

Appalachian Christmas Stories

This book weaves a garland of Christmas experiences for the people of Southern Appalachia.



JIM GIFFORD

All of us at the Jesse Stuart Foundation hope that each reader will find in these pages the love for others that energizes the true spirit of Christmas. Many friends of the Stuart Foundation con-

tributed stories and poems to this modest volume: Thomas D. Clark, Loyal Jones, Jesse Stuart, James Goode, Billy C. Clark, Harry Caudill, Jim Wayne Miller, and Marlin W. Blaine. Jim Marsh designed the cover and created the illustrations for this book which was the best seller at the 1997 Kentucky Book Fair.

My grandmother Clara Moore Clark (1892-1978), who raised me, would have enjoyed the stories in this book. When I was a small child trying to grasp the story of Christmas,

I imagined that my grandmother was a lot like Jesus — she knew how to love and she knew how to forgive and she lovingly sacrificed herself for others.

Whatever good I have done in this world and whatever good I may yet accomplish is a tribute to Clara M. Clark, a great teacher and a splendid role model. In loving devotion to her memory, I dedicated this book to her.

During the holiday season, every walk-in customer who purchases more than \$25 in books will receive

a GIFT COPY of “Appalachian Christmas Stories.”

The JSF Bookstore at 4440 13th Street in Ashland is open to walk-in customers from noon until 3 p.m. through Dec. 31. Books are enduring gifts, and we have thousands of books in our inventory. Let us help you pick perfect gifts for the special people on your shopping list. Visit our website at jsfbooks.com for holiday shopping ideas. For more information, or to place an order, call (606) 326-1667, email jsf@

jsfbooks.com or visit jsfbooks.com.

Jesse Stuart books are also available at The Dandelion Patch in downtown Russell. JSF board member Susan McGinnis Callihan and her sister Mary Kay McGinnis Ruark own this boutique at 317 Ferry Street. For more information call them at (502) 902-1974.

Typing help needed

I am working on a book entitled “Dear Deane: The Public Reaction to Jesse Stuart’s Death.” I have hundreds of sympathy

letters which Jesse’s wife Naomi Deane Norris Stuart entrusted to me in 1990, three years before her death.

These letters need to be transcribed, and there is more work than one person can do. I need at least six good typists to volunteer their assistance. I know you’re busy now, but after the Christmas holidays are over, please stop by our office and I will discuss this project with you in more detail.

JAMES M. GIFFORD, Ph.D., is CEO and Senior Editor of the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

Indictments include fentanyl trafficking, possession

BY MARY JANE EPLING
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

CATLETTSBURG

A Boyd County grand jury issued multiple indictments this week, mostly ranging from theft and drug trafficking to subsequent possession charges.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, rather a grand jury determined prosecutors had sufficient evidence to continue felony prosecution. The individuals appearing below remain innocent until proven guilty.

- Amere J. Dawson, 18, of Detroit, was indicted on charges of trafficking fentanyl and possessing marijuana.

- Joseph Adkins, 28, of Portsmouth, was indicted on a sole count of theft by unlawful taking, or shoplifting, items totaling between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

- Jeremy Oscar Danielson, 37, of Portsmouth, was indicted on a sole count of third-degree burglary.

- Allen Scott King, 40, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of simple possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Kirby D. Boggs, 53, of Rush, was indicted on charges of possessing fentanyl and second-degree possession of an

unspecified drug.

- Wyatt Tackett, 28, of Ashland, was indicted on a sole count of first-degree domestic violence strangulation.

- William Howard Zornes, 60, of Ashland, was indicted on four counts of first-degree promoting contraband.

- Cayden Robertson, 23, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of identity theft, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Kayla Salyers, 30, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of trafficking fentanyl and first-degree promoting contraband.

- Jonathan A. Enyart, 35, of Ashland, was indicted on a first-degree persistent felony offender enhancer.

- Randel Rybak, 49, of Ashland, was indicted on charges of trafficking fentanyl, simple possession of methamphetamine and operating on a suspended or revoked operators license.

- Dustin E. Shortt, 42, of Rush, was indicted on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, simple possession of fentanyl and other traffic-related violations.

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PrimaryPlus experiences cyber security incident, outages

SUBMITTED CONTENT

ASHLAND Primary-Plus is in the process of responding to an IT security incident that occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 3, involving potential unauthorized access to a portion of their IT environment by an unknown third party.

The security and protection of Primary-Plus’s data is its highest priority. It is working expeditiously with outside industry experts (digital forensics and incident response) to address this matter in accordance with the industry’s best practices.

While these types of situations have become all too common worldwide, the PrimaryPlus team recognizes the significance of this event and have quickly taken the appropriate steps to address it. The PrimaryPlus team is currently deploying advanced monitoring and threat detection across their network, as well as implementing additional security measures to protect their systems and data.

PrimaryPlus extends its apologies for the delays in service and outages. It is asking for the community’s patience

and understanding throughout this process. At this time, Primary-Plus has no knowledge that anyone’s personal or confidential information has been misused as a result of this incident.

The investigation remains ongoing. The organization will notify individuals should the findings of the investigation indicate any personal information has been exposed.

PrimaryPlus reports its is seeing progress to get everyone back up and fully operational soon. It is continuing to see patients and will

continue to keep the community informed throughout the process.

PrimaryPlus encourages patients to visit primaryplus.net or visit the Facebook page (PrimaryPlus) for the most up-to-date information regarding services. PrimaryPlus extends its many thanks to the community for its patience as it works to resolve this matter quickly and effectively.

PrimaryPlus has 14 primary care centers, plus various extended and specialty services throughout northeastern Kentucky and the Ohio Valley region.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Free dental work available

GRAYSON

Eastern Dental’s fifth annual Care Day will be at 8 a.m. Dec. 20 at the office at 132 Interstate Drive.

Clients may choose extraction, cleaning or filling. Work will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

GCBH to meet next week

GREENUP

The Greenup County Board of Health will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Venue at the Edge in Russell. The agenda will include the election of the Board of Health officers, the fiscal year 2025 Greenup County Health Taxing District budget update, the fiscal year 2025 Greenup County Health Department operational budget update and capital project updates.

For more information, call the health department at (606) 473-9838.

Former FCI officer pleads guilty

A former correctional officer at FCI Ashland pleaded guilty to providing alcohol and other contraband to inmates, according to the *Lexington Herald Leader*.

The newspaper reported Sean T. Lawless will be sentenced in January and faces up to one year in prison.

According to his plea agreement, the crimes occurred between September 2020 and February 2022.

Lawless admitted he smuggled in at least five bottles of Fireball whiskey, three cans of Copenhagen smokeless tobacco, two vape pens and cigarettes to an inmate, according to the Herald Leader. He also provided liquor, vape pens and cigarettes to another inmate, records show. He pleaded guilty Nov. 22.

Lawless agreed to give up law enforcement certifications and not seek any future jobs as a police officer or corrections officer.

Trump offers a public show of support for Hegseth

WASHINGTON (AP) President-elect Donald Trump on Friday offered a public show of support for Pete Hegseth, his embattled choice to lead the Defense Department whose confirmation by

the Senate is in doubt as he faces questions over allegations of excessive drinking, sexual assault and his views on women in combat.

“Pete Hegseth is doing very well,” Trump posted on his social media site. “He will be a fantastic, high energy, Secretary of Defense.” The president added that “Pete is a WINNER, and there is nothing that can be done

to change that!!!”

Hegseth spent much of the week on Capitol Hill trying to salvage his Cabinet nomination and reassure Republican senators that he is fit to lead Trump’s Pentagon.

He’s promised not to drink on the job and told lawmakers he never engaged in sexual misconduct, even as his professional views on female troops have also come

under intensifying scrutiny. He said as recently as last month that women “straight up” should not serve in combat.

Trump has nominated a slate of loyal, 2020-election denying candidates to fill out his administration and help in his effort to remake the federal government and seek revenge on his enemies.

But he’s already meeting some resistance. Two of his other choices have stepped down as they faced intense scrutiny: former congressman Matt Gaetz, his first choice for attorney general; and Chad Chronister, a Florida sheriff who was Trump’s first choice to lead the Drug Enforcement Administration.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Catlettsburg Housing Authority is requesting sealed bids for painting and flooring install and services until 2pm Monday, December 30th, 2024. Pricing to include a total cost for all material and labor for the requested services within each unit size. Contract details are available at the Catlettsburg Housing Authority office located at 210-24th St. Catlettsburg, Ky. 41129.
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