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Happy Thanksgiving, Y'all!

The [WVBluesSociety](http://www.wvbluesociety.com) 'lectric bluesletter aka "Mountains of Blues in the Mountain State" is a semi-weekly newsletter of blues information in the Mountain State and beyond. Brought to you by the West Virginia Blues Society the "bluesletter" goes out as a service to our "blues friends" wherever you might be. The bluesletter is an attempt to CONNECT & INFORM of the happenings in and at times outside our area. We never use your e-mail address for anything without your consent, and no one has access to our e-mail list. If you know of someone who would like to receive our 'lectric news in the future a membership service form is provided on the webiste. If you do NOT want to receive any future updates please reply with, Please No More.

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## ***WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":***

### **PAT RAMSEY PASSES-**

Most everyone knew this was forthcoming, but still don't like reporting it. Monday Nov 17th PAT RAMSEY passed away. He had suffered a long hard battle with Hepatitis C. Always felt like we had a personal connection with Pat since he had visited here in the Mid-Ohio Valley on many occasions. A few years ago he and the Blues Disciples kicked off the BJFM Society blues competition on Friday night in Marietta. He then served as a judge on Saturday. He had been somewhat leery of traveling north during February and

as luck would have it there was a big snow storm. He as well as his fans, however made the best of it staying and playing at the Crow Bar Saturday and Sunday. He later played The Blues Cafe, Parkersburg and Court Street Grill, Pomeroy numerous times with some great performances. According to Jackie Welker many people still talk about his last show at the grill as one of the best shows ever there...

Pat had recently been moved to a Hospice house. He was not in pain and wanted all fans to know that he loved them.

There is much more information about all this at <http://www.patramsey.com> including video of the recent benefit sponsored by friends in Tallahassee. But trust us, it's tough...

### **PASSING-**

ROBERT LUCAS, the former frontman of CANNED HEAT, died Sunday Nov 23rd of an apparent drug overdose in Long Beach, CA. He was 46. He had recently left Canned Heat to pursue a solo career. The singer, harmonica and bottleneck guitar player had two stints with the band between 1994 and 2006. He also had performed with Big Joe Turner, George "Harmonica" Smith, Pee Wee Crayton, Lowell Fulson, Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson and Percy Mayfield.

Many of us saw Robert in a great solo performance during the 1993 River City Blues Convention in Marietta. Also on the bill that weekend was CARRIE BELL.

### **WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & FESTIVALS-**

The WVBluesSociety will have a trade booth at the WV Assoc. of Fairs & Festivals Jan 16-17, held at the Charleston Civic Center. We are offering our musician members a chance to come and show their talents, sell some CD's and hopefully get some fair or festival gigs for 2009. We ask that you only play acoustic music as we need to keep the sound level down. If amp is needed, it needs to be way down. If interested, please let us know as we will need to set a schedule for play time.

### **LADY D "GO HIGHER"-**

Word from Doris Fields aka LADY D of the Charleston Blues Society this week...

"I'm asking a favor of you all. My new song, "Go Higher" is in the running to be chosen as the Obama inaugural song. I need votes in order to win this honor. I'm asking that you please take a moment and go to the site listed below and cast your votes for me and "Go Higher." There is another song called Go Higher on the list as well, make sure you click on Lady D's Go Higher. You get six votes per session. Thanks so much!"

Go to <http://obamamae.ning.com> and carry out your right to cast your ballot... Thank you Lady D, you go girl! Ya got my vote.

### **"BLUE THURSDAY"-**

The last (uhh well, maybe) of the '08 Blues Night Out Series will be Thursday Dec 11th. Southern Soul/Blues at its best with [JOHNNY RAWLS](#) in the recently renovated, beautiful backroom at Umensettlers Thirsty Turtle in Parkersburg. Since it's a week night the music will start at 7:30PM. This early start should allow people to make it out and possibly get home at a decent hour. But if you would happen to stay out too late and have too much fun, Board Member- RoyD said he would be happy to write a note

excusing you to miss work Friday morning. \$5.00 door with cool door prizes as well as the famous "blues basket" raffle containing many items for all blues fans, ex: t-shirts, CD's, posters, bumper stickers, etc...

The Thirsty Turtle is located at 1147 Staunton Ave, Parkersburg, WV. Approx 1.3 miles west of I-77 Staunton Ave/Rt 47 exit and/or 0.7 miles South of US Rt 50 Staunton Ave/Rt 47 exit. For more information or directions call 304-865-3030 or [www.wvbluessociety.org](http://www.wvbluessociety.org). The Turtle's food special this night will be their famous Italian meatloaf. Come early, have dinner, get a good seat, win a door prize, buy lots and lots of "blues basket" chances and enjoy a rare special "Blue Thursday" Blues show in P-burg!

### **WVBS PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOTMAD FOR COREY HARRIS-**

...just when ya think things are windin' down at years end, something else jumps out at ya... Two days after "Blue Thursday" in P-burg, [COREY HARRIS & THE 5 X 5 BAND](#) are in Chas-tun. At the West Virginia Cultural Center Theater, State Capitol Complex, Charleston Sat Dec 13th. The Cultural Center is located at the corner of Greenbrier St and Washington St East. Admission is \$20 General; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. Tickets available at the box office prior to the concert. Box office opens at 7PM. Advance tickets are available at Ellen's Homemade Ice Cream, Charleston and Fret 'n Fiddle, St Albans. Doors open at 7:30PM. Festival seating only- first-come-first-served.

The West Virginia Blues Society (das us y'all) will be partnering with [FOOTMAD](#) for this event and hopefully more in the future... dis means all y'all certifiable card carryin', signifyin' society members will receive \$5 off ticket price. Thx FOOTMAD! Just one more example of yer membership dues at work...

### **NO ARRESTS AND NO SERIOUS INJURIES-**

The following is a brief report of last weeks field-trip to The Windy City aka "Boys-Only Assault on Chicago Blues Hot Spots" from our Columbus Blues Alliance friends, Herb in Columbus and Pickle in Lima, OH-

"3 nights at the Harlem Ave Lounge our total bar tab was \$20..... we tipped more than that each night.....Toronzo Cannon with Sam Cockrell on bass Thursday, Lindsey Alexander Friday, and Chicago Express till midnight Saturday (roomful of blues wanna be band) then we moved to Kingston Mines for Joanna Connor and Chris Beard.....no arrests, no serious injuries...."

Thanks guys, I knew you could have a good time if you really put your mind to it.

### **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR JOHN OESTERLE-**

Sunday Nov 30th the North End Tavern in Parkersburg will host a benefit for John Oesterle. John, a big "live" music fan, is a cancer survivor due to the success of a double lung transplant. However, the cost of anti-rejection drugs is very expensive. So now some of his many musician friends have decided to put on a show to support him. The "John Oesterle 2nd Wind," benefit concert runs from 1:00PM 'til 6:30PM. Proceeds will go to NTAf Mid-Atlantic Lung Transplant Fund, in honor of John Oesterle. Donation at the door is \$10 and \$15 per couple. Also an auction for The American Cancer Society

and a 50/50 drawing. Some great "free" food and specially discounted beer & wine will be provided by NET proprietor, Joe Roedershimer.

Area musicians volunteering their time (so far) include Mike Morningstar, Rick Roberts, Jon Seymour, Todd Burge, Bobby Kirl, Mike Smith, Smokestack Betty, Dave Richards, Joe Mullinex, Terry Johnson, Larry Neely, David Wells and Gary Paschen.

### **WWOZ, NEW ORLEANS-**

Tune in for "Soul Serenade with Marc Stone" on New Orleans' [WWOZ](#). Of Course anytime can is usually a good time to listen to 'OZ... However [Marc](#) plays host to 2 hours of great Soul Music Tuesdays from 2:00PM 'til 4:00PM Central Time. Be ready for anything from Sam & Dave to Johnnie Taylor to Otis Redding. Last week heard some BILLY PRICE (one of our favorites from Pittsburgh) followed up with JOHNNY RAWLS (who brings his Southern-Soul to Parkersburg soon) and a "live" interview with 19TH STREET RED Red via New Orleans. We first saw Red playing on the corner of Delta Ave in Clarksdale in 2007. Later that same weekend he kicked off a great jam at Red's Lounge. During the interview he spoke of two of his favorite New Awlins things- playing in the streets and eating great New Orleans food. If you're traveling to The Crescent City over the holidays look for Red on Franklin Street and/or Canal Street playing his blues. He's also becoming a regular at The Outer Banks, 2401 Palmyra St.

### **BLUES PROFILE -Jeannette Lodivici (Clarke)-**

Birth Date: 04-22-1952

Birth Place: Philadelphia, PA

Favorite Living Singer: John Nemeth

Favorite Deceased Singer: Elvis Presley

Favorite Living Blues Musician: John Nemeth

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: My late husband, William Clarke

First Record Purchased: when I was in High School (late 1960's)

First Blues Record Purchased: BB King LIVE AT THE REGAL

Personal Blues Statement: I love the blues. I was married to a giant in the blues, William Clarke. Blues has to be your passion when you play it. If it's not, people can tell-one thing that really bothers me personally is when a great blues musician sells out...

[editor's note:] thanks Jeannette, you've been a big help to crawlkiningsnake and WVBluesSociety through out the past year... sorry I missed you in Wheeling, but stay in touch and continue lovin' the blues.

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### ***THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":***

Wednesday Nov 26th:

ST. JUDES BENEFITw/C&S RAILROAD AND ANGIE FLETCHER BAND @ VClub,  
Huntington, WV

Friday Nov 28th:

NORMAN NARDIDI @ Roadworthy Restaurant & Tavern, West Liberty, WV  
PATRICK SWEANY BAND @ Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH  
BOATHOUSE DUE @ Honi Honi Bar, Deep Creek Lake, MD  
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ The Farm House II, ????, ??  
KELY RICHEY BAND & JILL WEST @ Moondogs, Blawnox, PA  
"Front Porch Showcase" @ Timothy's Episcopal Church, Hurricane, WV  
BILLY PRICE BAND @ Rhythm & Blues Cruise/Gateway Clipper, Station Square,  
Pittsburgh

Saturday Nov 29th:

MARIJIBEE BLUES @ Roadworthy Restaurant & Tavern, West Liberty, WV  
LONG TALL DEB & THE DRIFTER KINGS @ The Brewery, Marietta, OH  
JILL WEST & BLUES ATTACK @ PD's Pub, Squirrel Hill/Pittsburgh  
Ms FREEDYE & BLUE FAZE @ Fibber's, Lower Burrell, PA  
BILLY PRICE @ Carhops, Dormont, PA  
"Jukin' at Clo's" Series @ Clo's Uptown Eatery, Charleston  
MOJO THEORY @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH  
NORMAN NARDINI @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA

Sunday Nov 30th:

CBA Blues for Tots Benefit @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH

next week-

Wed 12/3:

APPALACHIAN JAZZ @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV

Thur 12/4:

LONG TALL DEB & THE DRIFTER KINGS @ Wild Bill's, Marion, OH

Fri 12/5:

MS FREDDYE & BLUE FAZE @ Wicked Witches, Cheswick, PA  
CRACKER STACKWELL @ Black Bear Burritos, Morgantown  
SAM LAMONT @ 123 Pleasant St, Morgantown  
ADRIAN NILES @ Roadworthy Restaurant & Tavern, West Liberty, WV  
MIKE LENZ BAND @ Rascals Saloon, Dover, OH  
Pam Roberts @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV

Sat 12/6:

THE CATCH BLUES BAND (and others) Christmas Party @ Overtime, Bellaire, OH  
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Hock's, Morristown, OH  
SAM LAMONT @ Mountain State Brewing Company, Thomas, WV

Sun 12/7:

Post-Mtn Stage Jam w/THE CARPENTER ANTS @ The Empty Glass, Charleston

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**"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:**

Cara Lynn Smith of the [Alabama Blues Project](#) sends a nice article of their After-School Blues Camp... go to [http://www.hallmarkmagazine.com/Connect Relationships SavingKidsThroughMusic](http://www.hallmarkmagazine.com/Connect_Relationships_SavingKidsThroughMusic) for more...

the "Jukin' @ Clo's" Series begins this Saturday at Clo's Uptown Eatery located at 1219 Washington St E, Charleston... music runs 4-6PM... no cover but donations accepted... sponsored by the Charleston Blues Society... acts have not been determined yet, but call Clo's at 304-720-6176 for info... next "Jukin" night will be Sat Dec 6th and Sat Dec 13th...

ODETTA GORDON was admitted to a New York hospital last week with kidney failure. Well known among fans of blues and folk music, Odetta has been called "The Voice Of The Civil Rights Movement". She is doing better and hopes to be able to perform at Obama's inauguration ceremony. send get well cards to:

Ms. Odetta Gordon  
Room # 719, 7th Floor ICU Unit  
Lenox Hill Hospital  
100 East 77th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Maritza Van Meter at The Thirsty Turtle tells us the "grub special" for "BLUE THURSDAY" will be their excellent Italian meatloaf, garlic/cheese mashed potatoes and green beans... ummmm ummmm ummmm! all y'all best come early fer dinner now ya hear...

society news: the "great tent caper" has officially been put to bed!

Tickets for the January "Buddy Shows" @ Buddy Guy's Legends, Chicago will be going on sale Sat Nov 29th thru [Ticketmaster](#)... shows are Jan 8 thru 11, 15 thru 18, 22 thru 25, and 28 thru 31.... also Buddy will be at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg, PA April 24, 2009. For tickets go to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/artist/731721>

"Stop And Think About It" BY CHRIS JAMES & PATRICK RYNN on the Roots Music Radio Charts for 13 Straight Weeks... and 'this-just-in', it's now #1 in the [Powerblues](#) Radio Charts... a European blues radio chart based in France that reflects airplay of new releases... review by yours truly and a whole lot more at Gary Miller's [Blues Source](#).

LIZ PENNOCK & DR BLUES have released a brand new CD... "Boogie Woogie Staircase" can be purchased thru their website at <http://www.lizpennock.com>

[Pomeroy Blues & Jazz Society](#) is hosting a "Holiday Dance w/Biscuit & the Mix," Dec 19th at 7pm... at the Millennium Building, Pomeroy, OH Tickets \$20 in advance, can be purchased at the Court Street Grill, call 740-992-6524, or email Jackie at [jackie@courtstreetgrill.com](mailto:jackie@courtstreetgrill.com) for more info!

Saturday Nov 29th the [Baltimore Blues Society](#) presents [ROOMFUL OF BLUES](#) @ Rosedale American Legion Hall, Rosedale, MD. \$25 Advance tix (recommended)

all proceeds collected with the "blues basket" raffle Thur Dec 11th will go back into

bringing the public more "Blues Night(s) Out thru out the state in 2009... plans now are to return to Umensettlers Thirsty Turtle June 6th w/DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND...

The Overtime Bar in Parkersburg is interested in booking blues acts in the near future... when yer out and about stop in and say hello to Alison and Todd... tell them WVBluesSociety sent ya... Overtime is located at 4542 1/2 Emerson Ave (the down-under place)

[BOBBY RUSH](#) has been honored with a [Mississippi Blues Trail](#) marker in Jackson, MS. Nov 11th, one day after his 72nd birthday Bobby lifted the veil on the marker honoring his 5 decades entertaining.

The [Swiftwater Cafe](#) great place in Charleston where you can get a quick healthy lunch and Blues fix during the workday Mon-Fri... food and service top notch and a rare day if you couldn't hear Blues in the background... Swiftwater holds the award for the Best Downtown Hotdog and garonteeeed Cajun chicken w/rice and black bean soups will help you breathe better... Now das good!... visit Teddy Queen and the staff for some toe-tappin', head-boppin' Blues with a little breakfast or lunch on the side...

coming soon:

"BLUE THURSDAY" with JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg Thur 12/11

JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH Fri/Sat 12/12-13

THE BLUE NOTES @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston Fri/Sat 12/12-13

COREY HARRIS @ WV Cultural Center, Charleston Sat 12/13 (sponsored by FOOTMAD w/WVBluesSociety)

THE BLUES CANNIBALS @ The Hillbilly Inn, Walker, WV Sat 12/13

2-BLUE @ Taylor Books, Charleston Sat 12/13

BISCUIT & THE MIX @ Millennium Building, Pomeroy, OH "PB&J Society Holiday Dance" 12/19

New Years Eve:

DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg

CODE BLUE BAND @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Nov 26 1929 Tina Turner Nutbush, TN

Nov 26 1965 Bernard Allison Chicago, IL

Nov 27 1942 Jimi Hendrix Seattle, WA

Nov 29 1933 John Mayall Manchester, UK

Nov 29 1928 Big Bo McGee Emelle, AL

Nov 30 1909 Robert Nighthawk Helena, AR

Nov 30 1916 Brownie McGhee Knoxville, TN

Nov 30 1956 Smokin Joe Kubek Grove City, PA

RIP:

Nov 24 1993 Albert Collins Las Vegas, NV

Nov 24 1997 Fenton Robinson Rockford, IL

Dec 01 1969 "Magic" Sam Maghett Chicgo, IL

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