

# The Trumpet

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## Big, Big Story!

*-Special to the Trumpet-*

And it came to pass in those days, there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world be enrolled—this enrollment first came to pass when Cyrenius was governor of Syria, and all were going to be enrolled, each to his proper city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, that is called Bethlehem, because of his being of the house and family of David, to enroll himself with Mary his betrothed wife, being with child.

And it came to pass, in their being there, the days were fulfilled for her bringing forth, and she brought forth her son, the firstborn, and wrapped him up, and laid him down in the manger, because there was not for them a place in the guest-chamber.

And there were shepherds in

the same region, lodging in the field, and keeping the night-watches over their flock, and lo, a messenger of the Lord stood over them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they feared a great fear.

And the messenger said to them, "Fear not, for lo, I bring you good news of great joy, that shall be to all the people. There was born to you today a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

And this is to you the sign: you shall find the babe wrapped up, lying in the manger.

And suddenly there came with the messenger a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory in the highest to God, and upon earth peace, among men—good will."

And it came to pass, when the messengers were gone away from them to the heav-

ens, that the men, the shepherds, said unto one another, "We may go over indeed unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that hath come to pass, that the Lord did make known to us."

And they came, having hastened, and found both Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And having seen, they made known abroad concerning the saying spoken to them concerning the child.

And all who heard, did wonder concerning the things spoken by the shepherd unto them. And Mary was preserving all these things, pondering in her heart. And the shepherds turned back, glorifying and praising God, for all those things they heard and saw, as it was spoken unto them.

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*Luke 2:1-20*

*Luke is a contributing reporter to the Trumpet.*

### ***Alabama Shepherds Association holds monthly mtg.***

The Crenshaw County chapter of the ASA met last week to discuss new sheep handling techniques.

Kevin Hermeling, head stockman at Bryan Farms of Brantley, addressed this topic, which was of great interest to everyone present.

"We've got to keep up with the times," stated Hermeling. "We can't keep on using outdated equipment. A staff and slingshot doesn't always keep the wolves away."

Jacob Ray, who has worked with sheep all his life, agreed. "We've got to use modern equipment—these new 4-wheelers are great. The dogs love them and they really make a difference."

After the discussion and a delicious dinner of lamb chops and rice, Allyn Riley demonstrated his own award-winning group of dogs.

Before dismissing the meeting, it was announced that several of the members had noticed "strange lights" in the sky late at night, but no one knew what this could mean.

### ***McLeod Joins Trumpet Staff***

Cody, McLeod, graduate of Luverne High School, has taken a position here at the Trumpet as a roving reporter.

Along with award-winning photographer Addison Dozier, she plans to visit different areas of the town, and speak to locals about upcoming events.

McLeod has plans to cover some "big news" that should break this weekend.

Stay tuned for further news as events unfold.

### ***Celebrity in Town This Week***

Allison Riley, a "star" in her own right, has been spotted about town this week.

Riley, a local celebrity, has been surrounded by mystery for years. She only appears during evening hours, and refuses to have her picture made.

We expect Ms. Riley to hold a press conference to make her announcement this weekend.

Check with us for breaking news.

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### ***Astronomers in Area to study Celestial Phenomenon***

Three scientists are in the area for a big event this weekend. All three, who specialize in astronomy, or the study of stars and other celestial bodies, would only state that there had been some strange new stars seen by several of their colleagues, and they were checking things out for themselves.

Dr. Aaron Rhodes, and his brother, Dr. David Rhodes, who are partners in Rhodes Laboratories, Inc., had seen what they believed was a new star in the heavens earlier in the year. "We couldn't pass up a chance to get a closer look, so we traveled here to see what we could learn."

Dr. Joey Mote, president of MTI (Mote Technological Institute), stated that he too was interested in learning more about this phenomenon. "I've never been involved in such an important discovery before. If this turns out to be real, it will be a miracle! It will be the greatest story ever!"

This reporter is aware of several big stories going on in the area during this time. Could they be related? Only time will tell. Stay tuned for more late breaking news.

## *Young Woman Wins in Memory Contest*

### *New Neighbors in Crenshaw County*

Due to the new tax laws that were passed earlier this year, more and more people are moving back into Luverne, even if it's only for a few months.

The structure of the tax bill is such that those who owe taxes are required to live in the county while they complete paperwork and arrange to make payments.

This has increased the population in the area to such extremes that many locals have begun to rent extra rooms out to strangers to take care of the overload on local hotels, motels and camping grounds.

The Trumpet spoke to one couple who has come here to register and pay taxes. Matthew and his wife Jennifer (not their real names) have temporarily moved into some extra space in a local barn, while waiting to find more permanent lodging.

Matthew, who is a licensed carpenter, seems to be taking everything in stride.

Nicole Quinn, who lives here in Luverne, has won a memory contest. The contest, which is held annually, has several different divisions. Quinn, who entered for the first time this year, won the teen division.

"I've always used little tricks to help me remember things. Once I wrote a list down every day for a month, so I could learn the state capitals. I've used rhymes and funny sentences, too, when I've had to learn dates for history tests. This time, I just tied a ribbon around my finger. It's an old trick, but it works!"

When asked what she had to remember this time, Quinn said, "Well, it wasn't really a hard thing to remember, after all. When you think about it, most everyone needs to know the real reason for Christmas. It's when we celebrate Jesus' birthday, so I just tied the ribbon, which made me think of bows on birthday presents. These little tricks work every time. More folks should try it."

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His wife, Jennifer, looked tired from the trip. They hope to start their family soon.

When questioned further by this reporter, Joseph also stated that they might even move permanently into this area. "The folks here have all been very friendly. I know we'd enjoy living here. It's just according to how our plans work out. But we do appreciate everything that the folks here have done to make sure we're comfortable."

### *Fall's New Look—Feathers*

Local designer Brittany King has introduced her latest line- and it looks divine!

"This fall, clothing is all about softness, warmth and gracefulness. What says that better than wings?" says King, who has been designing top of the line fashions for years.

King studied for several years in Paris. She recently branched out on her own and opened her own shop.

King says she plans to showcase her new line this weekend at a big event.

## *Cast and Credits*

Cast (in order of appearance)

*Child* ..... Nicole Quinn

*Reporter*..... Cody McLeod

*Camera Man*..... Addison Dozier

*Joseph*..... Matthew Luster

*Mary* ..... Jennifer Rogers

*Star* ..... Allison Riley

*Angel*..... Brittany King

*Shepherds* ..... Jacob Ray

..... Allyn Riley

..... Kevin Hermeling

*Wisemen*..... David Rhodes

..... Aaron Rhodes

..... Joey Mote

Thank you to the following people:

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The players, who have worked hard so we can all remember what Christmas is *really* about.

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Our church members, who have prayed for us and loved us while we practiced.

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