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BIRTHDAY:

Dec 09 1934 Junior Wells Memphis TN
Dec 10 1926 Eddie "Guitar Slim" Jones Greenwood, MS
Dec 11 1926 Big Mama Thornton Montgomery, AL
Dec 11 ???? Chilipepper Parkersburg, WV
Dec 12 1962 Jimi Vincent Norwalk, OH
Dec 13 1963 Lucky Peterson Buffalo, NY
Dec 15 1936 Andrew "BB" Odom Denham Springs, LA

RIP:

Dec 11 1964 Sam Cooke Los Angeles, CA

THIS WEEKEND IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

At a time you wouldn't normally think of being a big blues weekend, seems it's turning out just the opposite... so much to do/so little time... forget going to The Mall... go out and hear some "live" blues instead 'cause it all begins Thursday!

Thursday Dec 11th:

JOHNNY RAWLS (BNO/Blue Thursday) @ The Thirsty Turtle, Parkersburg

Friday Dec 12th:

BLACKWATER MOJO @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV

MEMPHIS CRADLE @ Rascals Saloon, Dover, OH

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ The Farm House II, ???? , ??

COREY HARRIS @ The Wild Bean, Lewisburg, WV

THE BLUE NOTES @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston

Blues for a Cure @ Whiskey Dick's, Columbus, OH

JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH

SEAN CARNEY'S "Blues for a Cure" @ Whiskey Dick's, Columbus, OH

THE BLUE NOTES @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston

SAM LAMONT @ Riverstone Ale House, Morgantown

Saturday Dec 13th:

JOHNNY RAWLS @ The Court Street Grill, Pomeroy, OH

SEAN CARNEY'S "Blues for a Cure" @ Whiskey Dick's, Columbus, OH

THE BLUE NOTES @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston

SWEATY BETTY BLUES BAND @ Kelly's Riverside Saloon, Bridgewater, PA

THE FAT DADDY BAND @ Blue5 Restaurant, Roanoke, VA

JILL WEST & BLUES ATTACK @ Carhops, Dormont, PA

"Blues for a Cure" (<http://www.bluesforacure.com>) @ Whiskey Dick's, Columbus, OH

THE BLUES CANNIBALS @ The Hillbilly Inn, Walker, WV

GLENN PAVONE @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA

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

2-BLUE @ Taylor Books, Charleston

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ The Office Lounge/McClure Hotel, Wheeling

LADY D (Jukin' at Clo's) @ Clo's Uptown Eatery, Charleston

COREY HARRIS @ WV Cultural Center, Charleston

Sunday Dec 14th:

LONG TALL DEB & THE DRIFTER KINGS @ The Mudflats, Galena, OH

WHATS HAPPENIN' IN "MOUNTAINS OF BLUES":

BLUE THURSDAY-

Start your weekend off right... don't miss Blues Nite Out/"BLUE THURSDAY" this Thursday Dec 11th. at Umensettlers Thirsty Turtle with JOHNNY RAWLS. The best Southern Soul/Blues anywhere this side of Purvis, MS!!!

\$5.00 door and being it's a week night, music begins at 7:30PM. Early start will allow people to make it out and possibly get home at a decent hour. However, see RoyD for Friday morning absent excuses if you anticipate having too much fun and staying out too late...

All those thru the door with their \$5 are eligible to win cool door prizes. So don't lose your ticket stubs. The famous and ever popular "blues basket" raffle will be offered again. These have been a hit all year at \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5. Contain many items for blues fans, ex: t-shirts, CD's, posters, bumper stickers, etc. Finances raised from "blues basket" help to support more "Blues Night(s) Out in the future. Also this night, advance tickets will be available for COREY HARRIS in Charleston Sat Dec 13th. 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. 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 special BNO/"Blue Thursday" in P-burg! [editor's note]: God forbid it, but if you was to happen to miss JR on this night, all is not lost. He will be at the Court Street Grill. Pomeroy, OH on Fri/Sat Dec 12th-13th... but we suggest going to The Thirsty Turtle and then go see him AGAIN at Court Street Grill! ya just can't get too much "Red Cadillac, with two Arkansas girls in the back"...

PASSING-

As most know by now, VERNON "CHICO" BANKS and ODETTA GORDON both passed away last week.

Chico was scheduled to play in Marietta, OH recently but was unable. Although we had never seen Chico in person, friends tell us he was not only a great performer but also a great and fun person. It was originally announced the Chicago guitarist died on Dec 2nd but it was actually on Dec 3rd. At this time few details are known.

Recently we said that Odetta was in a New York hospital with kidney failure but was doing better and hoped to perform at the Obama inauguration ceremony. One of the most memorable musical personalities to emerge from the 1960s. Odetta, "the voice of the civil rights movement" died of a heart attack on Dec 2nd.

"DIAMOND TEETH MARY" McCLAIN MEMORIAL FUND-

The WVBS now has a "Donate" button using PayPal on the website for Donations for the "Diamond Teeth Mary" McClain Memorial Fund. THE GOAL is to raise \$2,500 for a historical roadside marker to be placed in Huntington where Mary was from and locate it at the train station where she hopped a freight at the age of 14. Contributions are tax deductible. Please come aboard for this very worthy cause.

Also LIZ PENNOCK & DR BLUES are organizing a fundraiser in St Pete, FL Jan. 25th with folks who played with Mary & the Suncoast Blues Society. Also, their last newsletter had a page spread & photos about the Diamond Teeth Mary Day in Huntington last summer.

QUOTE:

"From the moment I saw him, I said 'take me, take me!' BONNIE RAITT upon seeing HOWLIN" WOLF "live"

MEMBERS RECEIVE HOLIDAY SPECIALS & INVITES-

Due to the partnership between WVBS and FOOTMAD, "all card-carrying West Virginia Blues Society members" will receive \$5 off ticket prices for COREY HARRIS & 5 x 5 BAND in Charleston. Harris is at the Cultural Center Theater, State Capitol Complex on Sat Dec 13th.

The Pomeroy Blues & Jazz Society extends an "invitation to all West Virginia Blues Society members" to attend the PB&J Holiday Dance Fundraiser w/BISCUIT & THE MIX. Beginning 7:00PM Fri Dec 19th at The Millenium Building downtown Pomeroy, OH. Admission \$20 at the door includes soft drinks, appetizers and holiday sweets - BYOB

Pat of MAHAJIBEE BLUES says, "...for your hard work and encouragement we would like to extend a 'buy one get one free' discount for members of The West Virginia Blues Society." Mahajibee is at The Hard Rock Cafe, Station Square, Pittsburgh Sun Jan 18th with special guests. Showtime is 7:00PM, admission \$5 advance, \$8 at the door. For more contact Pat at ptevis3278@aol.com or call 412-303-7592.

(thx to all and Merry Christmas back at ya from the WVBluesSociety!)

LADY D KEEPS ON KEEPIN' ON WITH "GO HIGHER"-

Two weeks ago we ran a mention in Mountains of Blues about Doris Fields aka Lady D in her efforts to have her song chosen as the Obama inaugural song. Well you musta heard what we was saying... Received this from her last Thursday (Dec 4th)...

"First of all, I just want to thank everyone who voted for my song, "Go Higher" at the Obama website. You've made me one of the seven finalists! (yaaaay!!!) Now, I need your help again. I have a one in seven chance of winning this competition. I'm 98% sure that I'm the only artist from WV in the finals and that would be great if WV could be represented like this at the inauguration."

"So once again, I'm asking for your help. This time there is one vote for each person (or computer). They are monitoring to see that no one double dips on the same computer, so if you can vote from various computers, that would be wonderful." One more time go to <http://obamamae.ning.com> and exercise your right... VOTE for Lady D! Thank you and congratulations Lady D... ya got my vote again!

SEAN CARNEY'S BLUES FOR A CURE-

This weekend Sean Carney's "[Blues for a Cure](#)" will feature Jonn Richardson, Trampled Under Foot, Dave Spector & the Bluebirds, Alberta Adams and RJs Rythm Rockers, Patrick McLaughlin, and The Delta Sheiks, Omar Coleman, and Starring Hubert Sumlin and Henry Gray Dec 12-13 @ Whiskey Dick's. Proceeds go to James Cancer Hospital Solove Research Center and the American Cancer Society of Central Ohio. Congratulations to Sean and all others for this noble and worthy cause.

Blues Profile -JARED SHEETS

Birth Date: 10/20/1970

Birth Place: Hillsboro, OH

Bands You Have Played With:

Current Band/Instrument: The Mudfork Blues Band/Johnny Rawls Band, Guitar in Both

Favorite Living Singer: Koko Taylor

Favorite Deceased Singer: Nat King Cole

Favorite Living Blues Musician: Buddy Guy

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: Clarence Gatemouth Brown

First Record Purchased: Michael Jackson's Thriller (really)

First Blues Record Purchased: Can't remember, Too many to count...

Personal Blues Statement: Nothing Heals Like the Blues

[editor's note:] thanks to Jared and family for hosting the Foothills Blues & Arts Festival each summer somewhere near Harrisonville, OH.

"MOUNTAINS OF BLUES" AT A GLANCE:

Wed Dec 10th: "Blues Jam" @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA

Thur Dec 11th: THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Wheeling Island Race Track & Gaming Center, Wheeling

Mr Red Cadillac himself, [JOHNNY RAWLS](#) will not only do "BLUE THURSDAY" in P-burg

this week but also two nights at Court Street Grill Fri/Sat Dec 12-13... born in Columbia, MS 1951 and raised in Purvis and Gulfport, MS... acquired an early interest in music when hearing his grandfather play blues guitar one Christmas morning... began playing professionally while still in high school with such stars as ZZ Hill, Little Johnny Taylor, Joe Tex and the Sweet Inspirations... in the mid-70's he went to work for O.V. Wright as Wright's band director... after Wright's death 1980, Johnny led Little Johnny Taylor's band until '85, when he began touring solo and made his first solo recording under the Rainbow label.

Recording under Touch Records, Rooster Blues, Rock House, Reach and JSP Records, Johnny has done it all... appeared on the cover of the April 2002 Living Blues Magazine and been nominated four times for the W.C. Handy Award... playing well over 200 dates a year... check him out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8D5LCE8NCw>

speaking of great Southern-Soul, this one got by unnoticed-- on Nov 15th Ground Zero Blues Club, Memphis held an all-star tribute (musta been fantastic) w/OTIS CLAY and others, for one of our favorites, Memphis soulman, O.V. WRIGHT... to help raise funds for his new cemetery marker... the marker is now in place... O.V. had been buried in an unmarked grave in Memphis since his death Nov 16, 1980...

COREY HARRIS will also appear at The Wild Bean in Lewisburg, WV Fri Dec 12th... and The Cultural Center, Charleston Sat Dec 13th... great opportunities to catch his Rasta Blues Experience...

hot coffee & cool blues... Alabama Blues Project offering Alabama Blues Blend for Christmas... go to their site and click "Online Store"...

IZZY & CHRIS are being considered for the Deep Blues Fest in Minneapolis, MN next July... go to <http://www.myspace.com/deepbluesfestival> and give your comments of recommendation... I&C will be making a first time trip to Parkersburg next month... Sat Jan 24th @ Overtime Bar on Emerson Ave...

BISCUIT & THE MIX will appear courtesy of the Charleston Blues Society at Women's Club of Charleston, 1600 Virginia St. East, Charleston Thur Dec 18th... for more call 304-590-1042... tickets are available @ Clo's Uptown Eatery, Charleston

BUDDY GUY has received a Grammy nomination in category of Best Traditional Blues Album for his 2008 release of "Skin Deep"... Buddy Guy is at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg, PA Apr 24th 2009. For tickets go to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/artist/731721>

Happy Birthday to SANDRA of Rascals Saloon in Dover OH!!!

MAYALL NEWS- The Bluesbreakers have been disbanded and John Mayall will start afresh next year with a new lineup. Mayall says, "Physically and emotionally it has been a tough decision. The main reason is that at age seventy five I want to cut back on my usual heavy workload and also give myself freedom to work with other musicians if and when I feel like it. In February I will be joining my friend Mark Hummel to take part in another of his blues harmonica tours of the west coast and my new band members for 2009 will be announced in due course after I've taken some time off to re-evaluate."

tune in this week to House of Blues Radio Hour... director of Pocket Full of Soul: The Harmonica Documentary (<http://www.pocketfullofsoulmovie.com>), Mark Lempert joins Elwood talking about the early origins of harmonica... if you miss it, it's available on line at <http://www.thebluesmobile.com/briefcase/interviews.php> (thx 'ol slate creeker)

TEENY TUCKER'S (from Columbus, OH) CD "Two Big Ms" is in the final 12 for the IBC Best Self Produced CD contest... Twelve out of almost fifty CDs submitted have made the cut and advance to round two of the contest. Round two will narrow the field to six for the final round which will take place in Memphis during the IBC.

Alligator Records offering a 15% off all purchases for the holidays

reminder WVBS will have a trade booth at the WV Assoc. of Fairs & Festivals Jan 16-17 at the Charleston Civic Center... musician members can come and show their talents, sell some CD's and hopefully get some fair or festival gigs for 2009... contact WVBS to set a schedule...

DEB CALLAHAN oming to The Purple Fiddle, Thomas, WV Thur Jan 8th

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