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Today...

Showers, mainly before 4 p.m. The rain could be heavy at times. High near 68. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent.

Sports...



Prep basketball

Princeton outscores Red Devils.....B-1

Officer helps mom make special delivery

CORINTH, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi officer helped make a special pre-holiday delivery in a parking lot for a pregnant woman who couldn't quite make it to the hospital.

Sgt. Ken Walker of Corinth came to the aid of Karla White about 4 a.m. Monday. WTVB-TV reports that White and her mother were on the way to the hospital and called 911. Dispatcher Ashleigh Hinds advised them to pull over and wait for an ambulance.

That's when Walker showed up and realized there was no time to wait. The officer then helped deliver the baby.

Hinds says "emotions just overflowed the dispatch center."

Market watch

Dec. 22 2015

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Nasdaq Composite 32.19
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Standard Poor's 50 17.82
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Russell 2000 9.94
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NYSE diary

Advanced: 2 392

Declined: 755

Unchanged: 87

Volume: 3.5 b

Nasdaq diary

Advanced: 1 859

Declined: 1 038

Unchanged: 83

Volume: 1.6 b

AP



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4. House fire at Lyndale Ave.
5. Bluefield, Va., parade
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Gun permit agreement nixed

Staff and wire reports

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Concealed handgun permits held by residents of 25 states will no longer be valid in Virginia, the state's attorney general said Tuesday, drawing swift criticism from GOP

lawmakers. Attorney General Mark Herring, a Democrat, said the state will revoke its reciprocity agreement with the states because their concealed weapon laws don't meet Virginia's standards. Those states hand out per-

mits to fugitives, convicted stalkers and drug dealers, which undermines the state's law and puts residents at risk, he said. "Evenly, consistently and fairly enforcing Virginia's concealed handgun permit law, as we are now doing,

means that it will be more difficult for potentially dangerous individuals to conceal their handguns here in Virginia and that will make Virginians safer, especially Virginia law enforcement," Herring said. The move means that

Virginians will no longer be able to use their concealed handgun permits in six states that require a mutual reciprocity agreement: Florida, Louisiana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South

Permit, A-5



Staff photo by Jon Bolt

Smoke rising...

Members of the Green Valley-Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department work to extinguish a fire erupting from a crashed vehicle on US. 460 near Bluefield Tuesday. The car flipped into the median between the eastbound and westbound lanes and caught fire. The driver and her grandchild were transported to Bluefield Regional Medical Center for observation.

Samaritans help passengers escape crashed car

By GREG JORDAN

Bluefield Daily Telegraph

BLUEFIELD — Passersby stopped to help a grandmother and her grandson Tuesday after their car crashed on U.S. Route 460 near Bluefield and then caught fire.

Traffic was stopped on Route 460 while firefighters with the Green Valley-Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department brought a car fire under control. It had

overturned during a single-vehicle crash.

"There was an adult female and a small child. There's no visible injuries, but they were taken to BRMC (Bluefield Regional Medical Center) for evaluation," Detective Sgt. Steven Sommers of the Mercer County Sheriff's Department stated at the scene.

The Buick, coming off the ramp from John Nash Boulevard, went off the left

side of the road, overcorrected, hit a hump, and went airborne approximately 35 feet, Sommers said. The car then made contact with the shoulder of Route 460, rolled over across the lane and came to rest upside down in the median where it then caught fire.

The driver, Kim Andrews, 53, of Bastian, Va., said passersby helped her get her grandson, 3 and a half-year-old Wyatt Andrews, out of the

car.

"I tried to get out the driver's side, but the window wasn't down far enough," she recalled. "I think the passenger window had broken, so I crawled out and started throwing stuff out and trying to get him, and that's when the people showed up, got something and broke the window and he was in there." Her grandson was in a child safety seat.

"He was in the car seat,"

Andrews said as she watched the car burn. "I always put him in a car seat. Always."

The car started burning after Andrews and her grandson were out of it.

"It didn't start burning until after we got out. I didn't even know it was on fire," she said.

The West Virginia State Police and Bluefield Rescue Squad were also dispatched to the scene. Deputy T.S. Rose assisted Sommers with the investigation.



Staff photo by Jon Bolt

Giving spirit...

Patrolman J.B. Fox of the Princeton Police Department hands a \$25 Grant's gift card to John Dickerson of Princeton.

Princeton officers play secret Santa, reward good drivers

By GREG JORDAN

Bluefield Daily Telegraph

PRINCETON — Seeing flashing blue lights in the rear view mirror and getting pulled over by police isn't normally pleasant, but area residents found out Tuesday that sometimes Santa wears a uniform.

Officers with the Princeton Police Department handed out pleasant surprises instead of tickets when they distributed 50 gift cards donated by Grant's Supermarket to motorists throughout the city. Each card gave its recipient \$25 of extra grocery money just in time for Christmas.

Patrolman J.B. Fox took the Bluefield Daily Telegraph along for a patrol in which he distributed several of the

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cards. Instead of watching for traffic infractions, he kept an eye out for motorists obeying the law.

"This is the first time for me," he said as he drove down Morrison Drive. "I started last September, actually. Later, heading up Stafford Drive, he spotted a likely recipient and conducted a traffic stop. Then he had a surprise. The driver was Tony Reed, retired pastor of Maple View Church of Christ, and his wife, Neoma. Fox still attends the church.

"This is very gracious on

Princeton, A-5

Community comes through for Little Jimmie campaign

By GREG JORDAN

and CHARLES OWENS

Bluefield Daily Telegraph

BLUEFIELD — A \$40,000 fundraising goal was surpassed Tuesday while volunteers transported red bags of Christmas joy and lined them up for today's 2015 Community Christmas Tree party.

Doors to the annual Community Christmas Tree party open at the Bluefield City Auditorium at noon today, and distributions will continue until 1:30 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at 12:22 p.m., and volunteers will begin distributing gift bags at 12:30 p.m.

A total of \$6,795 in donations that arrived Tuesday took the annual Community Christmas Tree fund drive past its \$40,000 goal for a balance for \$43,849.69.

"We are thrilled and appreciative that the

Campaign, A-5



Staff photo by Jon Bolt

Sea of gifts...

Volunteer Deb Halsey-Hunter organizes some of the hundreds of gift bags loaded down with presents at the Bluefield Auditorium Tuesday morning.

Tazewell County woman wins big from Virginia Lottery scratch-off

Staff reports

ABINGDON, Va. — A Tazewell County woman may not look like a pirate, but she made off with a big treasure Tuesday in the Virginia Lottery's Pirate's Treasure Scratch-off game, lottery officials said in a press release.

Charlotte Baldwin of Cedar Bluff, Va. won the



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