

# Mountains of Blues

'lectric news



West Virginia  
Blues Society

KEEPING THE BLUES ALIVE

"Mountains of Blues"

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If you can get me to Dyersburg,  
I'll make Memphis on my own...

I've said goodbye to more highways,  
then people that I've known...

CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE- "If I Should Have Bad Luck"/*In My Time*, 1993

The WVBluesSociety (<http://wvbluessociety.org>) '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" is a service to our "blues friends" wherever you may be. Bluesletter is an attempt to CONNECT & INFORM of happenings in and at times outside our area. We never use your e-mail address 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 let me know. If you do NOT want to receive any future updates please reply with, Please No More.

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## **BIRTHDAY:**

Dec 17 1939 James Booker New Orleans, LA

Dec 18 1933 Lonnie Brooks Dubuissou, LA  
Dec 18 1914 Pee Wee Crayton Rockdale, TX  
Dec 19 1918 Professor Longhair New Orleans, LA  
Dec 19 1917 Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson Houston, TX  
Dec 20 1930 Pat Hare Cherry Valley, AR  
Dec 21 1902 Peetie Wheatstraw Ripley, TN  
Dec 21 1959 Mem Shannon New Orleans, LA  
Dec 21 1943 Walter "Wolfman" Washington New Orleans, LA

**RIP:**

Dec 19 1997 Jimmy Rogers Chicago, IL  
Dec 19 2001 Christine Kittrell Columbus, OH  
Dec 21 1992 Albert King Memphis, TN

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

*Thursday Dec 18th:*

BISCUIT & THE MIX @ Charleston Women's Club, Charleston  
SAM LAMONT & BEN GILMER @ Black Bear Burritos, Morgantown  
STEVE HIMES CONNECTION @ Sam's Uptown Cafe, Charleston

*Friday Dec 19th:*

THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Down on Main Street, Wheeling  
WILLIE POOCH & THE UPSETTERS @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus  
BILL DAILEY & RANDY KEENER @ Roadworthy Restaurant, West Liberty, WV  
MIDNIGHT BLUE @ Rascal's Saloon, Dover, OH  
BILLY PRICE & THE NIGHTHAWKS @ Moondogs, Blawnox, PA  
TERRY DAVIDSON & THE GEARS @ Granville Street Tavern, Gahanna, OH  
JENNIFER KIRKLAND & BERT CARLSON @ Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, WV  
JILL WEST & BLUES ATTACK @ The Royal Place, Pittsburgh  
SAM LAMONT & BEN GILMER @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV  
ELDORADO KINGS @ Clairton American Legion Clairton, PA  
BISCUIT & THE MIX (PB&J fundraiser) @ The Millenium Building, Pomeroy, OH  
J.B. TENNEY @ Unexpected Treasures (11AM), Elkins, WV  
J.B. TENNEY @ 88 Club (8PM), Buckhannon, WV  
MICAH KESSELRING @ Millstone BBQ, Logan, OH  
BILLY THE KID & THE REGULATORS @ The Office Lounge/McClure Hotel, Wheeling

*Saturday Dec 20th:*

Ms FREDDYE & BLUE FAZE @ Roadworthy Restaurant, West Liberty, WV  
IZZY & CHRIS @ Roadworthy Restaurant, West Liberty, WV  
THE SHAUN BOOKER BAND @ Vonn Jazz Lounge, Worthington, OH  
JILL WEST & BLUES ATTACK @ Rochester Inn, Ross Township, PA  
STEVE HIMES @ Taylor Books, Charleston  
SAM LAMONT & BEN GILMER @ Mountain State Brewing Company, Thomas, WV  
BILLY THE KID & THE REGULATORS @ Luanne's, Industry, PA  
BOB DELLAPOSTA & BAND OF BROTHERS @ The Brewery, Marietta, OH  
CRACKER STACKWELL @ Black Bear Burritos, Morgantown

JAKE'S BLUES BAND @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA  
THE CATCH BLUES BAND @ Pick's, Morristown, OH  
THE BLUES CANNIBALS @ American Legion, Williamstown, WV

*Sunday Dec 21st:*

CBA Blues Jam @ The Thirsty Ear, Columbus, OH

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

#### **CONGRATULATIONS LADY D!-**

In case ya hadn't heard... Doris Fields aka LADY D, West Virginia's "First Lady of Soul" was chosen as 'the winner' of the Obama Inauguration song competition! We posted in Mountains of Blues the past couple weeks of her efforts and to go online and vote for her song. Evidently someone listened because "Go Higher" took #1 out of some 80 or 90 songs.

Quote Lady D: "Thanks to everyone who voted for my song, 'Go Higher' for the Obama inaugural song. I just got the word and I'm so excited! I couldn't have done it if you all hadn't gotten behind this. Thanks again for your support and I'll keep you updated on what's happening. It's not guaranteed at this point that I can actually perform at the inauguration itself but I've been told that I will be at one of the inaugural balls. I'm just happy for the opportunity. Thanks again to all of you!"

Go to <http://obamamae.ning.com> for the official announcement... Way to go girl, you make us all proud!

#### **THANKS ALL Y'ALL-**

Big thanks to all those that came out, supported and contributed to a very successful Blues Nite Out/BUE THURSDAY. After a day long cold rain, it only got worse that night. As I headed for the car to go home it was snowing pretty hard. Couldn't help but think of those who traveled from Charleston, Marietta, Williamstown, etc. I'm sure all the Wood County School employees in attendance appreciated the two hour delay Friday morning. But even with the bad weather outside JOHNNY RAWLS quickly heated up the inside and kept it that way 'til time to go. JR, with Greg on bass and Roger on drums were smooth 'n cool thru everything from the now famous "Red Cadillac" to the best rendition of Clarence Carter's 1968 "Slip Away" that some of us ever heard! (some of us die-hard's slinked on down to the Court Street Grill on Friday and/or Saturday... just as good, if not better) Thanks Johnny!

Maritza and Mike proved to be wonderful hosts at The Thirsty Turtle. Great room/food/beverage/service and thanks for the additional "tip" for the band. We need to do this again... and looking forward to New Years Eve with DENNIS McCLUNG. Thanks to ibbluesman for the excellent help on the mic during announcements. Also to Chili-Pepper, SweetMaryAnn and Spider for help with ticket sales; darlin'Donna for womaning the merchandise table; smokestackJack for driving her to P-burg and the Blues Widow for asking me to dance! (hope ain't forgetting nobody)

The intentions with the Blues Nite Out Series is that the venue, the band and the WVBS turn out winners and everyone walks away happy. That certainly happened on this

night. But congratulations to the 'extra' winners. Door prizes went to Maggie Lee- BNO/Elkins t-shirt, Steve- BACK DOOR SLAM cd, Mary Ann- Charlie West Blues Fest hat, Stephanie- WVBS t-shirt. And to Nancy, winner of the "blues basket" crammed full of 'potant stuff. She was thrilled with the contents, but especially the posters to hang on the walls of her own private jook joint.

### **COREY HARRIS AT CULTURAL CENTER, CHARLESTON-**

Following is a brief report of COREY HARRIS @ the Cultural Center, Charleston last Saturday Dec 13th-

Corey Harris and the 5 x 5 (Peanut, Steve and Leslie) delivered a very subdued performance of Rastafarian spiritual messages to Reggae beats from his latest CD Zion Crossroads. And, to fill the bill as a Bluesman from Virginia, Corey added a dash of "Catfish Blues" and "T for Texas, T for Tennessee".

It was heartwarming to see friends and acquaintances and to share the company of others who appreciate and support live music. Thanks again to FOOTMAD for including the WVBluesSociety in this promotion. (thx darlin'Donna)

### **NEW YEARS EVE PLANS-**

Don't wait no more... make your reservations now at Umensettlers Thirsty Turtle for New Years Eve with Fairmont's own, THE DENNIS McCLUNG BLUES BAND (<http://www.dennismcclung.com>). The Turtle had the DMBB last year for New Years and it was great. With the beautiful "new" back room now completed it's only gonna be better. Johnny Rawls commented to me more than once last week just how much he liked this room. Contact Maritza or Mike at 304-865-3030 or stop by at 1147 Staunton Ave, Parkersburg.

### **BISCUIT TIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD-**

[BISCUIT & THE MIX](#) web-site shows them to be in the area most of this weekend. Beginning on Thursday Dec 18th @ Charleston Women's Club in Charleston. This "Holiday Blues Revue" also will feature THE CARPENTER ANTS, MAC CARY & THE BLUE NOTES and LADY D. Located at 1600 Virginia St. East, admission is \$15 and showtime is 7:30PM. For more information or reservations call 304-590-1042 or email [chaswvblues@yahoo.com](mailto:chaswvblues@yahoo.com).

On Friday afternoon Dec 19th, 1:00PM the schedule shows them at "Blues In The Schools" event in Charleston. This one we cannot however substantiate due to the fact it does not say where it will be.

Later that same day he is set to play for our friends with the Pomeroy Blues & Jazz Society in Pomeroy, OH. This event is a fundraiser for PB&J and will be held at The Millenium Building on Main Street. Showtime is 7:00PM and admission will be \$20 at the door. Admission includes soft drinks, snacks and holiday sweets - BYOB. Reservations can be made by at [jackie@courtstreetgrill.com](mailto:jackie@courtstreetgrill.com) or phone 740-992-6524.

The following day, Saturday Dec 20th shows Biscuit will be somewhere (TBA) in West Virginia with the WVBS at 8:00PM. Hmmmmmmm....? don't hold yer breath on this one. Wish it was true, but don't believe it is... Maybe nexttime?

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*Blues Profile* -**CHRIS SUTTON**-

Birth Date: 3/9/70

Birth Place: Charleston, WV

Bands You Have Played With: C&S RailRoad, Vance Lintlock, Blue Cat Sky, Gumption Junction

Current Band/Instrument: C&S RailRoad/ Guitar

Favorite Living Singer: greg allman

Favorite Deceased Singer: Otis Redding

Favorite Living Blues Musician: Alvin Youngblood Hart

Favorite Deceased Blues Musician: Kokomo Arnold

First Record Purchased: Let It Be

First Blues Record Purchased: Original Sessions: Mississippi John Hurt

Personal Blues Statement:"The Blues is life put to music." - Nat Reese

[Editor's Note:] Chris is a member of WVBluesSociety Board of Directors from Barboursville, WV

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

Living Blues magazine radio chart for November had "Witness To The Blues" by JOE LEWIS WALKER @ #1 and "Red Cadillac" by JOHNNY RAWLS @ #20...

seems to be some confusion about who is *actually* at Roadworthy Tavern, West Liberty this Saturday... Izzy & Chris or Ms Freddye & Blue Faze?... two (2) things we are "certain" of is #1 Chris Nacy "will" be there, #2 the blues fans in attendance is gonna be pleased with either...

"hot coffee & cool blues" the [Alabama Blues Project](#) is offering Alabama Blues Blend coffee for the holidays... with the cool photo of Willie King on the package...

Wed Dec 17th BLACKWATER MOJO @ El Gran Sabor, Elkins, WV

Sun Dec 21st [Bangkok Blues](#), Falls Church, VA host their weekly Sunday Blues Jam w/THE METEORS

COLIN JOHN returns from Hawaii to tour Buckeye state and surrounding area soon with a stop @ The Brewery, Marietta Tue Jan 6th...

check this guy out... [BEN SOLLEE](#) via Lexington, KY (thanks Brooklyn-Greg)

talk about a "run"!... IZZY & CHRIS at the International Blues Challenge, Memphis 2007- IZZY (solo/Blues Society of Western PA)

2008- IZZY & CHRIS (duo/West Virginia Blues Society)

2009- CHRIS (band-Ms Freddye & Blue Faze/West Virginia Blues Society)

reckon it could be more then luck? congratulations guys, looking forward to seeing you in Parkersburg @ the Overtime!

[DC Blues Society](#) holds their Annual Holiday Party Sat Dec 20th @ [Surf Club](#)

[Live](#) Hyattsville, MD

heads up to our friends in north-central PA... [BILLY PRICE](#) @ Franco's 25th Anniversary Blues Jam, Community Arts Center, Williamsport, PA Sat Dec 20th...

Blues Today/A Living Blues Symposium Feb 26-27, 2009 @ Univ of Miss, Oxford, MS

you gotta try this one... comes our way via travelin'manStan... go to [wolfgangsvault.com](#) and just follow directions for the live concerts... almost too much to comprehend...

17th Annual River City Blues Competition is scheduled for Feb 20th & 21st @ Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH... DEADLINE for acts to apply is Jan 9th... go to <http://www.bjfm.org> for all information...

[CHANNEL CATS BLUES BAND](#) return to Honi Honi Bar, Deep Creek, MD Saturday Dec 27th

**REMINDER:** all WVBS members receive a "2 for the price of one" tickets for MAHAJIBEE BLUES w/ADRIAN NILES, and THE EAST END DUKES @ Hard Rock Cafe, Pittsburgh Sunday Jan 18th... contact Pat at [ptevis3278@aol.com](mailto:ptevis3278@aol.com) or call 412-303-7592...

breaking news via BluesBobby of [South Florida Blues Society..](#) BB KING is planning to open a new club in South Florida in the near future...

the *Athens County Communication & Visitors Bureau* tells us they are hammering out final details of the 2009 Winter Jazz and Blues Fest (Jan 31st)... should have more information soon... <http://www.athensohio.com/events/index.php?page=16&item=2858> (thanks Laura)

TERRANCE SIMIEN & THE ZYDECO EXPERIENCE coming to [Carnegie Hall](#), Lewisburg, WV Feb 27th 2009...

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