

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa, We've been good little boys all year. For Christmas I, Jamie, want a bicycle, a model airplane, a model car, a model train, a model boat, a model house, a model farm, a model city, a model country, a model world, a model universe, a model everything.



An Evel Knievel, an Evel Knievel van, a race car track set, and Johnny West and Thunderbolt. Jason wants a spring horse, a Weebles Tree house, a toy box and a milk and what.

We'll leave you milk and cake under the tree. Love, Jamie and Jason George

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 9 1/2 months old. I have been very good boy. I would like a few toys and some clothes for Christmas. Please don't forget Mommy, Daddy, Manaw and Papaw Caswell. Also please don't forget my two new little cousins Sandra Dawn and David. Also don't forget Peachie and Rind and all the other little boys and girls in the world. I love you. Love, your little boy Michael Thomas Caswell

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Crystal Leet and I am three years old. For Christmas I would like a Walking Baby Loves You, doll stroller, cash register and anything else you want to bring. Please don't forget my big brother Mike, my big sister Michelle and my twin sisters Ella Marie and Michelle Lee. We will be at our Grammie Hildebreit's for Christmas. Love of love, Your little girl, Crystal Leet

Dear Santa, We are three brothers who have been really good this year, considering we are boys 7, 5 and 4 years old. For Christmas we would like a S.W.A.T. Doll, Emergency doll, Six Million Dollar Man doll, Evel Knievel doll, Weebles play toys, GI Joe doll, Winnie the Pooh tree house, Puff Puff race cars and houseboat.

We will have you something to eat under the tree. Your friends, Nathan, Frankie and Hoy Towles

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I have been good. I am in the second grade. Please bring

A Peaceful Christmas
Serene good wishes and sincere thanks.

Norma Jean's Beauty Salon

PEACE on earth

With the hope that mankind be blessed with Peace and good will, and that your own Christmas is especially happy. We appreciate your patronage.

Abraham's Ladies Shop

Christmas Joy

To one and all a most joyous and happy holiday.

Beulah Hughes Circuit Clerk

PEACE

The ever-lasting meaning of the Christmas season lives in a single word — peace. As we all celebrate with merriment of the season, let us pause also to recall its timeless message of peace and good will toward men. And let us thank you for your kind patronage all year long.

Duncan Electric

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

Your Warm Friendship Makes Us Feel Proud. Thank You.

FROM ALL THE FOLKS AT
Blue Grass Industries, Inc.
Blue Grass Knitting, Inc.

Stories of hymns we love to sing

Submitted by Marion M. McGuffey, Minister Wesley Chapel (C.M.E.) Church

Of the statues in Westminster Abbey, one is of Isaac Watts—frail, sickly, gentle-mannered literary genius of the early 18th century. Another is of George Frederick Handel—massive, robust, and hot-tempered master of the keyboard and opera. Both men lived in London. Each knew the other. But neither suspected that their talents would be combined to produce one of the greatest of Christmas carols.

It was in 1719 that pocketmarked five-foot little Isaac Watts sat under his favorite tree on the Abbey Estate near London and wrote a hymn based on the 98th Psalm. He was 45 years old and had written, among 500 other notable hymns, "Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed?"; "O God Our Help in Ages Past"; and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." But the little bachelor's health had broken and he was preaching at London's Mark Lane Church and Lord Mayor Albery carried him out to his estate for a week's rest. That was in 1712, and he was still there writing child's verse, hymns, and books on a dozen different subjects.

Twenty-two years after Watts wrote his hymn on the 98th Psalm and published it in his "Psalms of David Imitated," a big, fat theatrical producer knelt in prayer in another part of London. He was George Frederick Handel, and he had written some of the world's greatest operas. As a boy in Germany, Handel had persuaded his father to let him study music instead of law and wound up playing a church organ in England. And when he later cast his talents with the

theater he carried his religious training with him. At 36, Handel wanted to do something big. And he did. Rising from his knees in 1741 he worked and prayed almost continuously for 23 days and nights and came up with his immortal "The Messiah." It was such a masterpiece that for two centuries it has been drawn on as the basis for numerous compositions.

Little Isaac Watts died on the Abbey Estates in 1748 after extending his visit of a week to 30 years on the Bunhill Fields, but a statue of him was placed in the Abbey in 1858. Handel, who a statue stands to the memory of a theatrical genius who never forgot God.

It was in 1858 that Boston's one-director-organist Lowell Mason rearranged a portion of Handel's "Messiah" to fit the hymn Isaac Watts wrote in 1719. And so, while the big statue and the little statue stand as mute reminders of two geniuses in their respective fields, tribute is paid both, every Christmas to the resonating echoes of:

JOY TO THE WORLD
By Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Joy to the world, let us come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart praise Him,
And heaven and nature sing,
Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
Of set their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

The Best to You at Christmas
May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday. We thank you warmly.

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BLESSINGS
True blessings of Christmas arise from this first wondrous Holy Night, and may they be yours. Thank.

CROUCH'S BARBER SHOP

Good Tidings

Let the eternal light of love, the symbol of His birth, shine into every heart, bringing peace to all.

Evan's Big Tee Burger

FDA says beware of 'miracle products'

Have you stepped on the scale or looked into the mirror recently and declared "This is it! I'm going to lose weight and shape up as fast as I can." And then you decide to send for one of those products you've seen advertised that promise a body beautiful saying "In only six days I lost four inches off my waist and seven pounds of weight."

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says BEWARE. Often the only thing these devices will really lose is your money. In only Four Weeks, a new FDA publication, will help you learn what to watch out for. Single copies are free from Consumer Information Center, Dept. 72, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

The publication points out that although the promoters of these "miracle products" claim they can take off weight and develop the bust, shape the hips, wipe out double chins, build muscles, remove wrinkles or in some other way enhance beauty or desirability, the results they produce are questionable. And some could be hazardous to your health.

For example, according to the FDA, wrapping your body with soiled cloths and putting on a plastic suit to lose weight is a gimmick that is not only ridiculous but dangerous. You could become overheated and dehydrated from excessive perspiration. This is especially risky for overweight people with cardiac or circulatory problems.

And the FDA adds that those other wonder machines, amazing cosmetic fancy devices that give you the empty promise of instant beauty are a myth. So save your money.

In Only Four Weeks (free) is one of over 20 selected Federal consumer publications listed in the Winter edition of the Consumer Information Index. A free copy of the Index is available by writing Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009 or by visiting one of the 37 Federal Information Centers located throughout the country.

GREETINGS

Our heartfelt old-fashioned good wishes and thanks to you and yours on this special day.

Carlisle Automotive, Inc.

Check presented

Nicholas students enrolled at EKU

BGK employees give up gifts; donate to charities

Children in three orphanages in Kentucky will be enjoying a happier Christmas due to the thoughtfulness of some employees of Blue Grass Knitting. Some of the departments at BGK decided that instead of the usual exchange of presents, they would donate their money to the Hope Hill Orphan's Home, Hope, the Christian Church Home for Children, Danville; and the Widows and Orphans Home, Louisville.

Over \$200 was donated and on Friday, Dec. 19, five employees at BGK delivered the presents insuring that both the residents of the homes and the employees of Blue Grass Knitting would have a happier Christmas.

RICHMOND—A total of 21 students from Nicholas County were enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University for the 1975 fall semester.

Eastern enrolled a record-high 13,430 students this semester, an increase of 6.6 per cent over the previous record enrollment in 1974.

The total enrollment included students from all 120 Kentucky counties, 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Panama Canal Zone, and 28 countries.

The names of the EKU students from Nicholas county are: Kathy A. Astlin, Anne L. Booth, Roxanne Bow, Tara M. Bowen, Frances A. Bree, James T. Cleaver, Linda C. Clinkenbard, Douglas G. Danks, Kathy G. Green, Judith C. Han, Robert M. Hughes, Judy G. Hunter, Terry W. Jones, Stephen G. Kimberling, Henry A. Marshall, Michael W. Marshall, James W. Roberts Jr., Robert P. Taylor, Larry P. Trassell, Shirley J. Truesell, Mary A. Wood, all of Carlisle.

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Greetings

More than a wealth of good wishes do we send you at this, the most joyous season of the year. We're proud to claim you as friends.

Reese Smoot, Sheriff
J.W. Ecton, Deputy
Karen Dotson, Clerk

A Big "Thank You"

For nearly a hundred years the Ratliff Bros. Co. has served Nicholas County and surrounding counties. Without you, our customers, this would have been impossible. Mere words cannot express our appreciation as we bring our business to a close.

We have sold to Reid & Vice and we know they will be able to serve you in the years to come as we have in the past.

Our books will be moved to the Reid & Vice office on Broadway on Dec. 29th. We ask those customers with outstanding accounts to call and settle these accounts.

Again, we thank you.

Ratliff Bros. Co., Inc.
By A. U. Allison,
Secretary & Treasurer