

Christmas in the County



Christmas Message

“See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated “God is with us.” Matthew 1:23 quoting Isaiah 7:14

Pastor David Moore
Trinity Baptist Church

building and changes that happen in more populated areas. Entire shopping plazas will spring up in the few months between visits. The property values are continually skyrocketing forcing people to move further and further out from the city centers.

My favorite part is coming back to a community that seemingly never changes. Often the news going around town is, “Did you see the size of that buck that was killed?” or “Did you hear this business is changing buildings?” I often find myself chuckling at the stark contrast between our small town and “the rest of the country.”



It’s that stark contrast with other communities that makes our own community unique. It’s why so many visitors to our community want to find a way to live here and become a part of our pace-of-life. That stark contrast can also be very

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In Loving Memory of
Judi Simmons

I miss you more and more each day. Perhaps the Lord needed a great florist in heaven. He now has one.

With Love,
John Simmons

In Memory of
Richard B. Hiner

If we had all the world to give,
We'd give it, yes, and more,
To hear his voice and see his smile,
And greet him at the door.

With love, Patty and Michelle

In Loving Memory of
Mazie Burgess

Some say time heals our aching hearts,
But no, it isn't true.
For many years have passed, dear,
And our hearts still ache for you

Love Always,
Loy

Missing you always, especially at Christmastime

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Christmas with you in Heaven will never be the same.
I watch for signs you're with me each and every day.
I remember holidays past with both joy and sorrow in my heart
Until we meet again I can feel we're never far apart.

Love and miss you so much, Connie

In Loving Memory of
Thelma M. Thompson,
Howard M. Thompson and
Kendall M. Thompson

Those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity.

In Memory of
Darrell Lee Landis

March 10, 1958 ~ April 30, 2021

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there. I did not die.

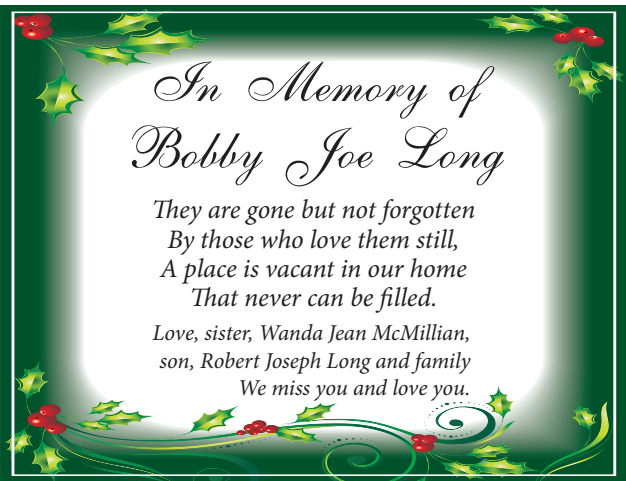
~ Author Mary E. Frye



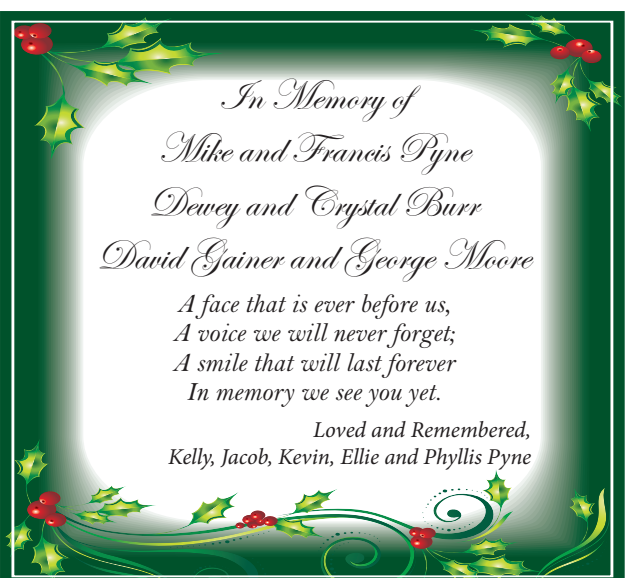
*In Loving Memory of
Roy and Mandy Cain,
Steve, Roy Jr. and Patty Cain,
Vince and Delores Trotta*
Life and home are not the same
Since you went away.



*In Memory of
The Slaton Family*
Those who think that you are gone
Because no more your face they see,
Are wrong, for in our hearts you live,
And always will, in memory.
Love, Trish



*In Memory of
Bobby Joe Long*
They are gone but not forgotten
By those who love them still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.
Love, sister, Wanda Jean McMillian,
son, Robert Joseph Long and family
We miss you and love you.



*In Memory of
Mike and Francis Pyne
Dewey and Crystal Burr
David Gainer and George Moore*
A face that is ever before us,
A voice we will never forget;
A smile that will last forever
In memory we see you yet.
Loved and Remembered,
Kelly, Jacob, Kevin, Ellie and Phyllis Pyne

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frustrating at times.
“Why can’t we just have a small fraction of what these other communities have?”
To be very honest, sometimes it can feel like our

community has been left behind in some senses. We look at other communities that are having packages delivered by drones while in our community many people struggle to simply get access to a landline for their home. Our young people seem to be leaving in waves to find eco-

nomnic opportunity elsewhere. This logically leads us to often ask the question, “God, where are you? Do you not care about us, too?”
In Christianity, we believe that our God is not distant but actually came to Earth and walked among us. In very “churchy” terms, we call this the Incarnation. That person who came and dwelled among us – is Jesus.

not lost on me how outlandish that sounds and yet, after millennia of scrutiny by scholars all over the globe, the Incarnation has stood the test of time and continues to be celebrated.

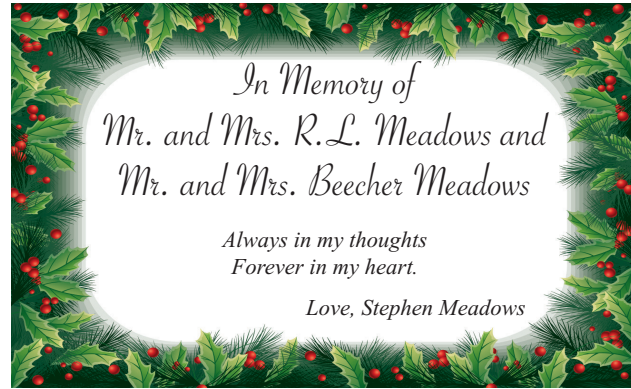
And what does the Incarnation say about who God is?

That God is not a God of only the important people or places. God did not come into the world to be entertained by the elite of society at fancy dinner parties. Rather we see God coming into the world in a small town, and spending time with those that might have been “forgotten” by society.

To be blunt, I know that God cares about Pocahontas County. I know God cares about West Virginia. I know that God has not forgotten us, but that He is with us in the middle of this.

So the next time you hear someone call our state Virginia, or we are depicted as backward hillbillies on television, or our community goes through another crisis, I hope that you are able to find comfort and peace in knowing that God cares.

Not only does God care, but He is with us.



*In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Meadows and
Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Meadows*
Always in my thoughts
Forever in my heart.
Love, Stephen Meadows



*In Memory of
Lloyd Roland Armstrong
Cousin Roland*
If we had all the world to give,
We’d give it, yes, and more,
To hear his voice and see his smile,
And greet him at the door.
Love, Sue and Family



*In Loving Memory of
Leslie Kay Goldizen*
If I could sit in Heaven,
even for a day, the pain in my
heart would temporarily go away.
I’d put my arms around you
and whisper words so true,
that living life without you
is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how I spend my time,
no matter what I do, there’s
no morning, noon or night
that I don’t think of you.

*Always in our hearts,
Mom, Dad,
family and friends*



Recipes from Trinity Baptist Church

Spinach Artichoke Dip

Barb Siers

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 1/2 cup fat free sour cream
 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, divided
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 3 garlic cloves crushed or 2 tsp. minced garlic
 14 oz. can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
 8 oz. cream cheese
 8 oz. fat free cream cheese
 1/2 - 10 oz. package frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry.

13.5 oz. pkg. baked tortilla chips

Combine:

In a large bowl, stir until well blended: 1 1/2 cups mozzarella, sour cream, 2 Tbsp. parmesan and the next 6 ingredients.

Spoon mixture into a square 1 1/2 quart dish.

Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella and 2 Tbsp. parmesan

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown.

Serve with tortilla chips.

often until cream cheese and marshmallows are melted.

If not smooth, use an electric mixer and beat until smooth.

Let cool and slowly pour on top of the first layer.

Put in refrigerator to gel.

Third layer:

1 small pkg. cherry Jell-O
 1 small pkg. red raspberry Jell-O

2 1/2 cups boiling water.

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water and let cool.

Pour close to and very slowly onto second layer and put into refrigerator to gel.

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Cheese Ball

Jenny Duncan

8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
 4 tsp. pimientos
 4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

4 tsp. onions

1 tsp. lemon juice

Mix all ingredients using a food processor and shape into a ball.

Roll in bacon bits and refrigerate.

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Ribbon Salad

Jenny Duncan

First layer:

2 small pkgs. lime Jell-O
 2 1/2 cups boiling water
 Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water and pour into a 9 x 13-inch glass dish.

Put in refrigerator to gel.

Second Layer:

1 small pkg. lemon Jell-O
 1/2 cup pineapple juice
 20 large marshmallows
 1 1/2 cups boiling water
 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

In a sauce pan, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water.

Add remaining ingredients.

Put over low heat and stir



Ribbon Salad

Photo source: tasteofhome.com

Zucchini Bars

Rose Birchfield

3/4 cup margarine
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup white sugar
 2 eggs
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 3/4 cups flour

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 1 cup coconut
 2 cups shredded zucchini
 3/4 cup walnuts

Cream margarine and sugars until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time.

Stir in vanilla, flour and

baking powder. Mix thoroughly.

Stir in coconut, zucchini and walnuts.

Spread batter evenly in a well-greased 9 x 13-inch pan.

Bake 40 minutes at 350°

While still warm, frost with the following:

1 cup powdered sugar
 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
 1 1/2 Tbsp. melted butter
 1 tsp. vanilla
 2 1/2 Tbsp. milk

Mix all ingredients together and spread on bars.

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Applesauce Cake

Rose Birchfield

1 cup butter or margarine
 2 cups sugar
 2 eggs
 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 tsp. soda

1 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1/3 tsp. nutmeg
 1/3 tsp. allspice

1 1/2 cups applesauce
 1/2 cup raisins
 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Pre-heat oven to 350°

Cream butter, gradually adding sugar, creaming until light.

Add eggs, beating well after each addition.

Sift together dry ingredients.

Add alternately to creamed mixture with applesauce.

Stir in raisins and nuts.

Turn batter into greased and lightly floured 13x9x2-inch pan.

Bake for about 45 minutes or until done.

Cool in pan.

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Cake Mix Cookies

Cherie Friel

1 box yellow or chocolate cake mix
2 eggs
1/2 cup oil
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Mix together cake mix, eggs, oil and chocolate chips. Place on cookie sheet 2-inches apart and bake at 350° until golden brown.

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Banana Bread

Paula McGuire

3 Tbsp. buttermilk
1 tsp. baking soda
Combine, set aside, add to the recipe last.

In a large bowl, cream together:

2/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup oil
Add 2 ripe bananas,

mashed
3 large egg whites, lightly beaten
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
Add buttermilk
Pour into prepared loaf pan.
Bake at 350° for 45 to 50 minutes.

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Christmas Trash

Barb Siers

1 large bag plain M&Ms
1 large bag peanut M&Ms
1 large can mixed nuts
2 large cans of cashews
1 small can of peanuts
3 handfuls of pretzels
1 box Crispix cereal
2 pkgs. almond bark
Mix: M&Ms, nuts and cereal in a large bowl.

Melt almond bark and pour over mixture until all pieces are coated.

Pour onto waxed paper to dry.

When dry, break apart and



Snickerdoodle Muffins

Photo source: yourhomebasedmom.com

store in covered container.

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Snickerdoodle Muffins

Paula McGuire

2 sticks unsalted butter
1 cup sugar

2 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
3/4 tsp. baking soda
3/4 tsp. cream of tartar
3/4 tsp. nutmeg
1 1/4 cups sour cream
2 1/4 cups all-purpose

flour
1/2 cup sugar and 1 Tbsp. cinnamon mixed together for rolling.

Cream butter and sugar until soft.

Add vanilla and eggs. Mix until incorporated. Mix in the remaining ingredients

Using an ice cream scoop, scoop out muffin batter one at a time and roll in cinnamon sugar mixture.

Place in a muffin tin. Bake at 350° for approximately 20-22 minutes or until golden brown.

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Spiral Pepperoni Pizza Bake

Jenny Duncan

16 oz. pkg. spiral pasta
2 lbs. ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 - 15 oz. cans pizza sauce
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
2 eggs
2 cups milk
1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese
4 cups shredded moz-

zarella cheese
3.5 oz. pkg. sliced pepperoni

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, cook the beef, onion, salt and pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain.

Stir in the pizza sauce, garlic salt and Italian seasoning. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the eggs, milk and parmesan cheese. Drain pasta; toss with egg mixture.

Transfer to a greased 3-quart baking dish. Top with beef mixture, mozzarella cheese and pepperoni.

Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake 20 to 25 minutes longer or until golden brown.

Yield: 12 servings

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Saucy Steak Skillet

Elma Hefner

1 lb. boneless round steak, cut up

1/4 cup flour
1 Tbsp. oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup water or broth
1/4 cup catsup
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

2 tsp. bell pepper flakes
1 tsp. instant beef bouillon
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. dried marjoram leaves

1/4 tsp. pepper
Coat steak pieces with flour; pound into beef.

Brown beef in oil in 10-inch skillet; push beef to the side.

Cook and stir onions in oil until tender; drain.

Mix the remaining ingredients together and pour over the beef and onions.

Heat to boiling; reduce heat.

Cover and simmer until beef is tender, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours.

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Macaroni and Cheese

Paula McGuire

Stir together until smooth:
 2 Tbsp. margarine
 2 Tbsp. flour
 1 tsp. salt
 Add
 2 1/2 cups milk, and stir until smooth.
 Add
 2 cups grated cheese, Velveeta and cheddar
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 Stir until smooth.
 Cook 1 cup pasta to al dente, and drain.
 Add to cheese mixture.
 Sprinkle with plain bread crumbs.
 Bake at 375 ° for 25 minutes.

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Corn Pone

Barb Siers

The night before, mix:
 4 cups yellow cornmeal
 1 Tbsp. salt
 3 cups boiling water
 Cover with a towel.
 Next morning, add:
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup flour
 2 tsp. baking powder
 Dissolve 1 tsp. baking soda in 1 cup buttermilk until foamy.
 (No buttermilk? Add 1



Corn Pone

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Tbsp. lemon juice or vinegar to a cup of milk.)
 Stir together.
 Bake in a greased tube pan at 375° for 1 hour and 10 minutes.
 When done, pour 1/2 cup boiling water over the pone.
 Cover with a cloth for 10 minutes.

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Baked Cream Corn

Melissa Totten

1/3 cup margarine
 1/4 cup flour
 1 cup whipping cream
 1 cup milk
 1/2 tsp. salt

Dash of pepper
 5 cups frozen corn
 1/4 cup sugar
 Melt margarine in a medium sauce pan over medium heat.
 Stir in flour until smooth.
 Gradually add cream, milk, sugar, salt and pepper.
 Bring to a boil; and stir for 2 minutes.
 Add corn and heat through.

Transfer to an ungreased

1 1/2-quart baking dish.
 Sprinkle desired amount of parmesan cheese on top of corn mixture.
 Bake at 350° until slightly browned and bubbly.
 May be put under the broiler for 3 to 5 minutes.

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Angel Biscuits

Melissa Totten

1 pkg. Rapid Rise yeast

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5 cups flour
 3 tsp. baking powder.
 2 tsp. salt
 1/2 cup water.
 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 2 Tbsp. sugar
 1 cup shortening.
 2 cups buttermilk
 Mix together yeast, flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda and sugar.
 Cut in shortening with a fork.
 Add buttermilk and water.
 Knead 10 to 12 times.
 Roll out and cut with a biscuit cutter.

Place in pan sprayed with cooking spray.
 Let rise 10 minutes.
 Bake at 500° for about 12 minutes.
 Dough keeps well in refrigerator for several days if you want to divide it and only make half at a time.

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Punch

Nancy Burks

2 pks. cherry Kool-Aid

1/2 - 2-liter bottle ginger ale
 1 large frozen orange juice
 Pineapple juice (optional)
 2 cups sugar
 4 quarts water
 Mix Kool-Aid, sugar and water.
 Stir to dissolve.
 Mix orange juice as directed on package.
 Add to the Kool-Aid mixture.
 Pour in ginger ale.
 Add pineapple juice, if desired.



When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him...

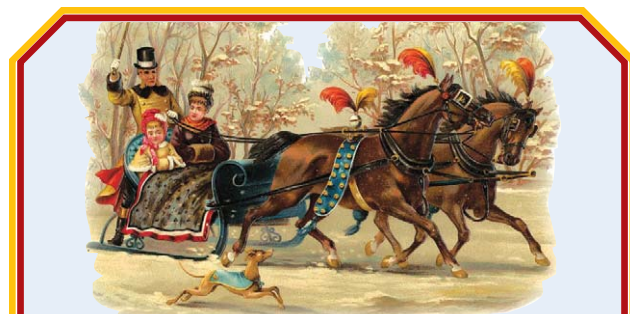
—Matthew 2:10-11

At Christmas and always, may your heart and faith in God lead you down the road to peace, joy and contentment. We feel blessed to be a part of this community, and we thank you for your friendship and support.

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Deer Santa ~ A Park Ranger's Christmas Story

Ken Springer
Contributing Writer

"Why do those with the least seem always to give the most?" W. Moon

I was 23 years old, had a full head of hair, was sitting in an old International Scout with a snow plow, and was the only ranger working the evening shift. And, more importantly, it was the snowy and bitterly cold Christmas Eve of 1972.

I volunteered to work this lonely shift because, among the rangers at the park, I was the only unmarried ranger with no particular place to go on Christmas.

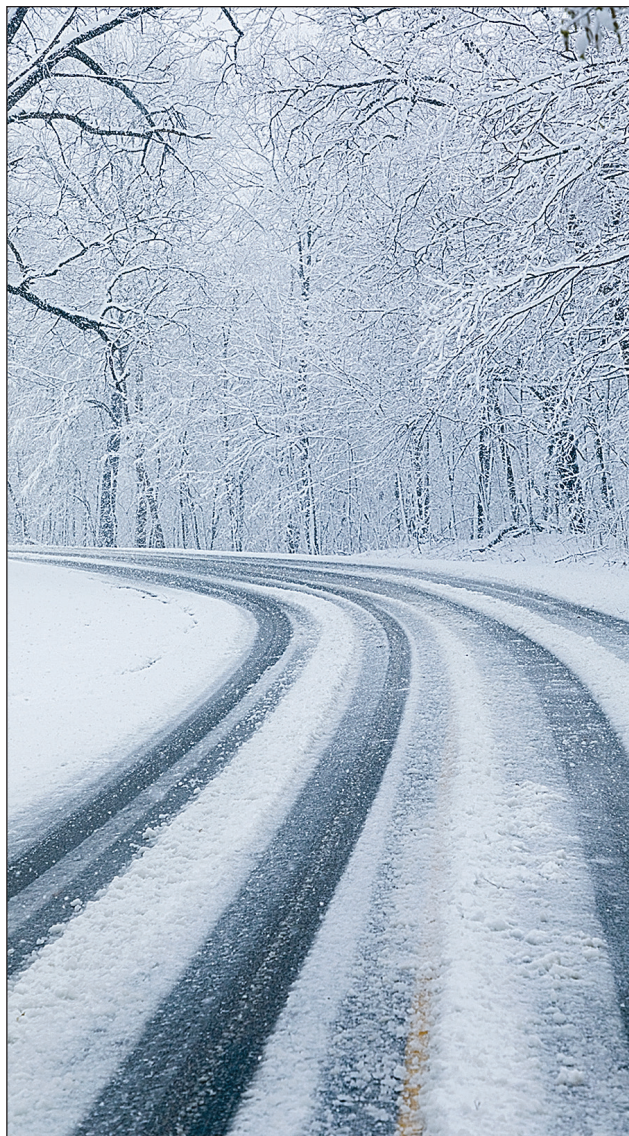
The only reason there was a need for an evening shift was that the park has numerous facilities. There are two marinas, three beaches with beach houses, four launch areas, two campgrounds, a restaurant, a maintenance shop, a commissary, two ranger stations, an administrative office and a dam, all requiring daily checks.

My duties on Christmas were less rangers and more night watchman. Having worked this same holiday the previous year, I remembered how vacant and still the park seemed, made even more so by a foot of fresh snow.

As I looked across the frozen surface of the lake, I had the eerie feeling that I was the only person left on earth. The park, usually crawling with visitors, seemed palpably vacant and austere, yet beautiful at the same time.

I arrived at the maintenance shop in the last light of the day. I filled the Scout with gas and began plowing snow, a chore I truly enjoyed.

As I traveled down the windswept park roads, I whistled that old Glen Campbell tune, Wichita



Lineman; it seemed to fit the mood. (Warning – don't think any further about this song, or it will reside in your brain for the rest of the day.)

After plowing all of the main park roads on the north side of the lake, I left the park's boundary and got on a two-lane county road that accessed another park road on the south end of the lake.

I passed by closed gas stations and cafés, occasionally punctuated by gaily-lit farmhouses. The cars of sons and daughters filled the parking areas after returning from elsewhere to spend Christmas with their families.

I could often see a Christmas tree beaming through a

window, casting colorful lights upon the snow outside. It looked cheery and warm to me, unlike the drafty Scout that offered little protection from the cold.

I was jarred from my thoughts of Currier and Ives's Christmas scenes by a considerable thump against the snowplow blade. I pumped the brakes and managed a controlled slide off the road and into the margins of a stubbled cornfield.

Exiting the vehicle, I first checked the plow, and saw blood dripping from the blade's leading edge. I glanced down the road and saw a deer struggling to lift herself from the icy pave-

ment. The doe's rear legs sustained compound fractures – blood ran over her pink tongue and onto the road surface. I walked back to the Scout to get a gun, and when I returned, saw that it was not needed.

Grabbing the two forelegs, I dragged her off the road several yards into the field.

Looking around, I saw a large single Osage Orange tree growing directly across the road from the deer; this would be a good landmark. I planned to call the highway department when I returned to the ranger station to let them know the location of the deer. A call that I would never make.

I continued down the road to the park's southern facilities. There was a particular driveway en route that I always plowed when snowfall was deep.

The Rogers' place, barely a farm anymore, sat at the end of a long driveway. Mr. Rogers had a few head of cattle and some scratch

chickens. The couple was then in their eighties, which was ancient a half-century ago.

Mrs. Rogers had lost most of her eyesight to the ravages of macular degeneration, leaving much of the household chores up to her husband, Henry. If there was ever a couple that didn't hide their love for each other, it was Henry and Marta.

Henry never complained, and it was clear that his love had only deepened with being Marta's full-time caregiver. They never had children, as evidenced by the empty parking area on Christmas Eve – empty, except for Henry's old Dodge Power Wagon.

But even so, Henry had put up a string of Christmas lights the length of the wooden porch; perhaps out of habit or maybe it was at Marta's urging.

As I pulled up to the house, I spotted a small pine tree on a table decorated with red, green and gold lights, causing the silver tinsel to

shimmer. While turning the Scout around in their drive, Henry walked out on the porch, waving me in. I turned off

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"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

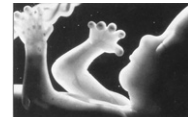
—Matthew 1:23 NKJV

What if abortion had been an option for the Virgin Mother of Jesus?

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." —Matthew 1:21 NKJV

Celebrate the reason for the season! Merry Christmas!

West Virginians for Life
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the vehicle and walked up onto the porch. Henry ushered me in, saying, "Marta, guess who's come to see us?"

"Well, if it's not Santa Claus, I would guess it is Ranger Springer," she replied, adding, "Go fetch him some of that special eggnog you made."

I almost declined because I was on duty, and I knew what Marta meant by "Special." But, I figured that doing so would be unnecessarily rude, and, anyway, it was Christmas Eve.

I spent the next hour or so enjoying not only a Christmas drink made with the

Rogers' own eggs and cream but another ingredient from a woman in the next county south who was exceptionally skilled in the science of distillation.

I left the Rogers' bearing as much yuletide cheer as possible and still able to plow snow on a narrow and icy road. But, as I stated a few paragraphs back, it was Christmas Eve.

Before arriving at the access road to South Beach, I passed a steep, snow-covered drive leading down to a derelict farmhouse. I had always assumed that the house was uninhabited, but I saw human tracks coming up the hill to the mailbox and back down again.

I turned the Scout around, lowered the plow, and



headed down the hill. A well-traveled Ford Econoline van was parked in front of the darkened and seemingly empty house.

I cautiously stepped out of the vehicle, leaving it running. I glanced up at the slate roof of the old farmhouse. A

slender ribbon of acrid black smoke rose straight up from the chimney until obliterated by the wind-driven snow.

Someone was in the house.

Stepping up onto the porch, I walked to the door and raised a hand to knock.

Just as my knuckles made contact with the door, it suddenly opened, giving me a start.

Standing before me was a man who looked like he could break an anvil in half. At first glance, he looked gruff, but that façade soon

melted into an enormous grin.

"I know you," he said. "You're one of the water watchers."

I laughed. Water watcher was a term locals had for

see Story pg 10



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park rangers. I didn't take issue with this pejorative label because we did spend a lot of time looking at the lake since it dominated most of the park's topography.

"Hi, I'm Al," he said. "I worked at Wolfe's Auto Repair, where you used to bring your car."

"Oh yeah, that was before old man Wolfe died, and his son ran the business into the ground," I replied.

The country was at the threshold of a severe recession in 1972, and, as was repeated ad nauseam, 'You couldn't buy a job.'

Al explained that he had been out of work for close to a year, saying that his only income was from odd jobs – cutting tobacco, baling hay and dehorning cattle.

I looked beyond Al into a dimly lit room where a young woman stood with two children – holding onto her peasant dress and wrapped in wool blankets. It was, at once, a beautiful and heartbreaking sight.

Al ushered me into the one room with a modicum of heat in the three-story drafty farmhouse. The fire in the room's fireplace did little to melt the ice that covered the inside of the windows. Snow had forced its way under the window, accumulating on the sill.

There was no electricity or running water. Glass, quart-sized Coke bottles filled with drinking water lined the fireplace mantle so they wouldn't freeze. The dim light came from candles, and a Coleman lantern was used to navigate from room to room.

Al's wife, Susie, returned from the kitchen with a bottle of homemade elderberry wine. We sat cross-legged on the floor in front of the meager coal fire. The kids sat just in front of us with their socked feet on the stone hearth.



The wine was exceptionally good, I savored it slowly. "Who made this?" I asked.

"I did," Susie said humbly and softly. "It's better than what they have at the liquor

store."

After my eyes adjusted to the faint light, I noticed a small unlit Christmas tree with strings of popcorn and a hodge-podge of bulbs. There were two gifts under the tree,

way. I wondered if Al and Susie had gifts for each other.

Later, when I got back on the road, I thought of O. Henry's classic book, *The Gift of the Magi*.

It depicts a poor couple who sell their most treasured items to buy Christmas gifts for one another. Della sells her beautiful waist-long hair to buy a gold watch chain for Jim, while Jim sells his treasured family heirloom watch for a set of hair combs. The irony is not lost on O. Henry's readers.

I learned that Al had been a mechanic in Vietnam, returning after his two-year stint to marry his childhood sweetheart. They bought the farm for what Al called a "song and dance" with the intention of bringing it back to life. But, the economy and shortage of jobs got in the way.

I got up from the floor, and stating, "Well, I better get back to water watching."

Susie stood up and said I could not leave before sharing dinner with the family. She headed out to the kitchen with the lantern lighting her

way. Breaking apart a loaf of homemade bread, she handed us each a steaming bowl of soup and a chunk of bread. After she said grace, she told us to "dig in."

The soup was tasty and comforting on this cold winter evening. Assuming they were vegetarians, I asked if they missed eating meat.

Al said somewhat shamefully, "Oh, no, we eat meat; it's just that it is currently out of our price range. We realize the kids need it, and it looks like I will take up hunting again if I don't get a job soon."

Then, it hit me, and I asked him if his van was in working order. He said, "Yeah, that's the one thing I can do as a mechanic – it runs like a top."

"That's great," I said, "You have some rope and a sharp knife?"

"I do. Why?"

I replied, "Get your van running, Al. We are going to get some meat for those kids."

When I showed up at the

ranger station the next day to start my evening shift, I found a covered basket just outside the door. Inside was a bottle of Susie's wine, a still-warm piece of venison with a vegetable casserole, and a whole loaf of her homemade bread. It was the best Christmas ever.

I knew that regulations required reporting the road-killed deer, but times were tough then, and I opted for the kinder alternative. After all, it was Christmas!

P.S. Al got a job as a mechanic at the state highway garage just after the New Year. The same agency that would have picked up the deer and taken it to the dump.

A sincere Merry Christmas to all of the readers of *The Pocahontas Times*.

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Trinity Baptist Church

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Jaynell Graham
Editor

Traveling Rt. 219 south from Buckeye becomes quite an uphill climb, but once you traverse the twists and turns, you are rewarded with the view of Trinity Baptist Church – a church on a hill. By comparison, Trinity Baptist is a relatively new church, and its “history” can be told from a first person perspective by those who have connections there. Saford and Sue Sparks

Hammons grew up in the Buckeye area, then moved to North Carolina to find work, as many young people did. It was while they were members of Trinity Baptist Church in Drexel, North Carolina, that they felt a pull toward home to help establish a church. So they sold their home and returned to their roots. The original Trinity congregation met in the living room of the Mill Point Tourist Home, now owned by Bill Barnett. A couple of years later, the “church” moved across Rt. 219, remodeled and

settled into a store building that sat near the McNeel Mill. A minister from Alabama brought a busload of members from his congregation and held a revival and Vacation Bible School there. A church from Virginia donated the chairs. It soon became clear that the congregation was outgrowing that space, so plans were made to buy property and erect a building. First Baptist Church of Fairlea agreed to take on the responsibility as the “Mother Church.” In early 1980, a search for

property began and, in the spring, two adjoining tracts of land were found on Buckeye Hill which seemed to be a good building site. The Southern Baptist Association donated a mobile home so the congregation could begin to hold services on the newly-gained property. Rev. Hugh Kincaid, of Lenoir, North Carolina, brought in workers with their campers and they had the church building under roof in one week. Members of Trinity Baptist finished most of the inside

work, and members from another church in North Carolina came to Buckeye to lay the bricks. Trinity Baptist Church in Drexel, North Carolina, rented a bus so some of its member could be at the August 1983 service when Trinity Baptist at Buckeye was constituted. They did not come empty-handed. The Drexel church arrived with a check for \$25,000, which allowed the new church to begin life debt free. **see Trinity pg 14**



DAVID MOORE, PASTOR at Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye, is also the local director for Young Life, a faith-based organization that works with middle and high school youth. He has also brought “young life” to the church with his family, pictured above: Pastor David with his wife, Cailey, and sons, Leo and Amos.



THE WELL-MAINTAINED sanctuary at Trinity Baptist Church is very peaceful and inviting. A baby grand piano provides accompaniment for the congregation’s singing, and there is special music each week by Barb Siers or Bill Hefner and the Hefner Family. This is a busy church. Adult Sunday School meets Sundays at 10 a.m. Worship Service at 11 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The Men’s Group meets the third Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. The Women’s Mission Union meets the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The church’s Christmas Program will be presented Sunday, December 18, at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish dinner. S. Stewart photo

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Trinity, from page 13

This was truly a multi-state, multi-church, God blessed endeavor.

Improvements and additions have been made over the years.

“The Women’s Mission Union (WMU) at Trinity held bake sales, sold barbecues and put together a cookbook to raise money to build the picnic shelter,” Jenny Duncan said.

A steeple was added in 2007, purchased by the men’s group, the Brotherhood.

Ron Branch was the church’s first “young” minister.

Trinity Baptist has another young minister today.

Pastor David Moore serves the church and is also the local director for Young Life, an organization whose mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

“David Moore is so good with teenagers and with adults,” Barb Siers said. “He is an excellent teacher. He makes you think.”

He doesn’t lecture. It’s always group participation.

Siers plays the piano at Trinity, and provides special music every other Sunday.

The church is fortunate to have Siers’ talent added to that of Bill Hefner and the Hefner Family, longtime members of the church, who have provided special music at the church for years, and continue to do so on the “other” Sundays.

Trinity is a Bible-based church, and Bible Study and adherence to its call are at the core of its work.

“The WMU meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.,” Duncan said. “The group’s mission is to help people. In addition to funding the building of the picnic shelter, the women buy necessary items for the interior of the church.”



THIS EYE-CATCHING quilt, made by Barb Siers, hangs above the sanctuary doors and nearly acts as a blessing to the congregation as they exit after services.

If there is a need, it becomes their “mission.”

They have no projects at the present time, so the WMU meetings focus on Bible Study. They are currently studying mothers and

daughters of the Bible.

The Brotherhood meets the third Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. beginning with breakfast at the church. Each man contributes to the meal – which is usually

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A PLAQUE NEAR the door of the sanctuary was added a few years ago as a way to remember and to honor church members who have passed away. *S. Stewart photos*

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sausage gravy, biscuits, fried potatoes – all the good stuff.

But they need to build up their energy. This group tends to the maintenance of the church building and property, and if someone needs something done at their home, the men see to that, as well.

They also share food by distributing Thanksgiving baskets in the community.

Members of the congregation are committed to the work of the church, and it shows in the care of the building, care of the congregation and caring for the community.

Service times at Trinity Baptist are as follows:

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

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The church Christmas Program will be presented Sunday morning, December 18, at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish dinner.

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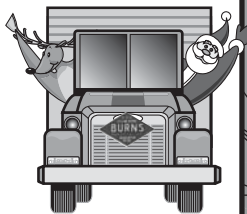
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Senior Center overflows with Christmas memories

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

For the past couple of weeks, the Green Bank Senior Center has been filled with the sounds of Christmas – from the radio and from the voices of the choir, preparing for Christmas performances around the county.

Feeling the Christmas spirit, the community members, who come to the center daily, were sent on a journey down the Memory Lane last week to talk about Christmases of the past.

Every little community in Pocahontas County had its own celebration; in Cass, the business owners made sure the children had a magical Christmas.

“The lumber company donated all the candy,” Caroline Cassell recalled. “There was a man called Big Willy – he ran the whiskey store in Cass – and he was a great big man. Bervin Nicely had a set of horses. We would all gather round the community tree, and he would come down through there with the horses and the sleigh, and give us all candy. We were tickled to death.”

Cassell also remembered that the town of Cass was always decorated, with lights sparkling throughout town.

Most children were excited for Santa Claus to visit their town or church so they could tell him what they wanted for Christmas – but there were a few who were scared of the big man in red.

It was during one of Santa’s visits to Arbovale United Methodist Church that one youngster hid instead of sharing his wish list.



“I remember way back there when I was a kid, I was scared of Santa Claus,” Wayne Brown said. “I crawled under the bench and hid from him.”

Along with experiences from early holiday seasons, certain gifts still hold a special place in the memories of those who received them.

Children would often receive oranges, candy, new clothes and a toy they had been pining for all year.

For Maggie Garretson Morgan, one toy she received at a very young age was more than just something to play with, it was a way to remember her father, Estel Garretson. When she was five, Estel passed away in May, but come December, Maggie still had a gift under the Christmas tree from her dad.

“He bought my sister and me plastic dolls with the clothes painted on them,” she said. “I still have it but it’s been through floods, and

it’s missing an eye. It looks awful, but I’ve got it.”

Ruth Anne Grogg Mullenax also remembers gifts she got as one of 14 children in her household.

“We got oranges,” she said. “That was a big deal. Most of the time, we girls got a doll and then outside of basically the one toy, we got maybe a new pair of shoes or a new dress.”

On the Sunday before the week of Christmas, the Grogg family would go out into the woods and chop down a Christmas tree, which was decorated, then taken down New Year’s Day.

“When you’ve got a wood stove and a live tree, needles fall off quickly,” Mullenax said, explaining why the tree didn’t stay up very long.

Mullenax also recalls that the family usually had ham or some kind of pork for Christmas dinner. She continued some of her family’s traditions with her own children, including having a real Christmas tree each year.

As the seniors reflected on Christmas with their children, they recalled trying to make the season special and keep the magic of Santa alive, even if it meant telling little white lies.

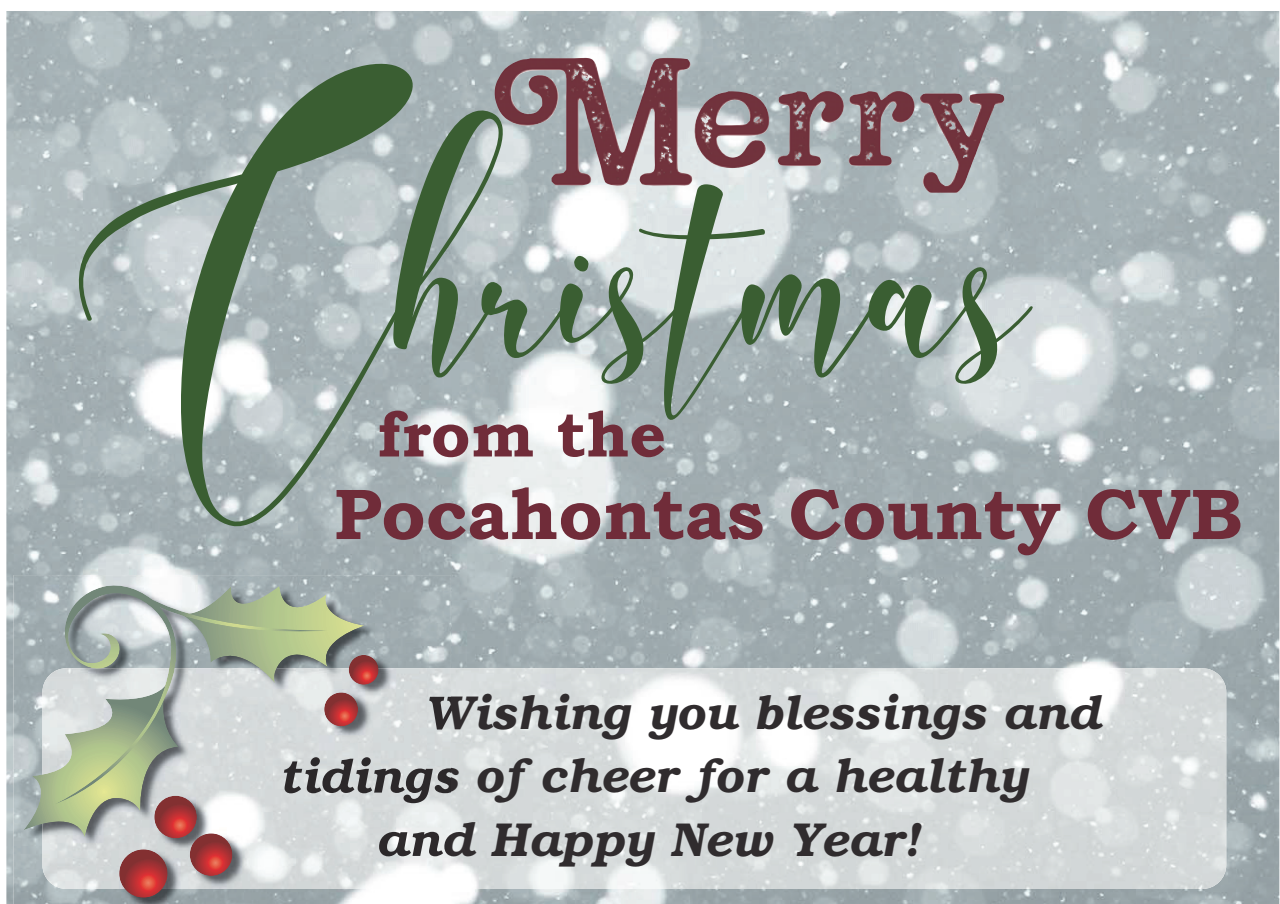
“We did a lot of lying,”

JoAnn Fromhart said, laughing.

JoAnn and her late husband, Fred, had three children, and they got creative with their Santa stories.

“We used to tell them, ‘now don’t get up too early because we might be the last house Santa visits,’” she said. “Fred would bring the presents in from out of the smokehouse and he dropped one meant for Louise one year. The next morning we found it and he said, ‘look what Santa dropped on the way in.’”

Through the years, Christmas has gotten bigger and more extravagant, with wish lists becoming longer and longer, but in the end, it’s the wonderful memories of time with family, gifts with special meaning and even a few good natured lies that makes Christmastime memorable.



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What's on the Bookshelf?

The Pocahontas County Historical Society has several books by local authors for sale. Perfect gifts to consider this holiday season. Here are just a few:

"Riders of the Flood," by W. E. Blackhurst, published 1963.

"A savage river, ready to kill, playing a cat-and-mouse game with a man's life – this

was the Greenbrier as it coursed through the white pine forests of West Virginia.

"In **"Riders of the Flood,"** Blackhurst presents a thrilling picture of logging on the Greenbrier in the 1890s. Old time loggers were a two-fisted crew, tough, hardy men who loved their calling as a sailor loves the sea. Fearless, red-blooded, intense in their loy-

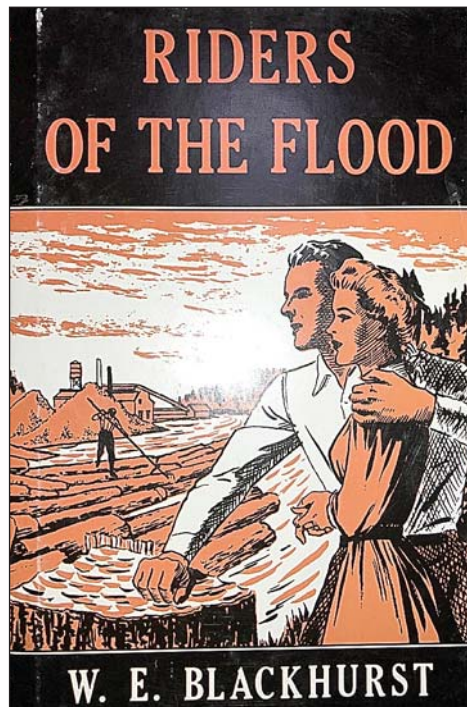
alties, the woodsmen formed a rugged, distinctly American brotherhood."

\$21.20

"Sawdust in Your Eyes," by W. E. Blackhurst, published 1963.

Blackhurst invites you to "meet a whole town full of interesting people. Many of them will be folks you may think you have met before. They will be of all classes and types. They will range from dignified mill owners to murderers. They will be gamblers, workers, prostitutes, family folks, loggers, train men and gay-hearted youths.

"No one will know how they all got together in one small town. No one will ever know from what far flung corners of the world they came nor will anyone know why each came. Neither will anyone ever know the stories, comic or tragic, behind their lives that sent many to the wild unsettled and law-



less lumber towns.

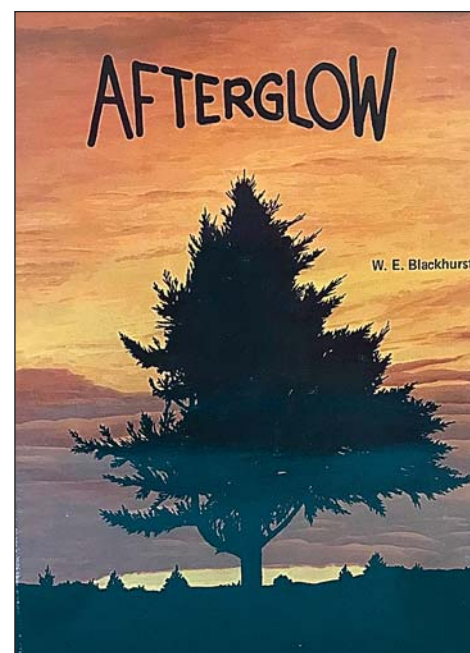
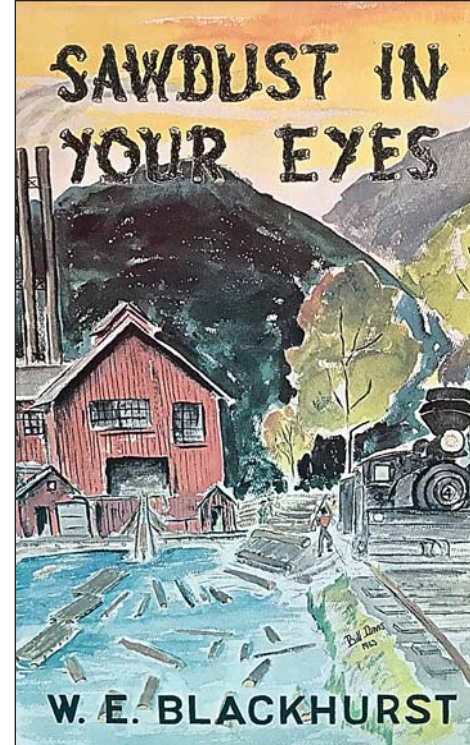
"We do know why the town came. It came to harvest a great wealth of straight trunked forest trees. It came to supply lumber to the markets of the world. In its wake came the widest mixture of people to be found in any one small area of our nation."

\$21.20

"Afterglow," by W. E. Blackhurst, published 1972.

"There may never have been another funeral like **"The Planting of 'Pruney O'Lanney;"** another poem as timely as **"Generation Gap"** or one so sincerely the expression of a

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Merry & Beautiful Wishes

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man's true feelings and love of nature as "I Need to Go to the Woods."

"Homespun philosophy; thoughts and memories from his alert mind and observing eye; characters drawn from people he had known; incidents from events in which he had participated; poems from the heart – all combined in "Afterglow," a collection of poems and short stories from the now silent pen of "Tweard" Blackhurst."

\$21.20

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"The Store ~ Memories of the Peoples Store and Supply," by James Samuel Brill.

"The Store" will take you back to the days of the old-fashioned general store, where a person could find just about anything he needed and sell his wool, eggs, butter, ginseng or chickens while he was there.

Brill grew up in an apartment about the People's Store and Supply, on the

banks of the Greenbrier River in Marlinton. The story focuses on the years of Brill's boyhood, the 1930s, but it looks back to The Store's founding in 1915 and ahead to its final days in the mid-1980s.

\$5.30

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"The Williams ~ A Historical View and other Pocahontas Memories," by C. A. Curry.

Curtis Curry was born near the bank of the Greenbrier River in mountainous Pocahontas County. His father and uncle were avid trout fishermen and began his education in catching trout at an early age.

"The Williams" and other stories tell of his experiences in the mountains as a child and after his return nearly fifty years later. They are dedicated to his father who taught him his love of the outdoors and to respect and protect these gifts so that future generations might also enjoy them."

Curtis Curry's father was Cecil A. Curry, who was the water plant operator for the town of Marlinton.

"I moved into the drafty log house beside the water plant in 1942 when my father became "operator" and only employee at the water plant. Despite his having only an eighth grade education, he had taken and passed the state examination to qualify for the job. He and my mother would live in the log house until he retired in 1970.

"My father loved to fish, and he loved to share his knowledge with the many young boys who flocked to the "dam" in the summer to fish in Knapps Creek."

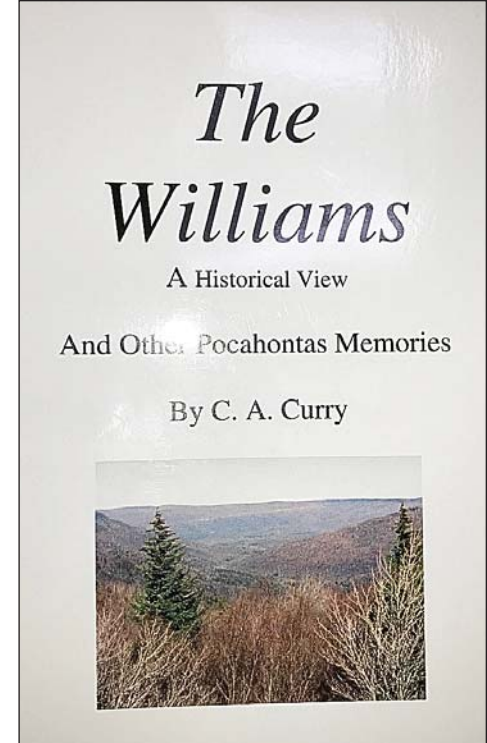
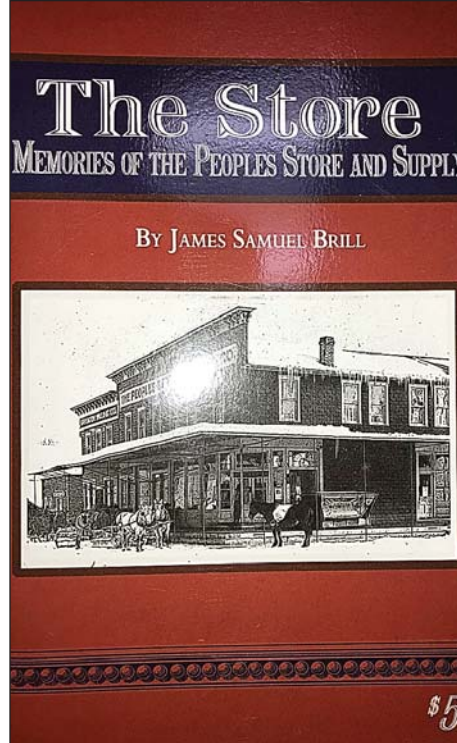
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"West Virginia Mountain Lions ~ Past, Present and Future of the Long Tailed Cat" by Skip Johnson.

The last mountain lion in West Virginia was killed in 1877 on Tea Creek in Pocahontas County.

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Happy Holidays

from the families
and friends of
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With a prayer for peace and gratitude in our hearts, *Glory to God and Merry Christmas to all!*

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“Or was it?
Numerous sightings and eyewitness accounts of this majestic cat have been documented for years.

The West Virginia division of Natural Resources is firm on its stance that there are no native mountain lions in the state, but all the sightings seem to tell a different story.

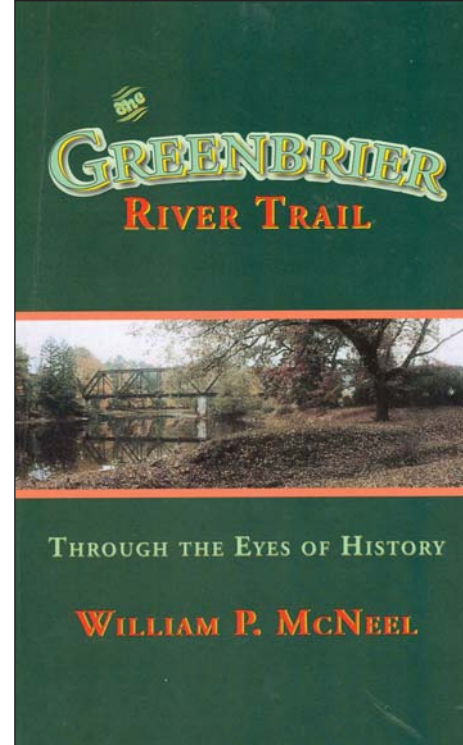
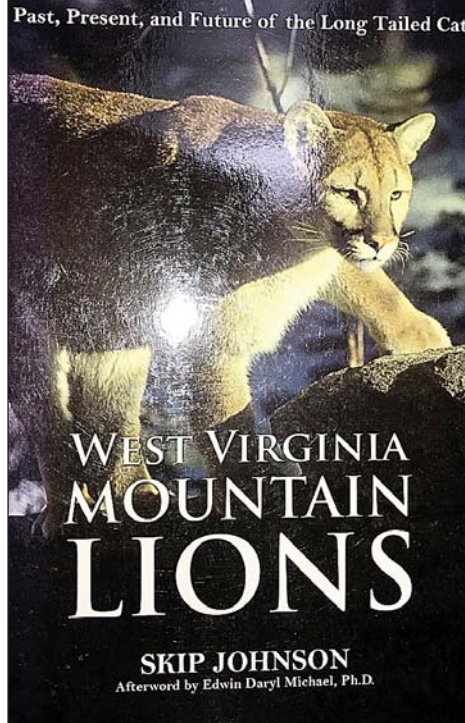
Where are these cats?
Where did they come from?

How did they get here?
Why are they so reclusive?
These questions and more can be discovered on the pages inside Skip Johnson’s book, “West Virginia Mountain Lions.”

\$16.91

“The Greenbrier River Trail ~Through the Eyes of History,” by William P. McNeel.

“Here is the indispensable companion for anyone who wants to experience the beauty and tranquility of the Greenbrier River Valley by



exploring one of West Virginia’s finest recreational trails.

The 77-mile Greenbrier River Trail follows the rail bed of what was once the Greenbrier Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

William P. McNeel writes about the history of the railroad, describes the communities the railroad once served, most of which no longer exist, and details the places where hikers and bicyclist can access the Trail. There is information about the services available such as food and lodging, points of interest and suggestions for side trips.

The text is supplemented with photographs taken during the heyday of the Greenbrier Division, and 25 two-color maps that show the visitor exactly where to go.

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Wonder, Love & Light

As we celebrate the miracle of our Savior’s birth, may His love and sacrifice bring feelings of peace, joy and gratitude to your season. We appreciate your trust in us.

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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6



May the miracle of His birth fill your heart with light at Christmastime and all year. Rejoice!

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Your
Heart,
Home and
Spirit



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*With a prayer for peace and
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