



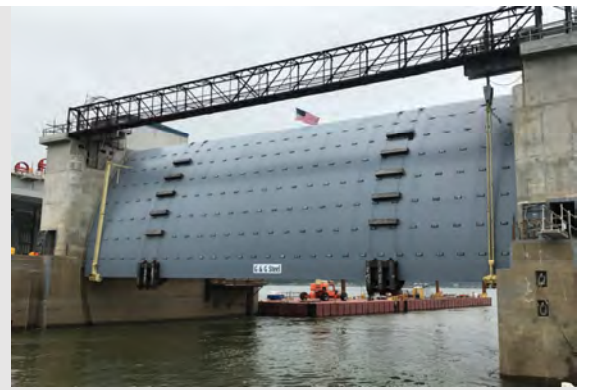
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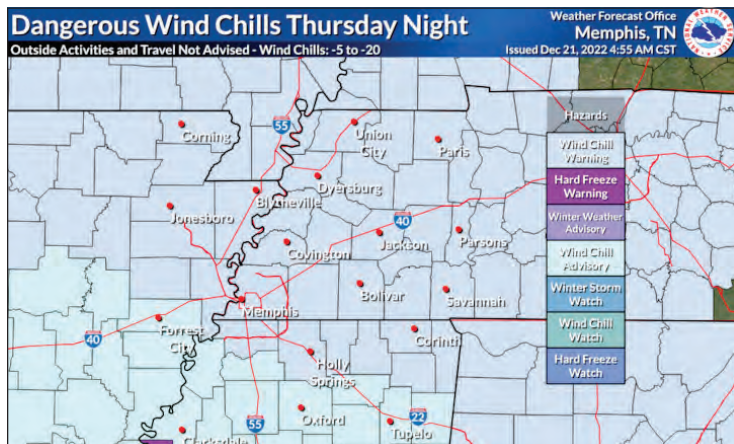
## Merry Christmas!

Be sure and see all the Christmas greetings inside from our area businesses and industries, Christmas images of our 2022 babies who are celebrating their First Christmas, and all the Santa letters we have received and forwarded on to the North Pole!

*Thanks for a great 2022, from all of us at the  
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We hope you are ready for Christmas like Elena Cunningham, above. She loves the lights and sounds of Christmas and will surely be a delight all through the holidays for her family. She is the daughter of David and Emily Cunningham of Iuka.



## Bitter cold weekend in store - prepare now

A long duration of very cold weather is expected from Thursday night through Saturday night for our area.

Low temperatures will likely range from the single digits north to teens south, and highs will be near or below freezing for much of the area Friday and Saturday. In addition, strong and gusty north winds

will likely result in wind chill readings below zero, especially from late Thursday night through Friday.

Hypothermia will be likely with prolonged exposure, and exposed pipes could be damaged. Water main breaks will be possible, especially in

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photo P. McRae

**Tip off tells the story** - Kat Reno and Lila Sanderson tip off to start a tough game between the cross county rivals Monday night.

## TC over Belmont in 3 of 4 games

by Pamela McRae & Niki Glidewell

TC was nearly perfect against Belmont Monday night in four exciting games in a full house at Malcolm Kuykendall Gym in Belmont.

### Lady Braves 46, Belmont 43

In a hard-fought game Monday night between two state-runner-up teams and county rivals Belmont and Tishomingo County, the Lady Braves came out on top for the second time this season, 46-43.

They showed how evenly matched they were at Belmont's gym, with the score close the entire game, and emotions and intensity running high.

With 2:55 left on the clock in the 4th quarter, Reese Moore hit a free throw to tie the game 43 - 43. Only 1:01 was left in the game and the Lady Braves were up 44 - 43.

When 43.2 seconds were left in the game Belmont's Kat Reno went down with what appeared to be a leg injury. Belmont went up for two and missed. Zareli Ozuna came down with a rebound. Belmont's #14 fouled Reese Moore. This put Belmont in double fouls. Reese made both free throws. Carlie Brock went for the 3-pointer in the final seconds of the game but missed the basket. She went in the lane and came up with the rebound. Brock put it back up, but it was after the buzzer. The Braves won by 3 points.

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photo P. McRae

**Chase Booker goes up for two against Belmont** Monday night.

## Landowners win in first ever suit about trespassing deer dogs

by Pamela McRae

According to a recent Prentiss County chancery judge decision, deer dog hunters in Mississippi can no longer allow their dogs to trespass on other people's property.

Attorney Greg Beard said the decision was rendered in a civil case involving a group of hunters and landowners in Prentiss County near Tishomingo County on County Road 3501 (CR 3501 runs from Highway 30 to Highway 4 along the west side of Bay Springs Lake). There

had been numerous confrontations between the landowners, Steven and Alyson Dickerson, and a group of hunters named in the lawsuit (Steve Allen, [Prentiss Co. Constable] Harry Allen, Hunter Allen, Michael Cain) over the past five to seven years.

The release read, "Prentiss County Chancery Judge, the Honorable Stephen Bailey,

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# TC vs Belmont games, continued from front

“As the game went on, we adjusted to the physicality and made big plays when we needed to,” said Reese Moore, who ended the game with another double-double: 23 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Lila Sanderson scored 8 points. TC is 14-1 and 2-0 in division play. “Really proud we survived. We survived a tough game in a tough environment and showed a lot of mental toughness, some physical toughness,” said TC coach Brian Middleton. “I’m really proud of those girls for getting that win tonight.” Tuesday, Reno’s family reported that x-rays showed nothing broken. Kat, and all the girls will have some time to rest until the next holiday tournament games.

## Cardinals 50, Braves 49

The last five boy’s games have been close; the boys have battled to the very end. They have had great wins and tough losses, but all five games came down to the final seconds. This game was a battle to the very end. Each team took turns pulling ahead by a few points. In the 2nd quarter, Landon Arnold blocked one of Belmont’s shots, tipped it to Kayson McNutt. McNutt drove down for a layup. Kayson then stole the ball from Belmont’s #22, drove down for another layup. This put TC up 19 – 8. In the 3rd quarter Belmont’s #22 hit a 3-pointer with less than 40 seconds left in the quarter to put Belmont up 25 – 21. Braves missed a shot, Belmont rebounded and drove down to score two more points. Braves couldn’t get a bucket before the buzzer to end the 3rd

quarter with Belmont up 27 - 21. The 4th quarter was again a battle to the end. Belmont knocked the ball out of bounds on the TC end of the court twice. With 3.2 seconds left, Levi Dawson drove in for 2 points to tie the game 36 – 36 when the buzzer sounded. The battle continued into overtime. Braves and Cardinals took turns scoring two points each trip down the court. When there was 1:09 left on the clock a time-out was called by Belmont. The Braves were up 44 – 42. Belmont threw in the ball under their goal. They inbound to half-court and called another time out with 1.07 seconds left on the clock. Belmont tried to score multiple times but kept coming up short. Braves got the rebound, got to half-court and called a time out with 44.2 seconds left on the clock. Braves inbound the ball, #25 from Belmont fouls Levi Dawson sending him to the free-throw line. Dawson sinks both free throws putting the Braves up 46 – 42. Belmont drives down the court and scores 2 points. The ball is inbounded, #10 fouled Dawson for a double bonus free throw. Nothing but net on both free throws. Belmont’s Landon Sappington got the ball and shot a 3-pointer with 21.5 seconds left on the clock. Belmont called another time-out. Braves inbound the ball and #25 fouled out of the game, sending Ayden McDeavitt to the free-throw line. Ayden made just the first one. Belmont drove down the court and called time out with 9.3 seconds left on the clock. The Braves were up 49 – 47. Belmont came out of time out and Sappington hit a 3-pointer with 3.5



Ayden McDeavitt presses against Eli Reno in the Monday night contest.

seconds left on the clock. Braves called a time out. They threw in the ball from under the Belmont goal and attempted a final shot, but didn’t get it off before the buzzer; coming up short on the opportunity to win the game in the final

second. “It was a tough loss, but we’ll be back,” said Chase Booker, who had 16 points. “Tough loss but we’ll be back after Christmas,” stated Levi Dawson, also with 16. TC boys record is 4 – 9, and are 1-1 in district play.

## JV Lady Braves 26, Lady Cardinals 2

JV Lady Braves record improve to 13-0 in the 26-2 victory over Belmont. Leading scorer was Baylon Middleton with 17 points. Abbi Reed had 5 points. Chloe Glidewell and Katie Jourdan helped tremendously with 7 and 6 rebounds respectively. JV Lady Braves held Belmont from scoring until 1:57 left in the 2nd quarter. JV defense was on point tonight. They held the Cardinals from scoring any more points.

## JV Braves 27, Cardinals 20

JV Braves improve to 5 – 4 with the 27-20 win over Belmont.

## Next games

Both varsity teams have a little time off over the holidays before their next games. The boys will play in the Alcorn Tournament on December 29th and 30th while the girls will be playing in the Smithville tournament on December 30. Both teams are playing great basketball. If you don't come out, you will regret not seeing them perform this year. Hope to see you there. The next home game will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 against Smithville.

# Homestead time approaches

The Tishomingo County Tax Assessor’s office reminds everyone that Homestead time is almost here once again. Our office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Homestead filings will begin January 3, 2022 through March 31, 2022. There are just a few reasons that you would need to file or re-file:

- Change in marital status
- If your spouse has died
- If you turned 65 in the last year
- Been declared disabled/100% disabled veteran

- Moved to new home, from an old one
  - Built a new home in the last year
  - If you have purchased/inherited additional acreage that may be added to your Homestead
- It is important to remember that you do not have to file every year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 662-423-7059. Thank you and God Bless David Wayne Crum Tishomingo County Assessor

# Deer dog decision, continued from front

rendered an opinion on the 16th day of December 2022 which protects land owners’ rights by enjoining deer dog hunters from having their dogs on landowner property. The landowners had complained for years about the deer dog hunters invading the property but did not have any legal means to prevent the dogs from trespassing on their property. The injunction issued by the Judge requires the deer dog owners to keep their animals off of the landowner’s property permanently; and creates a presumption that if the named Defendants are parked on the public road adjoining the Plaintiffs’ property, they are in violation of the Chancellor’s order.” “This is a case of first impression in

the State of Mississippi,” said attorney Greg Beard. “We are trying to get the word out, because this is a first. It changes the way these people can operate.” The Dickersons are hunters themselves, explained Beard, so it was not an anti-hunting issue. They just didn’t want the dogs on their property, but prior to this decision, there was nothing they could do about it. Dog owners could sit on the public right-of-way and say they were just trying to call up their animals And, you couldn’t hurt the dogs, because of the statutes against cruelty to animals, said Beard. Related criminal cases between the parties have been resolved, said Beard.

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# Happenings

**Jones-Dennington Family Reunion** - Sunday, January 1st, New Year’s Day at the Historic Midway School the descendants of Andrew Martin Jones and Salina Medley Jones will meet at 11 a.m. for a reunion. Potluck dinner at 1 p.m.

**New Years Concert-** 4th Annual Billy Whitaker Singing at Fifth Street Baptist Church, 610 W fifth Street, Iuka. Sunday January 1 2023. Singing starts at 10:30 am and 11 am Music. Guests are Fifth Street Choir,Sons of Thunder, and more. Special feature guest Bro.Chuck Clark . Old Fashion Meal to follow. Everyone Welcome

**First Day Hike** - January 1st, 2 p.m. at

Tishomingo State Park. Meet at the Nature Center to hike with the group, if you like. Free event, and free entry to the Park.

**TCDF Annual Meeting** - Make plans to come to Crow’s Neck January 12th for the annual meeting of the Tishomingo County Development Foundation.

**Governor’s Job Fair - Thursday, January 19th**, Tishomingo County Fairgrounds, 108 CR 187, Iuka. 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Many employment opportunities available. Be prepared for on-site interviews; dress for success and bring plenty of resumes. Pre-register at [jobfairs.ms.gov](http://jobfairs.ms.gov) and bring printed confirmation to the job fair.

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Christmas Lights!

by Pamela McRae

Years ago, driving weekly to piano lessons in Corinth, my kids and me loved pointing out all the Christmas lights as

they appeared each year, and calling out, “Christmas Lights!”

Here are some great Christmas lights spotted recently by our Burnsville correspondent Jessica Seaton. On the left



is Jim and Yvonne Russell’s home, and on the left is Johnny and Sweda Herman’s home in Burnsville. Newsprint doesn’t do these justice, so be sure to enjoy some unplugged time riding around and

enjoying all the great lights in the county and all the way up to Pickwick Landing State Park in Tennessee. *photos J. Seaton*

Don’t drop the ball. Land at the Landing this New Year

While the summer season is what attracts most visitors in and around Pickwick Lake, I find that the cooler weather is actually the best time to enjoy some of the attractions that don’t require the use of a boat. One of my favorites things to take advantage of is our access to the state parks. Pickwick Landing State Park is one of three nearby parks that is most known locally for it’s marina, water access, and sandy beach area. If you haven’t been to the park recently, you need to check out the new renovations to the hotel and restaurant. And with these brand new accommodations and amenities, The Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park are able to host various events year-round to continue to develop the area.

The Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park was formed in January 2006 and is a charitable organization dedicated to the development of the park. They work to improve the experience of all visitors through various fundraisers throughout the year that focus on enhancing the educational



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opportunities along with promoting the park’s facilities. The organization is comprised entirely of volunteers who donate their time and resources towards promoting the park and showing off how valuable of a local attraction it is.

Since inception, the volunteer group has helped develop the butterfly garden, information kiosk, the park entrance archway, bicycle racks, picnic tables, and the horse shelter. The Friends helped create the white sand beach, which is perfect for relaxing and feels as close to a tropical island as you can get in the area. You can also find classes and displays, lead by the park rangers, that feature boat and canoe tours. The park also has bird education events at the prey aviary thanks to the fundraising efforts of the committee.

One of the recent accomplishments of the Friends Group was the completion of a much needed local dog park. I have sold clients several lake homes which are either condos or zero lot line houses, and one of their priorities is to have a safe place that they could bring their furry friends for some exercise. The group was awarded the Tennessee Dog Park Dash grant that allowed them to bring this dream to a reality. This state of the art facility features pet waste stations, doggie fountains, and rest benches (for any human companions).



Their upcoming New Year’s Eve event is always one of their largest fundraisers each year. You can celebrate the holiday, and directly help improve the park, by purchasing a ticket to their 2023 Bash (while tickets last). With doors opening at 7:00 pm at the Lodge Pickwick Landing, a live band will play from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30am. Ring in the new year at one of the best locations in Pickwick with appetizers and drinks as well. This fundraiser will continue to go towards future projects and education, some of which are already in the planning phase.

Also not to be missed are the holiday lights in the park, which remain free of charge. The drive- through light show will be available through the end of the calendar year and goes every evening until 9:00pm. Check out the recent renovations inside the lodge if you haven’t had the chance to do so while visiting. The sweeping views on the water with the lights reflecting are one of the many reasons to enjoy Christmas at Pickwick Lake!



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Angela Thorne Rodriquez

On Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 Angela Thorne Rodriquez, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, peacefully moved on to her next adventure. She was eighty-three. Angela arrived on earth February 4th, 1939, to Roscoe and Eva Thorne.

Angela attended the local high school in Iuka, Mississippi and later dropped out of her senior year. Despite all odds, she went on to study at Northeast Mississippi Community College, then the University of Minnesota where she received her bachelor's degree and became a Registered Nurse. As a forever learner, Angela returned to school and received her Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She led a diverse career as a nurse, Director of Nursing, and Administrator of Long-Term Care/Rehab facilities in hospitals, prisons, home health, and hospice. Five of those years were spent living, learning, and working on Navajo and Apache Reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Angela loved to go on car rides especially during the fall season to see the beautiful changing colors of the leaves. She loved to travel and enjoyed checking off goals on her bucket list, such as holding an alligator in Florida, traveling to Mexico and even taught herself to read and speak Spanish fluently. She and her daughter lived in Tennessee, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado making her way to Arizona. Angela lived in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona for many years. While visiting Willcox, Az, Angela met her longtime life partner, Robert "Bob" Stinson.

Angela longed to live back in Tucson, Arizona to be closer to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Now, her daughter will be able to place her ashes at the ranch she loved to be at with her longtime companion, Robert "Bob" Stinson, who preceded her in death.

Angela is survived by her son, Michael Milligan, and daughter, Kay Lynn Milligan Chaparro, grandchildren, Ann Elizabeth, Michael Johnson, Amye Chaparro, Eva Robertson, and great grandchildren, Michael Johnson Jr., Jasmine Johnson, Nathan, Reilly Rogers, Calliope, and Van whom she loved very much. Also, numerous cousins from the families of Wingo, Thorne, and Smith.

Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, Mississippi was entrusted with the arrangements. An online guestbook may be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).

Betty Jane Sims

Betty Jane Sims, 78, passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at her residence. She was born on August 4, 1944, to Reverend James and Ocene Whitehead. She was a member of New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Betty loved spending time sewing, camping, and riding four-wheelers. Throughout her life she was a caregiver to many of her beloved family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church with Brother Jack Whitley officiating. Burial will be in the New Lebanon Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. at New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by her three daughters, Becky Moak (Mike), Patsy Sims, and Sandy Reeder (Lance); her son, Kenny Sims (April); her adopted daughter, Wanda Driscoll; her brother, Jim Whitehead (Lanna); ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth Hugh Sims; her son-in-law, Mike Dalton; her brother, Ronnie Whitehead; and her two sisters, Eloise McNally and Lynn Stephens. Honorary pallbearers are Mark McNally, Daniel Stephens, Matthew Stephens, Blake Arnold, Ryan Wood, and Eddie Henry.



Janette Maxwell

Janette left this life on Thursday, December 15, 2022, to go to her Heavenly home. She had fought a good fight and had kept the faith. She was born on April 17, 1941 to Blanche Viola Robinson Brown and William Houston Brown. She was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church for many years and enjoyed working in the church. She loved her Lord and Saviour very much. She was married to Donald Maxwell until January 31, 1990 when he passed away. She worked at the Iuka Shirt Factory, Genesco, Key West Inn, and her last job was at the Tishomingo Community Living Center where she passed away. Her survivors include her sister, Pearl Brown Yarber; two half-sisters, Debbie and Sheree; two half brothers, Ernie and Michael. Her mother died when she was an infant and was raised by her dad's sister adn her husband, Athalee and Millard Layton. She was also survived by special cousins, Shirley, Martha, and Ruby, along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her four brothers, William Henry, Johnny Edward, Cecil and Floyd; and two sisters, Francis and Mary Virginia; one half brother, Dwight "Buddy"; and three half sisters, Joyce, Fern, and Wanda. She loved to watch game shows and go to gospel singings. Don and Janette would go many places to hear the professional gospel groups sing. She always loved her family and loved to go to homecomings around the local areas. Janette will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. She was one of a kind with her humbleness and love. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, Mississippi is entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation will be on Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 11:00 A.M. until the time of service. Services will be on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Bro. Sammy Barnett. Burial will follow in New Prospect Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Danny Davis, Malcolm Waldrep, Hunter Britton, Reese Britton, and Dawson Britton. Donations may be made in Janette's honor to the New Prospect Cemetery Fund. An online guestbook may be accessed at [www.cutshallfuneralhome.com](http://www.cutshallfuneralhome.com).

Norma Penhollow

Norma Penhollow age 74 passed away peacefully from this life, surrounded by her family, on December 18, 2022. She was a stay-at-home mom and preschool teacher. She was a member of the Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She loved genealogy; crafting, especially quilting; putting puzzles together; playing games with her family; and reading. She was well-loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert Penhollow; daughter, Jan Spoon (Elbert); son, Matt Penhollow (Nicci); grandchildren, Josh Spoon, Sarah Maddox (Luke), and Jake Spoon (Britni); great-grandchildren, Rachelle Christie (Robbie), Alex Spoon, Aurora Boyer, Orion Boyer, and Clara Maddox; one great-great granddaughter, Sophia Christie; mother, Florence Bruce; two sisters, Jeanne Daniels (Glen) and Amy Woodham (Jeff); and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Bruce; two sisters, Charlotte Kunkel and Laura Smith. Interment will be at Antioch Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery, Burnsville, Mississippi with private graveside services. The family would like to thank Ludlam Funeral Home for making burial arrangements. Ludlam Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Norma Penhollow. You may leave online condolences to the family at [www.ludlamfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlamfuneralhome.com)

Rebecca Freeman

Rebecca Ann Freeman(Becky), 69 of Burnsville, Mississippi, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2022 at her home. She was a member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Burnsville. She was retired. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved to sew, shop, and plant flowers. She was very devoted wife and mother. She was compassionate, endearing, and most of all strong. She was selfless, and her love was unconditional toward everyone she met along the way. A private service will be held on Sunday, December 18,2022 at Center Hill Baptist Community Cemetery in Counce, TN by Brother James Newell. Pallbearers will include Larry Freeman, Tracy Gregory, Evan Akers, Robert Brewer, Ralph Brewer, Don Haber and honorary pallbearers, Brandon Burcham and John Gale. Ludlam Funeral Home of Iuka, is entrusted with arrangements.

She is survived by her husband James Gary Freeman of Burnsville, Mississippi; Two daughters, Tina Roberts Gregory (Tracy) of Burnsville, and Hayley Akers (Evan) of Burnsville; One sister Dianne

DEATHS

Willie "Queenie" Linton, 92, died December 13, 2022. Ludlam.

Thank you

*The family of Ollie Mae Ray Umfress-Lambert is most grateful to our many friends and family that loved and supported our mother during her time of illness and at her death. To those that visited and expressed love to her during her illness, we thank you. The food, cards, gifts, flowers, messages, and most of all your prayers and presence at her celebration of life service were greatly appreciated.*

*We were blessed to have some of the most caring people that helped us care for mom, and we are forever grateful to the staff of Kindred Hospice, especially her nurse Kayla Hardwick and her home care assistants, Macayla and Jennifer. Thank you will never be enough to express our gratitude to our friends, Anita Bullock, Jolene Hall and Shelia Crawford that provided loving care to mother and supported us through a difficult time. A special thank you to mother's pastor, Brother Jack Whitley and his wife Rhonda for the love they showered on her for many years. To her New Lebanon church family, she loved all of you and missed you when she could no longer worship with you. We are grateful to Cutshall Funeral Home and The Friendly Florist for serving us with compassion and excellent service.*

*Some of Mother's last words to us reminded us that she placed her faith in Jesus Christ as a young teen and she wanted assurance that all her children would be in heaven with her, and she said "know that you know" that your faith is in Jesus. We are sure that she would extend those words to all family, friends and strangers. Mom's faith guided her life and sustained her during difficult times, and that same faith comforts us in our great loss.*

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Wright (Frankie) of Iuka, Mississippi; and two brothers Robert Brewer (Debra) of Burnsville; Ralph Brewer of Portland, Oregon; one brother-in-law Larry Freeman of Burnsville, and a very special friend Don Haber of Portland, Oregon. Three grandchildren, Sean Gregory of Houlika, Mississippi; Victoria Brigley of Tupelo, Mississippi; and Madison Gregory of Burnsville.

She is preceded in death by her parents, R.C. Brewer and Bennie Gamble Brewer; her grandparents W.L. and Lula Brewer; and Cecil and Lela Gamble.

Ludlam Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rebecca "Becky" Ann Freeman. You may leave online condolences to the family at [www.ludlamfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlamfuneralhome.com)

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Dolores Daily Brearley

Dolores E. Brearley, 83, a resident of Antioch, IL, passed away December 10, 2022 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. She was born May 20, 1939 in Iuka, Mississippi, the youngest child of William and Elvatine Daily. Dolores attended Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Tuley High School in 1957. She worked in Harris Bank in Chicago for 16 years, and in other banks in Illinois. She enjoyed church and reading, traveling, and her pets. Dolores is survived by her husband Rev. E. Russel Brearley, her nephew, two great nieces, and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Andrew J. Brearley, her sister Edith Atkins, and her brother Troy Daily. A visitation and funeral service are scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022 at United Methodist Church of Antioch 848 Main St. Antioch, IL 60002 from 10:00am until 11:00am with the funeral service commencing at 11:00am. Interment will follow at Avon Centre Cemetary in Grayslake, IL. All funeral arrangements were privately held and entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel, 410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information, please call (847) 223-8122 or visit [www.StrangFuneral.org](http://www.StrangFuneral.org).

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**Cooking up some fun-**Baby girl Adeline Grace Lambert was born March 11, 2022. The blessed parents are Brian and Libby Lambert of Iuka. Grandparents are Brian and Laura Lambert of Iuka and Allen and Teresa Maxwell of Iuka.



photo J. Seaton

**Christmas Lights!**-The historic home of Gene and Beverly Jourdan is lit up for the holidays with elegant, classic decorations in the Mineral Springs Park neighborhood.

# Maintenance Position Open

Iuka Housing Authority is currently recruiting an energetic and skilled Maintenance person. This position includes performing carpentry, electrical, plumbing repairs and a variety of other duties related to the property maintenance to ensure that properties are maintained according to HUD requirements. For applications or questions about applying contact IHA at 662 423 9232. IHA is an equal opportunity employer.



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**Baker Clyde Wood** is son of Kyle and Harlie Wood of Iuka.



**Liam Jaxson Robinson** was born July 8th. He's the son of Wesley and Jessica Robinson of Burnsville. *photo Tammy Lauderdale, Rienzi*



**Evette Blair Jourdan** is the daughter of Victor and Heather Jourdan of Iuka. *photo by Denise Turner*



**Tripp Wayne Heavener** is one week old son of Lance and Chloe Heavener of Burnsville. Grandparents are Jesse and Sandy Rogers of Iuka, and Lance and the late Sara Heavener of Burnsville.



**Cutler Thomas Moore** is the five-month-old son of Jake and Harlee Moore of Iuka. Grandparents are Tom and Mitzi Cook and Philip and Paula Moore of Iuka.



## Christmas collected for area children

Tishomingo Police Chief Mike Kemp, above, headed up efforts to collect donations and toys for kids for Christmas. More than 140 kids will benefit, Kemp reported.

## Bitter cold this weekend, *continued from front*

the significant threat area. With this being a busy week of travel and holiday preparations, please monitor the latest forecast updates

and prepare for this anticipated cold weather episode. Be sure family and neighbors have a warm place to stay.



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# Perfect weather and fun options make Dickens Christmas 2022 a success

Dickens Christmas last Friday night was a success, with many visitors young and old enjoying the evening in historic Downtown Iuka.

IDEA organizers were pleased with the turnout and gave credit to the perfect weather, and the participation of so many who made everything work together.

The carriage rides were very popular, as well as the live pony carousel, and everyone enjoyed the food trucks and downtown restaurants that had all kinds of good treats and snacks. Retail shops were open and enjoyed hundreds of shoppers. Folks in period dress from the Painted Lady handed out yummy hot punch, and there were carol singers as well.

The cool but dry weather made the fire pits a handy hangout, and allowed for the “snow” to work to the delight of youngsters, and Santa greeted many in the gazebo after parading through on a horse-drawn carriage. New Salem Baptist’s live nativity was a hit, especially the camel who patiently allowed the attention of many admirers.

Thanks to everyone who made the evening a success and Merry Christmas from historic Downtown Iuka.

More photos online at [tishco.news](http://tishco.news).



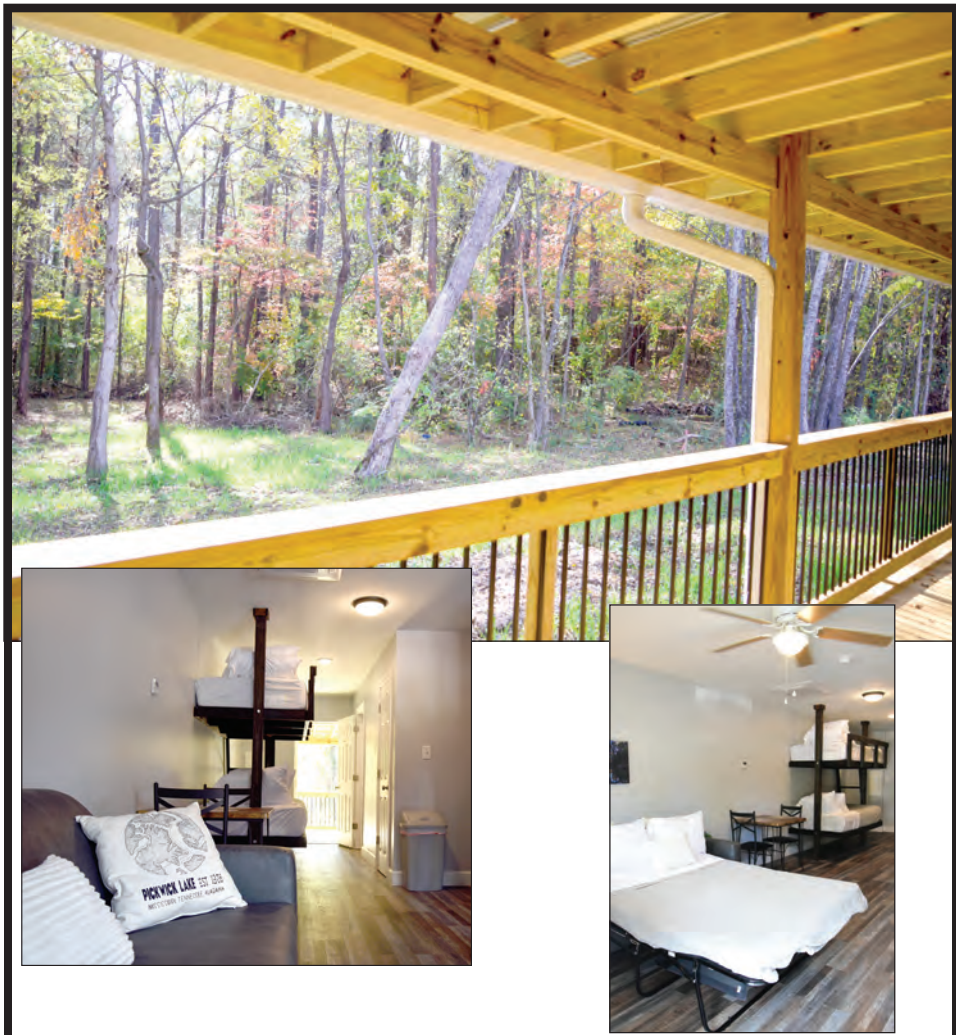
*photos P. McRae*  
**Playing the part-** Tara and Dale Wadkins, and Joyce Park dressed the part as they handed out free hot lemonade to Dickens visitors.



*photos P. McRae*  
**Dickens teens -** Katie Hollon, Eden Akers, Laura Poling, Miley Roberts, Alayna Hyde and Margaret Claire Riley enjoyed the Downtown event.



**Young at heart -** Chancery clerk Peyton Cummings enjoys the beautifully decorated stores downtown during the Dickens Christmas event.



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# Chieftains sweep Kossuth at home

story and photos  
by Jerry Charbausk

The Iuka Chieftains welcomed the Kossuth Aggies to town on Thursday, Dec. 15th for 4 games.

The 7th grade Lady Chieftains got the night started, with a low-scoring game, coming away with the win 14-2. Ashlyn Butler led the team in scoring with 6 points.

The 7th-grade boys took the floor next, in another low-scoring game beating Kossuth 18-13 which saw the Chieftains Spencer Kirk lead the team by scoring 13 of their 18 points.

In the 8th-grade girls' game, the Lady Chieftains took the opening tip-off and kept the momentum throughout the game to get the win 35-15. Meg Moore led the way scoring 18 points, despite being double and triple-teamed, most of the game, and Ainsley Estes added 8 points.

The 8th-grade boys ended the night in a game that saw them lead by double digits several times throughout the game, only to see the Aggies fight back and make it close again. But the Chieftains would end up with a 9-point win, 50-41, behind Brooks Marlar's game-leading 24 points and Deontre Mitchell added 16 to complete the Chieftain's sweep over the Aggies.



7th grade Chieftain Spencer Kirk hitting the 3-pointer on his way to scoring 13 of the team's 18 points.



Deontre Mitchell getting the opening tip-off against Kossuth



Meg Moore shooting over a Kossuth defender for 2 of her team leading 18 points

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Dear Santa,  
I was going to ask how the elves were doing. This year I want a realistic baby doll and some squish mellowes and some mini brands.  
Thank you. Love Mollie

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? Can I please have these toys: a squishy, barbies and ear pods. Thank you. Your friend, Olivia

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Can I have a PlayStation 4 and can I please have \$1000 worth of Pokemon? And an Iron 13 please and thank you.  
Your friend, Ivan.

Dear Santa,  
I bet the elves have been working hard this Christmas. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How have the reindeers been? Can I have clothes, shoes and cry babies please. Thank you.  
Your friend, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa and how are your reindeer? Are they doing good? These are some things I want for Christmas: RC car, air pods, and an iPad. Have a safe trip and thank you for all the things you give me.  
Your friend, Avery

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope the elves are being good. I want an iPhone 13 for Christmas, a toy grocery store, a baby doll and a laptop. I have been really good this year. I would also like a dog. Thank you.  
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? All I want for Christmas is a dirt bike and a four-wheeler. Thank you. I have been good.  
Love, Harrison

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll. I want a good December with my family. I hope you have a good December too.  
Love, Astoria

I will like a Gabby’s doll house toy. I will like a Switch with a Mario Cart game. I would like a hanging chair, I love you, Santa.  
Love, Areye

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? I know you bring me a four-wheeler and a skateboard. Are the elves, ok? Love, Blake

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the elves? I hope you are doing good. I don’t want anything; I just want to be on the good list.  
Your friend, Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and the reindeer are happy. May I get a dog and a computer? My brother wants a PlayStation 4 and my mom wants fake nails and so does my sister. I love Santa!  
Your friend, Dathan

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? How is Rudolph doing? I want an iPad, phone, cow girl boots, gymnastics stuff and cheer stuff. I hope I will see you soon. I have been a good girl this year.  
Love, Whitlee  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you’re having a great year. Please bring me NBA 2K23 and Pokemon cards. Thanks.  
Love, Kam

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are the elves, ok? Could I have a phone? Also, I would like some air pods. Could I have some American girl doll clothes and shoes? Could I have a computer?  
Thank you for bringing me stuff.  
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I do not want much stuff. I want a PS5 and an iPhone. I have been kind of bad and kind of good.  
Love, Rylee

Hey Santa! I know you have been busy. I know what I want for Christmas if that’s ok with you. What I want is a baby cat and a squishy.  
Love, Kaylin

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I want a Quinshon Judkins jersey, a Jaxson Dart jersey, and a Zach Evans jersey. I have been great! Thanks Santa.  
Love, Bo

Dear Santa,  
How are you, the elves and the reindeer doing? I want a tv and Pokemon. I hope Mrs. Claus and Santa are doing well. I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus and the elves and



the reindeer.  
Love, Braylen

Iuka Elementary  
Ms. Parsons’ class

Dear Santa  
I have been mostly good. I want LOL mermaid, LOL glamper, and LOL house of surprises. I will leave milk and cookies. I love your snowy white beard.  
Love, Gabby

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year by being a helper. I hope you bring me a tablet and makeup. I love your shiny boots.  
Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year by obeying my teacher. I hope you bring me an iPad, and an infinite blanket. I will have warm cookies and a cup of milk. I love your shiny boots.  
Love, Sadie

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I do my work and I listen to the teachers. I want a watch where you can call your family and friends, play games and watch videos. I love you Santa. Thanks.  
Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,  
I am good most of the time by helping others. Will you bring me some make up and barbies. I will have warm cookies and cold milk. I love your rosy cheeks. Thank you.  
Love, Jeanne

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year by being nice to my mom. I hope you bring me an iPhone and a skateboard. I will have warm cookies for you and cold milk for you. I love your jolly soul.  
Love, Brynleigh

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I have been doing my work at school. I listen to the teacher. I want a PlayStation 5 and for my mom to come home for Christmas. I love your rosy cheeks.  
Thank you.  
Love, Juan

I am trying to be good this year. I am trying to get all A's on my report card. I hope you bring me a tablet and a marvel coloring book and an iPhone 14. I will have warm cookies and some cold milk. I love your jolly soul.  
Love, Mason

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I have been very good this year by helping my teacher. I hope you bring me a corn blanket, an iPhone 13 and a PlayStation. I will have warm cookies for you in the kitchen and cold milk. I love your shiny boots.  
Love, Keion

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a fishing robe and bats and a catfish robe. I will have warm milk for you. I love your jolly soul.  
Love, Keeton

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year by going to church to learn about God. I want a let’s go Yoshi. I will give you a light to see in the dark. I love your boots.  
Merry Christmas, Colton

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I want clothes, toys and a stuffed animal. I love your red suit.  
Love, Emmalynn

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good this year. I hope you bring me bablades. I will have a picture and cookies waiting on you and I love you and your elves.  
Love, Porter

I have been very good this year by making my bed at night. I hope you bring me a bike, watch and camera. I will have warm cookies and cold milk waiting for you. I love your jolly soul. Thanks.  
Love Maddie

Dear Santa,  
I have been good all the time by helping my mom. I hope you will bring me a Nintendo case and animal crossing. I will have warm cookies. I love your shiny

boots. Thank you.  
Love, Micah

Dear Santa,  
I have been good most of the time by helping clean up. I hope you bring me a drawing tablet, art supplies, notebooks please. I will have warm cookies and cold milk. I love your jolly soul.  
Love, Lizzie

Dear Santa,  
Most of the time I’ve been good, by being student of the month. I hope you bring me 1 million robux, Nintendo switch with animal crossing. I will have cookies and milk for Christmas. I love your shiny boots.  
Love, Mason

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I have been good by helping my mom. I hope I can get a teddy bear and a book. I will have cookies in my kitchen. Thank you.  
Love, Benjamin

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year by obeying my parents. I hope you bring me new cowboy boots and a new cowboy hat. I will have a head lamp. I love your shiny boots.  
Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year by obeying my parents. I hope you bring me a puppy and a scooter please. I will bring you cookies. I love your jolly soul.  
Love, Hayden

Iuka Elementary School  
Mrs. Destin’s Class

Dear Santa  
I have tried really hard to be good this year. I want a really rare Pokemon and that is all I want.  
Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa,  
I want a 308 and I want cowboy gear. I also want an iPhone 14. I want a dirt bike. I want ear pods. I want a goat. I hope you like my cookies.  
Love, Conner

Dear Santa,  
I really want an apple watch. I also want candy and stuffed animals and I hope you enjoy the cookies and the milk and carrots for the reindeer and I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,  
I really want robux and a dirt bike. I also want brokaven set and hair stuff and Roblox toys and hatchimals and gems.  
Love, Layla

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I love Christmas! I want an iPhone, apple card. I want \$500 on 30 cards. I can’t wait for Christmas.  
Your friend, Fiona

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bunch of stuffed animals, a squishmallow and a bird stuffed animal. Anything else you think I’ll like. And of course, candy like candy canes, sour patch kids, suckers. That’s all I want. I hope you have a good Christmas!  
Love, Violet

Dear Santa,  
Hi, nice to meet you. You are so cool. Some kids say “Santa is not real” but I don’t think that. I want an iPhone 13. You don’t have to get that but you can. Some kids say “I don’t like Santa” but I do. I want a new mug please. Thank you! Hope you like the cookies.  
Sophia

Dear Santa,  
My name is Addy. I hope I am on the nice list this year. I have been really good this year. I want fake nails and a phone. I hope you like the cookies and the milk I give you. I tried to be on my best behavior this year. Your friend, Addy

Hi Santa. I want a Christmas globe. I just wanted a happy Christmas.  
Love, Zyler

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good this year. I want Stitch things this year. I know what my mom and dad want this year. I love Christmas, it’s my favorite holiday. I bet it is really cold in the North.  
Your friend, Paisley

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I really want a dirt bike for Christmas. I left cookies for you in the living room. I love you, Santa!  
Love your friend, Roman

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa, I’m Autumn. I want a LOL smart watch, robux, LOL tweens, LOL omg. If you do, thank the

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF TISHOMINGO  
WHEREAS, on March 23, 2006, John M. Wells, Jr., executed a deed of trust to L. Bradley Dillard, Trustee for the benefit of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., which deed of trust was recorded March 27, 2006 in Book 354 at Page 186 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Tishomingo County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lori M. Creel as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated March 15, 2016, and recorded March 22, 2016 in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk as Instrument #2016000860; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees and expenses of sale;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lori C. Baird, Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust will, on the 11th day of January, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front steps of the Courthouse at Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Tishomingo, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
TRACT 1:  
Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 4, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said quarter section and run thence West with the South boundary line of said quarter section to a steel stake and the West side of a paved road for the point of beginning; thence run North 32 degrees 10 minutes East with the West side of road 211.5 ft. to a steel stake; thence leaving road run thence West 206 ft. to a steel stake; thence South 32 degrees 10 minutes West 211.5 ft. to a steel stake and the South boundary line of quarter section; thence East with the South boundary line and a old wire fence and parcels of old wire fence 206 ft. to the point of beginning.  
TRACT 2:  
Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 4, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said quarter section and run thence West with the South boundary line of said quarter section to a steel stake and West side of a paved road; thence continue West with the South boundary line of quarter section and old wire fence and parcels of old wire fence 206 feet to a steel stake for the point of beginning; Thence run West with the South boundary line and old wire fence and parcels of fence 324 feet to a fence corner; thence run North 0 degrees 30 minutes West with a wire fence 184.3 feet to a steel stake; thence run East 0 degrees 438 feet to an iron stake; thence run South 32 degrees 10 minutes West 227.5 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.80 acres more or less.  
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WITNESS my signature this the 8th day of December, 2022.  
/s/ Lori C. Baird\_  
Substitute Trustee  
To be published on December 15, December 22, December 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023.  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF KENNETH M. MCNEIL; ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BEARING THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 162 FRONT STREET, BURNSVILLE, MS 38833, DEFENDANTS  
CAUSE NO.: CV2022-000330-71M  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Defendants the Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Kenneth M. McNeil, and Any and All Persons having an interest in the subject property bearing the municipal address of 162 Front Street, Burnsville, MS 38833 whose identity and current post office address and street address are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain same.  
The Complaint against you, which is on file at the Chancery Clerk's office of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in the above numbered cause, is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Kimberly D. Putnam, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 855 S Pear Orchard, Ste 404, Bldg 400, Ridgeland, MS 39157.  
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 15TH DAY OF December, 2022 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 30th day of November, 2022.  
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Iuka, Mississippi  
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closing time for the project. Bids must be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening.  
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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities.  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
NEAL HARRISON AND PHYLLIS HARRISON, PLAINTIFFS  
V. KATIE THOMPSON, CHRIS PAYTON, MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS AND ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS, DEFENDANTS  
CAUSE NO. CV2022-000321-71-T  
RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Katie Thompson  
You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Neal Harrison and Phyllis Harrison, Plaintiffs, seeking termination of parental rights and adoption of minor children. You and Chris Payton; Mississippi State Department of Health, Vital Records; and Alabama Department of Public Health, Vital Records are the only Defendants in this action. Katie Thompson's address is unknown and is not to be found herein after diligent search and inquiry, and the post office address of said Katie Thompson is not known. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th day of February, 2023, in the courtroom of the Tishomingo County Courthouse at Iuka, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 8th day of December 2022.  
/s/Peyton Cummings  
Peyton Cummings, Chancery Court Clerk  
Tishomingo County  
CHG-D22-29-J5

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
NEAL HARRISON AND PHYLLIS HARRISON, PLAINTIFFS  
V. KATIE THOMPSON, CHRIS PAYTON, MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS AND ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, VITAL RECORDS, DEFENDANTS  
SUMMONS  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Katie Thompson  
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Neal Harrison and Phyllis Harrison, Plaintiffs, seeking termination of your parental rights and adoption of minor children or other

relief demanded. Defendants other than you in this action are Chris Payton; Mississippi State Department of Health, Vital Records; and Alabama Department of Public Health, Vital Records. Katie Thompson is a non-resident of this State and not to be found herein after diligent search and inquiry, and the post office address of said Defendant is not known, and whose last known address is unknown. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Amended Petition for Emergency Relief, Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption of Minor Children filed against you in this action to Lisa A. Koon, the attorney for the Plaintiffs, whose post office address is Post Office Drawer 1109, Iuka, Mississippi 38852, and whose street address is 1231 First American Drive, Iuka, Mississippi 38852.  
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE \_\_\_ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 8th day of December, 2022.  
Peyton Cummings, Chancery Court Clerk  
Tishomingo County, Mississippi  
CHG-D22-29-J5

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHUNDIA I. BROCK, DECEASED  
Cause No. CV2022-00339-71B  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVISEES OF SHUNDIA I. BROCK, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law and Devisees of Shundia I. Brock, deceased.  
You have been named as Defendants in a civil action filed in this Court by the Administratrix, Mary Brock, seeking judicial determination of heirship of Shundia I. Brock, deceased.  
YOU ARE COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND THIS ACTION AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY AT THE PRENTISS COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNEX, 200 BRIDGE STREET BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint. You may mail or hand deliver a copy of a written answer either admitting or denying such allegations in the complaint to the attorney for the Estate at: Phillip M. Whitehead, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box, Tishomingo, MS 38873.  
You must also file the original of your answer with the clerk of this Court afterward, but not later than 9:00 a.m. on the 25th day of January, 2023.  
/s/ Peyton Cummings  
Chancery Clerk  
CHG-D22-29-J5-12

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHUNDIA I. BROCK, DECEASED  
No. CV2022-00339-71B  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 16th day of December, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administratrix for the Estate of Shundia I. Brock deceased; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 16th day of December, 2022.  
/s/ Mary Brock\_\_\_\_  
Mary Brock, Administratrix of the Estate of Shundia I. Brock, deceased  
Phillip M. Whitehead  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 38  
Tishomingo, MS 38873  
Phone: (662) 438-1166  
Fax: (662) 438-1167  
MS Bar No. 9708  
Email: [pmwlaw@gmail.com](mailto:pmwlaw@gmail.com)  
CHG-D22-29-J5-12

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE TO DEALERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF IUKA THE FOLLOWING SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2023 AND ENDING JANUARY 2, 2024.  
Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Iuka Mississippi, that until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 will receive sealed bids for a period beginning January 3, 2023 and ending January 2, 2024. The sealed bids must state on the front of the envelope the item being bid and the name of the company bidding.  
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Bid forms may be obtained at Iuka City Hall or by calling 423-3781. Said bids will be filed with the City Clerks office of said city at City Hall until the aforesaid time and date. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all bids.  
This the 20th day of December 2022.  
City Clerk  
Kelsey Smith  
CHG-D22-29



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Dear Santa,  
I don't know what I want.  
Love,  
Thea Reid

**Tishomingo Elementary  
Hannah Henley's class**

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. Have the Elfs been good this year? I will leave you some cookies and milk. I have been nice. I want a football and new shoes.  
Love, Lee

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. Why don't I get Elfs? I have been nice. I will leave you something to eat. For Christmas, I want grow up Elsa and Anna dolls and Nokk and LOL's and Olaf.  
Love, Dru

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old. How long have you been doing Christmas? I will leave milk and cookies and I have been nice. I would want a NaNai doll and a purse pet and candy spray.  
Love, Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old. Santa, Where is Mistletoe? I have been nice this year. I am leaving cookies and carrots. I want a squishmellow and friendship bracelets.  
Love, Maylee

Dear Santa,  
I am 7. Will you bring me the new xbox? I have been nice. I will leave you something to eat. Can you get me the new Iphone 14 and the new xbox?  
Love, Easton

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. Do the elfs fly? Is your favorite elf Dash? This year I have been nice. I will always leave you cookies every year. this year I want anything you can make.  
Thank you a lot, Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I am 8. Can I have a lightsaber? I have been nice. I have you oreo cookies. Can I have Fortnite stuff, Minecraft stuff, V-bucks, and lightsabers?  
Love, Stephen

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. What are all your reindeer names? I have been nice. I am going to leave Santa some cookies. I want a drone for Christmas.  
Your friend, Weston

Dear Santa,  
My Name is Caillie and I am 7 years old. What I want for Christmas is our own house, a pet bunny, and Monster High. How do the reindeer fly? I have been nice. I will leave cookies and a Coke.  
Love, Caillie

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I have been nice all year. Can I have a kit to make bracelets? I will leave you milk and cookies. I want to spend time with my family and a kit to make bracelets.  
Love, Madison

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old. Have the elfs been good or bad? I have been nice. I will leave you something to eat. I want an iPhone 10.  
Love, Braxton

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I have a question. Have the elfs been good or bad? I have been nice. I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a laptop.  
Your Friend, Logan

Dear Santa,  
Presents lot of presents. I will leave milk and cookies. I want play doh, pez, and lots of toys. I am 8 years old.  
Love, Avalynn

**Iuka Elementary  
Ms. Felicity Adams' Class**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Spiderman, Cars and Toys  
From, Rocky

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me iPhone, Apple pen, iPad  
From, Saylor

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Phone, a Hover board, and a Nintendo switch  
From, Ashton

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Cat, a Baby doll, and Toys.  
From, Bryonna

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an iPad, Pictures, Elf  
From, Kinsley

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Nintendo switch, VR and Xbox  
From, Kinton

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Nintendo switch, Elf, and Toys  
From, Athena

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an Xbox, Games, Toys  
From, Rob Ellis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Toys, Legos and Elf  
From, Rayleigh

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Tool set, Building toys, and Legos  
From, Ashton

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Spiderman legos, Monster trucks and a Race track  
From, Kristopher

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Baby, Toys, and Baby

things  
From, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Nintendo switch, Games and Toys  
From, Kolsen  
**Iuka Headstart**  
Dear Santa,  
I would like Pokémon toys, Pikachu, Squirtle, Bulbasaurus, Charmander, Evie, Kami, Trusaur, Fire Pokémon, Pokémon clothes, and some surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies and food for the reindeer.  
Evie Coln

Dear Santa,  
I would like a nerf gun, a motorcycle, a bike, farm animal toys, jingle bell toys, Legos Santa toy, an elf, a snowman toy, and some surprises also. A race car and a truck too. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some food for the reindeer.  
Kashton Bowling

Dear Santa,  
I would like some toy bugs, a toy train, monster trucks, and some surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies and food for the reindeer.  
Owen Swann

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy train, a baby doll, stuffed animals, some playdough, colors, and a doggie. I will leave some milk and cookies and food for the reindeer.  
Mavery Williams

Dear Santa:  
I would like some glasses, some gloves, a hat, a new bike, a toy couch, and a baby with a bunny in her hand, and a watch. I will leave you some milk and cookies and food for the reindeer.  
Evangeline Kennedy

Dear Santa:  
I would like some clothes, some princess Barbie dolls, and some gloves. Some baby dolls, a scarf, a Barbie Doll, and a cash register. I will leave you some milk and cookies and food for the reindeer.  
Lillian Alexander

Dear Santa:  
I would like a Spiderman robot, a bat mobile, a dirt-digging truck, a dinosaur robot, and some surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies and food for the reindeer.  
Laken Pittman

Dear Santa:  
I would like a bow and arrow, a four-wheeler, a BB gun, and a new bike. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I will also leave the reindeer some food.  
Eli Cassity

Dear Santa:  
I would like the Batman robot that can shoot stuff and the Joker, some dirt bikes, a Joker car, a helicopter for Batman and Joker, and a Santa Claus setup. I would also like a friend for my Elf, and I want him to follow me. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some food for the reindeer.  
Carter Somers

Dear Santa:  
I would like presents with toys in them, a guitar, and some surprises. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Hadleigh Blakney

**Ms Dexter's Class**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a baby stroller and a baby doll

Jordan Nunley  
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a squish mellow, A new book, and Artist paper  
Selena Wright

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me baseball glove, baseball bat and a football goal  
George Dawson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me PlayStation 5, McLaren Car, and a Lamborghini Car  
Bentley Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an electric police car, A police station and new rope for my horse  
Bryson Hardwick

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a toy motorcycle, a play phone and a Santa doll  
Gunner Bryant

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Hatchimals, scruff a luff and cotton candy  
Nora Kate Williams

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an iPad, a Hoverboard, A new dog  
Brantley Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me A dollhouse and makeup  
I'll set out cookies!!  
Payton Garner

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an electric scooter, a bum-per car and Mario cart  
Henry Alley

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me A mini-car, a bracelet set and makeup  
I'll set out cookies!!  
Illa Powell

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a train, chips and paint  
Andy Clark

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Legos, Blocks and a toy cat  
Samuel Davis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a horse toy, a pink bike and make-up  
Aurora Franklin

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a hoverboard, nerf bullets, and nerf bullets  
Mason Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me nerf guns, Legos and A surprise.  
Dak Brown

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a mini brand egg, Barbie doll and Slime  
Isabella Carroll

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a BIG bag of Lays potato chips, iPad, and a huge box of crayons  
I'll set out cookies!!  
Jett Seekings

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Mrs. Michelle's Class

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a big L.O.L. doll egg, a baby doll, a big stuffed animal lion  
Adyson Akers

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Barbie dolls, a baby doll swing, L.O.L. dolls  
From, Jessie Benedyk

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gemma. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me L.O.L. doll, a coloring book and Peppa Pig.  
From, Gemma Benefield

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a camera, an Anna doll (from Frozen), and a chameleon doll from the movie Rapunzel  
From, Alex Burns

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a blue camera, an American Girl doll, and a Barbie doll dream camper  
From, Willow Caston

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me Roblox. A Nintendo switch, and a toy dinosaur  
From, River Davis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an Ariel toy, a sticker book, and a toy castle.  
From, McKinlee Drinkard

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a camera, binoculars, and stuffed animal dinosaurs  
From, Noah Hale

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a unicorn toy, a dinosaur toy, and a Santa Clause toy.  
From, Annabelle Hall

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a gumball machine, Candy Gummies in my stocking please, and a mini-fridge  
From, Stella Mauney

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me L.O.L. dolls, a unicorn toy, and a kid tablet (like an iPad)  
From, Adi Grace Mercer

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me an Anna and Elsa doll, a L.O.L. doll and a rainbow toy  
From, Rose Russell

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a dart gun, a motorcycle, and a shotgun  
From, Kye Stevens

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me video games, toy robot, and an elf stuffed animal  
From, Kason Stults

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Sonic toy, a cat toy that I can play with, and a toy sun  
From, Shane Ward

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a bucket of toy dinosaurs, Lego dinosaurs, and a craft set  
From, Alec Wolfgang

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me nerf gun, an Ironman toy and Fortnite pick-ax.  
From, Tucker Adams

Mrs. Wilson’s Kindergarten class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kamryn. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Cooking cart, scooter, tool set.

Dear Santa,

My name is Maddy. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Barbie LOL doll, toy makeup, and legos.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christopher. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: A skateboard, skates, and legos.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Makenna. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: JoJo doll, scooter, and makeup set.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jazlyn. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: JoJo doll, makeup set, gymnastics mat, and Barbie Dreamhouse. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dean. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Four Wheeler and Lego set. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Henry. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Lego set for my brother, skateboard, Playstation 2, and boots. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jase. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Four-wheeler, toy dog, Lego set, boots, and a cool Sonic. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is London. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: LOL toys, a dog, and a doll. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Wrigley. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Stuffed unicorn and a pen that changes colors. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bristol. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: LOL dollhouse, fidget pack, Playdoh, and the Barbie Dreamhouse. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Charley. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Fourwheeler, Playdoh, and cooking set. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tylan. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: A toy dog, robot, and a pen that changes colors. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bryson. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me:

Playstation Crazy craft. I’ll set out cookies!

Dear Santa,  
My name is Finn. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me: Spiderman shirt, Sonic toy, and Legos. I’ll set out cookies!

2nd Grade - Mrs. Carley Payne

Dear Santa,  
I am 8. How do you stay up all night? I have been nice. I will leave some food for you and the reindeer. I would like a 3d pin, a hamster, babydoll clothes, bracelets, slime, fidgets, stress ball, and stuffed animals.  
Love, Addisyn

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I have been nice and I will leave you cookies and milk for you. I would like a VR set for Christmas and an Xbox.  
Love, Jax

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I want a Gabby’s Dollhouse. How do you stay up all night? What kind of cookies do you want? What is your favorite milk?  
Love, Madilynn

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. And I have been nice. Does Mrs. Clause help watch the kids with you? I’ve been nice this year. I will leave cookies out and some milk. I will love a hoverboard and Hatchimals, a smart-talking princess kitchen and a blue owl Alexa and roller skates, and a frozen bike.  
Love, Mila

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I will leave you coke and a zero bar. How fat are you? I have been nice. I want a phone and a PlayStation.  
Love, Grantley

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I have been naughty. I will give you coke and cookies. I want for Christmas is a PS5, new Pokemon cards, new Jordans, shoes, snake, nerf gun, and iPhone 13Max.  
Love, Savin

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year. How many elves do you have? I will leave you some milk and cookies, and I will leave your reindeer some carrots. I want some American girl doll stuff. I want some American girl dolls. And bracelets, please.  
Love, Kenleigh

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. How many elves do you



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have? I am nice. I would like PS5 play station and hamsters and a ring, 10 of them. And I will give you cookies and milk and carrots.  
Love, Brooklynn

Dear Santa  
I am 8. How do reindeer fly? I have been nice. I will leave something for Santa, cookies, and milk. I will like a real gold 60kt gold necklace and a diamond necklace.  
Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,  
My age is 8. What kind cookies do you like? I have been nice. We will leave you cookies. I would to have 2 rainbow droans, notebook pins, colors, coloring sheets, fidgets, a guitar, books, a football, paper, a new hoverboard, a scooter, a bike, a sweatshirt blue, new shoes, Hotwheels, nerf gun, clothes, radio, pokemon, 5 cat plushies, and cat toys.  
Love, Kayse

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I have been nice, and I have a question for you. How do you go to each house in one night? I will leave you some candy and soda at Christmas eve night. And I wish for stranger things toys.  
Love, Sloane

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old and I want a ghetto and a hoverboard and a PS5 and ATV and a dirtbike.  
Love, Zayden

**Burnsville 1st Grade**

Dear Santa,  
When I get home I help my mom and dad. I also help with the yard work. This year I would like a new hoverboard that lights up and a pack of hot wheels cars.  
Logan McClain

Dear Santa,  
This year I have helped my mom wash the dishes and I cleaned my room. For Christmas I would like, mini brands and a new orbi squishy. There is something on TikTok I would like too.  
Amelia Colby

Dear Santa,

I have been very nice this year. I have helped all around the house and cleaned the fans. For Christmas, I would like an alphabet lore plushy. I also want a plushy spring trap.  
Greyson Brady

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been helping my mom and dad. I helped a friend too. For Christmas, I want a play car I could ride and a toy dog. I also want barbies, an alligator, and a new bed for my room.  
Carlee Hicks-

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice by helping my parents wash dishes. I have helped my brother wash the dishes and have been good in school. For Christmas I would l,ike an iPad with mario kart.  
Jacob Beck

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice by helping my mom wash the dishes, and I have cleaned the house. For Christmas, I would like a tablet.  
Jaylen Lee

Dear Santa,  
I have been very kind this year. I have cleaned my room, and I have also helped my Grandma. I want some slime for Christmas this year. I also want some stuffed animals. I would like a bunny, some books, and toys to play with outside.  
Laura Lei Stricklin

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. This year I have been taking my dog outside. I have been feeding my dogs. For Christmas, I would like a toy gun. I also want a phone.  
Easton Lozano-

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been helping my mom do the dishes. I also helped make cookies. For Christmas, I would like a barbie and a unicorn.  
Keylee Sanders

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice by helping my dad with his tools and helped clean the living room. For Christmas, I would like

a big dinosaur.  
Joseph Warrington

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. I like to help my teacher clean the classroom. My mom lets me take out the trash. For Christmas, I would like an iphone, a snowman, and new games for my Nintendo Switch.  
Connor Graham

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I feed my dog. I want a nerf gun. I also would like a RC car.  
Carter Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I help clean the living room. I also pick up my toys. This year for Christmas I would like a toy manger scene. Thank you, We love you Santa!  
Kyler Cheaves

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I like to help my mom and dad. I even helped my friend's parents fold towels. I would really like some slime and some pop its.  
Maddie Davis

Dear Santa,  
I like to help my mom decorate for Christmas. I try to keep my room clean. This year I would like a new camera. I also would like a new barbie dream house, stuffed animals, LOL dolls, and a new barbie car would make me really happy.  
Gracie Lawson

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I have helped my mom wash the dishes and sweep. For Christmas, I would like some makeup and a snow globe. I also would like a big board to draw on.  
Harmony Hall

Dear Santa,  
I have been very kind this year. I have been keeping my room very tidy. I have also been taking care of my dog. For Christmas, I would like acro beads. I would also like the gabby doll house set.  
Hadlee Fretwell-

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a new Barbie house with 3 levels and LOL dolls.  
Aubrey Gist

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a chainsaw, sword, and a spiderman.  
A.J. Glidewell

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want Prestonplayz plushy, gon action figure, and a killua figure from Hunter x Hunter.  
Beau Gwatney

Dear Santa  
I have been nice. I want a snowglobe, Elsa heels, and a big Ariel.  
Dani Hall

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want legos, a headset, and super mario smash bros. I love you Santa!  
Camden Hardin

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a skateboard, new phone, Barbie house, barbies, and LOL dolls.  
Marlee Hicks

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a 3-D pen, a tiny fridge, a 4 wheeler, and some new clothes.  
Khloe Huggins

Dear Santa.  
have been nice. I want a snowglobe, a giant unicorn pop it, and a new phone.  
Arabella-

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a prize box, a glowing crystal, and a microphone.  
Jorden Kennedy-

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a toy car, army men, and balloons. Can I also have another teddy bear?  
Blaine Lanier

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a little live kitchen set, a bike, and a guinea pig.  
Dani Kate Lynch-

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a snowglobe, reindeer stuffed animal, and hatchimals.  
Finley McDuffy

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. For Christmas, I want LOL dolls, barbie dolls, and a baby doll please.  
Zoey Mills

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a big lol box, a new bike, and a pet hamster.  
Chassi Spoon

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a magic pixie, modeling clay kit, and robux.  
Swayze Waldrop

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I want a pair of new shoes, a play station, and a nintendo switch.  
Zeb Watson

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a piano.  
Briella Scott



Thank you for letting us be a part of your homes and families the whole year through. We are honored to serve you.

Merry Christmas

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photos courtesy Jessica Seaton

# Burnsville Christmas Program 2022 very entertaining

by Jessica Seaton

Last Friday, Burnsville Elementary grades K-4 performed for their Christmas Program. Bethany Cheaves, Music Teacher at Burnsville did a phenomenal job coordinating the program for the students. Mrs. Cheaves is also a Burnsville Alum and grew up herself with the infamous Burnsville Christmas program. During the rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas Coach Johnny McDuffy and

Coach Bobby Felker kept us laughing with their theatrics acting out the song. Coach McDuffy and Coach Felker also attended Burnsville School. The program was a hit as always, with the auditorium filled with proud parents and grandparents. Thank you, Burnsville School, for this program we always look forward to. Great things are happening at Burnsville. Be sure to check out video of the program on the Tishomingo County News Facebook page.



Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like rocks and fossils. I would like Lincoln to be my brother.  
Briar Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a guitar and to keep one of my dog's puppies.  
Anistyn Mask

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like TTA5, TTA games, and a play computer. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Matthew Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like 2 dirt bikes, 28 pocket knives, and 2 tvs. I want Briar to be my brother and 2 four wheelers.  
Lincoln Horne

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a snowglobe, barbie dolls, and a real puppy. I would also like some slime.  
Aria Harris-

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a play station game, a gaming computer, and a tear down game. Merry Christmas.  
Ashton Harris-

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a pop it, pop it bracelet, scrunchies, stuffed animal dog, cat, and horse. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Jalynne Holley

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I

would like an axolotl.  
Bennet Brumley

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a hot wheels race track, stuffed dog, mini christmas tree, and a nerf gun with bullets.  
Charles Durham

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like 100 mini brands and a JoJo Siwa doll. Merry Christmas.  
Meredith Felks

Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. I would like a trampoline, mermaid doll, and a JoJo Siwa doll.  
Nevaeh Hamby

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a spider skateboard, and a snake. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Weslin Barber

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year. I would like a fry pop it, a christmas tree pop it, and candy.  
Jackson Wilson

Dear Santa  
I have been nice this year. I would like to be with my family. I would like my daddy to come back to town. I want a horse. Merry Christmas.  
Charlee Teet

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. I would like a baby pony, a baby buck, and a baby turtle.  
Adlee Lamberth

Cheers!

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# What is the real meaning of Christmas?

Christmas means different things to different people. To most, it is a heartwarming time with family and friends. To many children, it's about presents and Santa. To merchants, it means a season when many retailers finally begin making money.

But if you were to go back seven hundred years before the birth of Christ and ask the prophet Isaiah what it means to him, he would tell you Christmas is about the birth of a special child:

“For to us a child is born, to us, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

We hear these words each Christmas season during the singing of Handel’s Messiah. This profound message is that God Himself would come to earth as both King and Savior.

Most Jews were waiting for the Messiah to deliver Israel from Roman oppression. They were looking for a Messiah of power and authority. But God had a different plan. He chose to send His son as a humble servant whose primary mission was to die for our sins (see Philippians 2:5-11).

The writers of the New Testament present Jesus as both fully human and fully God. Isaiah had said as much when he foretold the Messiah coming to earth as both child and Mighty God. Confirming the words

of Isaiah, the apostle Paul writes of Jesus:

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him, all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:15-17)

What would motivate the Creator of everything that exists to step down from his lofty position as the sovereign ruler of the universe to become one of us? Jesus tells us that he came because God loves us—each of us.

The wonderful meaning of Christmas is that Jesus came to rescue us from the death sentence caused by our sins and to give us hope and peace with God. He did it because he cares for you and me, and wants to adopt us into his family—now and forever.

Why not take time this Christmas to reflect on God’s great gift to you? The one who created you is the same one who came to earth and died for you!

In a world filled with corruption and selfishness, there is tremendous hope in knowing that God cares. And he promises eternal life to all who believe in Jesus. Can you think of a greater reason to celebrate Christmas?



*A season full of surprises!*

Adorable little Annie Ruth Aday is learning all about the fun surprises that come with Christmas! Christmas will be so fun this year for her parents, Dillon and Nicole Aday, and her grandparents, Tim and Deanette Goza, and Rodney and Kenlynn Aday! All of them are from Tishomingo. Be sure and see all our other Baby’s First Christmas images throughout this week’s edition. Thanks for the great turnout on this feature! photo by Images by Tallie.

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## Five ways to safely celebrate with your pet this holiday season

by Dr. Whitney Miller, DVM, MBA, DACVPM

(NAPSI)—Most pet parents agree: their animals are part of what makes the holiday season so magical. While it's an excellent opportunity to integrate furry family members into all the special holiday traditions and make memories together, there are a few things you should keep in mind to keep your pet safe and healthy throughout the festivities:

•**Opt for pet-friendly decorations:** Many favorite holiday decorations need to be kept out of pets' reach. Mistletoe, pine needles, ivy garland, holly, lilies and poinsettias can be toxic to pets when consumed. This is why I recommend artificial Christmas trees to those with particularly curious pets that like to chew on plants. If you don't choose an artificial tree, it's important to note that some water additives for real trees can be toxic, so you should make sure your pet can't access this water source. When decorating your tree, it's best to avoid tinsel and breakable ornaments to prevent potential hazards, and you should always secure your tree to prevent a climbing cat from tipping it over.

• **Keep pets warm and dry:** As the weather gets colder, pets may need a few extra layers to stay comfortable and safe while outdoors. Booties can help prevent a pup's paws from getting ice in them and offer protection from salt-treated walkways. At home, use pet-safe ice melt rather than salt, which can be irritating to pets' paws, mouths and stomachs. You can keep them feeling warm and looking stylish on winter adventures with sweaters and jackets. A cozy handwarmer lead will help keep you warm as well.



while you're out and about. When you return home, always dry off their coats and paws to remove debris and ice clumps in fur and between paw pads.

•**Choose and wrap gifts wisely:** If you're one of the nearly 80% of pet parents who, according to the 2022 Petco consumer survey of 1,000 U.S. dog and cat parents, plan to include pets in holiday gifting, make sure pets only have access to and open presents while supervised so they don't ingest any paper or tape. I recommend sticking to wrapping paper for pet gifts, as ribbons, bows and accessories can be dangerous when ingested. Whether you're buying advent calendars, apparel or toys for your pet, Petco's holiday stockings offer an easy and pet-safe "wrapping" option that you can use year after year.

**•Be aware of toxic holiday foods:** Common holiday foods such as chocolate, turkey skin and bones, ham, grapes and raisins, garlic, caffeine, alcohol, onions, certain spices and sweets, especially any containing xylitol, should be avoided. For festive pet-safe foods, Petco has a variety of sweet and savory dog treats just for the holidays. If you think your pet has accidentally ingested a toxic food or other material, contact your veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline immediately.

**•Prioritize pet health and wellness:** Involving pets in holiday traditions can mean taking them along for a road trip, introducing them to new people or staying in unfamiliar environments—all things that can cause anxiety in pets. It's important to keep your pet's mental health top of mind during the holiday season and year-round. When possible, pets should be introduced to new people and pets in a neutral environment, individually and at their own pace. For pets that experience anxiety in the car, practicing with short drives or sitting in the car while parked, followed by treats and positive reinforcement, can help the adjustment and prepare them for a long ride. Calming products can help mitigate anxiety in pets, and you can also consult your veterinarian for anxiety or motion sickness treatments to help make travel easier. Training in advance of any holiday plans is also a good idea, and Petco offers both in-person and online training options at [stores.petco.com/training](https://stores.petco.com/training).

For additional tips on how to safely celebrate the holidays with your pets, visit [petco.com/holiday](http://petco.com/holiday) and a Petco pet care center.



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**Chief Mike Kemp**

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David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*  
*Luke 2:11*

# The Meaning of Christmas Symbols

**The Star:** The Christmas star symbolizes the star of Bethlehem which guided the three kings to the baby Jesus. According to the New Testament, Melchior, Balthazar, and Gaspar brought gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh to the newborn. A star is also the heavenly sign of prophecy fulfilled long ago and the shining hope of humanity.

**The Color Red:** The first color of Christmas, symbolizes the Savior's sacrifice for all and represents the blood of Jesus when he died on the cross. It's reflected in the color of Holly berries.

**The Fir Tree:** Evergreen is the second color of Christmas and shows everlasting light and life. Romans decorated their houses with evergreen branches during the New Year, and the tree symbolized life during the winter. There is also a legend that when Christ was born in the dead of winter, all the trees around the world shook off the snow to reveal new shoots of green.

**The Bell:** Bells are rung during Christmas to proclaim the arrival of the season, and they announce the birth of Christ.

**The Candle:** A mirror of starlight,

reflecting our thanks for the star of Bethlehem.

**The Gift Bow:** The ribbon is tied to represent how we should all be tied together in bonds of goodwill.

**The Candy Cane:** This treat represents the shape of a shepherd's crook. It reminds us that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, was born on Christmas and used the crook to bring the lost lambs back to the fold. The red stripe represents Christ's sacrifice and the white stands for his purity.

**The Wreath:** A circular, never-ending symbol of eternal love and rebirth. Holly also stands for immortality and cedar for strength. Today the wreath symbolizes generosity, giving, and gathering of family.

**Mistletoe:** Mistletoe has no roots of its own. It lives off the tree that it is attached to, and without it, the mistletoe would die. The plant is a symbol of man's love which is derived from God.

**Giving gifts:** The wise men who brought their gifts to honor the birth of Jesus inspired the concept of giving gifts during the holiday.



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**Ready for a Christmas Cookie!** Little Ella Mae Brown is the daughter of Eli and Kaylee Brown of Iuka. *Photo by Alexia Curtis Photography*

# A Letter to Santa Claus

by Mark Twain

**Palace of Saint Nicholas in the Moon  
Christmas Morning**

My Dear Susy Clemens,

I have received and read all the letters which you and your little sister have written me . . . I can read your and your baby sister’s jagged and fantastic marks without any trouble at all. But I had trouble with those letters which you dictated through your mother and the nurses, for I am a foreigner and cannot read English writing well. You will find that I made no mistakes about the things which you and the baby ordered in your own letters--I went down your chimney at midnight when you were asleep and delivered them all myself--and kissed both of you, too . . . But . . . there were . . . one or two small orders which I could not fill because we ran out of stock . . .

There was a word or two in your mama’s letter which . . . I took to be “a trunk full of doll’s clothes.” Is that it? I will call at your kitchen door at about nine o’clock this morning to inquire. But I must not see anybody and I must not speak to anybody but you. When the kitchen doorbell rings, George must be blindfolded and sent to the door. You must tell George he must walk on tiptoe and not speak-- otherwise he will die someday. Then you must go up to the nursery and stand on a chair or the nurse’s bed and put your ear to the speaking tube that leads down to the kitchen and when I whistle through it you must speak in the tube and say, “Welcome, Santa Claus!” Then I will ask whether it was a trunk you ordered or not. If you say it was, I shall ask you what color you want the trunk to be . . . and then you must tell me every single thing in detail which you want the trunk to contain. Then when I say “Good-bye and a merry Christmas to my little Susy Clemens,” you must say “Good-bye, good old Santa Claus, I thank you very much.” Then you must go down into the library and make George close all the doors that open into the main hall, and everybody must keep still for a little while. I will go to the moon and get those things and in a few minutes I will come down the chimney that belongs to the fireplace that is in the hall--if it is a trunk you want--because I couldn’t get such a thing as a trunk down the nursery chimney, you know . . . If I should leave any snow in the hall, you must tell George to sweep it into the fireplace, for I haven’t time to do such things. George must not use a broom, but a rag--else he will die someday . . . If my boot should leave a stain on the marble, George must not holystone it away. Leave it there always in memory of my visit; and whenever you look at it or show it to anybody you must let it remind you to be a good little girl. Whenever you are naughty and someone points to that mark which your good old Santa Claus’s boot made on the marble, what will you say, little sweetheart?

Good-bye for a few minutes, till I come down to the world and ring the kitchen doorbell.

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**Star quality!** Edén Grace Vestal is the daughter of Michael and Emily Cox Vestal of Tishomingo. Grandparents are Terry and Paula Cox of Tishomingo, and Billy and Carol Vestal of Parsons, TN. *Photo by Emily Vestal*



**Sweet Christmas dreamer** - Mason James Kirk was born November 1st and is the son of Brandon and M'Lynne Kirk. Grandparents are Randy and Janice McMillan from Burnsville and Hunt and Kathy Kirk from Baldwin. He has one big sister, Caroline Kirk.



**A whole new Christmas is coming for Micah and Avaline Page of Iuka-** Kyler Ray Page was born June 29, 2022. His grandparents are Stanley and Terri Page of Tishomingo, and Eddie and Elizabeth Morris of Iuka.



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# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps

## THE EDITORIAL

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. 115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

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 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 eternal 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 they 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 may 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, fancy, 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 he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



**Precocious little elf reading about the Grinch!**  
Chance Edward Bonds is the son of Dillon and Amanda Bonds of Tuscumbia, Alabama. He was born August 5th, 2022. Grandparents are Ed and Diana Stormont of Iuka, and James and Judy Bonds of Tuscumbia, Alabama.

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Isaiah 9:6

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**Precious gift!** Dawson Jack Johnson is the son of Grace and Justin Johnson. Grandparents are Wanda Johnson, and Andrea and Jack Tackett.



**Lincoln Oliver Quick** is the son of Channing Quick of Belmont and Kensley Quick of Iuka.



**Bright lights!** Colt Lee Davis is the son of Harley and Sierra South of Glen. Grandparents are Herbert and Tammy Davis of Glen, Benjamin South, and Darrin and Jennifer Bennett, all of Burnsville.



**Leave Milk!** Hewitt Lee Tucker was born October 31, 2022. He is the son of Billy and Jennifer Tucker of Burnsville and brother to Wendell. Proud grandparents are Mike and LeAnn Tucker, Robbin and Brenda Freeno, and Sandra Nichols and the late David Nichols.

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Sweet baby girl Vivian Blair Blunt is the daughter of Jordan and Marli Blunt of Iuka. Her grandparents are Philip and Paula Moore, and Tim and Jennifer Blunt, all of Iuka.



Wade Norman Kunst - is the son of Reed and Sara Kunst of St. Charles, Illinois and the grandson of Tim and Deb Wallin of Iuka. His great-great grandmother is Georgia Rhodes Wallin of Iuka.



Tell me the story! Landri Faith Brown is the daughter of Dylan and Chelsi Brown of Iuka. Grandparents are Greg and Penny McGee, and Kay Brown and the late Randy Brown, all of Iuka.



## Blessings Of The Season

Wishing you and your family a season filled with love, faith, joy and lots of wonderful presents, too!

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**Jaxon Latray loves Santa and TC basketball games!** He's the son of Hannah Johnson and David Latray. His grandparents are Bo and Tiffany Johnson of luka.



**Great baby baker!** Lucy Gann is the daughter of Keith and Kristen Gann of luka. Grandparents are Pam Woodruff, Greg Woodruff of luka, and Jeff and Kathy Gann of Allsboro, Alabama.



**Emersyn Rae McDonald** was born on August 25, 2022 to Miranda and Jesse McDonald of luka. Emersyn is the first grandchild to the late District 1 Supervisor, Brandon Grissom. Emersyn was born on her Pawpaws birthday. photo Erica Jones (Magnolia Hill Photography)

from our home to yours

Merry  
Christmas!

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**All this for ME!** Kohen Thomas is the son of Raven McVay and Mason Mathis.

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Christmas  
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