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The Manna House Angel Tree is now at Thriftway. Please stop by and pick a boy or girl angel, "from our county." See details, Page 3A.



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Weather delays Christmas parade Rescheduled for Saturday

Due to the bad weather and standing water in the Mayo Park, it was necessary to cancel the Christmas Parade on Saturday. The parade and entertainment have been rescheduled in the park for this Saturday, Dec 19.

Line-up will be at 6 p.m. and the parade will begin promptly at 7.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest for the best float must submit a form, which may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce (294-2705), the Main Street Restaurant (294-3663) or the Dust Catcher (294-2482).

As previously planned, there will be food vendors, petting zoo, train rides, live entertainment with Christmas music, as well as karaoke for anyone who desires to sing or play an instrument

And, of course, Santa Claus will be at the park for photos with the children after the parade.

Bring the family, enjoy the season, the food and the music.

Sponsored by the Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce.

LCVFD gets combat flag

The Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department and Lafayette County Rescue were recently presented with an American flag flown on a combat mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 9/11 in Afghanistan on August 15, 2009. This was from the United States Cavalry Troopers of 7th Squadron, 17th US Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, (Air Assault), Death Rides a Pale Horse.

In the photo that accompanied the flag are the two pilots who flew this flag and the third is Michael Hawkins (proudly wearing the

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EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION

Mayo company lends a hand



The Wagstaffs' new home, thanks to the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" team and donations by businesses such as Mayo Truss. - Courtesy photos

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition airs Sundays on ABC. An airdate for this episode has not been announced.

"Our business feels we have been blessed during a tough economic time. We saw this project as an opportunity to give back. The entire Mayo Truss team feels grateful to have had the opportunity to help in building a safe and functional home that will allow the Wagstaffs to continue to support the arts."

- Wayne Hamlin Mayo Truss

By **Stephanie Livingston** stephanie.livingston@gafnews.com

Last week Mayo Truss donated the trusses for an Extreme Makeover: Home Edition build in Gainesville. Company employees, as well as other local businesses, donated their labor and materials.

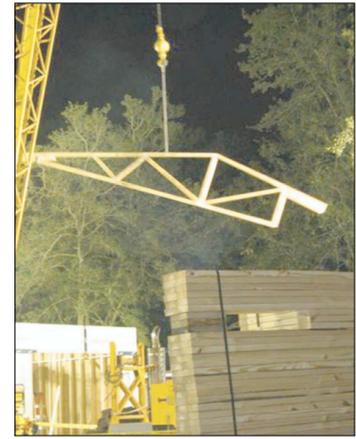
College sweethearts Tobin and Jill Wagstaff, of Gainesville, started their own non-profit music school to provide an arts education that would be available for everyone, including those with financial limitations or disabilities. After dedicating all their time and resources to the school, little was left for the major, and necessary, repairs needed to their home. Last week, Extreme Makeover team leader Ty

Pennington and the design team, along with others in the Gainesville community rebuilt a home that was "literally crumbling around them," according to an Extreme Makeover press release.

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The team worked around the clock to construct the new home.



Trusses donated by Mayo Truss being installed.



Gibson donated musical equipment for the family's new studio.



Members of the LHS chapter of Future Business Leaders of America raised money for Children's Miracle Network recently. - Courtesy photo

Lafayette High FBLA helps make miracles

Submitted

Lafayette High School Future Business Leaders of America hosted Walking For Miracles, a walk-a-thon to benefit Children's Miracle Network recently. FBLA members walked more than 100 laps to raise money to donate to this worthy cause.

Donations to Children's Miracle Network create miracles by funding medical care, research and education that saves and improves the lives of 17 million children each year. Every child deserves the hope and healing of children's hospitals. With the help of a Children's Miracle Network hospital in their community, children of all ages and

backgrounds can receive treatment for every imaginable disease and injury-from asthma and broken bones to cancer and heart defects. Children's hospitals are also on the front lines of research, education and outreach programs that keep millions of kids out of the hospital each year.

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There Are No "Holiday Hours" For Social Security's Online Services



By Donna Maitland
Social Security District
Manager, Gainesville, FL

If you are one of the many Americans who may have to conduct business with Social Security over the holiday season, it's good to know that you can use our online services without having to worry about opening or closing times. That means you

can handle your holiday shopping and planning with one less time constraint or worry - and one less "shopping line" to wait in.

Some of the services available online at HYPERLINK "http://www.socialsecurity.gov" include:

Applying for retirement or disability benefits;

Checking the status of your pending application;

Getting an instant, personalized estimate of your future retirement benefits using the Retirement Estimator; and

Applying for extra help for Medicare prescription drug plan costs available to some beneficiaries.

If you are already a Social Security beneficiary, you can go online to change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or request a proof of income letter.

Social Security's online services are available each work day from 5 a.m. until 1 a.m.; on Saturdays, from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.; and on Sundays from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. And the online services are available even on federal holidays - including Christmas and New Year's Day - from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. So if you have business to take care of during the holidays, our online services are here

for you. All times are Eastern Standard Time and some online services have extended hours. You can find the individual operating hours for different online services at

www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices

In addition to these interactive services, there is a wealth of information available 24 hours a day on our website that can help answer your questions and get you the information you need, including frequently asked questions, publications and forms,

information for specific groups, news and press releases, and even videos and public service announcements. You can find it all at HYPERLINK "http://www.socialsecurity.gov"

So remember: while banks and other offices in the private sector and in government are closed for the holidays, Social Security's online office is open and ready to assist you. To see a complete list of online services, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices"

OBITUARY

Betty Jean Windham

Betty Jean Windham, 75, of Mayo, FL passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, after a short illness. The Live Oak, FL native moved to Mayo, FL in 1996 from Olustee, FL. Mrs. Windham was a customer service representative for South Trust Bank, a volunteer for Lafayette Health Care for three years and an active member of the New Hope Baptist Church, Mayo, FL.

She is survived by one daughter: Jeanne Permenter, Mayo, FL; two sons: Laurence Windham, Bristol, Va and Nivin Windham, Olustee, FL; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

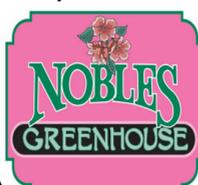
Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the New Hope Baptist Church Mayo, FL with Rev. Charlie Walker officiating. Interment followed in the New Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family wish donations to be made to the New Hope Baptist Church Building Fund, Mayo, FL

Daniels funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. Live Oak and Branford was in charge of all arrangements.

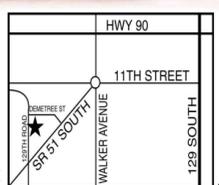
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Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Fellowship Supper.....6:00 p.m.
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Worship Service/K.I.D.S. Church.....10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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State Road 27 500983-F

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Pastor: Brother Jimmy Legg
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Interim Music.....Kathy Palamino
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Worship Service.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Night Service.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Schedule
Supper.....6:00 P.M.
Prayer Service & Youth & Children Meeting.....7:00 P.M.
mayobaptistchurch@alltel.net 500993-F

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC).....294-1306
Pastor.....Todd Babione
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Discipleship Training.....7:00 p.m.
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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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Heart Matters Even At Christmas we Must Adhere to TRUTH

By now you are probably getting ready for (or at least thinking about) some sort of Christmas celebration, I can't help wondering what you have in mind. Of all the things we enjoy most about the holidays, the extra time spent with family and friends probably tops the list, what a great time to make memories! I guess we all get that Picture perfect, holiday in mind from those Norman Rockwell paintings and the holiday commercials that promise us the "most wonderful time of the year." Trouble is, rarely does the real world live up to those promises. Perhaps you are spending Christmas without a loved one this year because of death or divorce, or maybe just too many miles between you. Possibly unresolved conflict or just conflicting schedules have left you feeling left out and things haven't turned out like you hoped. Mary and Joseph knew a little bit about that.



dle to lay her son, she placed him in a feed trough "nope" not at all what she had in mind.

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Luke 2:4-7

Can you even imagine? When the first real labor pain came, Mary had to be thinking, "This is not how it was supposed to be!" Giving birth to your firstborn is a big enough deal, but giving birth to God's Son? Surely Mary didn't see the stable and manger when she pictured her due date! Those pretty Nativity scenes we set up each year are wonderful decorations, but the real deal was dirty and it smelled like animals, not exactly the place for a newborn! Only because Mary had a heart of thanksgiving and was obedient to God's plan ("I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said" Luke 1:38) was she able to make those sacrifices with such grace. Instead of a soft, clean bed, she gave birth on the floor of a stable. Instead of her mother and other women tending to her, she was alone with Joseph, who was no doubt as overwhelmed as she was! Instead of a cra-

As you think about this, and the rest of the story, consider the fact that if Mary and Joseph had been anywhere else, those shepherds, whom God chose to be the first witnesses of the birth of his Son, would have missed it. Shepherds were not exactly high on the social ladder, but who better to understand the amazing truth that God had just provided the perfect "Lamb" that would one day be the sacrifice to take away the sins of the world? Don't miss that fact that while the shepherds were not whom Mary and Joseph were expecting, they were invited by a host of God's angels!

Could it be that when we feel like there is no room for us anywhere, it is because God has made room for us somewhere else, or that He is making room for someone else to be with us? Try this perspective when dealing with holiday plans for your family, if someone can't be there, look around and see who that makes room for, perhaps a single adult or someone without any nearby family. If too many miles or your schedule causes you to miss family celebrations, look around to see where God is making room for you. Celebration is ultimately up to us, and the attitude we choose to take. Our plans may not work out exactly like we hoped, but it could be that God has something extra special in mind this year, believe it, because your heart matters!

Blessings! Angie

We would love to hear about your most memorable Christmas celebration, and what made it special, email Angie at angieland3@windstream.net

Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches Bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers Biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families.



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Recently a radio minister mentioned that the enemies of Jesus didn't deny the miracles He performed but were always questioning by what authority or power He had preformed them. Yet in our day, as strong as the historical proof is of the Virgin Birth, men still want to deny it.

For thousands of years before it happened it was prophesied that it would happen. In Genesis 3:15 you can see, what is probably the earliest prophecy of Christ's first coming to die for the sins of the world. Speaking to Satan, the Serpent, God said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." And the prophet Isaiah had said, "Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel," (Isaiah 7:13, 14 "and if your Bible doesn't say VIRGIN in the context, you are using the wrong Bible!). Notice Matthew refers to this passage, "Now this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us," (Matthew 2:23).

Remember now, the men of His time and early historians didn't dispute the miracles, only how they were accomplished. THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS A FACT! I don't know how it happened but I know that Jesus is the virgin born son of Mary, conceived, not by the man she was betrothed to, Joseph, but by the Holy Ghost. And it was not because Joseph and Mary

weren't capable of having children on their own. In Matthew 13:55, for instance, the Bible reads, speaking of Jesus, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and HIS BRETHREN, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? and his SISTERS, are they not all with us?..." (Matthew 13:55, 56). From these verses we see that Joseph and Mary had 5 sons (including Jesus) and at least 2 daughters. Mary and Joseph did go on to have a "normal" family life.

Only this year did I get a new insight into Isaiah 9:6 - "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." - Mary's part was birthing the child. God gave His Son! Mary

was human. As such she was as susceptible to sin, born with the sin nature, just like any other human being; "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23). Mary must have been a righteous woman to have been chosen to be the mother of our Lord; to have been chosen to be impregnated by the Holy Ghost, but she was human, blessed of God I am sure, but so are you if you are living for Him.

If you are not familiar with the Christmas story as told in the Bible it would be good to read Luke's account in Luke 2:1-21 and then go on to read Matthew's account in Matthew 1:18 - 2:15. We know that the wise men, in Matthew, didn't show up until almost 2

years later because Herod had all the babies up to 2 years old killed (Matthew 2:16 - also notice Jesus was referred to as "the young child," not a baby in Matthew) which would indicate it had been almost 2 years since Jesus had been born.

It is evident that Jesus probably wasn't born on December 25, but that is the day most people have set aside to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ and I trust you will do just that. With all the gift giving and feasting that you'll keep Him in the center of it all

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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A reminder about the Manna House Angel Tree!

The Manna House Angel Tree is now at Thriftway. Please stop by and pick a boy or girl angel, "from our county." Please purchase a gift for them and take it back to the store, or you may leave money for a gift at the store. Deadline is Dec. 18. God will bless you for your help. For questions call 294-1294 or cell: 208-9432.

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Millers Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Judge and Mrs. Jeff Miller

Judge and Mrs. Jeff Miller of Kissimmee, Florida will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on December 27, 1959 in the Branford Methodist Church. Mrs. Miller is the former Laura Ruth Jones of Branford, daughter of the late Oscar and Mildred Jones.

The Millers enjoy fre-

quent visits to their home in Mayo. Family and friends are invited to an informal celebration reception honoring their anniversary.

The reception will be in Kissimmee on Sunday, December 27, 2009, at the Orange Blossom Masonic Lodge located near the Lakefront at 321 Dakin Avenue from 2 — 4 p.m.

TOPS Ten Tips for a Healthy, Happy Holiday

The holiday season doesn't have to create havoc on your weight-loss goals, says TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization. Follow these ten strategies to navigate the eating season for a great time without a great gain.

1. Don't go hungry. Arriving at a party on an empty stomach is a recipe for disaster that can lead you to overeat and make poor choices. Have a light snack of a low-fat, high-fiber food a half-hour before you go, such as yogurt, an apple with a teaspoon of peanut butter, a piece of string cheese, or vegetables with low-calorie dip. This will help curb your appetite and make it easier to control your intake.

2. Treat yourself. There's no need to ban your favorites; decide what you want to try and then set a limit. Cakes, cookies, and pies are available year-round, so indulge in small portions of only the best seasonal, holiday foods. Just a taste of something special can be enough to quell a craving without going overboard.

3. Take control. Offer to bring a low-calorie dish or platter to holiday gatherings. By preparing something that you know fits into your meal plan, you'll have at least one healthy item on hand and other guests will likely appreciate it. Your hostess may also be grateful for the lessened stress of preparing multiple dishes.

4. Slow your pace. Eat slowly until you are satisfied, not stuffed. It takes about 20 minutes for your body to signal that you're feeling full, so enjoy each bite and give yourself time to know when you've had enough. You'll likely consume less than usual.

5. Mind your beverages. Drink plenty of water to help feel full and hydrated. Adding a twist of lemon or lime to sparkling water is a lively alternative to alcohol and coffee drinks, which can actually make you feel sluggish. Alcohol can also impair your judgment and make it difficult to stick to healthy eating resolutions. If you do choose to imbibe, select light beers and wines, and limit your intake to one or two drinks per occasion. Drink high-calorie seasonal favorites, like egg nog, punch, and full-fat hot chocolate, in moderation — or steer clear of them altogether.

6. Pair up with a friend. Make a pact that you will support and help keep each other on track. Don't hesitate to lean on each other if you need encouragement to resist tempting treats or power through a workout. Remember, you're not the only one refraining from holiday indulgence.

7. Keep moving. It's easy to let workouts fall by the wayside. If you aren't able to set aside time each day for exercise, commit to at least 30 minutes three days per week. Many people continue their regular walking or jogging schedules year-round, but also consider walking in malls or the building where you work. Indoor pools, weight-workout rooms, tracks, and basketball courts are commonly available in community facilities and schools. Municipal ice skating rinks, both indoors and out, offer a change of pace from the usual routine, while cross-country skiing and hiking let you build up your strength while enjoying nature's beauty. Maintaining a workout routine also can help you manage holiday stress by releasing "feel-good" endorphins and provide a "time out" from worry and harried thoughts.

8. Rest up. Make adequate sleep — seven to eight hours — a priority, especially during this busy season. Getting enough rest can help repair your body, keep you mentally sharp, and enable you to be more productive.

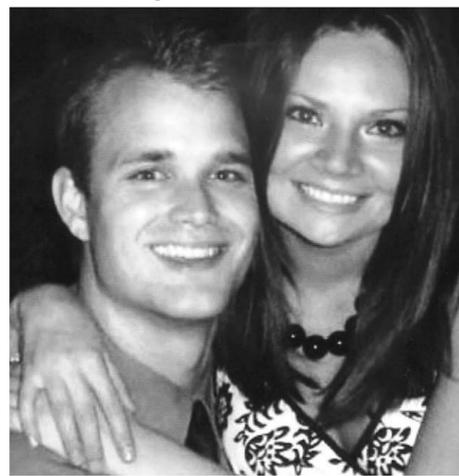
9. Make friends and family a priority. Although food and drinks can be a big part of the holiday season, they don't have to be the focus. Set aside time to spend with good friends and family, making memories that make the holidays worthwhile.

10. Keep your perspective. Be realistic and maintain a long-term view of your weight-loss goals. Overeating one day won't make or break your plans; just aim to eat healthy and in moderation the next day. Dieting can be especially difficult during the holidays. Focus on maintaining your present weight and look toward the new year as a fresh start.

Remember, there will be many more holidays to enjoy. Employ these tips and come January, you will feel as good about yourself as you did before Thanksgiving — one more reason to celebrate.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the original, nonprofit weight-loss education and support organization, was established more than 61 years ago to champion weight-loss support and success. Founded and headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., TOPS promotes successful weight management. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

Smith - Lindsey wedding announcement



Arika Margaret Smith and John Aaron Lindsey

Wayman and JoAnn Smith announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Arika Margaret Smith, to John Aaron Lindsey, both of Mayo, Fla. He is the son of John and Kimberly Lindsey and the grandson of Harold and Mary Ann Lindsey, both of Branford.

Arika is a 2003 graduate of Lafayette High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from the Florida State University in 2009. Arika currently works for the State of Florida with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Aaron is also a 2003 graduate of Lafayette High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Economics with a minor in Business Administration from the Florida State University in 2008. He is currently working as a Financial Coordinator with the State of Florida for the Department of Financial Services.

Their wedding will be held on February 27, 2010, at Advent Christian Village Church, Dowling Park. No local invitations are being sent, but all family and friends are invited to attend. Reception, RSVP only.

Swine flu shots - come and get it!!!

H1N1 vaccine, come and get it now! That's what Health Department officials are encouraging all residents of Lafayette County to do. H1N1 (swine flu) is still widespread in the State of Florida and Pamela Blackmon, Administrator of the Lafayette County Health Department is encouraging all residents to get vaccinated. The Lafayette County Health Department began giving the H1N1 vaccine on October 19, and has given vaccine to approximately 1,500 residents, or about 18% of the county population. Vaccination is voluntary and is provided free of charge at the Lafayette County Health Department between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The goal of the Florida H1N1 Influenza Mass Vaccination Campaign is to immunize all Floridians and visitors who choose to be vaccinated. The Health Department has conducted mass vaccination clinics at Lafayette County Public Schools, Lighthouse Christian Academy, Day Town Community Center, the 4th District Community Center, and Croft's Thriftway. For

more information about receiving vaccine at the health department, call 386-294-1321. Additional information about H1N1 is available at the CDC flu website at "<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>" the Florida Department of Health flu website at "<http://www.myflusafetv.com>", or the Florida Department of Health flu hotline at 1-877-352-3581.

Dear Parents:

Lafayette Recreational League Basketball will begin on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Lafayette High School Gym. Any girls or boys in grades 1 through 6, not over the age of 12, need to be at the gym around 8:45 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The cost is \$20 per person to play. Teams will be picked on this Saturday, Dec. 19, however the first scheduled game will be on Saturday, January 9, 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 364-3222 or after 5:30 at 294-3443.

Thanks,
Ann Murphy

Hardin - Wilson Wedding Reminder

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardin would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their daughter Lauren Kathleen to Shaun Scott Wilson, the son of Janet and Wayne Kinard of Mayo and Scott and Cindy Wilson of Birmingham, Ala.

The event will be held at Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship on December 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert reception following at the Elks' Lodge. No local invitations are being sent but all friends and family are invited to attend.

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In order to allow our employees time off to spend with their families the following deadlines will be in effect:

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Have a safe and happy holiday

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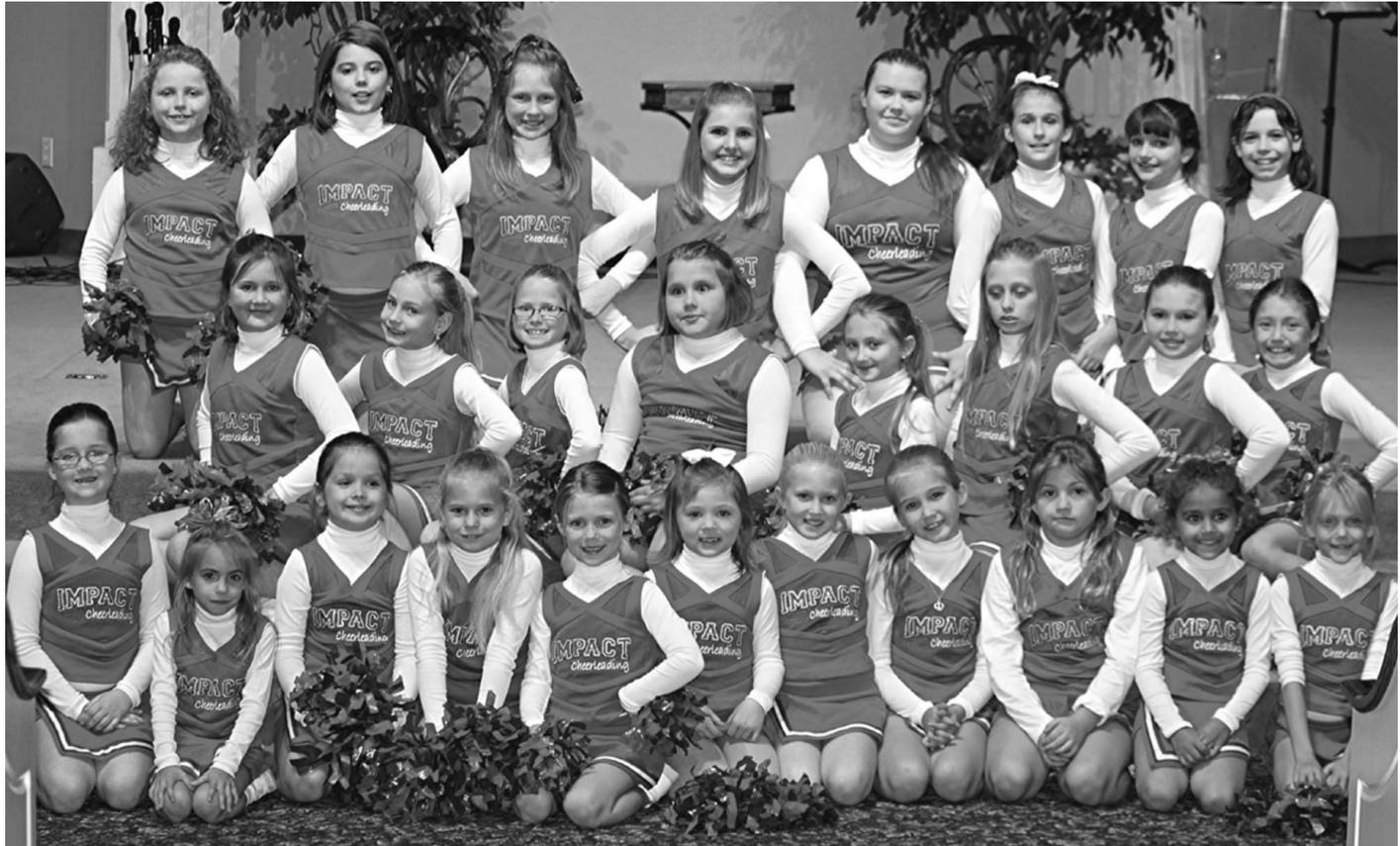
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Lunch High School					

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IMPACT CHEERLEADING

Impact Cheerleading sponsored by Lighthouse Christian Center recently finished their 2nd season with a group of 31 cheerleaders! On October 15, the girls performed at halftime at the Hornet JV football game. They marched in the Homecoming and Pioneer Day parades and performed for the Veteran's Day Program at Lighthouse Christian Academy on November 11. The last performance was on November 17, in which the squad presented a cheerleading routine, fundamentals, jumps and cheers that they had learned during the 9 week session. This was also where each cheerleader was presented with a pin and special awards were given to: Taylor Linton – Leadership and Memory Verse Award, Kaylin Kirk – Leadership Award, Harmony Richardson – Jr. Leadership Award,

Kaylin Morgan – Most Improved, Krista Lyons – Most Enthusiastic, Dixie Smith – Most Determined, Jayden Bates – Jr. Most Determined, Katie Grace Sadler – Ham Award, and Kira Whittington- Memory Verse Award.

We are very pleased with the program that is provided through the Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders and look forward to many more seasons of Impact Cheerleading. The girls are learning Godly leadership, making lasting friendships and learning a great sport. Special thanks to Cheryl Byrd, Head Coach and Risa Croft, Assistant Coach for all of their hard work and dedication. We will be sponsoring a cheer camp in June, for more information contact Kelli Whittington at 294-3940 or klmwhitt@yahoo.com



Krista Lyons



Taylor Linton



Harmony Richardson



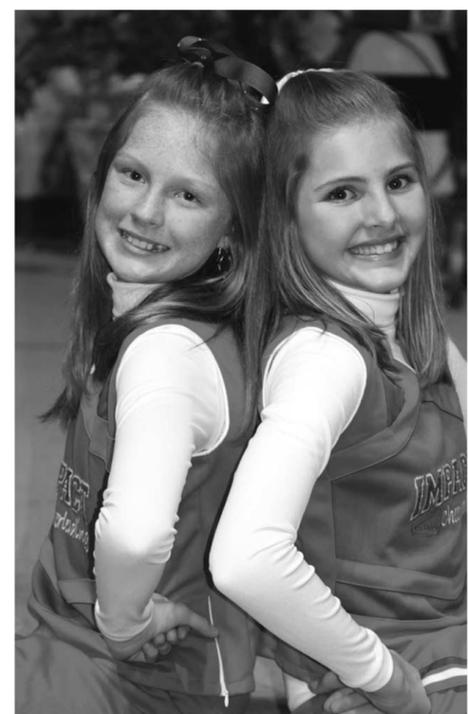
Kaylin Morgan



Jayden Bates



Katie Grace Sadler



Kaylin Kirk & Dixie Smith





Letters to Santa



Lafayette Elementary School First Grade

(The letters were typed as close as possible as they were written by the children, no corrections were made.)

Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is a camra and a bike. and a wilana. Food off teddy bear and a lot o f bos. that are pink and white pokeadots. Chlose and shose. and a dress. and a ring. and a neck-lace. and hihills and a hed bande. and a peano. and sparkelea hedband and a big marker bord and beads. and a pool. microphone. and a vest pink and purple and white. and ice scates, ds game and flip flops that are pink and green pokeadots and 1st grade lerning book. and d.s. pets game. and I want crafz stuff. and a pointbord and a paint brush and paint.
Love, Sphia Celedon

Dear Santa,
I want a wii, baby doll, some games for a wii, some games for my dsi, baby cradle, boots, boots wit heals, baby center, big pool with a slide, play ground, new back pack, I pod, I touch, a gator, gator teddy, Mrs. Gator and Mr. Gator, Dairy, and tub, princess house and tent.
Love, Syniah Williams

Dear Santa,
Tis is wat I want for crismis. a modre drt bike, a modre foowiler, a makel self-one, a ds, a mokey sleeping ag, and sokrball nee pads and more saf that i dzrv. and a xbox 3 rezy 60.
9 wee, 9 psp, 9 ipod and a flat skrinz tv, a watrr slide er, fons with reeder boks that have seeds.

Dear Santa,
I want a ipod, I want a moterfowile, want a ntidodsi, I want a psp, I want a more ds games, I want x box 360, I want a camra, I want a video camra, I want my mom to have many I want xbox 360 games, I want a puppy, I want a polmeno hors, I want my dad to have munny. I want a labtop, I want ipoh I wanted 8 horsis, and want 6 more horses, I want u 8 motor fowiler, I want flat skrem tv I want 30 tulerswirsedes, I wattu 4 wuuetat, slid I want in grond swimming pool. I want 9 hotud.
Love, Peyton Revels

Dear Santa, I want a hose but I wunt a palameeno hors, I want some of them thanges on the dor, I want techer stuf, I want bow, I want Honamanteda stuf, I want more big rings, I want the cards on the wol, I want some die, I want a findo ds, I want a baby dol, I want hils, I want a elf, I want ril make up, I want a dimein casol, I want a water park, I want a santa dol, I want a snoman.
Love, Jasmine Condy

Dear Santa,
I want a wii, I want the Lego Indeeandjoss 2 for the wii, I want the Lego Batman for the wii, I want a watr proof wach.
Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
I wan a cupcake maker and a wii for crimis and I want to go to the north pole and a hors, a hanamontana doll, a hanmtano staj to go with with it and a d.s.
Love, Yomeida Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Tell Ms. Clause, I said hi. I will leave out cookies for you. I been good this year. I will leave out carrots for the reindeer. You are my best friend. I want arc with remote.
Love, Matthew Ducksworth

Dear Santa,
I want a boe. I want a for-willer. I want a puppy. I want a 360. I want a football. I want a toy gun. I want a 20 gage. I want a gator poster. I want a hamdog for the camp. I want a gator football hemit.
Love, Daniel Hewett

Dear Santa,
I wunt Indy Jus for crimis and I want a matchtttcholr. Santa I love you. I wot mysimaeis. Santa I mor thik for me, xbox 360 bakl for me, xbox 360 bakl and chchir.
Love, Hayden Hingson

Dear Santa,
For Chrismas I whant a new bus and woody, a wii, a dsi, a bidaroo, a red nose and ware bacuegons and a maryo and gonik at the alimopic wintergaus ds game.
Love, Austin Locklear

Dear Santa,
I want a wii, sports games for my psa, I want a play tractor with a mower, a play mashengun,, ymotcontroll truck. xl overdrive. I want a fotball game for my dsp, I want a baseball game for my psd, I want another play mose.
Love, Blake Levar Adams

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me a xbox 3 and xbox 3 games. I will stay in my bed.
Love, Austin Lents

Dear Santa,
Does my grandma really go to the north pole? here are some of the things I ant for christmas. A ps, a bow and carnival games for ps. And I also wanted to know does rudolph's nose shien bright?
Thanks a lot your best pal oh and tell the elfs and Mrs. Clause I said hey. I've been good this year. I will leave milk and your favorite cholate cookies. and carioets for the raindeer. Your the best do you have a head elf?
Love, Landen Brock

Dear Santa,
Will you get me a game for a plastashen2 and thats all.
Love, Grayson Reinbott

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want for christmas transformers ds a cat an airplane, a helacopter a cote for santa, star wars and radeo w voicechroon goo-leys, toy blu scues handciny n pook, Santa Coss Cote.
Love, Jason Rebel

Dear Santa,
Can't have a new vedo game. can i have a new bike. can I have a toy gun.
Love, Luzack Rerry

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a ds play-er. I want a wii, I want a barbe. I want a putshot. I want a bb gun. I want a movei, I wunt skat shoos, Iwunt a bell frum you, I want a puppy, I wunt gator, I want a game, I want a nekliss. I want a borenping. I want a dimin neclas, I wut a snow sled, I unt a bed.
Kayla Hope Ringer

Dear Santa,
and a flakfigls. I wat a gasfo my bs. and flakspdish. I love you santa.
Love, Naomi Martinez

Dear Santa,
I am gud, I am prard at you.
Love, Trace Goff

Dear Santa,
I wot a horse toys, I wat a horse sadl, I wat mor fed stor foor annors.
Love, Bethany Jackson

Dear Santa,
I wut sv for utades, I wut forwiller, I wunt indapaei, I wut hot tub, I wut a Jr. Ut-shicks, I wut klogs, I wunt a jakcit.
Love, Tierra

Dear Santa,
I want lipsik, pupe, x box nels bos jres, ninils, Krismi-nat, A wii, nat.
Love, Desiree James

Dear Santa,
I wot for cemes a tede and I wot for cemes a tent.
Love, Natalia Escamillo

Dear Santa,
I wot a bat, I wot a tuydog, I wot a dolhos, I wot a pol, I wot a radiotoy, I wot a crmis santa, I wot a crmis hotub. I wot a crmis elf.
Love, Anna Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox, and I want a ps2 and I want a pup and I want a black barz and I want a gun 306 and with Bzz, bzzz.
Love, TristanWilliamson

Dear Santa,
I want babetos, I was litik, I was disi, I was the moskas,
Love, Julyana Espihoza

Dear Santa,
I wer udsif cismis thag dds and digis. I y will
Love, Max Pesada

Dear Santa,
A DS.
Love, Brandon Floyd

Dear Santa,
dersitor I wutsud for cism-in. I wut a toy shors dasd.
Love, Yazmin Lopez

Dear Santa,
I will rufflwra, bisicla.
Love, Corissa Sherck

Dear Santa,
Babe dol, shirt ckoset botlwotrs, mokngs ix.
Love, Aaron Floyd

Dear Santa,
football hilmet, playstion 2, monskr trok.
Love, Levi Rollison

Dear Santa,
Makeop, Bodooy hos, toy, dol, choy kalgwants, we Boy, faroy, pig.
Love, Patti Willit

Dear Santa,
I want to crismis is a bi-ceiko in a shus in that is a nuf.
Love, Yanet Moreno

Dear Santa,
I wat a forwilr, and I wat a video and I wat a lot of moveas and I wat a mowbed and I wat my to fut teaf and I wat moonshoos.
Love, Mikella Portbury

Dear Santa,
I want a hors, a d.s. a for-wiler, a weding dres, a ring, a boyfrand.
Love, Zayna Young

Dear Santa,
I westzevev like toks . I west all I have is bady.
Love, Jose Riega

Dear Santa,
I love Santa, I wit a cat and to have a mare crimit and a gen pler gome of vesorves list.
Plev I wotezrevegakidcan-fav.
Love, Maria Lopez

Dear Santa,
I wote for christmas a pet shop, a bike, lots a mekup and a dollhaws.
Love, Kassidy Fountain

Dear Santa,
I want you to come my home to gift my prisnit to me to my brudrs and my littl bruters they will be happy they will opin thir prisnit to play with thir prisnit. I like you Santa.
Love, Sandra Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want u slipnslide, glas tee set, bike, tooweesnake, book, satukulos hat, I wotu plas-tashin, I wot too wee drum set.
Love, Trista Stapleton

Dear Santa,
I wot a d.S. I wat a bike, I wot a jeep, I wot a christmas tree, I wot a christmas presens, I wot a play home, I wot a snata presens, I wota griel xbox 366.
Love, Kimbern Thomas

Dear Santa,
I wot a cat. I wot a dog. I wot a wii, I wot a bouvr, I wot to not haf no skull.
Love Chase Auman

Dear Santa,
deisituch set doll babe, all her doll chchinset, cupcak makr, , prices hoz.
Love, Yazmin Bailey

Dear Santa,
I will like a bubelbraslis. I will like to go bake to sote caring a I will like a nintendo ds. I will like to see my ant allison. I will like a dog.
Love, Alexis Elmore

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox. I want a shot gun. I want aratow and speekers. I wat a ladtop.
Love, Thane Singletary

Dear Santa,
I wanta babbey set, a tent, a doll home, a stuf anml, a hug tunit, a santa doll, a dsi, a ds, a game for it, sum pant,
Love, Bethany Perry

Dear Santa,
I want a nandods, I wunt a dog and a cat and I wunt a pole pipes tran for 1 prsin.
Love, Brennen Dewey

Dear Santa,
I wot jumss. and Jums dick, I wot litu borbey hass, I wot borbeyes.
Love, Trinity Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I want a torey wackit and a gof set and a beybey gan.
Love, Haven Simpson

Dear Santa,
I wut a xbox, I wut a log set, I wut a trdsromur, I wut a 100 pupts.
Love, Chris Mathews

Dear Santa,
I wunt a xbox 360 and dog and skatebord and trans-formrs and rife.
Love, John Walker

Dear Santa,
Will you gift a present.
Love, Jesus Garcia

Dear Santa,
makap, jorep, babe dooy, teaset,
Love, Maka Swinson

Dear Santa,
I want a barbi, I want a dsi, I want a fowilr, I want a motersikil, I want a tinkrbell dol, I want a fan, I want a laptop, I want a hanamotana dol, I want a hana montana lunch box.
Love, Mackenzie Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a dsi, I want a wii, I want a lunch box for christ-mas.
Love, Ruben Lawson

Dear Santa,
I want a dsi, wii, cat, dog, book, ds, wizardshort tv, play stashin too, dora doll, harina matenan, red nose rendir.
Love, Harley Marsh

Dear Santa,
I wot a sofer and a d.s., a cat, a hat and a ball. Santa can you get my bayb sister a teber and santa can you get my bayb stfe a toys.
Love, Octaejah Rodgers

Dear Santa,
I want to get a orange bike for christmas an a antedodsi for christmas an a shooting game for christmas. to and a nou conpooter for Christmas. I want a gun for Christmas to I want to get a xbox 360.
Love, Zamario Thomas

Dear Santa,
Bees and deees games.
Love, Abigayle Ingram

Dear Santa,
I what to get a D.S. for Christmas and a xbox 360 and a blue bike and a wii and a game boy.
Love, Alex Morales

Dear Santa,
bras dolls, stuf adit. DS games. dres up, wii games, stuffabgue.
Love, Amandia Smith

Dear Santa,
I want aplaystation games, dsi, v pet, dog trits, it to snow, gortrdekvarshons, food, I oit to hav a grat Christmas.
Love, Trevor Bedford

Dear Santa, I want a tv, I want a lobtop, I want a robot, I want a fullweler, I want a raindeerr, I want closs, I want mix, I want a goldfish, I want a pet.
Love, Chandler Lancaster

Dear Santa,
I wunt a stuthiml, slasheee the wii, books, dos, bad dos, jeens, klok,
Love, Ariel Simmons

Dear Santa,
I wot for Christmas up toy pupe and up bolk and up toy dodr.
Love, Litzzy Escamilla

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for chrismas, I want a move of you Santa, I want a DS, I want a holt of Yog.
Love, Alice Georg

Dear Santa,
I wat a bing, I wat a ring, I wat a toy, I wat a word, I wat a word, I want a DS, I want a wii, I wat a hat, I wat a doll, I wat a ball.
Love, Lidia Laguna

Dear Santa,
DSI, DS, PSP, wii, xbox 360.
Love, Shawn Gutton

Dear Santa,
I want a DS and a easy bake if you do that I think I will make cookies for you Santa. I love you Santa, and a pool. Santa I forgot and a bike.
Love, Jalil Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a play stolshin I, I want a PSP, I want a blue bike. I want a poh. I want food. I want a citin. I want a hottub.
Love, John Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I wan fou crismis, A exbox three. I ut fov a hot willcheck.
Dear Santa I wut fev crismis a deeres. I wut for crismis a drtbike.
Love, Christian Rafter

Dear Santa,
I hymisub bi bhotgif, I weup yais, I wot hot gif.
Rachel Rogers

Dear Santa,
D.S., wii, lego, DSI, playstashin 2, game boy, hot wels track.
Love, Quentin Sutley

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl so I want a DS Santa. and I want barbedolls. and I want some cloes. and I want a stuf bear I been a good girl so I want a play hose. I love you Santa. I want a big car and I want a sweeng set and I want to go see you santa.
Love,

Dear Santa,
I hav bin god, dog clows, dog stuf, sadi, fone, dog lolo, hrahis, scots, gatropsetr, dog bed, dog lesh.
Love, Alisha Snider

I wish for a DSI. I wish fr a little Sb pashon DS game, I wsh fr a grding mama. I wish for a waking mama 2. I wish for waking mama. I wish for waking mama3. I wish for a well.
Love, Hailey Frasier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl san-ta. I want a wii, moon sand and evrytheng. I will be glad ween you come and give me my present. I hope you can come to my house.
Love, Markessra Pollocks

Dear Santa,
I have ben good. I want a camra for crismis. crismis is mi fravrit tim of the yer. I am 7. wat is your fravrit time of the yer. crismis is aboet presins, god, and famle. It is gods birthday. November is mi brthday win is yor brth-day. Santa is the mane port of crismis. Jegl Bel Jegle Bel Jegl al the way. Mere crismis. We wosh you a mere cresmis.
Love, Katie Newbern.

Dear Santa,
I bin so good. I want a rilee, want to see ruboff.
Lov, Marie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a DSI, I want a pup-py. I want a tv, I want a baku-gan, I want a amp-3 player, I want a game for my DSI, George or Marie and sonix. I want a nuther game for my DSI game of racing car game. I want a nut cracr, I want a wii, I want a xbox3-66, I want a bed for my dog.
Love, Emmanuel Tovar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I wot a toy car. I wot a toy race track. I wot a toy nut-cracr, I wot a toy raneder, I wot a xbox threee sixtee, I wot a dog for a pet. I wot a dsi.
Love, Austin Bennett

Dear Santa,
I a good boy. I want lego game, I want legos, I want a rel fowilr. Stowrs aknfigrs.
Love, Riley Massey

Dear Santa,
I have ben gud gril. I want telfon, tlermontene gtr tlerm or tenemiconn the rs, hen-montene cros, I wont tv, hen-montene skatbood, fowillir.
Love, Daniella Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have bin good. I want for christmas is a xbox game. and a DS game.
Love, Colin Bash

Dear Santa,
I bn a good boy. I want dsi, I want a bike, I want a bed for my pyoy, ds games. I want a xbox 360.
Love, Gabe Hancock

Dear Santa,
I love u. I want theeador.
Love, Richard Hannah

Dear Santa,
I have bend good I want Alvin and the chikmukus.
Love, Justin Ducksworth

I have bin gud boy. A miami foot ball, a miami base ball. a stuf bags, a skaatebord, a xbox 360 games, a basket-ball, a rifel.
Love, Zackary Muncy

Dear Santa,
I have bin good. I what a bike. I what a hischool mukol moove and a mare christmas.
Love, Christa Hayes

Dear Santa,
I have bin good. I wot a xbox, I wot a psp, I want a playstalnin games.
Love, Billy Frye

Dear Santa,
I have ben god. I want a fon. I want a ipod. I want a hars. hapee crismis.
Love, Quincey Topkins

Dear Santa,
I have ben a god grille. I want a skatbord and a dSI and a stare. I want a inpee 3.
Love, Shukerra Reid

Dear Santa,
I bin a bad boy. I want a wii, gams and I want a wpspa nd I want a motasiol and I want a scutbond and a pliscan and a pa want nanchs
Love, Jonathan

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Lafayette Elementary 2nd Grade

(Letters were typed as received, no corrections were made.)

Dear Santa, I can't wait to see all the presents, under the Christmas tree! Santa I hope I get legos and more Nerf guns and the Deigo backpack. Love, Caleb Evans

Dear Santa, How is my elf doing, is he doing. How is the reindeer. How is roodoff doing and old sank nick and cupid and prancer and donered and dasher. have I been good. how is mIssis Claus. and my elf was on the shelf off my kichen. does he tell you were his is going? to be the next morning. My list: Phone one that you text with your thumbs and sipdes out. pandora bracelet, more baugunnes, and a gator cover that comes with it. Christmas earings. Webcin, Dog. PS do not forget to eat your milk and cookies., Nivees. Love, Katie Grace Sadler

Dear Santa, how is yor reindeer. has yor elves den werking al yeer. wat cine of cookes do you like. hav I den good this yeer. has my druther de good. I want a go cart. I want a toy, I want a gaser, I want a dood. Love, Ty Jackson

Dear Santa, How are you. can i ask you some quishtins. ok does elfs come in our house and pupar for your arivle? how old is rudolf? have I ben good? Is the reindeer ok? ok that's it. This is that I want for chrismus. I want a ipod. I also want all the spy stuff. and a good life. And all the nerf stuff. Love, Gage Sullivan

Dear Santa, I want a slingshot and lots of bocugons and a rodot for crismus. Love, Wyatt Russell

Dear Santa, how are you. How is rudolf boing. How is elf doing. How is saint nicholas doing. Have a nice christmas. I want bike. Love, Angelina Arreguin

Dear Santa, how are you. How are your elfs. How are your reindeer. Do you got any new presents your elves making. So santa have anyone been noty. Santa have I been noty. Santa what kind of cookies do you like. Santa I would like a Hannah Montana suet. And a little bank to keep my money. And a suetcase. And a play reindeer. Please. Love, Shelby R. Walker

Dear Santa, What are your favrite cookies? And how are the elves doing at the workshop? how do you make all those toy's at the workshop? And I think I have been notey this Christmas year I hope you forgive me please I am so sorry. And all I want for Crismus is dsi and a hourse and a quiter and satel and hay. Love, Haley Muffay

Dear Santa, do you really have elfs. how big or small are your elfs. how old are you. how old is your biggest elfs. How old is your smallest elf. I want a Psp and a DS and a xbox and a gator poster and a play stashin and a magil eight ball and a mockckroll truck. Love, Kobe O'Steen

Dear Santa, How is your reindeer doing. What is your favorite milk? How is your workshop going? How is rudolf doing? What I want for Christmas is a laptop and a some play station 2 games and a Seminole football helmet and jersey. Love, Ben Swain

Dear Santa, How are you doing today Santa? How old are you Santa? When is your birthday Santa? Have I been good Santa? I wtot for christmas is a lap top but blue and black berry phone and soccer ball and a barbie. Love, Angie Paz

Dear Santa, how is your elfrs, how is Rudolf, I want to see you. wot cooky you like. I want a Desi. Love, Cristan Martinez

Dear Santa, how is Mes Clos and comet, daser, preser, rudolf, and how are the elves. have I dad this year. how are you. Love, Mark Crum

Dear Santa, I want to ask you sum question how is rudolf the red nose reindeer. what are your favorite cookies. Are the elves working relly hard this year. how are the other reindeer doing. The only things I want for christmas a real puppy and live with my grandma forever. Love, Kaili Dewey

Dear Santa, how are your elves doing and how whold you like for me to leave you soem cookies and how is Mrs. Clals doing and some milk to drink while you are eating your cookies. and I wach you moves all the time when it comes on tv. and how are your reindeer doing I bet theya re doing well. and I would lik if

you calud bring me some presents like a babby doll and a stroller to go with the babby boll a big babby and a mincher stroller and a little care whith a moter ok pleas. Love, Tori Vazauze

Dear Santa, Dear Saint Nick, How is Mrs. Clause use doing? Have I been good this year? How is yor reindeer? Did the elves make different gifts this year? I want some DS games diamond ring, a gitar. Love, Haley Smith

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clas. And the elves doing. Is rudolf real yes or no. Can you see Jesus? I want now gam for my gameboy conlar. Love, Anthony

Dear Santa, How is your elf? How is mrs Santa. Santa what kind of cookies do you like. have I been nice. Santa I want a lego tow truck. I want a lot of legos for christmas and I want 5 glass tractor cups. Love, Hunter Winburn

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing? Are you fine? Can't you wait till Christmas? I am not naughty right? don't forgit to eat cookies and milk. Love, Michael Linehaw

Dear Santa, How are you? How is rudolf? am I on the naughty list or not? How are the elfs? I want wii games. Love, Parker Lawson

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing now. how is Rudolf? How's Miss Clas doing. Have I ben naughty. How are you doing. What is yor favite cookies and milk. Love, Jenna Nall

Dear Santa, How are you today, win will you come to my hose, are your elves working right now, have I ben nice or noty, I want a rachit and clank game, and a movie about you, and a play staison 3, and psp games, and to see a elf. Love, Austyn Lee

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing in the northpole? are your reindeer doing ok? Are your elves following directions? Is it cold up there? What kind of cookies do yo like the best? Do yo like soy milk? Who is your favorite lead reindeer? Do you have any girl reindeer? Love, Tristyn Kyler Christianson Johnson

Dear Santa, How is rudolf? Who is your faveret elf? How are the elves eneyway? How are you santa? Santa tell the elves I sed hay.

Dear Santa, How are your elfs doing. What are your favorite cookies? Who has been good? Dear Santa I want a new bike. How is Mr. Santa? Are your reindeerd being good. Is it cold where you live? Love, Daisy Posada

Dear Santa, I always wanted seven things. One thing is Marco and Son. At the olympic winter games. And a wii, and a game cube with the new spongebob game. and I wanted a psp, and a play stasho 3 and I wanted a bebe gun and a forwiller, and a xbox 360. Love, Darius Jones

Dear Santa, I always wanted five things. One thing is Marie and Sonic at the olymic winter games. And a wii. And Sixty four. And xbox and a play station 2. Love, Wyatt Jonathan Liles

Dear Santa, I would like to get a picture of your reindeer and you together. If you find a note on the table by your cookies can you read it please because it will say give 1 cookie to each of your reindeer and eat the last 2. Love, Alexis Koch

Dear Santa, I really love you. This year I will bake you some cookies. And I want a DSI, my one and only laptop, my forwiller. And a great Christmas especially for my dad to come. A blakberry to. Love, Sofia Zaniga

Dear Santa, I mite get you chocklite chip cookes or penit buter cookes I do not hol but I will ask my mom. Can I pleas have a esy bakeoven, and ahores and a nalemusen and a puppy and a good mary chrismus and your tace care. Love, Harley Primm

Dear Santa, How is Miss Clalls doing she gots to give you food for yoru long trip but I want a will for Christmas. Love, Elian Flores

Dear Santa, I hope you will like the shuger cookie that I am backing for you.

And I hope your raindeer can mack it and I hope you tel Mrs. Claus that her cookies were good tell those raindeer that they shold have red nose by the time they get to my house. I want a d.s. Please I want wone and I need one phone butatoch srreenn and a flip so I can tex and I moonsand playstachan lap top and thats not all I well tell you win I get to go out of town with my other family. Love, Boelgle Ferrell

Dear Santa, Is Mrs. Clases baking cokies? What kind? eater way can I tell you a cupol of thangs I want, a moter scooter, DSI, tract phone, glow dome, tv, and stuf by the way thank you for what you do. PS What kind of cokies do you like? Love, Jarrett Pearson

Dear Santa, How is Ms. Claus doing are the elfs doing good. Love, Hunter Fain

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I want a fourwiller and a DS and the pets game with it. Love, Gavin Taylor

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? I would like a wii and 3 games. Love, Jaxson Beach

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? Are you chubby yet? Has Mrs. Claus made any cookies? How is Rudolph? I bet he's doing good! And how is cleaease is he good? The only thing I want is to met Rudolph in person. Love, Abby Fredriksson

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a new pair of earings and a D.S. and Mp3. How are you and Mrs. Clause. am I on the nice list. I would also like some colored pencils. And I would like the book Tales of a fourth Grade Nothing. Love, Savannah Lents

Dear Santa, I have been trying my hardest to be good and why I told you that because I want you to eat our cookies that we cook you. What I always wanted is a metal lightsaber that is Lukes and a R2d2 Robot and a heavy rifle that you can put together and a hansolo blaster and Santa I hope you come and please let me have what I want and I hope you enjoy our cookies. Love, Joseph Perry

Dear Santa, I rely like the elf that you gave me. It's doing relly well. I want some justice Clases and some toys and a pink ipod with miley cirus and blackeyed peas and Disney caritons music how are your reindeer doing. Your friend, Love, Audrey Jackson

Dear Santa, I have ben a verry good girl this year. Bring me lots of presets to me and my cat. Love, Skyler

Dear Santa, I have been good this year I've done my best this year. I will have some shugar cookies and milk wating for you by the fireplace. I want a bike, barbie house, liv barbie, ipod, cmputer, cephone, password, senel, Bildabear. Love, Brianna Lentz

Dear Santa, I'll try to make cookies. Thank you for eating my cookies all them othe years. Please leave an ipod in my stoking and can you bring me a DS for christmas and a wii. Christmas is a fun holiday. Love, Hannah Murray

Dear Santa, I have been a good kid this year. I want a guitar. And a DS game. i want a bke without tranning weels. I will put out cookies. And remember last year. You left a mess. How is Mrs. Clause is she doing good. How is your reindeer? Love, Aleks Sullivan

Dear Santa, I want fourwheeler. I have been good I will put corn out for your reindeer is Mrs. Clause baking cookies this year. I sure like them I want a eletrit scooter. Love, Dylan Mock

Dear Santa, Leave me a picture of you and your reindeer. I want a zoozopets and a wii, and a spongebob movies for my littl sister and a disine kit. and a spongebob teaset. Love, Kenzie Pearson

Dear Santa, I have been good my papa moris has been bad. Please leave him cole. What cookies? Love, Dawson

Dear Santa, I have wanted star wars rebulic heroes for Christmas and bottle of the giants diagon and you've heard the rest of what I wanted. Love, Blake

Dear Santa, I'll try to make you cookies, thank you for eating my cookies all them other years, please leave me presents and this is what I want, the main thing I want for christmas is a DS. and fossil fighters, the other stuff I want

but don't don't need is a 5 , 5 Rubix cube and a sock puppet. Love, Adam Perry

Dear Santa, I hope your raindeer are doing good. What I want for christmas is a wii, and more games for my DS, and a air pain tattes and 1 or 2 games for the wii. If I get a bar from bildabar workshop the bar that has peacesines on it. Love, Richelle McDonald

Dear Santa, I have ben a good boy for you santa. Can you bring me some raw toys. How is your rain deer? Love, Trenton

Dear Santa, I have ben a good and I have some cookes for you and a glas of milk for you and this is wath I want. I want a xbox 3 and a basset ball cort. Love, Ryan Thompson

Dear Santa, I have a brother, a mom and a dad, 3 pets. I am goin to get a dog and it is goin to be a bulldog. I did have a dog but it got lost and man I can't find it my cat about got lost. Love, Matthew

Dear Santa, I want for Chritmas is a pet cat and a forweler and some cloth and a DS and a labtop. Love, Johnny

Dear Santa, I have a present for you and I have some cokies for you and your present will be besie the cokies. I hope you will give me spongebob thruth of square DS game thank you santa. Santa I will give you some hay for your reindeer. Love, Brian Posada

Dear Santa, I have a sister and a dog my dad wants a play toy and my sister wants a barby doll. I want 50 dollars for Christmas okay and that is all for Chistmas ok.

Dear Santa, I have a lot of stuff but I thruw it aay so pleas bring me some presents.

I want a soccer ball for ch. I want a basketball hoop for ch. I want a dirt bike for ch. I want a xbox 360 for ch. I want a starwars wii game for ch. I want legos for ch. I ant a kitten for ch. I want a computer for ch. I want a dog for ch. I want a psp for ch. I want a motersikle. I want a snake for ch. I want a alagator for ch. Love, Brian Walker

Dear Santa, How are your reendeer doing. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you diliver the presents to the good little girls and boys. I ant a D, Xbox, psp, playstation 2, netendo, wii, herf, movieies, games, ribixcube. Love, Brandon Mathews

Dear Santa, you now what do I want for christmas a lot of presents. Please santa I will put a christmas tree at home because my brothe wants some to I will put some milk and cookies on a plate I will put them on the floor thank you santa can you give me some pets because can you give me a dog a cat we love you santa. Love, Leslie

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is fowiler and a cat and a gater shirt and some shose and a D.S. and a ipod and a mp3 and a picter fran and competer and a lap top. Love, Giselle Ramirez

Dear Santa, I have a present and I am going to love you. I want for Christmas Hannah Montana doll. I have some hay for your raindeer. Love, Ariana Hernandez

Dear Santa, I have ben very good. I will back you some cookies. and I will put some corn on the ground for the reindeer. All I want for Christmas is for my mom to have a good chrimas. Love, Pierce Lawson

Dear Santa, I have lot and lot and lot to say. I will lik a DS house and PSP andn will I pit Ezey Bake and car and pop. Love, Giovannie Keels

Dear Santa, I wonder if Mrs. Clas is still making cookies and santa can you dring me what I want please Santa please. Santa I want to know what your rainbeers names are and a phot of you and miss clas to and other things to santa. Love, Madison Leigh

Dear Santa, I have ben good this year and this is what I want for christmas I want a bike and a bouncy ball and a new car and a new pincl and a big bag of candy with 900 pies of candy and 700 hats and do whatevre I want. Love, Tonio

Dear Santa, I have been good this year how are you doing and Mrs. Clause and the hard working Eleaves and the Raindeers. I hope your doing good on my list. I want a Miley Gyraus SD, and a play kit makeup sit and a Gabalia Barbe, and a Hanah Motana Barbe and a doll house. And new clothes. Love, Destiny Ann Sullivan

Dear Santa, I have ben good I will sat som milke out and cookis. I will sat a resin tand my plastasin 2 out. Love, Will Schreck

Dear Santa, I woth a baby doll. and a hores toy, and relly honydog, and a really fost and a horse thrall, and some clos ad a play chicin, and a play caws. Love, Hannah Jackson

I have been good this year. I like a doll of Hannah Montana and I like a little house and a doll of a horse and close and mittens. Love, Maria Silva

Dear Santa, I have a long list for you. I am going to bak you sum cukes and I will set out sum milk for you. I want a DS. Iwant a makup kaes for Christmas. I want a pixhur of your raen deer and a picr of you hous. My dog wans a dog bon for Christmas I want a lot of candey. Love, Jemary

Dear Santa, I have been nice I think I will be nice if I have been mean. I hope I been nice. I want a DS for christmas and a par of hi hills. Also so a bran new bike. But most of all will like you to visit her. The last thing I want is a some candy in my stocking. Love, Rachel Summerall

Dear Santa, how is miss close. I am tring to be good this year and how are you santa. how are your raindeer and how are yoru elfs. I am just wondering how your gis are doing well all I want this year is for you to let me see you that's all I whant for chrimas. Love, Katlyn Quar

Dear Santa, how is miss close I am tring to be good on this year and how are you santa how are your rain deer your gis are doing will all I want and this year is a DS Hana matoto a merey crismus to yo santa. Love, Sandra Reyes

Dear Santa, I tried my best to be good this year and I left you some cookies and milk and some corn for the reindeers on the table also I want a DS I and a pony for me and my sisters and my mom. Love, Gemini T.

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good but sometimes I have mystut. pleas bring me roler skates and a DS2 and a ripstike a PS game boy and a nightison 2 pont football a new skatedord. Love, Robert Thornton

Dear Santa, Pleas ken you bring a trex dryms ads athingk your good. LoveAdran

Dear Santa, I tried my best to be good this year and I left you some cookies on the table and milk on the table and some corn for the raindeers on the table also. Love, Lila F.

Dear Santa, I have trin to be good but it is hard to be good. Love, Chad Warren

Dear Santa, I triy my beast to wit and can you help my bruthr boais he a brokin pies. a good nilboy and a priet. Love, Selena Marsh

Dear Santa, I going to chrie cookie for you chrie good disyear. I wat chrismus dis year is heatedo DS game and playstayshin 3 and a bacoogh and a new car for my dad. And nitedo DS for my stier Jessica and a weding reg for my mom and a good meree chrimis. Love, Joshua Martinez

Dear Santa, I tired to be good and I want a xbox 360 the game haylow and I want a wii and I want a gamecube and I wont def. Jim for gamecube. Love, Marquay Watkins

Dear Santa, I have cookies for you santa and milk to go with it and I have a list for you so you now what I want allright. here it goes I want a little vet shop and nindo DS and one of those little cab that is a lion cub toy that sleep with yu in the night. ad Pupy in my pocket and the bag that swim with you. Love, Alex Davis

Dear Santa, I have cookies wating for you and I have cirets for the rainbear. I what a birtbike for chrismus. I what sum barkiesgons for chrismus. I what a ipod for chrismus. I what sum close for chrismus. Love, Chase Neal

Dear Santa, I have ben good bid year. And I want a DSI and a xbox 360 and a woch and closse and a fall willer and a wii. Love, Christian Negrete

Dear Santa, I have bine good this year and I will like a plastshin2 and a Baglogon and a foreweller and a happy new yeare. Love, Kyle Willix

Dear Santa, I have tried doing my work at home and at scoll, just so I can get my favret presents and I tried to be good for crismus becuse I whant to see my grampall Tim. Love, Garit Yauan

Dear Santa, how are you and Mrs. Claus I have cookies and mil by the fire place. I would like to have fore chrismus is a reel phone and luick jame. Love, Marissa Groff

Dear Santa, I tried to be good this yer. I want a decause. I want a lunch box. Love, Celeeny Wood

Dear Santa, I tried to be nice but I always get mad because peope ben calling me names but I don't want to tell on them because I might get in trouble to. Santa I want a DSI and a p.s. Love, Daisy Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a hanamontana gator and mustang and a good chrismus. Love, April Stalvey

Dear Santa, I am going to give you some cookies and the raindeer soem corn to eat and I have ben a good boy. I have not ben a bad boy. I will tell you want for chrimas i really want for chrismus is a dog and a cat. Love, Hunter Herron

Dear Santa, I my leve cookies for you and plea give some pieries to me and my brother zackary in I try to be very good this year I try to not heat my brother caz he ties me and give ma a will for Christmas. Love, Valarie Caroline Swords

Dear Santa, I will have you milk on the table and cookies on that table. I will have you a present on the table. I just want a good chrismus. Love, Haden Herron

Dear Santa, I tried to be be good this year and I got cookies that is siting on the little table and i got milk for you santa and i want for chrismus is a stuffing dog. Love Stacy Ramirez

Dear Santa, I've tried to be good this year all I want this year is Barbie ouse set, a jones brothers jacket. Love, Naomi Gilbert

Dear Santa, I try to be good this year. and I was thinking how Mrs. Santa Claws has making cooking. I made cookie for you and corn for the reindeer. you know want for christmas is the best chrismus ever. Love, Jacky Ramirez

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Ramblings from the past



O.A. Winburn

I rambled over to Cooks Hammock on Saturday, November 28, 2009 as an invited guest to the annual Cooks Hammock Settlers Thanksgiving Day Celebration and dinner. The event was held at Cooks Hammock Community Center which is a private facility that has been constructed there on the Elbert Pearson estate by the "Pearson" girls. Of course it is not really a community center as such, and was not constructed with huge crowds in mind as you would expect at the other community centers around the county but it is quite adequate for the few dozens of folks that can be expected at this annual event. But the size does not minimize the elegance and charm of this edifice and it is complete with kitchen and dining area. The walls are adorned with various memorabilia as relates to the area including pictures of some of the early settlers of the area.

Also displayed was an old advertisement for the Winburn Hardware and Furniture Co. This was a metal sign, the likes of which were seen over a wide swath around North Florida in a bygone era. Mr. Dutton Perry, an employee of that business establishment may have been responsible for those signs which were found by the daughters of Elbert Pearson when rummaging through a storage shed. Mr. Perry was Elbert's step-father-in-law and Elbert had probably been commissioned to nail signs on the fences along SR 51 and had a couple left over. I was given two of them by Eileen Reaves and brought them home as relics.

In previous articles, I

have mentioned Cooks Hammock and some of the folks that were living there during my early years. Some may recall the tale about "Bud Cannon" the gent who would trade his burnt out rifle in at the Winburn Hardware Store after extensive use had left the barrel void of the rifling or about the many hunting trips that began there at the home of Lewin Jones in the early morning hours or possibly about the episode of when I hit the hog there in front of Elbert Pearson's home.

Those old folks that I knew and wrote about are all gone now, replaced with the next generation of Cooks Hammockers who have done quite a make over as to the improvements and general appearance of this venerable community which was once a center of commerce for the area and home to Fort Barker during the Seminole wars. It was also noted for the large cotton plantations found around there.

I was given a tour of areas around there that I previously had no knowledge of their existence. The Hankins cemetery was one such place and there are six or seven graves there as indicated by unnamed markers. The site is well maintained by these newcomers and there is a rustic cypress fence around the perimeter. The cemetery is located on the original homestead property of Jeff Painter who settled there circa 1845. Those buried there are believed to be children of Jeff Painter and his wife.

Records made available to me at that time included a picture of Mr. Painter and his sons, along with an Indian Agent. Mr. Painter later married, Kisiah (Nee Townsend), Winburn, widow of Nicholas Winburn. Nick was the youngest of the six Winburn boys out of a family of seven boys that lost their lives while fighting for the Confederacy. Jeff and Kisiah are buried there in the Winburn plot at Wayfair Cemetery near Ten Mile Pond.

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It's time to string the lights, deck the halls, tie the bows – and save energy. Put energy savings at the top of your wish list for a generous gift that will keep on giving.

It's easy to ensure there's more "green" in your home than what you see on your Christmas tree.

For example, use a timer to turn off your outdoor holiday lights at bedtime. Just 10 strands of incandescent lights lit for seven hours a day can add \$30 to your monthly bill.

Before untangling last year's holiday lights, take a look at the bulbs. If you're not using light-emitting diode (LED) lights, you could be wasting energy and money. LED lights save up to 98 percent of the energy used to power conventional bulbs.

The Electric Power Research Institute indicates the average electricity cost to light a holiday tree with LEDs is 13 to 17 cents per holiday season, compared to \$6 to \$10 dollars for incandescent lights. Those who put up large outdoor displays can realize even bigger savings. If you are considering new lights, look into LEDs. Although they cost more upfront, LED lights last longer than incan-

descents while delivering significant energy savings.

In fact, the Institute estimates that, if seasonal mini-lights nationwide were replaced with energy-efficient LEDs, carbon emissions could be reduced by as much as 400,000 tons per year and electricity cost saving would exceed \$250,000,000. That's a lot of holiday gift-buying dough.

Speaking of dough, there's no need to make your baking last all season. An oven costs 33 cents an hour to operate. Save time and money by baking your holiday goodies together.

If you're reheating yesterday's treats, opt for the toaster oven or microwave. A toaster oven costs just 7 cents per hour to operate, allowing you to truly savor the savings.

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Long after the gifts are unwrapped, the guests are gone and the lights are stored for another year, you'll be glad that you took the time to save energy this holiday season.

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Innocent Spouse Tax Relief continued.....

by: Dan G. Hazel, a Virginia CPA

Erroneous Items: Unreported income is any gross income item received by your spouse (or former spouse) that is not reported. Incorrect deduction, credit, or basis, is any improper deduction, credit, or property basis claimed by your spouse (or former spouse). Examples are: The expense for which the deduction is taken was never paid or incurred, the expense does not qualify as a deductible expense and no factual argument can be made to support the deductibility of the expense.

Actual Knowledge or Reason to Know: You knew or had reason to know of an understatement if you actually knew of the understatement, or a reasonable person in similar circumstances would have known of the understatement. The IRS will consider all facts and circumstances in determining whether you had reason to know of an understatement of tax due to an erroneous item.

The Facts and Circumstances Include: The nature of the erroneous item and the amount of the erroneous item relative to other items. The financial situation of you and your spouse (or former spouse). Your educational background and business experience. The extent of your participation in the activity that resulted in the erroneous item. Whether you failed to ask, at or before the time the return was signed, about items on

the return or omitted from the return that a reasonable person would question. Whether the erroneous item represented a departure from a recurring pattern reflected in prior years' returns (for example, omitted income from an investment regularly reported on prior years' returns).

You may qualify for partial relief if, at the time you filed your return, you had no knowledge or reason to know of only a portion of an erroneous item. You will be relieved of the understatement due to that portion of the item if all other requirements are met for that portion.

Indications of Unfairness for Innocent Spouse Relief: The IRS will consider all of the facts and circumstances of the case in order to determine whether it is unfair to hold you responsible for the understatement. The

following are examples of factors the IRS will consider: whether you received a significant benefit either directly or indirectly, from the understatement, whether your spouse (or former spouse) deserted you, whether you and your spouse have been divorced or separated and whether you received a benefit on the return from the understatement.

Significant Benefit: Significant benefit is any benefit in excess of normal support. Normal support depends on your particular circumstances. Evidence of a direct or indirect benefit may consist of transfers of property or rights to property, including transfers that may be received several years after the year of the understatement.

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Mayo Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2009-183-CA

BETHEL OF MT. SINAI HOLY CHURCH OF MAYO, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

W. LEE, W. A. DIX, AND B. BASS, DISTRICT TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN UNITY OF MAYO, FLORIDA, AKA TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IN UNITY OF MAYO, FLORIDA, ALL ITS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, W. LEE, W. A. DIX, AND B. BASS, AS TRUSTEES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM AS TRUSTEES; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: W. LEE, W. A. DIX, AND B. BASS, DISTRICT TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN UNITY OF MAYO, FLORIDA, AKA TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IN UNITY OF MAYO, FLORIDA, ALL ITS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, W. LEE, W. A. DIX, AND B. BASS, AS TRUSTEES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM AS TRUSTEES; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced for Complaint to Quiet Title on the following real property, lying and being situated in Lafayette County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Southeast Corner of Block Number Ninety-nine (Blk. #99) of Mayo Heights and running West 100 feet; North 140 feet, East 100 feet and back to point of beginning, being in Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 11 East, lying and being situated in Lafayette County, Florida. Parcel No.: 13-05-11-0012-0990-00010.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it to Leenette W. McMillan, Attorney at Law, whose address is Post Office Box 1388, 152 West Main Street, Suite C, Mayo, Florida 32066, on or before thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is Post Office Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066, either on or before January 11, 2010, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This Notice shall be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the MAYO FREE PRESS.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Court on this 25th day of November, 2009.

RICKY LYONS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Hannah Owens As Deputy

Clerk LEENETTE W. MCMILLAN Florida Bar No.: 0075779 Post Office Box 1388 Mayo, Florida 32066 (386) 294-1688 Attorney for Plaintiff 12/10, 17, 24, 31

The Florida Literacy Coalition Warns Against GED Scams

For today's 34 to 38 million adults in the US who never graduated from high school, passing the GED test is a pass key to both career and educational opportunities. That's because approximately 95 percent of employers and even more US colleges and universities accept the GED. Many websites offer fraudulent High School Diplomas and GED Credentials for exuberant prices, some exceeding \$300.

Don't be taken in by such scams. It is important to know that one must test at an Official GED Testing Center, typically located at local schools or community colleges. Yet people are still spending hundreds of dollars on fast and easy programs that claim to provide a GED or high school diploma online. The reality is there is nothing fast or easy about the GED Exam. Developed by the GED Testing Service (GEDTS), it requires extensive preparation and it gauges comprehension of the standard high school curriculum.

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Here are a few facts to keep in mind:

* Any services that claim to offer a GED credential through any means other than through a GEDTS approved Official GED Testing Center is not legitimate.

* GED is a proctored test and is never available to be taken on-line. A list of Official GED Testing Centers in Florida can be found on the Florida Literacy Coalition website, www.floridaliteracy.org.

* The services offered by these "diploma sites" are often costly, some exceeding \$300. The Official GED Exam is offered for a cost that does not exceed \$70.

* Beware of fake accreditation and websites that offer diplomas based on life and work experience.

* The so called diplomas offered by these sites are often not accepted by employers, colleges, universities or the military.

The efforts in creating awareness of GED scams have become great in recent years.

Internet access has grown by 138% in the United States since 2000, and with that growth, comes the opportunity for such scams.

Giving people correct information about where they can get a GED is the best way to reduce the amount of people being robbed of their money, and an opportunity to pursue an education. There are also free or low cost GED instructional programs available in every county in Florida. For more information you can go online to www.floridaliteracy.org and click on the "Get Your GED" Section. You can also contact the referral hotline at 1-800-237-5113. The Florida Department of Education's GED site can be found at www.fl-doe.org and you can contact the GED Testing Office toll free at 1-877-352-

433.

About the Florida Literacy Coalition

Established in 1985, The Florida Literacy Coalition (FLC) promotes, supports and advocates for the effective delivery of quality adult and family literacy services in the state of Florida. As a statewide umbrella literacy organization and the host of Florida's State Literacy Resource Center, FLC provides a range of services to support more than 300 adult education, literacy and family literacy providers throughout Florida. Special emphasis is placed on assisting community based literacy organizations with their training and program development needs.

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Visit us online at www.FloridaStateParks.org/StephenFoster.

Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department

The Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department will be taking orders for whole smoked Boston Butts (8-10 pounds each) to be picked up at the fire station on Christmas Eve between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The cost will be \$20 per Boston Butt. Orders can be placed no later than December 21, 2009 at 12 noon. All firefighters will be taking orders and phone orders can be placed to either Chief Billy Robinson at (386) 209-2134, W.C. Hart at (386) 208-5091, or Leta Hawkins at (386) 294-1697 or (386) 854-5631.

All orders must be paid for in advance. In addition, we will also be taking orders for cakes and pies to be picked up at the same time at the fire station. We will have some cakes and pies available without an order being placed but these will be limited.

Specialty cakes such as carrot cakes, Italian cream cakes, cream cheese pound cakes, brown sugar pound cakes, and thin layer chocolate cakes will be by order only and orders must also be placed by noon on December 21, 2009. Pies will include pumpkin,

pecan, apple, and sweet potato. If you or someone in your family are diabetic please call us with these orders and we will be happy to accommodate on these orders.

Specialty cakes will be \$30 and all other cakes will be \$25. all pies will be \$10. These orders can be placed to either Leta Hawkins or Bobbie Rives (386) 294-2477.

All monies raised will be used for equipment, continued training, and safety gear for our firefighters.

The Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department would once again like to thank everyone who has so graciously contributed to our department by either a monetary donation or by baking a cake or pie for our bake sales. Your generosity is appreciated more than we could every express because without you there would not be US. On behalf of the Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department we would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season.

Chief William Robinson Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department

AAA auto club south urges consumers to shop around for airlines

With few exceptions, air travel for most American leisure travelers has become a frustrating and often unpleasant experience. What was once a highly preferred and enjoyable way to travel has become time-consuming, stressful and expensive. And now...just in time for the holidays...it's about to get more expensive on some carriers.

In addition to the myriad fees already tacked on for things that used to be free, some airlines are adding on yet another "surcharge" for peak travel dates. The surcharges for holidays and heavy travel days began the day that many were returning from their Thanksgiving holiday and continue as late as Memorial Day. Most surcharges are in the \$20 to \$30 range but if you're flying on February 8...the

day after the Super Bowl...there is a \$50 surcharge.

"Enough is enough!" said Tom O'Brien, CEO, AAA Auto Club South. "Consumers must recognize they have choices when it comes to air carriers, and that a pricier ticket and extra fees don't always translate to better service or arriving on time."

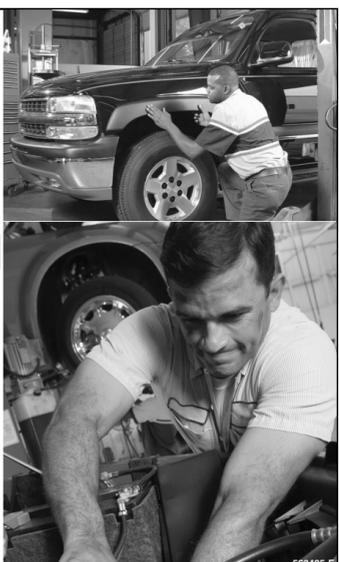
As a strong proponent of airline passenger rights, AAA Auto Club South encourages consumers to be as informed about air travel as possible and provides a comprehensive, up-to-date source of information on airline service and fees at www.AAA.com/airfares.

"We're looking for the best value and service for our customers and that means on-time arrivals, clear and timely communication with passengers, airfares that have transparency, and most importantly, respect for air travelers," said O'Brien. "Our travel agents will look first and foremost at flight options that meet these criteria, even if that means avoiding some of the legacy carriers or recommending an alternative airport."

AAA Auto Club South, with 4.1 million members in Florida, Georgia, Middle and Western Tennessee and Puerto Rico, operates the largest leisure travel agency in the Southeast United States and works to protect and advance freedom of mobility and improve travel safety.

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LCVFD gets combat flag

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Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department (shirts and caps), formerly from Mayo, son of Leta Hawkins of Mayo who works for Lafayette County Rescue part-time and is head of the support staff for the Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department.

Michael is currently on a year's tour in Afghanistan and has been in Iraq on three separate tours. Michael, stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., is a former member of the National Guard and now an engineer for a private contractor assigned to Ft. Bragg.



The Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department and Lafayette County Rescue will proudly display this flag at the fire department and would like to thank these brave men and women for the sacrifice they make 24/7 to protect

the United States of America, YOU, our citizens. We would also like to thank Donnie Hamlin for being so kind as to donate the flag stand for this flag to be placed in. God bless all of our men and women of the armed ser-

vices and we pray for their safe return to their family and friends. Wishing them all a happy and safe holiday season.

- Chief William Robinson
Lafayette County
Volunteer Fire
Department

Mayo company pitches in

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The Wagstaffs started

Studio Percussion, Inc. in 2002 as a non-profit music school and arts

center. Specializing in the use of drums and percussion, The Wagstaffs' use music to encourage and inspire students towards community involvement and leadership development.

Moreover, the couple was operating the organization out of their home, in the same space where two of their young children, Dallas, 5, and Larissa Jolene, 4, sleep. According to a press release, the studio currently serves around 200 people, half of which receive either financial aid or a full scholarship.

When Fred and Wayne Hamlin, owners of Mayo Truss, heard that Extreme Makeover planned to help a family so devoted to their community, they instantly decided to get involved. The lumber was donated by 84 Lumber of Gainesville. Mitech donated the plates to build the trusses, and Chad Little, a resident of Mayo and em-

ployee of Mayo Truss, went to work designing the trusses especially for the home.

Their devotion to their family, their school, and their community left little time and resources to tend to their home, which was in dire need of repair. The floors and rooftops were rotting away and the electrical system throughout the house was faulty.

That was before the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition team tore down the old home and built a completely new one in its place.

"Our business feels we have been blessed during a tough economic time. We saw this project as an opportunity to give back," said Wayne Hamlin. "The entire Mayo Truss team feels grateful to have had the opportunity to help in building a safe and functional home that will allow the Wagstaffs to continue to support the arts."

Lafayette High FBLA

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This year alone, Children's Miracle Network hospitals will provide charity care worth billions, yet these children's hospitals depend on community support to help fund their vital services.

Through its continuous efforts to help kids, Children's Miracle Network has raised more than \$3.4 billion to date, most of which is donated a dollar or two at a time by caring individuals. Our FBLA Chapter is proud to be a supporter of the Children's Miracle Network and make a difference in the lives of children.

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11-29-2009
Ida Thiel
213 NE Lawrence Street
Mayo, Florida
Age - 44
Charge - Fleeing To Elude / Reckless Driving
Arresting Officer - J. Harris

12-6-2009
Ashley Atkins
530 SW Alachua Avenue
Mayo, Florida
Age - 19
Charge - Battery Domestic / Resisting Without Violence
Arresting Officer - C. Keen

11-29-2009
Billy Joe Ogburn
787 SW Cherokee Road
Mayo, Florida
Age - 33
Charge - Aggravated Battery / Aggravated Assault / Battery (Simple)
Arresting Officer - R. Cranford

12-7-2009
Tim Cintron
25350 US 19 N
Clearwater, FL 33763
Age - 40
Charge - Dui With Personal Injury / Dui With Property Damage
Arresting Officer -

12-3-2009
Daniel Whitsler
2127 SR 349
Branford, Florida
Age - 27
Charge - Dealing In Stolen Property
Arresting Officer - L. Hempstead

12-9-2009
Dalton Harper
1161 SW Deese Road
Mayo, Florida
Age - 17
Charge - Burglary Of Structure / Grand Theft
Arresting Officer - A. Ellis

12-3-2009
Marty Holtzclaw
609 SE Berman Road
Branford, Florida
Age - 25
Charge - Dealing In Stolen Property
Arresting Officer - L. Hempstead

12-10-2009
John Ezell
1132 NW Eliza Clark Road
Mayo, Florida
Age - 54
Charge - Writ Of Bodily Attachment
Arresting Officer - M. Stutts

12-3-2009
Matthew Williamson
157 Alford Road
Adel, Georgia 31620
Age - 34
Charge - Vop Burglary Of Dwelling
Arresting Officer - B. Lawson

12-13-2009
Billy Ray Marshall
3312 Jerningan Lane
Dover, Florida
Age - 39
Charge - Attempting Take Deer At Night / Poss Of Unlawful Deer
Arresting Officer - Gfc Rodney Boone

12-3-2009
Jacob Launius
326 N 12th Avenue
Murphysboro, Il.
Age - 27
Charge - Robbery / Grand Theft / Carjacking
Arresting Officer - R. Henderson

12-13-2009
James Cunningham
5469 Eureka Springs Road
Tampa, Fl
Age - 40
Charge - Attempting Take Deer At Night With Light / Poss Unlawful Deer
Arresting Officer - Gfc M. Tyre

12-4-2009
Tyler Carter
Liberty Street
Live Oak, Florida
Age - 15
Charge - Home Invasion / Robbery / Aggravated Battery

12-10-2009
Marvette L Gay
3308 E 26th Avenue
Tampa, Florida
Age - 22
Charge - Poss With Intent To Sell

12-4-2009
Dylan Beam
Sw 2nd Street
Live Oak, Florida
Age - 17
Charge - Home Invasion / Robbery / Aggravated Battery

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Consumers find smarter ways to spend during the holidays

In AAA's Second Annual Holiday Shopping survey, consumers reported that the current state of the economy will affect the way they plan to shop this holiday season. Many consumers stated they plan to shop at discount retail chains, spend less money, and use cash to purchase holiday gifts.

Eighty-one percent of survey respondents intend to shop at discount retailers this holiday season and 58 percent intend to purchase gift certificates instead of searching for unique gifts. Respondents also plan to reduce the amount of gifts they purchase overall or at least keep their gift list to the same as it was last year. This year, 77 percent of survey respondents intend to use cash, debit cards, and checks when purchasing holiday gifts versus 41 percent in 2008.

"Since so many people will be looking for opportunities to save money and get good deals, it's important to take advantage of all discounts available," said Belinda Dabrowski, managing director of partnership development, AAA Auto Club South. "In addition to looking for coupons and advertisements—make sure to look to associations you are part of as they may offer discounts this season like AAA's Show Your Card and Save program where we saved shoppers \$2.1 billion last year."

AAA's Annual Holiday Shopping Survey represents opinions obtained in the most recent AAA Consumer Pulse™ survey among a representative population of Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee consumer households. For the full survey results, please visit: http://www.aaasouth.com/survey/holiday_shopping.ppt

Show Your Card & Save Holiday Shopping Tips:

1. Take advantage of retail or online discounts and check with any clubs or associations of which you're a member to see if discounts are available.
2. When shopping online, look for special offers or dates from retailers when free shipping may be available.
3. Check store circulars for in-store sales or coupons. Note that many retailers will honor sale prices

if items were purchased the week before they went on sale.

4. Sort through junk mail since many retailers send bonus coupons and gift cards in the mail during the holidays.

5. Consider taking one retailer's circular to another retailer and ask for competitive pricing.

6. If you want to purchase an item in a store, but forgot the coupon, ask if you can bring the coupon back for the adjusted price.

Save this holiday season by using the benefits of AAA's Show Your Card & Save program at retail locations in North American and popular online retailers' like Target.com, Shoes.com, FTD.com and more. Visit AAA.com/discounts for a complete list of retailers and offers.

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Seeds from the Sower

Michael Guido

"Mom," said a boy, "I wish I was two little puppies."

"Why?" she asked.

"So I could play together," he explained. "I'm so lonely."

Everyone needs friends. Regardless of how many you have, there'll be times when you'll have one too few.

But friendship is like a checking account. If you write checks, you must make a deposit. You can't take from it more than you put into it.

So if you'd draw on the account of friendship, you must make a deposit of friendship.

The best recipe for making friends is to be one. And the Bible says, "A man who hath friends must show himself friendly."

How to prevent home fires

Home fires are serious business. In the United States, someone dies from a home fire roughly every three hours while in Canada someone is fatally injured in a residential fire roughly every 32 hours, according to statistics by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA).

Smoking and heating units are responsible for many fires, as are unattended candles. Largely, home fires are something that can be prevented. Here are some safety precautions that might prevent a fire in your home.

- Many fires break out in the kitchen. Always keep an eye on what you are cooking so that food does not ignite or splatters from the stove do not cause fires elsewhere. Keep kitchen towels or oven mitts away from the stove.
- Many people do not know that fires can start from lint trapped in dryer vents. While it's important to empty the lint trap after each load, it's equally important to check the actual vent and tubing for trapped lint. This should be done every six months to a year.

- Faulty electrical wiring is a leading cause of house fires. Have a professional electrician check the wiring in your house and replace any, if needed, to prevent a fire. Also, do not overload outlets. This is something often done during the holidays when lights and decorations are plugged into extension cords.

- Keep drapes and other fabrics away from radiators, baseboard or electric heaters. Do not leave electric heaters on unattended.
- Regularly clean and maintain fireplace chim-

neys. Cresosote buildup in the chimney can ignite and cause a fire.

- Do not leave candles burning overnight or when you are out of a room or the house. Candles are a large contributor to home fires. Today they make candles with real wax that have an LED light in the middle to simulate a flame. These can be safer if you're weary about candle use.
- Keep a fire extinguisher charged and on each floor of the home.
- Routinely check the battery life of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Develop a fire safety plan with your family, highlighting the safest exits and where to meet should a fire break out in the home.
- Do not store paints, newspapers, rags, or other chemical materials next to a home's furnace or heating system.
- Never use the kitchen stove as a source of heat.
- Replace old or faulty appliances promptly. Watch foods in toaster ovens, which are notorious for igniting greasy foods if not properly cleaned and maintained.
- Don't sit down or lie down when smoking. Standing up will usually prevent you from falling

asleep while smoking. Getting too tired? Put out the cigarette thoroughly in an ash tray. Place the ashes in the sink and dampen them, then scoop them up and place them in the trash can away from the house.

- Do not pile up lawn clippings near a building. Fermenting lawn clippings can create heat and catch on fire. Barn fires start this way from a pile of lawn clippings.
- Confine pets when you are away from home to prevent them from chewing on electrical cords.
- Lock up lighters and matches so children can't gain access to these fire starters.

There are many other precautions you can take to prevent fires. Common sense prevails in all situations. Contact your local fire house for more ideas and tips for a safety evacuation plan.

Santa Letters,
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Culinary Arts and Commercial Foods Program

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Christmas Eve Service

New Beginnings Church of Mayo invites you to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus on Thursday, December 24. The service will begin at 9 p.m. and include special music, a message entitled "What will you find at Christmas" and fellowship afterwards.

We are located at 163 W. Main Street in downtown Mayo. For more information call 294-1244 or visit our website at www.newbeginningschurchmayo.com.

And you won't have to shell out a dime. Specialized phones are available free to Floridians with hearing loss or speech disabilities. To qualify, you must be able to show proof of permanent residence and disability.

There will be a presentation and phone distribution on Mon-

day, December 21, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. at Lafayette County Public Library in Mayo.

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