Dear Santa,

I want a game. I want the Aviator game and I want the Ben 10 watch. I want the Dora animal movie. I want the new Pirates movie.

Kristian Callihan

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good. Please bring Transformers and a big truck. Thank you.

Jeremiah Anderson

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, boots, books, DVD, Hannah Montana movie, and Get Gracie, a Dora Movie and a Dora book, socks, chair, and my baby sister, Ava, a Baby Bear and books and socks.

Sheridan Page

Dear Santa,

I want a Ben-10 toy, a four wheeler, a PSP game, a treehouse, and a new backpack.

Arden Durham

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me an X-box, a go cart and some candy and clothes. Thank you.

Hunter Mock

Dear Santa,

I would like a pellet gun and a go-cart and lots of surprises.

Landen Musgrave

Dear Santa,

My name is Mydrione I like a Nintendo DS. I like a Go Cart and new house shoes; a new CD player; and a brand new hoodie; and brand new back pack; and games for my Nintendo DS and my sister a Nintendo DS with a game and please bring my PawPaw a new truck with rims and my grandmaw some rims for her Expedition truck and my Mom a new car with some rims too and Little Man a computer. Merry Christmas.

Mydrione Brock

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a pony, puppy, and Hannah Montana doll.

Mackenzie Smith

"Snow on Christmas means Easter will be green."

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I want purses. I want Barbie dolls. I want babydolls. I want makeup. I want earrings. I want lots of surprises. Please bring lots of surprises for my sisters. I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you. I want some pet shops. Thank you.

Karley G. Taylor

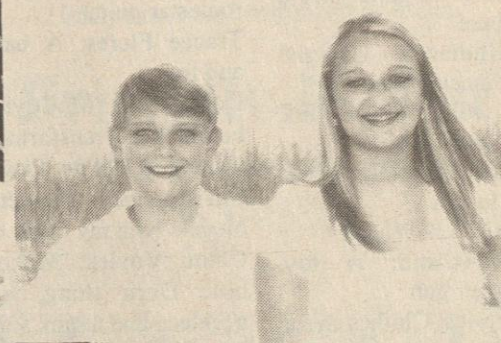
"A blowing wind on Christmas Day brings good luck."

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.

Celebrate

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The Greatest Gift!



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& all of us at

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Robin Glover

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Happy New Year!

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Nick, Karsen, and Shea Harwell

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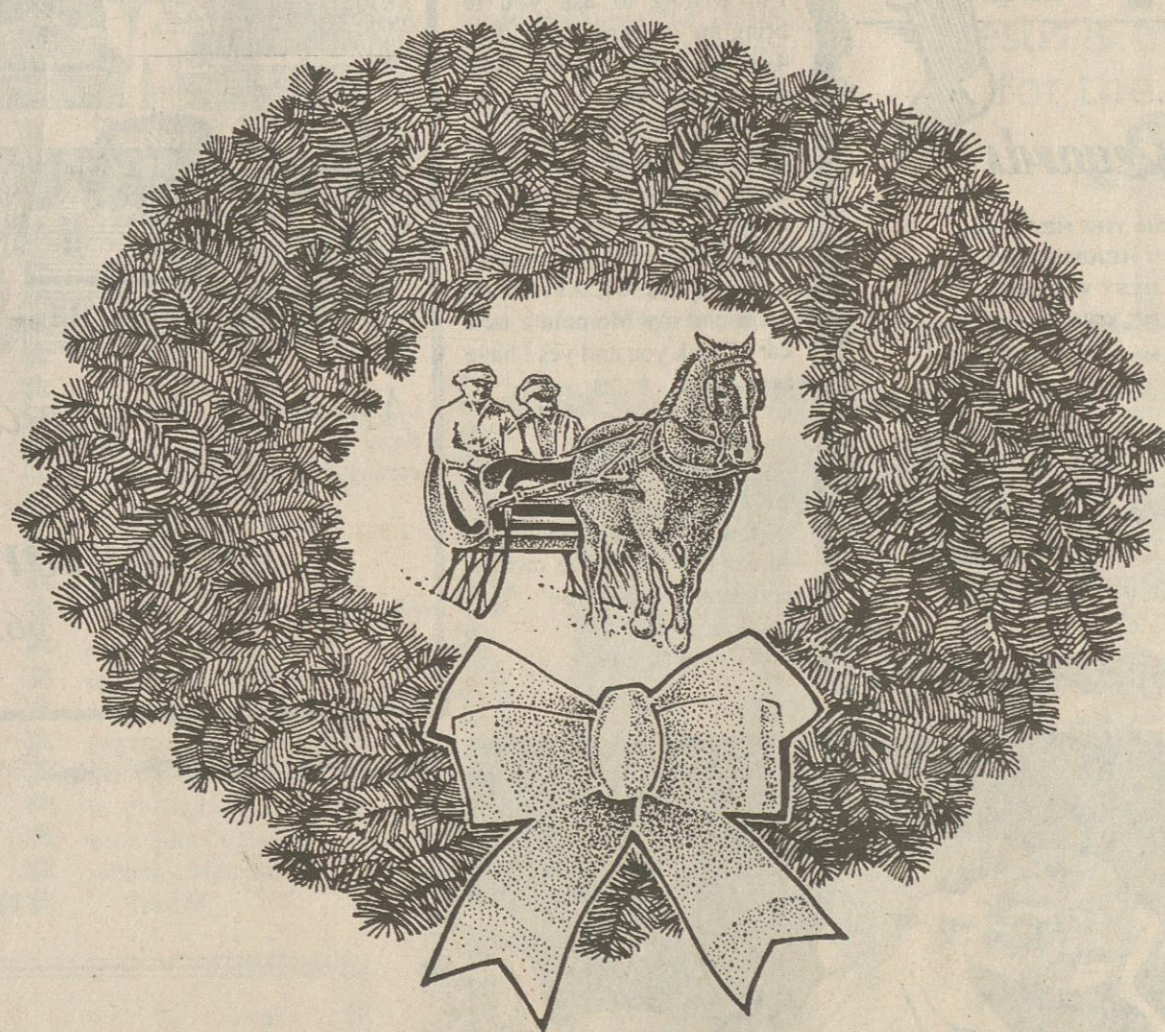
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Chad, Bruce, Greg & David

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
DAUGHERTY
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Iuka, MS



WISHING YOU A WEALTH OF HAPPINESS

May the holidays deposit much love and merriment in your celebration.
Thanks for showing so much interest in us.



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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

We have been a very good bunch of boys and girls this year. We are enrolled at Burnsville Head Start. We are in Unit 1, which is Ms. Leigh Anne and Ms. Angie's class. here is what we want you to bring us on Christmas morning. We love you, Santa!

Regan Alsop: A baby doll
Caitlin Alvarez: A new kitty and baby dolls
Yaire Ara: Two Barbie dolls
Gatlin Bolton: A key with a box like Daddy's
Toby Bonds: A lot of games
Stephanie Brooks: A Dora wagon
Braley Eaton: A guitar and a pink dirt bike
Alexia Glidewell: Cowgirl boots and a cell phone
Chloe Johnson: Pink telephone and candy
Michael Lovelace: Big truck and more turtles
Molly Nash: A 4-Wheeler
Caden Newcomb: A toy Power Ranger gun
Morgan Owens: Clothes and a reindeer
Maggie-Kate Rhoads: A baby

doll and jewelry

Rafael Rorie: A bike and a ball
Eion Taylor: A bike and a Superman coat
Cheyenne Watson: Kitchen set and baby-doll
Nathan Wood: A dirt bike and a 4-Wheeler

Dear Santa,

We have been good boys and girls the is year. We attend Burnsville Head Start. We are in Ms. Brenda and Ms. Darlene's class. Please bring them something nice. We would like the following toys:

Ethan Stidham: A smoking rock star guitar
Tracee Flores: A baby doll and toys
Deavon McCoy: A bumblebee Transformer and a water gun like my Pawpaw's
Christopher Stevens: A bicycle with my name on it
Chloe Voyles: Make-up, a blue Dora thing, a heart necklace and a pink suitcase
Caleb Lopez: A gun that shoots bullets, a big truck.

and a V-Smile

Jaycee Murray: A baby-doll, Barbies, and a toy dog
Greylee Guthrie: A baby-doll with band-aids
Jacob Featherston: A 4-Wheel Jeep, motorcycle, and a 4-Wheeler that goes 10 miles per hour
David Evans: A dog, pirate toys, and an Air Hog 2
Ethan Rast: A Hot Wheels tower, and a Grave Digger Monster Truck

Dear Santa,

We have been very good boys and girls this year. We are in Burnsville Head Start. We are in Mrs. Pat and Mrs. Trish's room. This is our list for Christmas. We love you, Santa!

Ashley Evans: Brat laptop
Alan Requena: Computer, cell phone, 4-wheeler
Heather Beardsley: Princesses
Nathaniel Ligon: Rudolph
Josie Vess: Movie doll
David Watson: Little drum set
Mackenzie Straub: Roller Skates
Justin Glidewell: Computer
Nathan Martin: Builder Worker Tech, I Can Play Guitar
Sebastian Artis: 4-wheeler, video game
Bryson Knauer: Rock Star Movie, Dog
Austin Hicks: Santa Claus Store
Tristan McClure: Guitar
Maddison Bartlett: Trumpet
Evan Patton: Santa Claus game with a Christmas tree on it
Cody Vandiver: Dirt Bike
Samantha Grimes: A live dog
LeRoy Carman: A tree that's decorated

Ms. Crystal Taylor's Kindergarten Class
Tishomingo Elementary
Dear Santa,

You are the bestest person ever! I can't wait to see you at Wal-Mart. I have been a very good girl this year. I would like another globe with a rose in it that plays music. I want a purple alligator for the tub. I want a new V-Smile Cinderella game and V-Smile controller. I want a princess dress-up set. I also want a Scooby-Doo game and a number game. Thank you and I love you!

Your Friend,
Savanna Balentine
Dear Santa,

My name is Hannah and I'm writing to ask you to bring me a puppy, baby doll, 4-wheeler, and an easy bake oven. Please bring my brother a 4-wheeler, a Nintendo DS, and some games too. Bring my PawPaw some t-shirts with no holes and my MeMaw some house shoes with heels on them and my Momma a new car! Thank you and yes I have been good.

Your Friend,
Hannah Brock
Dear Santa,

I would like a 4-wheeler, spider toy, and some movies and games. Thank you!

Your Friend,
Preston Goode

Dear Santa,

I would like motorcycles, 4-wheelers, & a man to ride the 4-wheelers. I would like a Transformer (Optimus Prime) and a guitar that I can play. I would also like a gun that shoots fake bullets for 5 and up.

Your Friend,
Ashton Browning

Dear Santa,

My name is Hunter. I have tried to be a good boy this year. When you come to my house on Christmas, please bring me a basketball, basketball goal, football, transformer, and a watch to tell time. Santa, if I'm not asking too much - please bring my little sister some baby doll stuff, too.

Your Friend,
Hunter Colley
Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like a big barn set with lots of horses and animals. I want a mommy make me better doll. I would like some arts and crafts and please bring me some surprises. I will leave you some cookies and a Pepsi under the tree.

Your Friend,
Heather Davis
Dear Santa,

I love you! Please bring me some toys for me and my brother. Thank you very much.

Your Friend,
Haylee Musgrave
Dear Santa,

I have been good most of the time. I want toy weapons hero figures and action figures. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I will be better next year.

Your Friend,
Tkai Pope
Dear Santa,

I would like Bratz, Barbies, doll clothes, clothes for me, Barbie movie, High School Musical 2, art supplies, and flowers for Christmas. I have been good!

Your Friend,
Abbie Senter

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want two baby goats, a cell phone, and lots of surprises.

Your Friend,
Tye Starkey
Dear Santa,

I have been good for the last few months. I would like a Transformer computer, walkie-talkies, a basketball goal, Disney Car Mega Mack Playtown, and some surprises. Merry Christmas Santa!

Your Friend,
Grayson Stone

Dear Santa,

Please bring me computer, a Power Ranger, and a John Deere knife.

Your Friend,
David Ryan Terry

Plum Pudding

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



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

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Catch the Spirit

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

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With Warm Regards

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MANY THANKS.

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Don Davis, Kaye Lovelace

A Christmas Wish For You

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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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.

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



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

from

Bryce

Jillian

Braxton

Children of Brandon & Jolene (Wilkins) Fretwell
Grandchildren of Nana Jean & Paw Paw Jesse Wilkins
and Aunt Amanda
Happy Birthday Uncle Justin Wilkins!
December 18th



Letters to Santa

IUKA HEAD START UNIT 2

Ms. Pam and Mrs. Jessica

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me High School Musical stuff, a Dora doll, yellow boots, and a Diego doll. I have been really good at home and at school.
Love, Heather O.

Dear Santa,

I want Mario and Luigi video game for Nintendo DS, and an X-box 360. I have been doing good in school and being a good boy at home.

Evan D.

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll and a baby, I have been a good girl.
Destiny A.

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a Barbie, a Barbie doll house, and a Dora doll. I have been a very good girl.

Sarah T.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Game Boy, Mario with Sonic, a Bumble Bee toy, a Bantan Amitron watch, a skateboard and a skateboard ramp. I have been really good.

Tyriek D.

Dear Santa,

I would like a four wheeler and a pink gun, hunting clothes, a new jeep for Momma and Daddy, I have been really good.

Alayna M.

Dear Santa,

I would like a pink Care Bear with hearts on it, a Cinderella bike, a pink motorcycle, and a pink skateboard. Thank you.

Alesha H.

Dear Santa,

I want a pink scooter, a little puppy that you put music on and a pink motorcycle. I have been really good and good in school.

Dayna A.

Dear Santa,

I want a new Transformer bicycle, Nemo and Dorrie swimming in the bathtub by themselves, a ramp to ride my bike, a scooter, a Frisbee, and a new Jeep. I have been good.

Ethan M.

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz light, a pink bike, a princess chair, and a princess Barbiedoll. I have been really good.

Savannah J.

Dear Santa,

I want a rocket ship, a rubber band bracelet to go on my arm and a Transformer motorcycle.

Gavin C.

Dear Santa,

I want play clothes, and a play dress, play shoes, pajamas, and a picture of Rudolph and Prancer, and a picture of Santa Claus Grandpa.

Arianna H.

Dear Santa,

I want a scooter, a helicopter, yellow airplane, a power ranger, Christmas tree for my Momma and a skateboard and metron, I have been good.

Tevin S.

Dear Santa,

I want toys for Christmas like dinosaur toys and Triceratops dinosaur with the biggest neck that walks slow. I have been good.

Colin C.

Dear Santa,

I want a big gun like my Dad's so I can go hunting. I have been a good boy.

Caleb C.

Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard and a bicycle, a scooter, a game boy because my Momma wants me to.

Josh G.

Dear Santa,

I want a new Game Boy because mine's melted, a race car track, a guitar hero, a green motorcycle a Playstation like Braxton has, a Bantan watch that tells times, a remote control to ply my guitar hero. I have been a lot of good for 10 weeks with my Momma.

Trey M.

Dear Santa,

I want a diesel truck, a puzzle, a bicycle, a stocking so Santa Claus can put toys in it and a skateboard. I have been really really good.

Daniel H.

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo DS to play Game Boy games, my own game cube to give to my brother so we can both play it and some games to play. Granny says I have been good.

Hudson Enlow

Dear Santa,

I want a pink scooter with little Mermaid, a jump rope and a little bear to sleep with, I also want a 4-wheeler with heart and a bell on it, a big bicycle with hearts and little mermaid. I have been good this morning.

Savannah H.



Track Santa On Christmas Eve!

www.noradsanta.org

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.

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.



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

Soon It Will Be Christmas Day!

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

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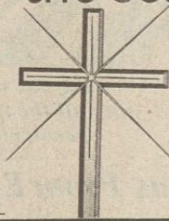
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Merry Christmas

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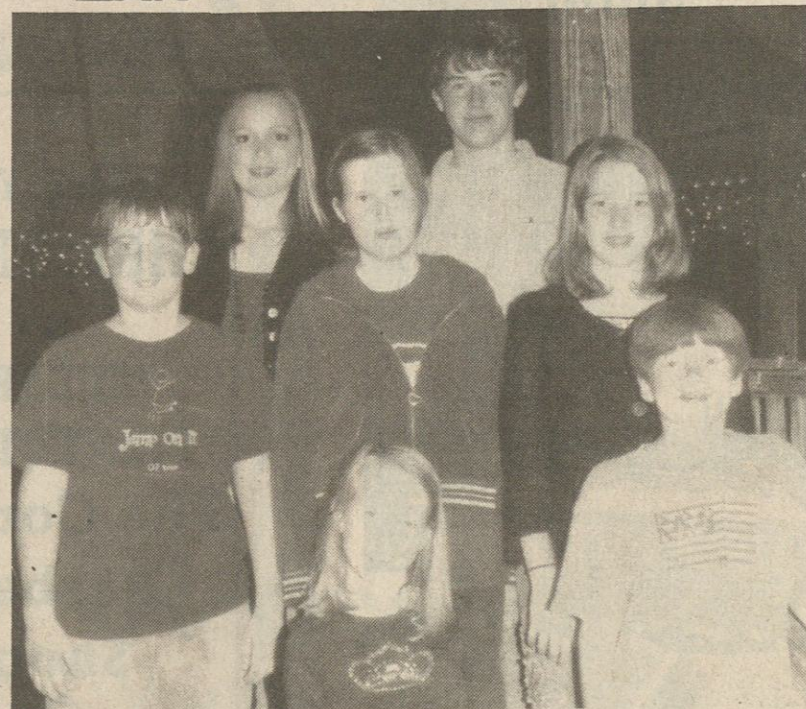
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Merry Christmas!

May peace, joy, hope and happiness
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Tree Radiates Yule Meaning

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The fore-runner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate — in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually presented just before Christmas.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian



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BOTH ELEMENTS THAT LED TO TODAY'S Christmas tree — the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Lights pyramid — are shown in this antique Christmas card of the 1880's. The card was published by Opbacher Brothers of Munich, Germany, and is part of the Hallmark Cards Historical Collection.

soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants carried the tree throughout the country.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated

a tree in his home. His parishioners' condemned the tree as pagan, but relented after an explanation of its religious aspects.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt again nearly stamped out the practice when he banned trees in the White House. After one of his sons sneaked a Christmas tree into the White House, a forester convinced the President

that thinning helped forests.

The tree that is common today is a combination of the religious elements. The evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its apples. Lights, tinsel, angels, a star on top, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light.



The best Christmas gift of all!

Sally's brother Timmy was writing a letter to Santa, when she asked him, "Timmy, would you write Santa a letter for me, too?" Sally didn't know how to write, you see.

"All right," said Timmy. "What do you want Santa to bring you?" Sally thought and thought. "I don't know what to ask for," she told her brother. "That's easy," said Timmy. "Why don't you ask for a fire engine?" "No, I don't think I want a fire engine," Sally said. "Then how about a transformer?" said Timmy. "No, I don't want a transformer."

Timmy was getting annoyed with his little sister. "You'd better decide what you want to ask Santa first. I have to write my own letter now!" Sally looked at all her toys. She had two dolls, a toy stove and sink, a dollhouse, crayons and a coloring book, and lots and lots of stuffed animals.

She thought about it every day until it was Christmas Eve, and she still had not thought of something she didn't already have.

For the first time she could remember, Sally was not excited as she and Timmy hung their stockings over the chimney.

On Christmas morning, Timmy was the first one out of bed. He dashed into the living room and soon he came running into Sally's room to wake her up. "Sally!" he said. "Come see what Santa brought you!" Sally jumped out

of bed and ran to the living room. There, under the tree, was a big box marked "To Sally from Santa."

Sally ran to the box and looked in. Inside was an adorable puppy! Sally scooped the puppy up and hugged it. The puppy licked Sally's face and wagged its tail happily.

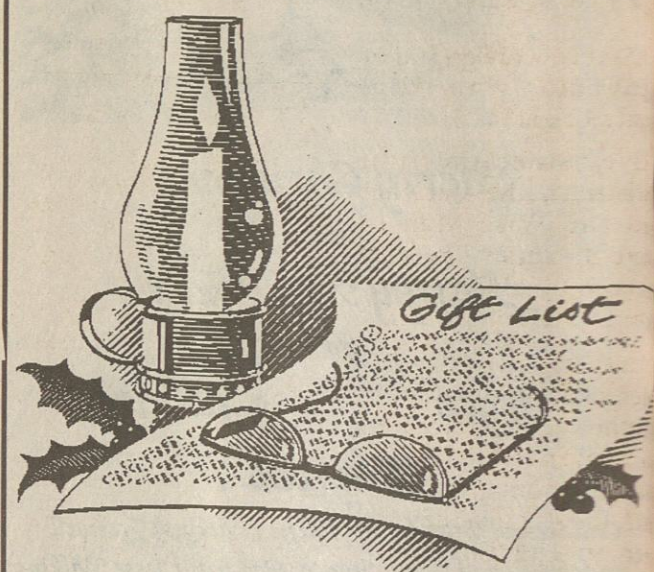
Just then, Sally's parents came into

the living room. "Look what Santa brought me!" Sally said, showing them the puppy. Sally's mother smiled. "I guess Santa knew there was

something you didn't already have. Yes, and it's the best present I've ever seen," said Sally, hugging her new puppy.



Visions Of Christmas



Hope a happy holiday is in sight
Many thanks.

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



....And goodwill to all our many wonderful customers and friends. Please accept our well wishes for a joyous, loving and meaningful holiday season.

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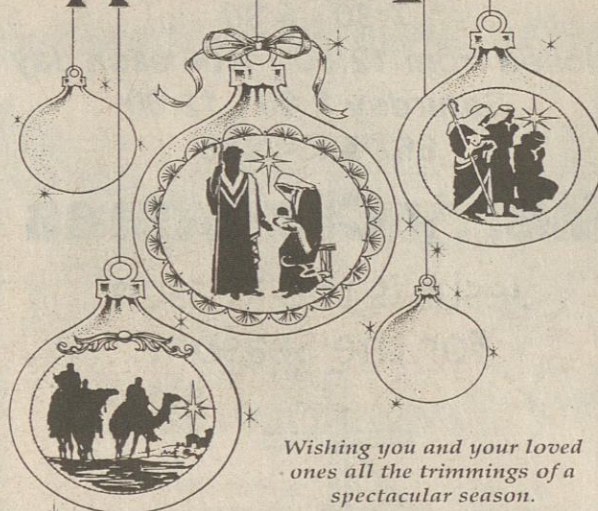
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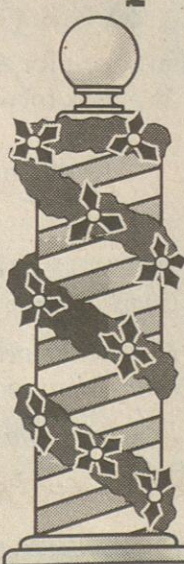
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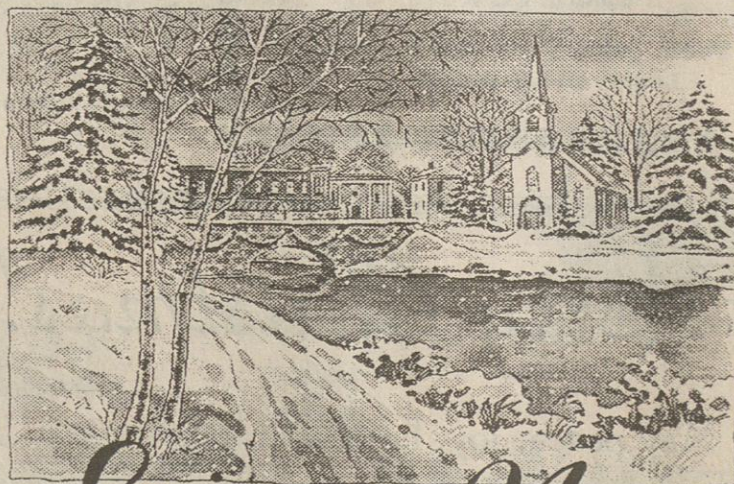
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Enjoy the Magic

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

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.

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.



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.



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.

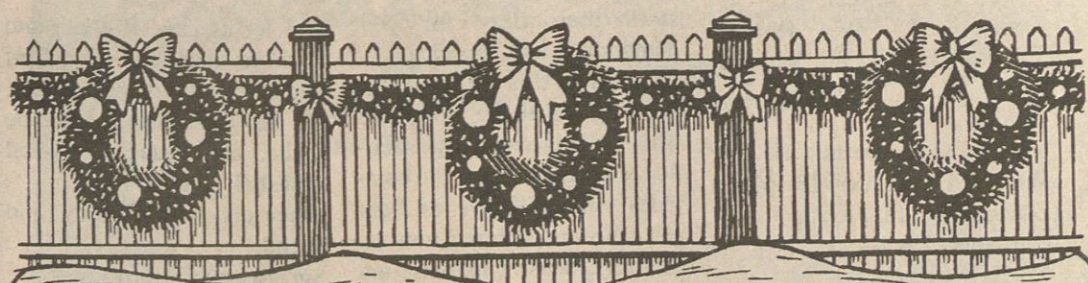
In fact, Hipparchus is believed to have discovered a brilliant star where none had been seen before in the year 134 B.C. Could this have been the Star of Bethlehem?

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-



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Merry Christmas to Our "Children" Kaiden Mandy Sydney



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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Happy Holidays

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

SOUTHERN AIR COMFORT

Christmas Greetings from a Soldier

Transcribed by RaNae Vaughn from The Vidette (Iuka, Miss.), December 21, 1944

Medical Detachment
Welch Convalescent Hospital
Daytona Beach, Florida
Christmas 1944

My dear friends:

During this Christmas season I am thinking of you and your loved ones at home, your loved ones away with the Armed forces and what it all means to you. Somehow I seem to realize the loneliness and the sadness that exists in your hearts, and I certainly know what home, the family and America means to those in the service.

With the knowledge and belief in our Savior, we can celebrate His birth at this time knowing that if all mankind be believed in Him and His teachings, we would never suffer the horrors of war as we are today. Let that thought abide with you always.

I have seen some of my best buddies and life-long friends go away to this war only to die for the cause of democracy and for America. I have aided survivors from torpedoed ships and from crash landings of planes at sea. I helped to treat their burns, patch their wounds, and ease their pain. I saw my comrade of the U.S.S. Sturdivant and the Submarine R-12 go out only to go down with their ships. Those comrades did not

shirk their duty for you, democracy, and America.

During this time, I am thinking of those comrades who gave the supreme sacrifice. I am thinking of the comrades who still live to fight and who are fighting now on the front lines. I likewise am thinking of their loved ones at home and the sorrow and loneliness that linger in their hearts. For all these, I shall pray. To my comrades who still live to fight and to the families of our comrades. I send my very best wishes and understanding sympathy.

As the war is ending and after it ends, we must forever make a great effort and dedicate our lives to a better America, in memory of our comrades who have given their lives or else they shall have died in vain.

At this time, I am not dreaming of a "white Christmas," I am thinking of your future in America. I am thinking of my comrades in a damnable hole of gunfire, blood and rotting flesh, fighting to free themselves from the enemies' fire and from the teeth of hungry sharks and other ills of the sea. I am thinking of mangled and broken men who are fighting and dying for you and I and for America. May God bless them and make their sacrifices as light as possible.

May this season be as bright and cheerful as possible

and let us have strength and faith to redouble our effort and carry on with the war until all our Christmases shall be white, and peace and good will shall come to us all. Sincerely, your buddy and friend.

Sgt. Joseph Telford Jones
Home address: Iuka, Mississippi

Christmas Quotes, Sayings and Superstitions

"To have good health throughout the next year, eat an apple on Christmas Eve."

"Eat plum pudding on Christmas and avoid losing a friend before next Christmas."

"On Christmas Eve all animals can speak. However, it is bad luck to test this superstition."

"The child born on Christmas Day will have a special fortune."

"Wearing new shoes on Christmas Day will bring bad luck."

In Ireland it is believed the gates of Heaven open at midnight on Christmas Eve. Those who die then go straight to Heaven.

If you refuse a mince pie at Christmas dinner, you will have bad luck for the coming day.

If you eat a raw egg before eating anything else on Christmas morning, you will be able to carry heavy weights

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of c o a l

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow
But the children know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some magic
In that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around
Frosty the Snowman
Was alive as he could be

And the children say
He could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me
Frosty the Snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day
So he said let's run
And we'll have some fun
Now before I melt away
Down to the village

With a broomstick in his hand
Running here and there
All around the square
Saying catch me if you can
He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop
And he only paused a moment
w h e n

He heard him holler stop
Frosty the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye

Saying don't you
I'll be back again some
Thumpety thump
Thumpety thump
Look at Frosty
Thumpety thump
Thumpety thump
Over the hills of snow



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A little smile, a word of cheer,
a bit of love from someone near.
a gift from one held dear,
Best wishes for the coming year...
These make a Merry Christmas!

From our family at
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to yours...
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.



Have A Beautiful Christmas!

Hope your holiday is glorious, and that each moment is filled with good cheer and happiness.

We appreciate your trust and business and look forward to serving you soon.

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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.

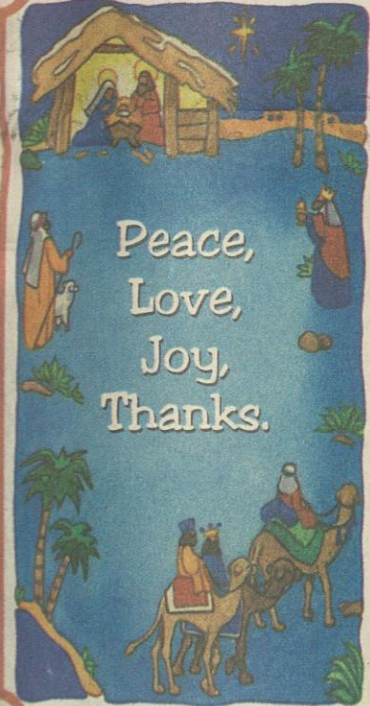
It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew 2:11 it states: "...and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him..." The statement of coming into a house instead of a stable (or cave) and seeing a "young child," not a newborn, leads one to think that the wisemen didn't arrive until quite some time after Jesus' birth. It is believed that the wise men came from the east by following a bright star that led them 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.



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I am 1 year old and I have been a good girl this year. I like baby dolls, blocks and books.
Love, Carlie Brock
Dear Santa,
I am 1 year old and I have been a good girl this year. I like baby dolls, blocks and books.
Love, Carlie Brock
Dear Santa,
I am 8 months old and I am a good baby. I like baby blocks, baby beads, and anything I can chew on.
Love, Colin Allen



With our most sincere gratitude and best wishes to all of you.

Have a happy and joyous holiday season.

*Randy
&
Rhonda
Stringer*



Greetings of the Season

May a circle of family,
friends and good cheer surround
you during this magical season.



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Happy Holidays
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CHRISTMAS CARD from about the 1800's. Color lithography by Raphael Ruck and Sons. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum.

Victorians Sent First Holiday Greeting Cards...

Sending and receiving greetings of the season is one of the most enjoyable of Christmas chores, and we can all thank Victorian England for this charming custom.

To be more specific, we can thank a Victorian gentleman who was too busy during the holiday season of 1843 to send his customary notes to friends, wishing them the best of the season. So it was that Henry Cole asked a friend to design a printed card that he could send to friends in place of the usual handwritten note.

A friend, artist John C. Horsley, illustrated a group of celebrants raising their glasses in a toast, flanked by illustrations of others feeding the poor and clothing the needy. The message read, "A merry Christmas and happy new year to you."

It wasn't long before the printed greeting card appeared in America, designed by one R.J. Pease, a dry goods merchant from New York state, who sent out cards advertising his goods.

However Louis Prang, a lithographer living in Boston during the 1800's is known as the father of the American Christmas Card. Charles Dickens is said to have sent

Christmas Music...

I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral, and filling every part of the best pile with triumphant harmony. -Washington Irving (1819)

Portents Of The Season...

If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.

The number of mince pies you taste at Christmas indicates the number of happy months you'll have during the

coming year, according to an Old English belief.



You will have as many happy months in the coming year, as the

number of houses you mince pies in during Christmastime.

"Shout 'Christmas Greetings' to the first person known on your door on Christmas Day and expect to receive a gift from the visitor."

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.

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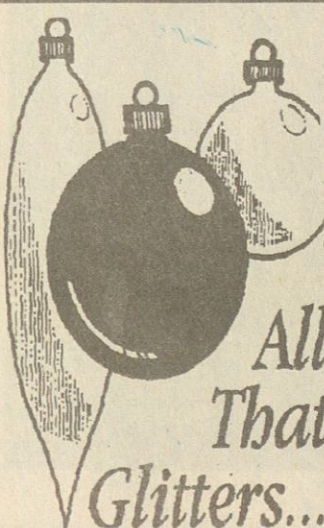


JOY TO THE WORLD

May you enjoy the beauty and love that is Christmas, and remember the true spirit of this holy time.

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Merry Christmas

Legends of Nature at the Nativity



Printed Courtesy of My Merry Christmas.com
by Jeff Westover

The Bible records a natural wonder -- a sign in the form of a miraculous star -- that was visible in the heavens at the birth of Jesus Christ. But beyond that regular miracle, the scriptures are silent on the other elements of the Nativity.

Nevertheless, fantastic tales abound of animals speaking, of plants miraculously blooming, of rivers flowing with wine, and signs of the arrival of the Messiah. Even modern popular culture has kept some of these tales of folklore alive through movies and music.

One legend speaks of a rooster who from the stable rooftop declared, in Latin no less, *Christus natus est*, or, "Christ is born". Supposedly a raven heard this and then asked, again in Latin, *When?* The rook replied *This night!* The ox asked *Where?* The sheep chimed in *Bethlehem!* and the ass cried out *Let's go!* This story is especially beloved in some cultures because the Latin phrasing for each statement mimics the sound each animal naturally makes.

European folklore teaches that the animals respond as humans on the night of Jesus' birth. The oxen kneel down in their stables each Christmas in commemoration of the event. Many are said to speak only on Christmas Eve. It is said that

humans do not want to actually hear what the animals are saying because, even though they have the gift of speech just one day a

year, they usually don't have many kind things to say about their human masters. For others, even the beehives participate in the celebration of Christmas through their buzzing carols of praise and adoration for the Christ Child.

The robin and cardinal have long been associated with Christmas. This could be tied to folklore stories about the robin that stayed near the flames of the fire made to keep the Baby Jesus warm by beating its wings all night so that the fire might burn brightly. So devoted was the bird to the cause that it singed her breast red by being so close to the flames.

The stork is widely held as associated with new births. This happy tradition began as a story of a stork plucking feathers from its own breast to make a downy feather bed for the Baby Jesus.

Plants are also famed in folklore for their animated qualities and worshipful behavior on Christmas Eve. Christians living in Eastern Europe share tales of plants and trees growing along the banks of the Jordan River bowing in the direction of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. There are tales of the Christmas rose or other vegetation that miraculously blooms only at Christmas time. And in Russia a folktale speaks of the river water turning to wine briefly at Christmas to mark the occasion.

From France, Germany, Italy and Greece tales are told of mountains bursting open on Christmas to reveal rich veins of gold and diamonds. Some stories

tell of buried bells, long since silenced, miraculously tolling on Christmas Day.

Each of these tales began as a means of teaching the importance of the birth of Jesus Christ. It must be remembered that for centuries the only access to the story of the Nativity was through

church. People did not own copies of the scriptures and, if they did, they likely did not have the ability to read them. The story of Christmas then was passed from person to person, generation to generation. It is easy to see how stories could become more fantastic in time.



"Place shoes by side on Christmas Eve to prevent a quarrelsome family."

"A clear star-filled sky on Christmas Eve will bring good crops in the summer."

"Good luck will come to the home where a fire is kept burning throughout the Christmas season."

In Greece, some people burn their old shoes during the Christmas season to prevent misfortunes in the coming year.

In the Swedish countryside, from cock crow to daybreak on Christmas morning the trolls (wicked elves) roam about.

In Devonshire, England, a girl raps at the henhouse door on Christmas Eve. If a rooster crows, she will marry within the year.

Merry Christmas & Many Blessings to You & Yours

May the "True Spirit" of that first Christmas be found in your hearts this holiday season.

Thank you all & May God Richly Bless each of you is our prayer...

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To Yours
Merry Christmas
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Letters to Santa

Iuka Baptist Church Nursery

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a truck, cars, tractor and toys. Brim Mom some presents and Daddy a tractor. Tucker wants baby toys.

Alex

Dear Santa,

Zane has been a very good boy this year. Please bring him some tools a ball and Mom some jewelry and Daddy a ball.

Nursery Buddies.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Santa, please bring me a baby, baby bed, bottle, purse and a kitchen. Please bring Daddy a duck, Mommy a toy, and Blake a Spiderman toy. I will leave you a hamburger and Rudolf some carrots.

Laney

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a pink baby doll, pink stroller, kitchen and some make-up. Please bring Mom a suite and Daddy a brand new truck. I will leave Rudolf some carrots and you some milk and cookies.

Reece

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a truck, a big truck, tractor and a game ball. Please bring Mommy shoes and Daddy a big blue tractor. Please bring Ava some baby food.

Carter

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a fishing pole and balloons, Mommy and Daddy want a fishing pole. I have been a very good boy.

River

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Barbie, the married one, pink Barbie and a elephant for my new baby, and bring Mom a Holiday Barbie, Daddy would like a flower. I will leave you cookies and Rudolph some cookies too. I have been a good girl.

Kalie

Iuka Headstart Unit 3: Ms. Susan & Mrs. Lisa's Class

Austin Rooker - Please bring me a Jeep, pirate boat, little boat, and some surprises.

Ambra Parker - Please bring me a laptop computer, Bratz doll, baby doll, new clothes, books, and a new blanket.

Kaleb Medders - Please bring me a Power Ranger toys, Transformers, car, new clothes, some surprises.

Madison Butler - I would like a paint set, bicycle, yo-yo, sirens for bicycle, coloring

books, crayons, new backpack.

Madalyn Lester - Please bring me Barbie dolls, baby dolls, make-up, baby's bath-set, Disney Princess blanket, and books.

Austin Sparks - Please bring me a butterfly remote control, football man, football, and surprises.

Madison Rooker - Please bring me a blonde baby, lipstick, books, gloves, cap, new clothes, cat, catfood and surprises.

Chelsea Lomenick - Bring me a baking set, swing baby, swim baby, clothes, bicycle, clothes, books, gloves, coat, Dora blanket, Disney blanket.

Elizabeth Hamm - Bring me a baby, clothes, new jacket, gloves, baby bathtub, playpin, fire truck and surprises.

Macie Walker - Please bring me a Mommy Make-Me-

Better baby doll, baby clothes, baby bed, baby swing, Dora Playhouse, and surprises.

Matthew Brumley - Please bring me a train set, remote-control cars, trucks, and surprises.

Tracy Hicks - Bring me a back-hoe digger, John Deer Tractor, and plenty of surprises.

Makayla Bledsoe - Please bring me skates, Dora computer, 4-wheeler, new shoes, Dora baby doll, clock, nightstand, new clothes, and surprises.

Kanoshia Southward - Please bring me a Dora cash register, baby doll, dishwasher, table, chair, clothes hangers, and plenty of surprises.

Slayden Suddieth - Please bring me a fire truck, play firemen suit, fire dog, fireman blanket, and plenty of surprises.

Maria Medley - Please bring me a big baby doll, doll clothes, bicycle and surprises. Makayla Nunley - Bring me a Bratz baby doll, roller skates, Barbie doll, Barbie playhouse, new clothes, and surprises.

Daryl Anna Thrasher - Please bring me a baby doll, Barbi doll, baby playhouse, Dora and Princess dolls, new clothes, books, backpack, and fire truck for my friend, Slayden.

Tate Ramsey - Please bring me a fire truck, fireman suit, and some surprises.

Jacob Thompson - Please bring me a race car, Transformers, a dinosaur, zoo set, and surprises.

Mrs. Wilmeth's 1st Grade Class At Iuka Elem. School

Dear Santa,

I want a camera, a laptop, and a skateboard.

Nikki Crawford

Dear Santa,

I want a game, a TV, a car, and a four-wheeler.

Vital Toro

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandon Thompson, and I want a skateboard game, a grave digger, and a Spiderman laser.

Dear Santa,

I want a High School Musical Two.

Mallory Norton

Dear Santa,

I want a phone and I want High School Musical Two.

Maddison Blakney

Dear Santa,

I want the new Santa movie, and a remote control Spiderman.

Will Pittman

Dear Santa,

I want skates, Wii games, and a monster truck. I also want a football that tells you how far you can throw.

Alan Heitz

Dear Santa,

I want an X-Box, a Playstation 3 General Lee Game, and a Bo and Luke Duke action figure.

Jake Presley

Dear Santa,

My name is Zackary Curry, I want a camera for Christmas.

Dear Santa,

I love Santa. I want a toy dirt bike.

Tyler Lambert

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, a wagon, make-up, and some candy.

Tiffany Keltner

Dear Santa,

I want eight army men.

Andrew Richardson

Dear Santa,

I want a scooter, a race car game, a skateboard, and a Shake and Go Car.

Tayvius Duckett

Dear Santa,

I want a Shake and Go Car. I love Santa.

David Shinault

Dear Santa,

I want a Doggy Pers, a DVD player, a kitty calendar, and a Kitty Pers.

Hannah Marlar

Dear Santa,

I want a Cry Baby Doll, and a Mommy Makes Me Better Doll. I also want a Cloie Blue Dress Doll.

Lana Harrell

Dear Santa,

My name is Jake Wilmeth, and I am three years old. I would like a big truck to drive that is blue and lots of presents for Christmas. I will leave some cookies for you by the tree.

Jake Wilmeth

Mistletoe And Holly...

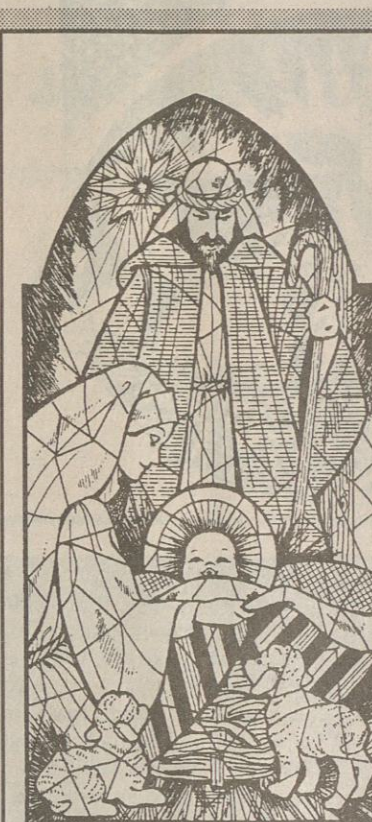
Two hundred years before the birth of Christ, the Druids used mistletoe to celebrate the coming of winter. They would gather this evergreen plant that is parasitic upon other trees and used it to decorate their homes. They believed the plant had special healing powers for everything from female infertility to poi-

son ingestion. Scand also thought of mistle plant of peace and They associated with their goddess of Frigga. The custom of under the mistletoe derived from this belief early church banned the mistletoe in Christmas brations because of its origins. Instead, churchers suggested the holly as an appropriate tute for Christmas green

Wreaths...

The use of a wreath as a decoration

front door, mantel or dow symbolizes a sign come and long life to enter.



Come Let Us Adore Him

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

Merry Christmas from

JOHN'S GARAGE and staff

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.

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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



In the Spirit of Christmas

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Greetings of the Season

Peace. Joy. Love.

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

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Letters to Santa

Burnsville Elem. School
Kindergarten
Mrs. Glover's Class

Skylar Bunns:
I want a Spiro-Legend of the Darkness video game, a new bike, a go-cart, my own collection of spiders, some bedroom stuff and my own desk and computer. I'll leave reindeer food and chicken legs for Santa. I haven't been real good this year, but I'll try

harder next year.
Nicholas Campbell:

I want a Transformer that turns into a car, a race-car set with real cars, and a Christmas tree I can set up by myself. I'll leave snow deer cookies for the reindeer and Christmas tree cookies for Santa. I've been a little bit of good this year.

Madison Davis:

I want Santa to bring me some surprises. I'll leave chocolate chip cookies for you and corn for the reindeer. I've been pretty good this year.

Emily Edge:

I want a baby doll, some clothes, food, and diapers for my doll, and my own little light-up Christmas tree with lots of little balls. I'll leave you an apple and some bananas for your reindeer. I've been a little good this year.

Reece Farr:

I want a real, big horse and want to go to Tractor Supply and get a toy truck and trailer to haul my toy horses. I want a real truck and trailer, too. I'll leave you some Christmas cookies (if my Mom will help me bake them) and I'll leave some for the reindeer, too. I've been good this year.

Briley Hill:

I want a new bike and helmet, a Yorkie dog, and a Bratz doll. I'll leave cookies for you and the reindeer. I've been real good this year.

Jed Roaten:

I want a Transformer that turns into a car, a Power Ranger, a remote-controlled car and some surprises. I'll leave chocolate cake and water for you and your reindeer. I've been real good this year.

Shawn Jordan:

I want a deer hunting game that hooks to my TV, a car hauler truck, and some surprises. I'll leave you some Oreos and milk and some corn for the reindeer. I've been good this year.

Isaac Segina:
I want some Transformer toys and video game, a truck I can ride in and some surprises. I'll leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies and some berries for the reindeer. I've been really good this year.

Katie McCann:

I want a pink guitar, some Play Dough, stickers, a Santa Poster, and some surprises. I'll leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and gingerbread for the reindeer. I've been real good this year.

Tristian Mcelyca:

I want a lamp like Mrs. Glover's, a real, white puppy dog, a teddy bear to sleep with, and some surprises. I'll leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and corn for the reindeer. I've been real good this year.

Caleb Newcomb:

I want a real, my-size dirt bike, a bow and arrow, and a thing you look through that shows a motorcycle on the wall, and some surprises. I'll leave vanilla pudding for you and corn for the reindeer. I've been a little good this year.

Paige Snyder:

I want My Size Barbie throne, and lots of surprises. I'll leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and pizza for the reindeer. I've been very good this year.

Ethan Young:

I want a race car set, a toy Santa, a toy snowman, a toy SpongeBob, and some surprises. I'll leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. I've been just plain good this year.

Tracy Taylor:

I want a toy car, a toy airplane, a toy dirt bike, and a Transformer. I'll leave Oreos and milk for you and cake for the reindeer. I've been kinda good this year.

Anna Johnson:

I want a book, sunglasses, jewelry, a purse, a basket, and some surprises. I'll leave you some Oreos and milk for you and hamburgers for the reindeer. I've been real good this year.

Bubba Johnson:

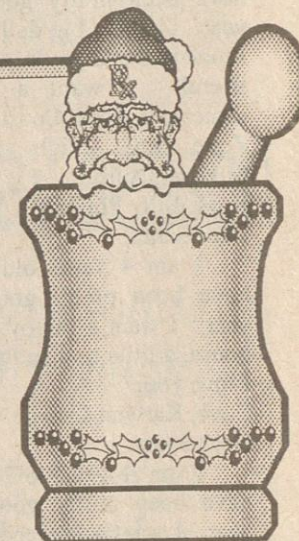
I want a real dirt bike, a 4-wheeler, a Playstation 2, and some surprises. I'll leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and cheese for your reindeer. I've been really, really good this year.

Tanner Moss:

I want a Playstation with lots of sports games for it, a toy car, and for my Mom to be happy. I'll leave you some cookies and milk, and corn for your reindeer. I've been good this year.

Andrew McClinton:

I want a basketball set, a Pink Panther giant coloring pad, a Super Mario video game, and my own little Christmas tree. I'll leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk and corn for your reindeer. I've been real good this year.



WISHING
YOU
Well

Our prescription for a happy holiday season includes generous measures of goodwill and cheer along with a healthy dose of gratitude from us.

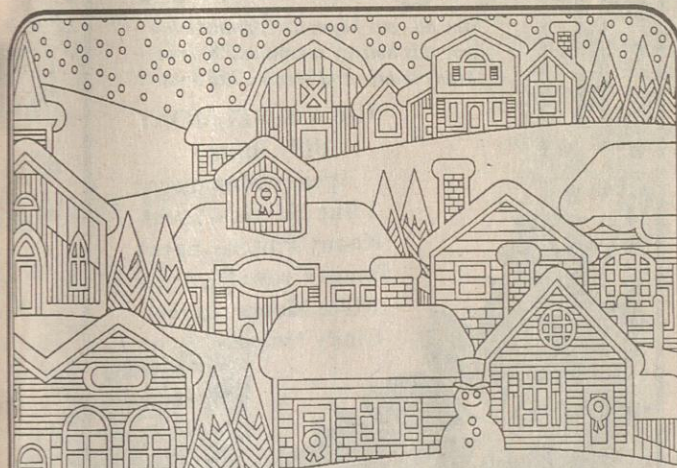
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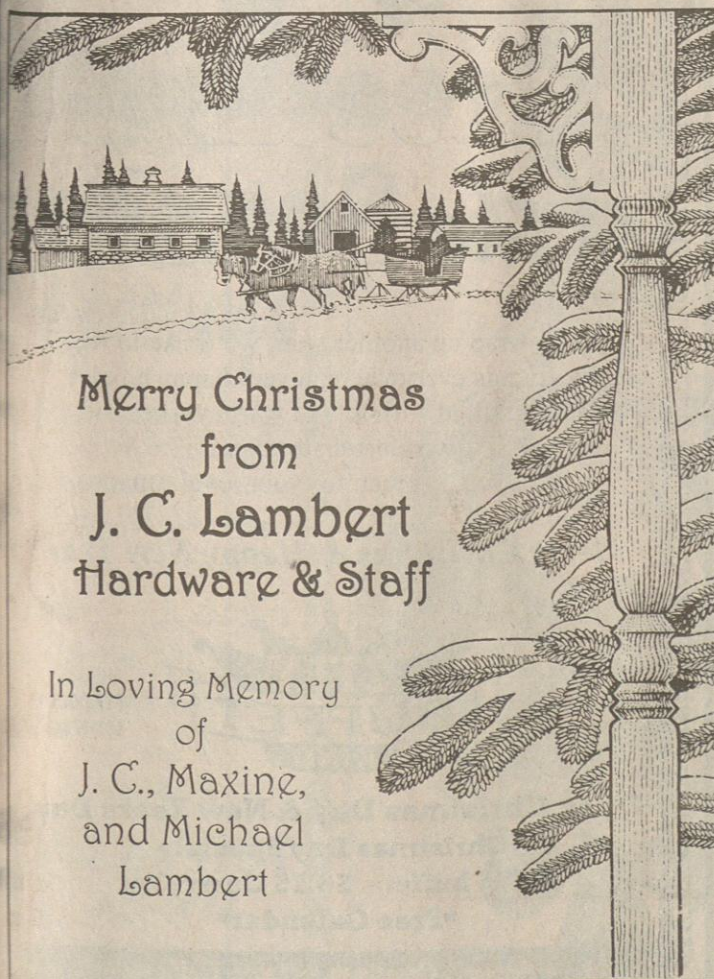
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It may be cold outside, but we feel warmed by the thought of all the good people we've had the pleasure to know this past year. With our warm wishes for a beautiful holiday season.

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Thanks, friends!

Wishing Everyone A Happy Holiday
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Letters to Santa

Mary's Little Lambs Ms. Mary's Class

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and I have been pretty good this year. I want a big doll house, I love you and you're my best friend. I want a digital camera, a Ford Construction Zone and High School Musical Dolls.
Love, Lilly Phifer
Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old and I have been pretty good this year. I want a puppy, a doll house, a little seat and a baby. I love you.
Love, Katlynn George
Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old and I have been pretty good this year. I want a Power Ranger Movie, a real motorcycle when I get bigger, a Transformer helmet, a Ninja Turtle game, my 4-wheeler game is all scratched up so I want a new 4-wheeler game and another Tricker Truck game because mine is scratched up and a new horse, my Pawpaw sold it.
Love, Tanner Bray
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and have been good this year. I want a baby doll, a computer and a shirt. I want everything for Christmas.
Love, Caty Hawkins
Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old and I have been pretty good this year. I would like Nintendo DS, Stars Wars DS game, a real bow and arrow, Wrestling men and a Spiderman I Dog.
Love, John Graves
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have been a good girl this year. I love you, Christmas time, I want you to put me in your lap. I want a butterfly, baby dolls, Bratz Be-Bratz.com doll, Hannah Montana doll, High School Musical dolls, Disney Princess Cash register and Disney Princess Enchanted doll.
Love, Gracie Nunley

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want a Power Ranger Movie, Nerf-N-Strike Longshot, Bio-Bytes Tank and refills, sticker book, Batman car, computer, monster trucks and a frosty movie.
Love, Bryson Pryce-Jones
Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old and I have been good this year. I want Hungry, Hungry Hippo, water play, a new purse, Disney Princess Bella Studio, Cars Lights and Sounds "Red", Barbie Top Model doll, Barbie Earth, High School Musical dolls, Disney Princess Cash Register, Littlest Pet Shop and My Little Pony stuff.
Love, Madison Bennett
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have been a good boy this year. I want a pirate ship, Power Ranger Helmet, boat, Transformer Leader, Power Ranger vehicle, Power Ranger Megazords, motorized car, wrestling doll and pirate gear.
Love, Caleb Carr
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have been good this year. I want to tell you I want a toy. I know what I want to do. I want a brand new toy, a brand new four wheeler that goes fast, a game, Matchbox Megarig Squid, sub and a John Deere Tractor.
Love, Cole Rutherford
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have been pretty good this year. I want a baby doll house, a puppy dog with a bottle, bone and spread mat so they can pee-pee on it.
Love, Claire-Mann Taylor

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and I have been good this year. I want a Baby Alive, a frog - it's the one that says things. When I get bigger I will get a video game. I want to get a lot

of things and a computer.
Love, Ally Hill

Mary's Little Lambs
Ms. Cheryl's Class
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want a big truck. I want 1,2,3,4,5,6,9 and 10 big trucks, Cars play set and a car to ride on. Merry Christmas! I went to the Christmas Parade.
Love, Chase Phifer
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have been a good girl this year. I want a Barbie Computer, High School Musical movie, when I get big I want a big kitchen.
Love, Mary Katherine Roberts
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want a choo-choo train and another one choo-choo train, a Pizza Elmo and a Deal or No Deal game.
Love, Devin Phifer
Dear Santa,

I am 2 years old and I have been good this year. I want a boat, a kitchen, rescue puppy, a kitty cat, a pink bicycle, a pink camera and a choo-choo train. I Love You.
Love, Talise Eaton
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want Diego and Dora, basketball, bicycle, a Batman bed, a Batman chair, a truck, a big car to ride and a kitchen. I Love You, Santa.
Love, Jaxson Pryce-Jones
Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want a pink car, a jump rope, some tools, a necklace, Backyardigans Movie, candy canes, books, a trampoline and toys.
Love, Sandi Grace Davidson
Dear Santa,

Mary's Little Lambs
Ms. Betsy's Class

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old and I have been good this year. I want an airplane, Diego and Legos.
Love, Nate Tuders
Dear Santa,

I am 2 years old and I have been a good boy this year. I want a bicycle, a bus,

and airplane, tools and books.
Love, Jeremy Brock
Dear Santa,

I am 2 years old and I have been good this year. I want a Christmas tree, a baby doll, a puppy and shoes.
Love, Nikki Aldridge

Tishomingo Elem. School
Mrs. Beth Bray's
Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
I want a real laptop and Barbie guitar and piano and all kinds of dishes for my stove. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Please don't forget my sister. Please get my sister a pony and some pony stuff. The End.
Your Friend, Caitlynn Horne
Dear Santa,

My name is Karli. I'm 6 years old and I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Baby-Alive doll, clothes, and some surprises. I would also like a Dora the Explorer oven. Please give all the little boys and girls in the world plenty of food and some nice warm clothes. Please send my big sisters, Kayla, Kristi, and my brother-in-law, Nathan some gifts. I would also like a Fisher Price camera. I love Santa.
Your friend, Karli Brasel
Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please bring me Airhogs, Gameboy, Stuntbike, Hot Wheels Spin City, cars, and trucks. I love you.
Your friend, Luke Smith
Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy this year. Would you please bring me a gun and a CD player. My sister has been pretty good this year, too. Can you bring her a doll house. We will leave you and the reindeer some snacks. P.S. Can you bring, some surprises for our stockings?
Your friend, Chandler South
Dear Santa,

I like a bike. I like an ATV. I like a candy cane. I like a black shoes. I like a bell. I like a book bag.
Your friend, Patrick Murphy
Dear Santa,

I would like a blue dinosaur with long sharp teeth, a Thomas the Train and Fiends set and track, a Spyro baby dragon and Spyro

Momma dragon, a ghost, big monsters, big blue bull monsters and baby blue bull monsters. I would like for Trace to have a game. I want Papaw and Memaw to have stuff. I want Mommy to be cool and get a new blue car that has baby Spyro dragon on it. I want Michael to have a new blue pickup. I have been a fairly good girl this year. I like lots of surprises.
Your friend, Courtney Byrd
Dear Santa,

I would like to please have: pink mermaid, Superman toy, big ball, dragon toy, dinosaur, unicorn toy, and a watch.
Your friend, Ashton Dueitt

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman Web Blaster, a BB gun, musical come-back vehicle, electronic guitar, licensed activity table and a 4-wheeler.
Your friend, Tacoma Wood
Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie. I also want a play computer, a Gameboy, clothes, and hairbows. I'm sorry for acting bad on the bus and at school. Please put me back on the nice

list! PLEASE! Please Allie some clothes, M CD, Chelsea a Bible, some jeans, Tyler some Christopher a football B.J. a tricycle. I love you
Your friend,
Courtney Robbins
Dear Santa,

I want a toy mouse, want a toy muzzle loader.
Your friend, Brady Pruitt
Dear Santa,

I have been a good All I would like this year Nintendo DS and new cowboy boot. Thank you.
Your friend, Haylee Schaefer
Dear Santa,

I have been a good this year. My brothers too. I hope you come see We decorated our Christmas tree. I will leave you milk and cookies. Would please bring me a 4-wheeler a real pony, and toys. I you and Mrs. Claus.
Your friend, Hanah Burch
Dear Santa,

I have been a good Will you please bring me puppy and a kitten?
Your friend, Jazmyn Smith

Thanks Partner

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

From All The Gang At

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We wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

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Kenny Phifer - Agent
James Crowell - Agent
Mike Moore - Agent
Cindy Howie - Agent

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Greetings of the Season

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

We're displaying this message of cheer To thank you all for stopping here Because one thing that we know is true Is it wouldn't be Christmas without all of you!

A very merry Christmas to our friends, neighbors and customers. You make it all worthwhile!

Ellie's Snack Bar

Ellie & Bobby Lambert
Kathy, Lisa, & Charlotte

HO...HO... HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We wish we could thank each of you personally, but since we can't, we'd like to join Santa in wishing your family a very joyous holiday.

Thank you for giving us so much to celebrate this season.

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Deck The Halls!

Wishing you all the trimmings of a beautiful holiday season.

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

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the Middle Ages), brought it into their homes, and used it as a lesson in morality for their children.

Over the years, the religious aspects of the tree gave way to pure decoration. The apples were replaced by ornaments; the wafers, by stars, moons, men and animals.

The tree itself is steeped in traditions that date back to even earlier times.

In the cold North, primitive men watched the approach of winter with fear.

They saw the sunlight dwindle, the days grow short and the fields freeze up. There seemed no hope brought them inside in tubs, to protect the spirits of the woods and to bolster family courage through the dark winter days.

"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.

Hogmanay, Day Of First-Footing

What's Hogmanay? It's

the Scottish name for New Year's Eve -- and first-footing is what they call the tradition that dictates Scottish hospitality for the New Year celebration.

The first person to cross the threshold of any house on that occasion is supposed to do so bringing gifts to his or her host -- gifts of food or coal, both tokens of warmth and friendliness. In return, the first-footer receives a drink.

But that's not all. People used to compete vigorously for the honor of being a first-footer, and ran races from door to door. Their hosts might or might not be happy to welcome the visitors. If the first-footer were a woman, it meant bad luck

Why The Christmas Tree Wears Icicles And Tinsel...

One of the most beloved stories is about the little spiders and how they helped trim the tree.

According to the old tale, one Christmas morning after the tree had been trimmed, it reposed there in all its glory, awaiting the children.

Every old house (and many a new) has spiders; curious creatures that they are, they wanted to see the lovely tree, too...not just from the floor, but up close. So they crept all over it until they had satisfied themselves completely that the tree was indeed a wondrously beautiful thing. But as they crept, they left cob-webs...beautiful, also, to Nature's eyes, but not so attractive to mothers'.

When the Christ Child came to bless the tree, he realized that the mother of the household would be dismayed. So He touched the webs...and they all turned to silver.

Ever since that time, Christmas trees are hung with shining tinsel.

Shining icicles are also part of the pretty Christmas picture. Another old story gives a reason.

One wintry night the Christ Child was wandering through the forest. It was cold and he knew he must find shelter for the night. The trees were bare. But a pine tree with low-hanging branches offered some protection from the wind.

When the pine tree, with its prescience that is known only to God realized it was caring for the Christ Child, tears of joy fell from its branches. As they fell, they froze into icicles.

Yuletide Tree Has Origins in Primitive Beliefs

How about decorating your tree with apples and round wafers this year? They may not be as colorful as the glittering balls and ornaments you normally use, but they're more in keeping with the early methods of tree-trimming.

The tree is a symbol of immortality, the apples stand for sin, and the round wafers mean redemption. That, at least, is the way Christians after the 15th century saw it.

They took the Paradise Tree (symbol of the fall of man in the miracle plays of

We Wish You

Merry Christmas

'Tis the season for us to say,
"Hope you enjoy a grand holiday."
May it be filled with joy and contentment,
Along with laughter and love and old-fashioned sentiment!

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Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,

I am a Russell now. I like cars and I want some CD's and a portable CD player. I wish I had games for my Leap Frog. Help my Mama's back feel better.

Love, Shawn Russell

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me some Barbies. Please bring me some cars. Please bring me Bratz. Please bring me Dorinda doll. Remember my cousin Mary Katherine. Thank you.

Love, Savannah Lambert

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. All I want for Christmas is a horse and a puppy and kitten and a girl bunny.

Love, Emma McRae

Dear Santa,

I am 6 years old. I would like to say I've tried to be a very good girl this year. So if possible, I would really love to have a Nintendo DS, also maybe some games for my V. Smile.

Love, Madison Nunley

Dear Santa,

My name is Josh Jones. I want a skateboard and a bookcase. I also want robot and Hulk boxing gloves and bags. Some house shoes and a transformer that turns to a dragon and a car.

Love, Joshua Jones

Dear Santa,

My name is Chaz. I would like for you to bring me some wrestling toys and some surprises.

Love, Chaz Hone

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Bratz dolls. Please bring me Hannah Montana. Please bring me Bratz guitar. Please bring me Hannah Montana. Please bring me Bratz Makeover.

Love, Naomi Eaton

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me some toys: Spiderman 3 game, Elephant game, Transformer, helmet and snow.

Love, Charles A.

Dear Santa,

I want the Avatar and Transformers Playstation 2 games, Transformers DVD, Optimus Prime Voice Changer helmet and gun, Spidermen Target game. See you soon,

Hunter Roberts

Dear Santa,

I am Samantha. I want two pompoms. I want a toy stove. I want toy Christmas tree. I want a pig. want a Barbie doll. I want a doll house.

Love, Samantha Roach

Dear Santa,

I want a Buzz Lighyear and a Dinosaur. I want a Ninja Turtle and a Dosh toy and a Batman video game and a trampoline.

Love, Taylor Denson

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I want lots of animal toys, Sponge Bob Squarepants toys, animal books, and some computer games. Thank you. I will leave milk and cookies.

Love, Cody Smith

Dear Santa,

I want Pokemon cards and Pokemon toys and a Nintendo Diamond and Pearl game.

Love, Bradley Smith

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a trampoline. I wish I had a Barbie doll house. I wish I had a dog.

Love you, Amber Kilgore

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy in my pocket, puppy grow and knows your name, a diary, puzzles for mom, guns for dad, and a toy for Brandon. I am 6.

Love, Natalie Arnold

Dear Santa,

I want a Spiderman 3 toy with a venom, Sandman, new green goblin, red Spiderman and a black Spiderman. I want it for Christmas. I love you Santa!

Love, Luke Carr

Dear Santa,

I wish for a bike, and a new robot, new shoes, play tools, Legos blocks, 4 incredible Hulks, and a new jogging suit, and some new clothes, and new pants.

Love, Devante Malone

Dear Santa,

I want a horse. I want clothes. I want a Barbie doll. I want a surprise.

Love, Kaitlyn Clayton

Dear Santa,

I want Pokemon toys and Ben-10 action figures; Ben-10 ship, and deluxe omitrex. I also want some surprises. I will give you a Mt. Dew to keep you up all night.

Love, Rory Hollingsworth

Tishomingo Elem. School
Ms. Lindsey Lowrey's
Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

I want an Easy-Bake Oven, a bicycle and a parrot that copies what you say. I also want a guitar with a Bratz doll on it from Wal-Mart. Please bring Mark 5 army men. For Matthew, please bring Guitar 3. I want my Momma to get a brand new Mustang and a John Deere tractor for my Daddy. Please bring me a new sleeping bag and a puppy.

Your friend, Shea Moore

Dear Santa,

I want a helmet and gloves and some clothes. I would like a new play tractor. Please bring my sister a helmet and gloves too. We're going to ride the 4-wheeler. I also want a pair of scissors. Please bring my Momma a new billfold and a pocketknife for my Daddy.

Your friend, Jacob Hamm

Dear Santa,

I have always wanted a telescope and a remote control car. I also want a new puppy. Can I please have lots of candy and slinky in my stocking? I would like a picture of you. I want my Mom to have a butterfly necklace. I want my cousin to have a dragon necklace and I want one too. Please bring my Dad a knife and a gun.

Your friend, Jo Jo Kennedy

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I would like new decorations for my tree. I also want some new coins and a new game. Please bring some new Christmas lights and a picture of Santa Claus and his reindeers and elves. I have been a very good boy this year.

Your friend, Samuel Parker

Dear Santa,

I am 8 months old and I am a good baby. I like baby blocks, baby beads, and anything I can chew on.

Love, Colin Allen

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

Dear Santa,

I am 1 year old and I have bee a good girl this year. I like baby dolls, blocks and books.

Love, Carlie Brock

Dear Santa,

I want a G.I. Joe Cowboy. I want my Grandpa to stop having heart attacks. I really want a real scooter. I also want a cheese house with popcorn eyes. I would like some picture books with words and 3 giant cubes with dots on them. I want a electric flying broom. I want my Grandma to live as long as I do. I also want a new backpack.

Your friend, Adron Sartain

Dear Santa,

I want a new train set for Christmas. I also want a sweater, sweat pants, and tennis shoes, and some house shoes. Please bring me a big truck and a little car. Please bring Kaleb some clothes. I wear size 5 and Kaleb wears size 7. Please bring a little dress for Destiny.

Your friend, Adrian Word

Dear Santa,

Please get my Momma a book shelf. I want a New Born Baby-Alive and a new bed. I also want a baby doll that swims and a dog that skates. Please bring my sister a lipstick case and some perfume. I also want a baby doll bed and a baby doll lamp. My Daddy needs some new work clothes.

Your friend, Ebony Johnson

Dear Santa,

I want some more jeans. I want Kyle to have some baby chickens. Please bring my little sister Barbie Dolls and babies. For my brother, I want tractors and cars. He loves them! I want Emily to have a little pup because she's never had a dog! And that's sad. Please bring Mom some pretty bowls and some cars for Papa.

Your friend, Josie Jerden

Dear Santa,

I want Secret Sewage Rose Petal Cottage. I want Easy-Bake Oven. Mom a new watch with Mouse on it. My Dad want new motorcycle gas tank black one with fire that "Wild Hogs" on it! Please bring me a Ninja wobble head and a animal Ninja Turtle. I had a Ninja Turtle blanket pillow.

our friend, Macy Leatherwood

Dear Santa,

I would like a maker, a Jack-In-The-Box, Rose Petal Cottage, chocolate, a little doll tent. I also want a paint and some wash off make-up. I would like some new clothes for my hair. Have a Christmas!

Your friend, Megan Turner

Dear Santa,

I want a Rose Petal Cottage, Jewel Quick a bunch of stuff to dress with. Please bring Momma a puff cake put Please bring my Daddy arrowhead. I would like Build-A-Bear-Kit.

you, Santa!

Your friend, Savannah Lambert

Dear Santa,

I want a bike that size and a dog. I also want remote controlled Hubs with monster traction. Please bring me some Christmas lights for my room, a desk like my teacher's and a desk like my teacher's also want a magnifying glass. I wish Christmas would last year long!

Your friend, Chase Brown

Pinatas

In Mexico, paper sculptures called pinatas filled with candy and hung from the ceiling. Children then take turns hitting the pinata with sticks, sending a shower of treats to the floor. Children race to gather as much of the loot as they can.

Rachel's Flowers

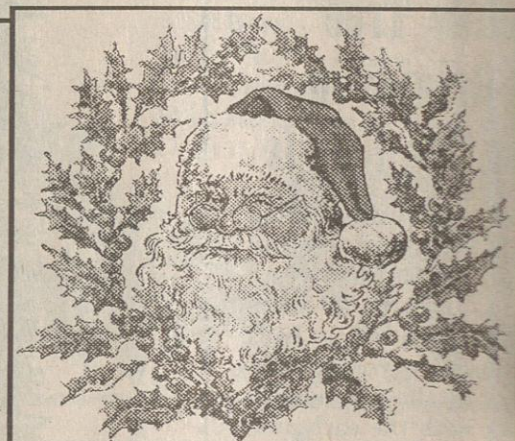
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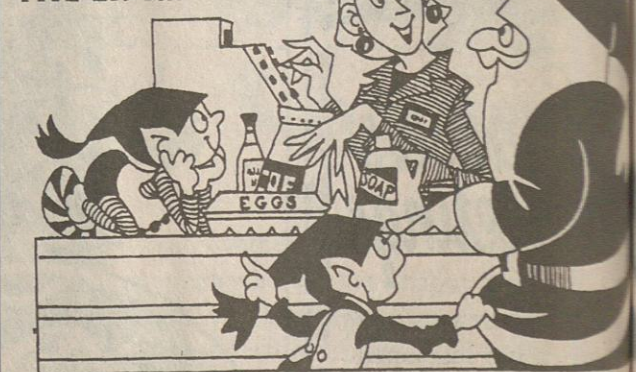
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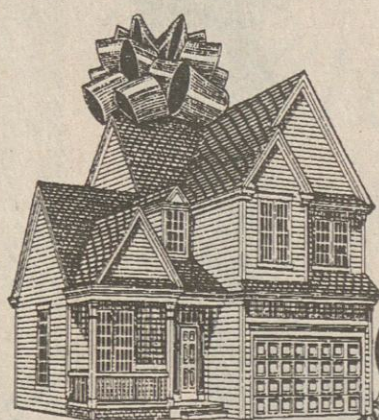
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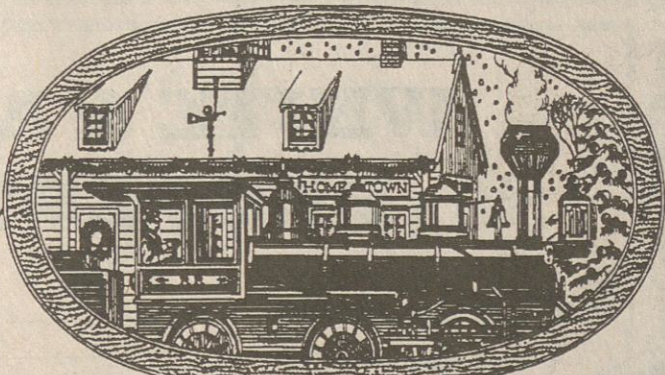


Home for the Holidays

Wishing you a beautiful holiday by the fireside, surrounded by your loved ones, embraced by the warmth and wonder of the season.

We wish you the very best for the new year, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

The Staff of GRACE LONG REAL ESTATE



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.

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Origin of the American Santa Claus

The American version of St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus originally came from the Dutch version called Sint Klaas. The Dutch settlers in

New Amsterdam (New York) brought this fun and lively tradition (some even say cult) to America.

This version of Santa has

given the current myth its visual form and these most curious traditions:

A merry old man with red and white clothes
Eight flying reindeer, later joined by Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

A home located on or near the North Pole
The habit of filling socks or stockings with presents on the night of December 24th.
Also the habit of entering houses through the chimney.

The most important single source for our modern day version of Santa Claus comes from the Christmas poem *A Visit From St. Nicholas* by Clement C. Moore. Written for his children in 1823, the family poem was later published for the general public and included what became the now famous picture of Santa Claus by Thomas Nast (see below right).

Actually the old "cult" of Santa Claus incorporates

ALL THE BEST

...To all the best people we're privileged to know—
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Here's hoping your holiday season is filled with glad tidings, happiness and joy from beginning to end.
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many traditions: Christian and Pagan, Old Catholic, Scandinavian, Dutch, German and English.

Santa brings us all together! Kids all over the world know who Santa is... And although he may be a little commercial, who can help, but love the jolly old elf?

It's the Idea of giving that reminds us: we are all on this planet together, for the long run.

For Kissing...

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "Kissing" bunch. This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center.

But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.



Peace On Earth

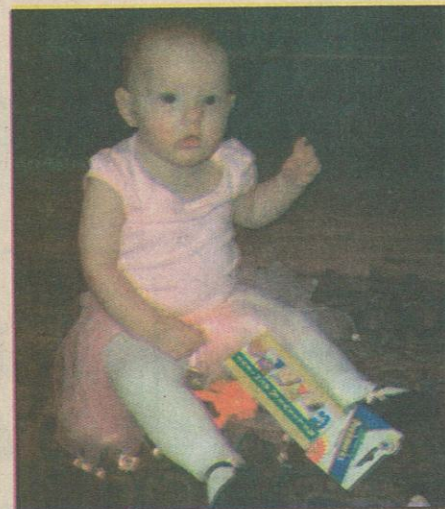
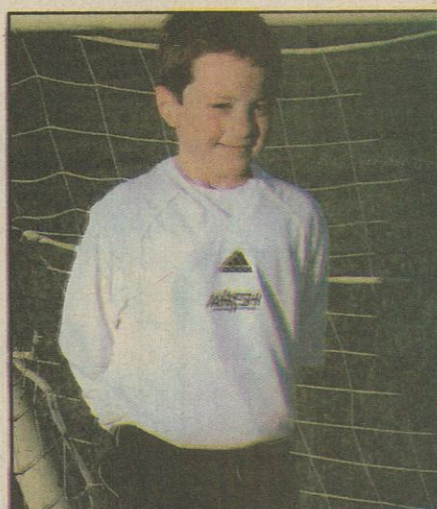
All the best to you and yours this holiday season. We appreciate your business.

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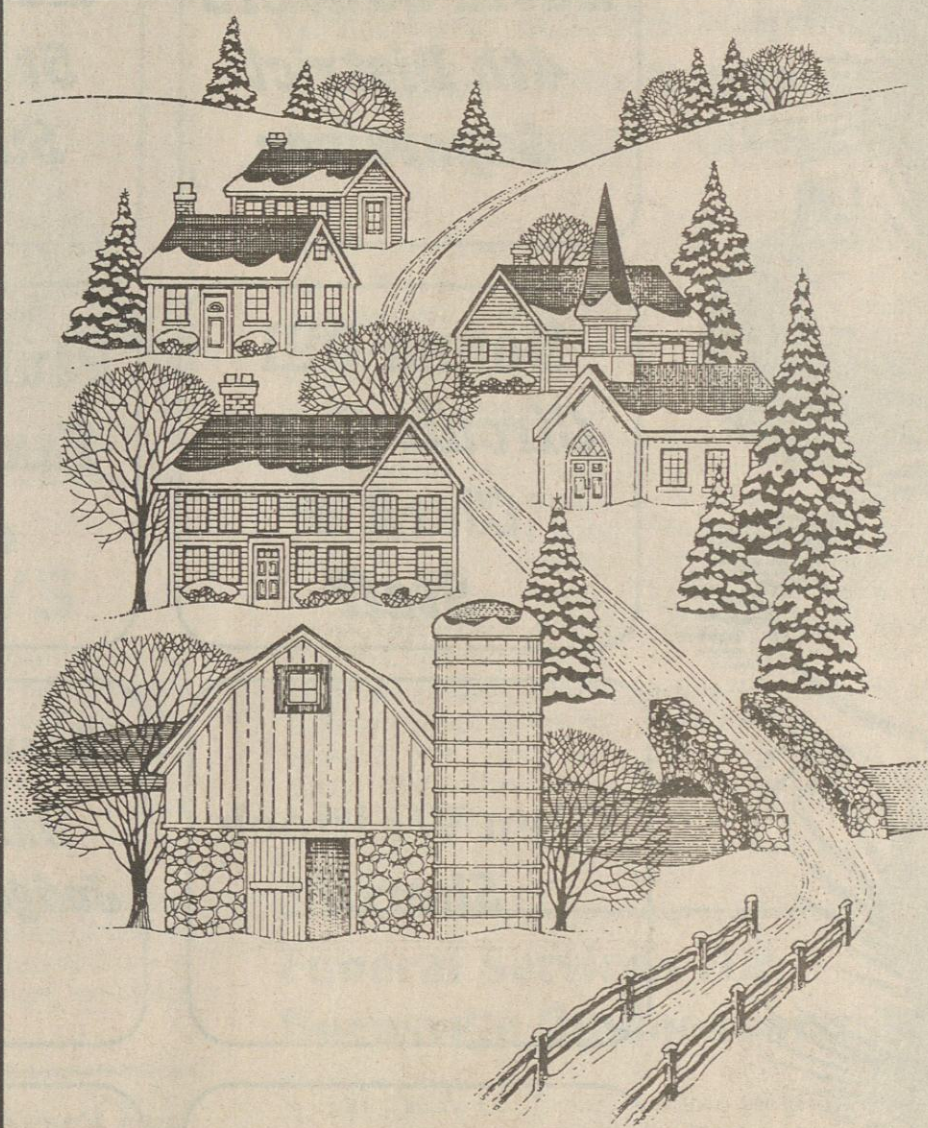
HAVE A BALL!



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



Merry Christmas from Hunter & Kirsten and everyone at
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To Our Good Neighbors At CHRISTMAS

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Town of Belmont

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And a magic flight on a midnight clear.
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It's time to celebrate, 'cause now it's here!

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Supervisor*

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*2nd District
Supervisor*

Danny Ryan
*3rd District
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