

GREETINGS

OF THE SEASON

Why We Celebrate Christmas

The date of Christ's actual birth is unknown. It is not recorded in the Bible. However, Christians of all denominations and faith groups, aside from the Church of Armenia, celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25.

The History of Christmas

It is believed that the first celebrations of Christ's birth were originally grouped together with Epiphany, one of the earliest feasts of the Christian church observed on January 6. This holiday recognized the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles by remembering the visit of the Magi (wise men) to Bethlehem and, in some traditions, the baptism of Jesus and his miracle of turning water into wine. Today the feast of Epiphany is observed predominately in liturgical denominations such as Eastern Orthodox, Anglican and Catholic.

Even as far back as the second and third centuries, we know church leaders disagreed about the appropriateness of birthday celebrations within the Christian church. Some men like Origen felt birthdays were pagan rituals for pagan gods. And since the date of Christ's actual birth had not been recorded, these early leaders speculated and

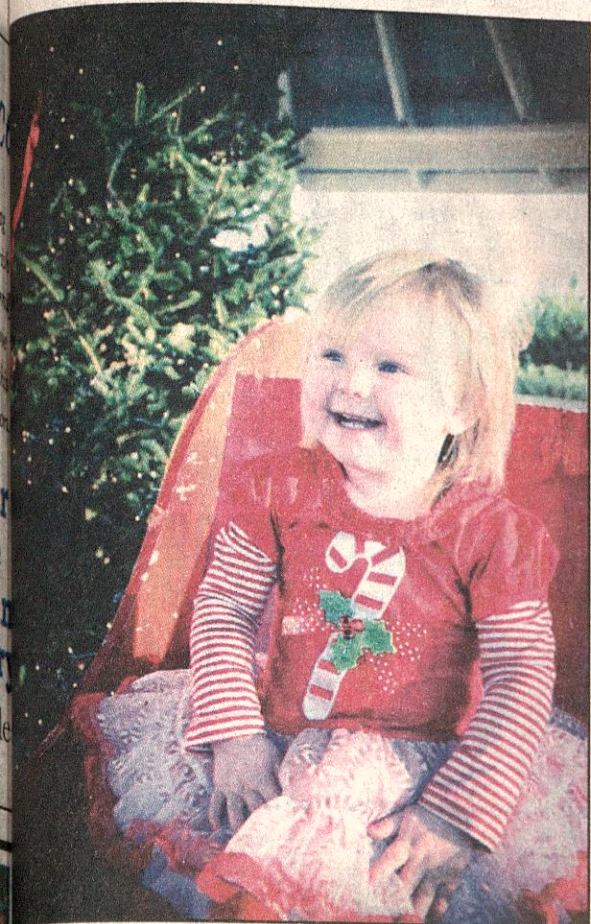
argued about the date.

Some sources report that Theophilus of Antioch (circa 171-183) was the first to identify December 25 as the birth date of Christ. Others say that Hippolytus (circa 170-236) was the first to claim that Jesus was born on December 25. A strong theory suggests that this date was eventually

chosen by the church because it aligned closely with a major pagan festival, dies natalis solis invicti (birth of the invincible sun god), thus allowing the church to claim a new celebration for Christianity.

Ultimately, December 25 was chosen, perhaps as early as A.D. 273. By 336 A.D., the Roman church cal-

ender definitively records a nativity celebration by Western Christians on this date. Eastern churches maintained the January 6 commemoration together with Epiphany until sometime in the fifth or sixth centuries when the 25th day of December became the widely accepted holiday.

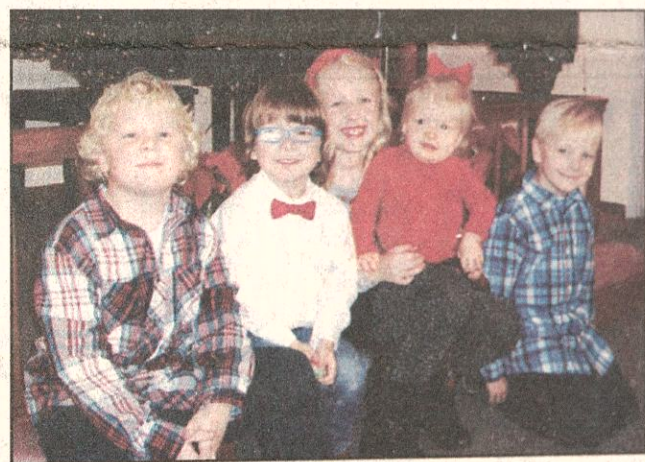


Sweet Aubree

Pretty Miss Aubree Rose Waldrop is anxiously waiting the arrival of Santa on Tuesday evening. She is the 2-year-old daughter of Kayla and Jordan Waldrop of Iuka. She brings much joy to *The News* office staff when she visits with her great-grandmother, Nancy Hughes, bookkeeper.

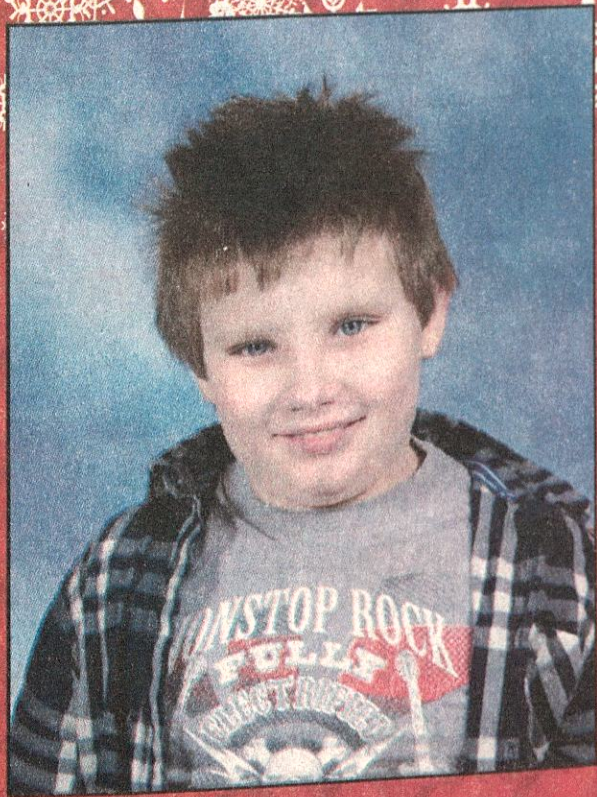
Little Aubree, who was born on 11-11-11, is the granddaughter of Ruby Brown, Jerri and the late Tony Taylor, Emily and Eddie Williams and the late Donald Waldrop.

Aubree and her family and the newspaper family wish everyone a very, merry Christmas!



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John Kurtis Franks

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To Yours!

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

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Johnny Biggs,
Charlotte & Jimmy McVay,
Hayley and Kurtis Franks



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your families a
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Iuka Elementary School Kindergarten Mrs. Becky Cobb's Class

Dear Santa,

My name is Mrs. Becky Cobb and I teach kindergarten at Iuka Elementary School.

My children are ready for Christmas and they have told me what they want from you. We know you have been watching us and making notes about who has been really good. I hope you are happy with the way my class has been behaving. Here is a list of my students and what they told me to tell you.

Derek Strickland - a telescope, a Ben Ten watch and race cars, a ball and Zoomer (a robot puppy). P.S. A Scoobie Doo movie and a Spiderman computer.

Chloe Glidewell - a guitar, nail polish, boots, and a real zebra cause I've been good!

Lilly Allen - I want an American Girl doll, some high heels (not big

ones, but little ones), and I want a lunch box, some bed sheets with zebra stripes and lipstick. You know I have been good! Happy Holidays.

Cooper Lowrey - I want an iPad and a ton of Fruit Roll Ups, and an x-Box Mind Craft and a ton of apple juice and that's it. I love you.

Bellah Rose Floyd - I want an Easy Bale Oven, a La La Loopsie, sparkly shoes, and prizes, and that's all I want. Oops, I forgot I want earrings too.

Brittany Wilbanks - I want purple earphones, make-up, hanitizer (Sanitizer) a bracelet and a necklace that match, lotion and a scarf.

Brenton Selman - I would like some wrestlers, and some Ninja Turtles and an xBox I and I guess that's it.

Elisabeth Williams - I want a real guitar, and a real horse and Stretch-kin (to help me stretch

in the morning and I want one of the Rudolph toys that aren't real to snuggle with and I want a fake zebra. I want to be on the nice list cause I love you.

Ethan Park - I want a Kansas City Chief football suit, an Ole Miss Rebel football suit, and a Robot real steal toy and a Raven football suit and a telescope and an umbrella bird and a talking parrot and a Red-skin football suit and a bagful of candy, and a TCHS football suit and an Arkansas Razor-backs football suit and all the footballs, pads, helmets, cleats and gloves to go with all the teams I want! I want an iPod and Grand Theft Auto 5 and a Moncreft animal game for the x-Box and 4-wheeler and a dirt bike and a real robot (Noisy Boy, Adam and Zuess and Midas) and a pet rabbit and a couple of real goldfish!

T.J. Lovette - I want a toy. Shaelyn Bacon - I want for Christmas an American Doll and a Big T-Rex robot and a glass goose that turns into a vase and its big. I also want a Zoomer and I also want sanitizer and a robot dog that has a robot bone he can eat. Also 2 quarters and a toy deer. Then I want 3 robots and enough snow to build a snow-man.

Emma Lovelace - I want you to bring me a laptop, an iPod, a babydoll that can talk and with a bottle, and a baby carriage and an American Doll.

Michael Wilson - Dear Santa, I want a Superman toy with the cape behind his back so he can fly, that's it!

Myli Cate Carman - I would like an American Girl doll, books, a La La Loopsie, a Justin Bieber toothbrush, a Justin Bieber shirt, a horse and a princess blanket.

D.J. Johnson - I want a

crane, a wrestling shark, a butterfly net and oh yea, I love you.

Jonah Gray - I want a skateboard, and a bike and a dog and a horse.

Chiann Green - I want an iPhone, an American doll, a telescope, a bed, a princess ring and a tablet and I want markers and a board.

Maggie Owen - I want

a telescope and some hair spray and some nail polish and some and a Christmas cro and an American doll and a house with it. need a princess dress and a Christmas coloring book with crayons and markers, a bell Mrs. Cobb's, and I want some games on a computer.

Rejoice!

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Tishomingo Manor Nursing Home

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&
Happy New Year

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Janie Cummings
& Family



Peace & Joy
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happiness this
Christmas season!

**Yesteryear's
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Christmas is a time of giving and we'd like to give our thanks to all of you who have given us so much this past year! Merry Christmas!

**Williams
Service Center**



**We wish you a
Blessed Christmas!**

SUBWAY

Eric & Staff - Belmont Abbie & Staff - Iuka



JOY!
PEACE HOPE HEALTH
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Here's hoping JOY tops it all this Christmas season!

Dr. Scott Segars & Dr. Margaret Glynn
and the staff at

The Segars Clinic
1982-2013

31 years of being here for you

For all the joy you've given us this year, we are sincerely grateful, and look forward to seeing you again in 2014.

Is Jingle Bells a Confederate Carol?

The song, Jingle Bells, is not a Christmas song, and it is also a very southern song! Written by James Pierpont in 1857, and republished in 1859, the song memorializes the 'cutter' drag races in Boston, Massachusetts. The song is about sleighs would be pulled between Medford and Malden Squares, and the drivers would try to pick up the local chicks.

Young James Lord Pierpont was a rogue. Although his father was a famous abolitionist minister, James abandoned his family several times, took

up arms for the Confederacy, and after his first wife died, he abandoned his children to take another wife who may or may not have already been pregnant with James' child. He was living the fast times in the horse and buggy days, but if you look hard, you'll see that rock and roll was already out there, even before it had a beat.

James Lord Pierpont once belonged to the elite, fighting equestrian unit known as the 5th Georgia Cavalry. He served in Company H, well known to northern adversaries

as "The Lamar Rangers." Since his compiled service records list him as a "company clerk," it is doubtful that he experienced a substantial amount of combat. However, Pvt. Pierpont was not a typical Confederate soldier. Being a native of New England, he was the son of a radical abolitionist, who was also a poet and a Unitarian minister. During the Civil War, his father, Pastor John Pierpont, was 76 years old and served as chaplain of the 22nd Massachusetts Regiment.

Born in Boston in 1822, James moved to Savannah, Ga., circa 1853. His older brother, John Pierpont, Jr., had accepted a pastoral post with a Unitarian congregation in Savannah. Young James accompanied his brother as the organist/music director for the church.

Following the death of his first wife in the mid-1850s from tuberculosis, James married a local girl who just happened to be the daughter of Thomas Purse, the mayor of Savannah. And now, James' roots were deeply embedded in Savannah's southern soil.

By the 1860s, Savannah's Unitarian Church no longer existed. Of course,

this was directly related to its radical abolitionist leanings and inclinations which weren't popular down South in Savannah during those final antebellum years. Rev. John Pierpont, Jr., packed his bags and headed back north, but his younger brother, James, remained in Savannah. In April 1862, James joined an outfit known as the "Isle of Hope Volunteers." Later, this unit was designated as Company H of the 5th Georgia Cavalry.

In 1857, James wrote a jingle called One Horse Open Sleigh. A couple of years later, he changed the name of the composition to Jingle Bells. Initially, in 1859, it wasn't a Christmas carol, and for decades it remained little more than an obscure sleighing song.

By the time James Lord Pierpont passed away in 1893, Jingle Bells had generated very few royalties. It did not become popular as a Christmas carol until the days of radio broadcasts and pho-

nograph records.

Although James died in Winter Haven, Fla., he is buried in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah. He lies in a state of eternal rest beside his brother-in-law, Thomas Purse, who was killed in action at First Manassas.

This information was obtained from A Civil War Christmas written by John C. Rigdon in 2011.

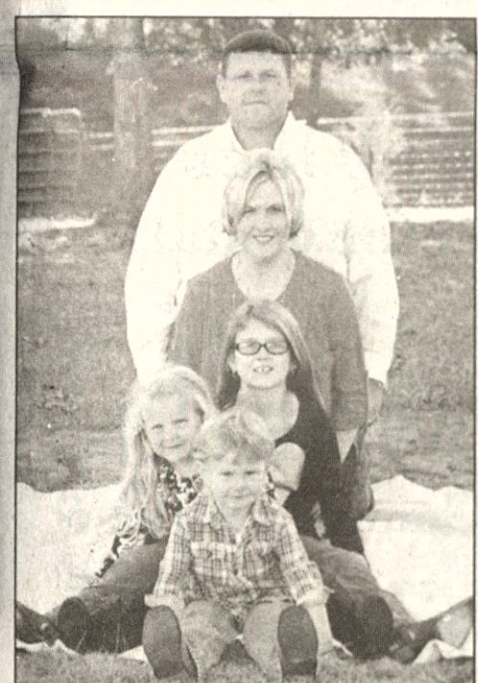
Story submitted by Ra-Nae Vaughn for the Tishomingo County Historical Society.

Country Boy Farms

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Christmas Trees

Decorating evergreen trees had always been a part of the German winter solstice tradition. The first "Christmas trees" explicitly decorated and named after the Christian holiday, appeared in Strasbourg, in Alsace in the beginning of the 17th century. After 1750, Christmas trees began showing up in other parts of Germany, and even more so after 1771, when Johann Wolfgang von Goethe visited Strasbourg and promptly included a Christmas tree in his novel, The Suffering of Young Werther.

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

In 1848, the first American newspaper carried a picture of a Christmas tree and the custom spread to nearly every home in just a few years.

Happy Holidays
May your Christmas be filled with the blessing of His love.
SOUTHERN AIR COMFORT

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Jake & Marli Moore

To all our friends and neighbors, for giving us so much to celebrate this season!



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Harold Lomenick luka

Warm Wishes for Christmas

from your
Tishomingo County Officials

Have a safe & happy holiday!

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Nicky McRae
2nd District Supervisor

Danny Ryan
3rd District Supervisor

Steve Thorn
4th District Supervisor

Greg Collier
5th District Supervisor

Peyton Cummings
Chancery Clerk & staff

Donna Dill
Circuit Court Clerk & staff

Paul Whitlock
Tax Collector & staff

Diana Turner
Tax Assessor & staff

Glenn Whitlock
Tishomingo County Sheriff &

Donny Joe Sparks
Justice Court Judge South & staff

Billy Glover
Justice Court Judge North & staff

Jeff Kemp
Constable South

Tim Bivins
Constable North

Mack Wilemon
County Coroner

Nicholas Phillips
County Attorney & staff

Phillip Whitehead
County Board Attorney

Terry Strickland
County Surveyor

**Ron Deaton, Pete Walker, Sheri Gwatney,
Mary Sue Wright & Geneva Ware**
Tishomingo County Election Commission

LETTERS TO SANTA

**Iuka Head Start
Unit 3
Ms. Anica and
Mrs. Sonja**

phia-toys, clothes,
 boots, baby dolls,
 Iphone, bike
 C.-Ninja turtles,
 clothes, new bike,
 boots, hat and toys
 stin- new bike, toys,

clothes, cowboy boots,
building blocks, legos
Kayleigh-baby doll,
clothes, make-up, new
bike, boots, toys
Rhy'lee-toys, baby doll,
clothes, make-up, Ipod,
phone
Abygail-phone, puppy,
kitten, baby doll, a car
seat for baby doll, a

Presley-John Deere tractor with a bucket on the front, remote control car, dinosaur, blocks and army guvs

Christmas Cards

An Englishman named John Calcott Horsley helped to popularize the tradition of sending Christmas greeting cards when he began producing small cards featuring festive scenes and a pre-written holiday greeting in the late 1830s. Newly efficient post offices in England and the United States made the cards nearly overnight sensations. At about the same time, similar cards were being made by R.H. Pease, the first American card maker, in Albany, New York, and Louis Prang, a German who immigrated to America in 1850.

Eggnog

According to reports by Captain John Smith, the first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in his 1607 Jamestown settlement. Nog comes from the word grog, which refers to any drink made with rum.

THANK YOU

For Your Business



Alex Clark

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
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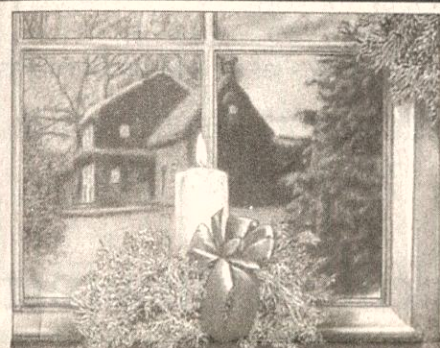
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Nathaniel Clark
Kayla McNatt

The Friendly Florist

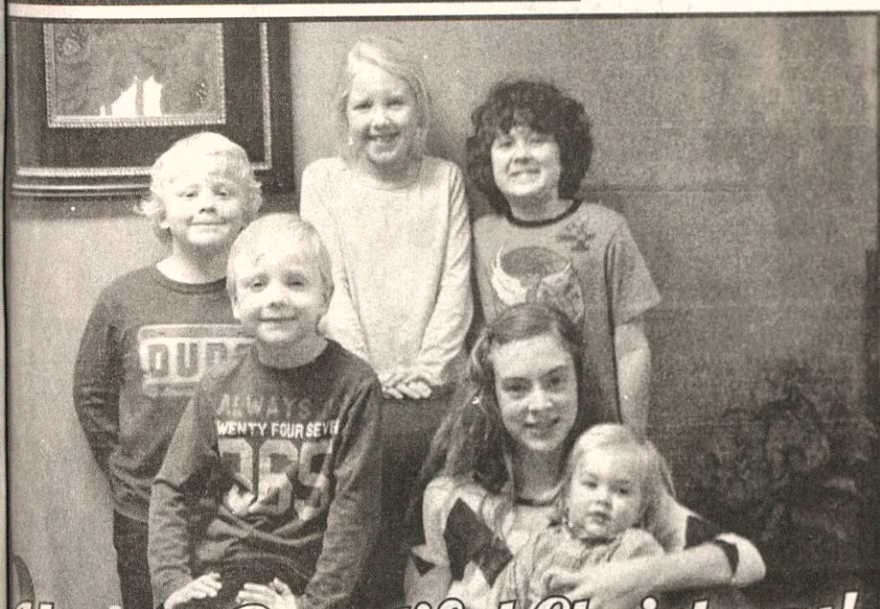
Downtown Iuka



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From Employees of

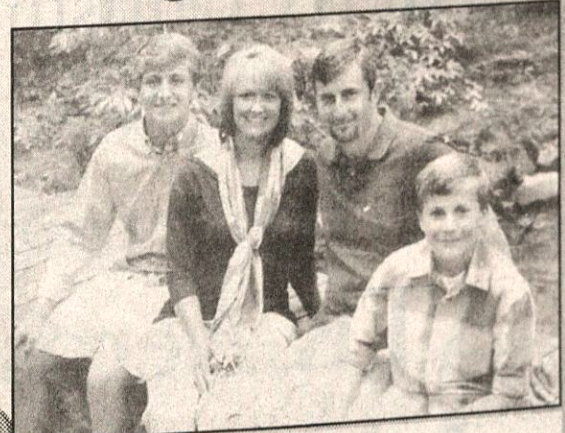
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May your cart overflow with glad tidings and joy
and may your heart be full with love and contentment
this holiday season and beyond.

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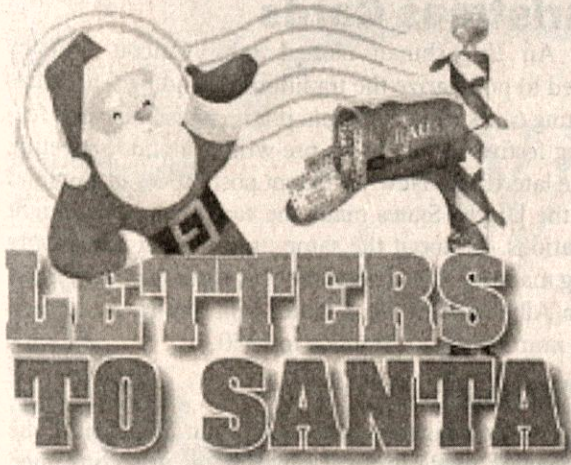
B & J Supermarket
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How sweet it is to serve people like you!
Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

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**Tishomingo Elementary
Mrs. Chenoa Parrish's
Kindergarten Class**

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want makeup and red lipstick. I want a bike and a laptop too. I love Santa. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
NovaLeigh Crosby

Dear Santa,
I would like some Doc McStuffins toys, a BB gun, a green 4-wheeler, and

pink owl. Please bring my brother a tractor and race-car toys. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you and some carrots for your reindeer.
Your friend,
Anabelle Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive and a Barbie. To kids that don't have a toy, give the boys a truck and the girls a Barbie.
Your friend,
Kassie Sparks

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. Can I please have a remote control car, a skateboard, and a fighting game?
Your friend,
Shawn Edler

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Hailey Carouthers. I am 5 years old and my favorite color is purple. I've been very good this year. Here are some toys I wanted for Christmas. I want a Robo Puppy with pink tablet, a new MobiGo and Minnie Mouse game, Flutter Fly Secret Fairy, Laptop, Cotton Candy maker, pink phone, Barbie Dream House, Monster High Dolls, Pink Cheetah blanket and pillow, Rescue Pet, clothes, gloves with a matching and scarf set. Cookies will be waiting.
Your friend,
Hailey Carouthers

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed brown horse that doesn't rock, a Monster High Doll, a stuffed snowman that talks when you push the button, a stuffed Geo doll from Team Umizoomi, A Doc McStuffins kit, and a Talking Plush Elmo.
Your friend,
Jolie Walton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want an Ipad, a DS, and games for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Jaymison Harper

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and these are a few things I would like: a princess Barbie, Lalaloop-sie baby, any kind of jewelry, new clothes and jacket, a Sophia doll, a new bike, Sophia bed covers and pillow.
Your friend,
Kaylie Brooke Sauls

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle (a real one). I also want a drum set, a guitar, and an Alabama belt, too! I want a basketball goal. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Will you

Thank you for the Privilege of Serving You!
With warm wishes for a happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Christy Burns & Staff

bring my big brother Eli some surprises, too? He has been good, too. I will leave milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Luke Edwards

Dear Santa,
I hope I was a good kid this year. I have been nice to Brady. Will you bring me a go-cart and toy nerf gun for Christmas, please?
Your friend,
Brooks Keith

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Dream House, Baby with baby clothes, tablet, bow and arrow, purple house, pink truck with a gray trailer, and two horses with two people.
Your friend,
McKinley Bennett

Dear Santa,
Please send me a candy cane, Santa. I would like to have a blue truck and a cattle trailer, and a horse trailer with a horse in it. Thank you for all of these nice gifts. I want to leave you some cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Brandon Watson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents last year. I would like a Superman. I do not have a Superman. I have Ironman and Hulk already. I want a real motorcycle because I have 3 toy motorcycles already. I would like some books for Christmas, too. I want a go-cart. That's what I really want and a 4-wheeler. I'd like a real truck that I could drive.
Your friend,
Robbie Gaas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year for Christmas. I would like to have: Ipad, a big baby doll, and pink 4-wheeler, Barbies

with real long hair, one more thing a box of stuff to make jewelry. Thank you. I love you very much Santa.
Your friend,
Jayda Musgrave

Mistletoe
Celtic and Teutonic peoples had long considered mistletoe to have magic powers. It was said to have the ability to heal wounds and increase fertility. Celts hung mistletoe in their homes in order to bring themselves good luck and ward off evil spirits. During holidays in the Victorian era, the English would hang sprigs of mistletoe from ceilings and

in doorways. If someone was found standing under the mistletoe, they would be kissed by someone else in the room, behavior not usually demonstrated in Victorian society.

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



With you in Mind at Christmastime

We're thinking of you this holiday season,
And your kind friendship is the reason!
For all the joy you've brought to us,
Go our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Christmas Greetings & Happy New Year
from
Sanchez Chiropractic Center



**WITH A BUNDLE
Of Gratitude
And a Load of Best Wishes
at the Holidays!**
**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**
from everyone at
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Thank you for your generous support, have a great holiday!

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Robert Dixon, Owner

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*May Your Days Be
Merry & Bright!*
**Tishomingo Community
Living Center**

LETTERS TO SANTA

Mrs. Mayo's First Grade Class
Burnsville Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of brown and orange boots, and a flying airplane. I also want a Buckle Up Cuddle Bear. Thanks Santa. I love you.

Addie Grace McCombs

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a DS, a cat, a little pup, piglet, a new house, an iPad, and snow?

Love, Alaina Hyde

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas to have a toy doggy with plastic food and I would like the biggest stuffed monkey you have!

Alexis Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I would like some dolls clothes and boots for Christmas. I want a Barbie and car for her. I would also like for you to bring my mom some new make-up because she always buys me stuff.

Love,

Alexis Paige McQueen

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Anna Jane and I would like a Moosha, cowgirl boots, clothes, a dollhouse and candy for Christmas.

Love,

Anna Jane Burcham

Dear Santa,
My name is Cayden Hubbard. I have been a good boy this year. I would like Sponge Bob Square Pants game, helicopter with sword, Dragons of Berk 2 Headed Bark & Fishen, Game Fly, and a portable DVD player.

Thank you,

Cayden Hubbard

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a

4-wheeler, a monster truck, and a Nintendo2 DS.

Love, Chase Hickox

Dear Santa,
I have tried really hard to be good this year. For Christmas please bring me a helicopter, a bow and arrow, remote control motorcycle, and a guitar. I love you and hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Owen Nash

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a baby doll and Legos for Christmas. I love you Santa!

Love, Chloe Credile

Dear Santa,
Have I been a good girl? Please bring me a Bitty Travel Seat, Bitty Diaper Bag, and American Girl Caroline. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Emily Kate Barnes

Dear Santa,
I want Tekno and Zoomer robot dogs and two Beyblades.

Love,

James Daniel Haynes

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like toy guns, snow and a sled, a camouflage sweater, hat and scarf. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Thanks,

Jonathan Spoon

Dear Santa,
I want a RC Truck, box of Beyblades, a bike, clothes, Sketchers, and trampoline.

Love, Jordan Dixon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like an Ipad, a helicopter, a Tablet, and a RC car. Merry Christmas! I love you Santa!

Love, Keandre Wicks

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Doggie Doo Game, Monsters University toys, and Play-Doh for Christmas. Thank you!

Love, Korban Essary

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a Polly Parrot, and a Parrot Fish. I'd also like a pony, make-up, rings, and bracelets. I love you!

Love, Sonny Butler

Dear Santa,
I would like a new Xbox, games, a dirt bike, BB Gun, RC Truck, and 2 puppies.

Love, Terry Hicks

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo2 DS and Pokemon Y for Christmas. I have not

been asking for anything all year just so I could get this. Also, could you bring Ethan one, too. Bring Katy a MPS Player and

Cason whatever he wants. Thanks Santa!

Love, Tristin (Trey) Williams

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Alli Claire Smith & Veronica Smith

Holiday Greetings

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. I have enjoyed all your emails and working with you throughout the year.

May you and your family have a "Blessed" Christmas.

Judy Ryan

Ryan Properties

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to have some airplanes, a remote control car, movies, transformer, and a candy cane. My dog Willie could use a big bone. If my sister Adalynn is born before Christmas, please get her some clothes, diapers and toys. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you Santa!

Love
Connor Nunley

Dear Santa,

I have been making good grades in school and I have been a very good boy! I would like a Legos of Chima Eris Marvel, Avengers video game, go-kart, dirt bike, Legos Star-

wars, and a WiiU. Please leave my dog Bama a new chew toy! Tell the reindeer I will leave them some carrots. I will also leave you a little snack! I love you Santa!

Love Triston Marlar
Dear Santa,

I have been helping my Mom a lot. I have been a very good girl. I would like a Sophia's Castle with family, Princess Ana and Elsa with castle and horses, Princess shoes and costumes. I will leave you something to eat when you come to visit. Love you Santa!

Love Ashton Marlar
Dear Santa,

I have been making really good grades in school and I have been helping

my mom and dad. For Christmas I would like a karaoke machine, toys, and clothes. I will leave you cookies and milk and oats for the reindeer! I love you Santa!

Love Maddi Marlar
Dear Santa,

I have been a very good little girl. I would like a big Minnie Mouse, toys and clothes. I will leave you and the reindeer a treat! I love you Santa!

Love Aubrey Marlar
Dear Santa,

I have been a very good little girl. For Christmas I would like some dolls, Barbie stuff, make-up, nail stuff, and clothes. I will leave you a snack. I love you Santa!

Love, Kinslee Inlow
Mrs. Deborah Marlar, First Grade Class, Burnsville School

Dear Santa,

My name is Ally. I would like a little reindeer, a little bear, a Christmas bell, and a little toy Santa. Thanks! Have a holly jolly Christmas.

Love, Ally Ambrosio.

Dear Santa,

I want a Butter Fly Fairy. Eli wants a monster truck and Dad wants a new hat.

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me lots of school supplies so I can play teacher, a purse, clothes, boots, baby alive doll and surprises. Love Marlee Fooshee

Dear Santa,

I want a monster high doll, clothes, trampoline, and a new pair of boots.

Mariah Glidewell

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nobli-2 and a Fairy Flutter by for Christmas. I have been a good girl.

Love Avery Hall
Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good. For Christmas I would like a water blaster like my Uncle Johnny and a trampoline. Please and thank you.

Xander Hill

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like to have a Leap Frog game, zebra blanket, make-up, Barbies, and boy Barbies.

Love Brooklyn Keller
Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas. I also want some new clothes and toys. I have been a good boy this year!

Love always,
Hunter Koehlinger

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike, a tablet and the movie

Avengers. Please and thank you.

Love Gradyn Markle
Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a phone.

Love,
Chandler McDowell

Dear Santa,

I want a transformer car. I also want an army play set and a water gun. I want a baby brother and a puppy. I also want an Ole Miss camouflage hoodie. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.

Love Caleb Russell
Dear Santa,

I want a kindle, Sky Landers, Disney Infinity Characters, beam bots, spider video games and a bike.

Love, Dawson Ryan
Dear Santa,

I want a puppy, deer teddy, and toy Santa. I have been a goody boy.

Love, Sayben South
Dear Santa,

I want a helmet and goggles. I also want a Kindle please.

Love, Caden Whirley
Dear Santa,

I want snow for Christmas. I also want a necklace and dolly clothes.

Love, Paige Young

Dear Santa,

I want some toys, clothes, and candy.

Love, Logan Tyler
Burnsville Headstart, Unit III, Ms. Trish, Ms. Melanie, & Ms. Sherry's Classes

Preston - A baby puppy dog, my own TV, and some surprises for me and my dog.

Abigail - Baby doll, puzzles, and some surprises.

Brayden - A Rocky the Train and a train with an engine.

Tristan - A DS and a toy car.

Austin - iPod, and some surprises.

Kaylee - baby doll and a real phone.

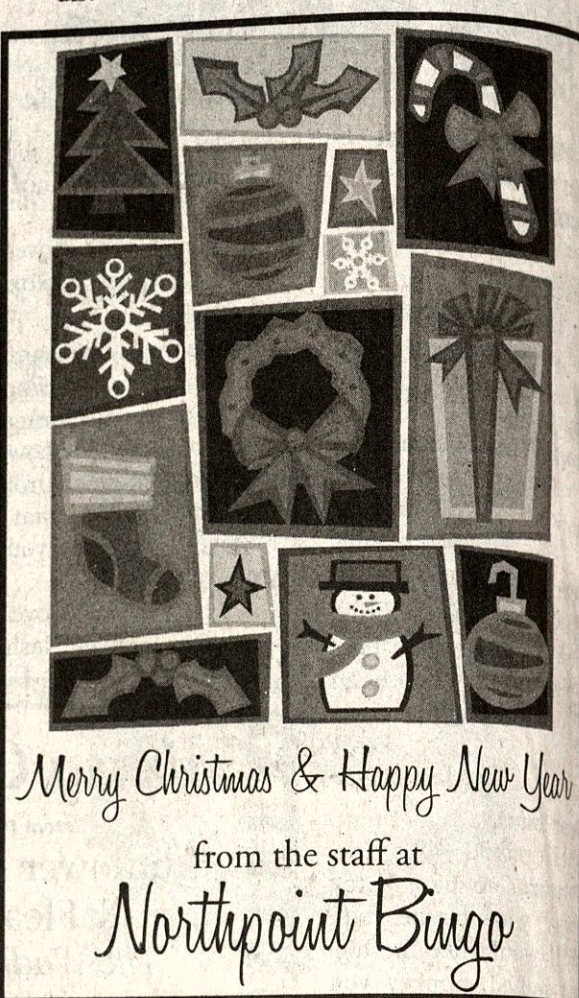
Briana - A baby doll and some surprises.

Ava Faith - Baby and some clothes for the baby, and an iPod.

Remmi - iPad and a train. Emalyn - Baby doll, a

new jacket and new ear-rings.
Peyton - iPad, train set and Lego's.
Anna - A big giant Ariel and a new jacket.
Addie - A set of vet toys, a baby sister doll and some surprises.
Alisha - a pink guitar, a dirt bike and a neck-

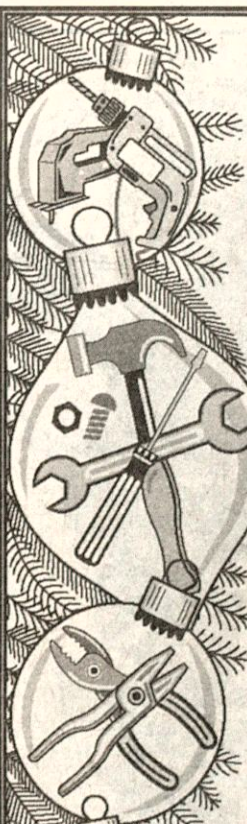
lace.
Maddie - Roller skates, a dress and a clover.
Grayson - A 4-wheeler, a movie and a scooter.
Ayden - A real 4-wheeler, and a dirt bike.
Gage - A dirt bike and some surprises.



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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year, because I have been trying really hard to sleep all night for Mom and Dad. I give lots of kisses, even to my big brother, Ethan. All I want for Christmas is some baby dolls, a stroller to push my babies in, a playhouse, some new clothes because I grew out these last couple months.
P.S. A little something for my brother, Ethan. He picks on me some, but he's nice most of the time.
Shelby Sanders

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year, because, I've been saying "Yes Ma'm" and "Yes Sir". I've been mowing the yard. All I want for Christmas is arrows for my bow, PS 3 games, Legos, movies, Monster Trucks, PS games, Nerf guns, headbands act up, old toy cars, and a real gun. And a little something for my sister, Shelby. She's been kinda good.
Ethan Marlar

Dear Santa,
Christmas Wish List: Disney doll, lots of Monster High sets, Fairies doll, Style sets, Sparkle doll, Light-Up Ball, Piarits play set, chair set, Barbie

set, doll set, princess set, castle set, big doll, funky chalk set, super glitter set, Doodle Dome, tattoo set, dress-up set, nails Barbie, small tree globe, cup set, stocking set, hot huez, Perfect Polly, basket set, pillow.

Love, Kathryn

Dear Santa,
My name is Ty Nunley. I will be 2 years old on Christmas Day! I have been a very good boy this year. This year, for Christmas, I would like a John Deere Gator, a big bouncy horse, a barn to put all of my animals in, and a bunch of surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love you, Santa,
Ty Nunley

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew Ham. I am 7 years old. I have been a good boy. I want a helicopter with a fake bomb and a target. I love you, Santa, and will leave you cookies.
Love, Drew Ham

Dear Santa,
My name is Chance Pounds. I am 4 years old. I want a toy dirt bike, toy 4-wheeler, and a toy jeep. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love you.
Love, Chance Pounds

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley Pounds. I am 2 years old. I want a new baby doll and a hair brush. I have been a good girl. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Paisley Pounds

Dear Santa,
I would like games for a Wii like: Battle's CWL, NickToons MLB, NickToons Battle for Volcano Island, NickToons Globs of Doom, NickToons Unite, Lego Lord of the Rings, a teddy bear that looks like cushion head.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a remote controlled airplane, an iPad mini, Cargo Lego set from Lego City, NCAA 14 for PlayStation 3, a hand pistol, a pocket knife, a NFL football or baseball glove that I can squeeze, a basketball like Dad's, a battoborg, a bbq dome for Squeaky and Bully, a rawhide for Harry, a bone that tastes like porkchops, some treats for the cats, an MSU football cap, a MSU aluminum baseball bat for kids pitch, a real football tee, new Shaq shoes for basketball, the wrestling buddy (The Rock), the toy race cars, Kurt and Kyle Bush, the 2 wrestlers, divas, and a new giant bouncy ball.
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**Burnsville School
Mrs. Tackett's
Kindergarten Class**

Dear Santa, I want a tablet with a blue cover, candy, and some surprises. I will leave cookies and milk for you and deer food for the reindeer. I've been very good this year. Love, Macy Richardson

Dear Santa, I want army boots, and an army hat, and an army gun. I will leave you some cookie dough and milk and corn for the reindeer. I've been really good this year. Love, Avery Wright

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll, a stuffed ani-

mal, and a book. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. I've been really good this year. Love, Alyssa Thorn

Dear Santa, I want a toy racecar, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Legos, 2 bouncy balls you bounce on, Lightning McQueen toy with lots of racecars, and some candy. I will leave milk and cookies for you and oats for the reindeer. I've been really good this year. Love, Jaydin Williams

Dear Santa, I want dolls, Barbies, roller skates, a skateboard, a bike, and a small kitchen. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I've been really good this year. Love, Jayden Stricklin

Dear Santa, I want skates, a kitchen, and a

ball. I will leave cookies and chocolate milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. I've been super good this year. Love, Aidan Dotson

Dear Santa, I want an X-Box 1, WWE 2K14, and some surprises. I will leave cookies and milk for you and lettuce for the reindeer. I've been super good this year. Love, Matthew Willis

Dear Santa, I want a baby dolls, clothes, to redecorate my room, a pink polka-dot dress, and nail polish. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. I've been super-duper good this year. Love, Alexis Baswell

Dear Santa, I want a toy car, new socks, a snowboard, a book, a calendar, and a Bop-It Smash game. I will leave cookies and milk for you and reindeer cookies for the reindeer. I've been real good this year. Love, Braxton McK-

inney

Dear Santa, I want a cop car and a remote control 4-wheeler. I will leave cookies and milk for you and oats for the reindeer. I've been a little good and a little bad this year. Love, Matthew Young

Dear Santa, I want a fire truck, a police car, a toy boat, a toy tractor, and an electric dirt bike. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and cookies for the reindeer. I've been extra good this year. Love, Huston Ligon

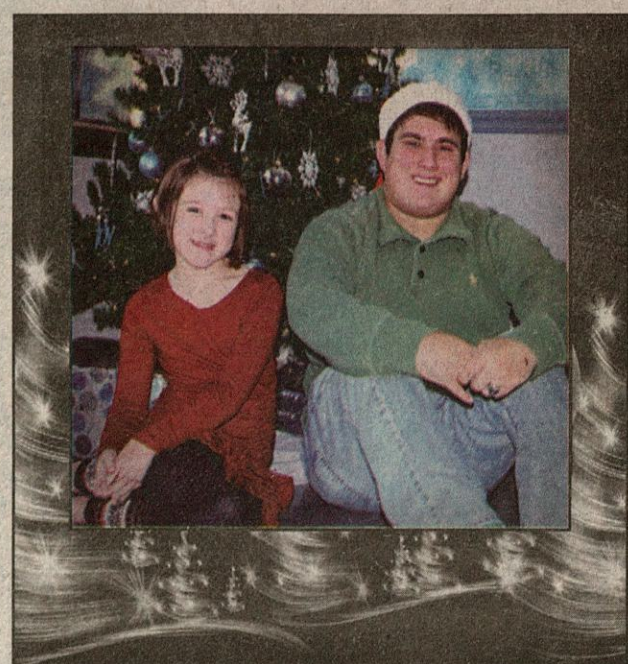


Did you know?

Christmas Day has become a big day in the movie business. Many

studios now release big-budget films on December 25th, and audiences have recently flocked to the theaters to see some of their favorite stars in films that opened on Christmas Day or shortly before. According to Box Office Mojo, an online movie publication and box office reporting service, no film has fared better on Christmas Day than "Sherlock Holmes," which premiered on December 25, 2009, earning just under \$25 million in its initial day onscreen. "Avatar," the 2009 James Cameron film that would go on to gross \$760 million in domestic receipts alone, holds the distinction of earning the second most money on Christmas Day, when it earned a little more than \$23 million despite having already been

out in the theaters on full week. The 2004 Be Stiller film "Meet the Fockers" opened three days before Christmas but still managed to earn \$19.5 million on Christmas Day. A pair of 2012 films, the latest big screenadaptation of "Les Miserables" (\$11 million) and Quentin Tarantino's "Django Unchained" (\$15 million), round out the top five highest grossing films on Christmas Day. Numerous films are slated to open on December 25, 2013, including Stiller's "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" and "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit," starring Chris Pine and Kevin Costner.



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