

AREA OBITUARIES

Dr. Charles Smith

Dr. Charles Edward Smith, 77, of Poplar Bluff died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, in Destin, Fla., after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Dr. Smith was born Sept. 29, 1932, in Dexter. During his childhood he lived in St. Louis, and graduated from Central High School.

As an adult, he served in the U. S. Navy. Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Smith enjoyed the challenge of learning. His education includes a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, Master of Theology, Master of Arts and Doctorate of Ministry. Dr. Smith was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Poplar Bluff, and the Destin United Methodist Church in Destin, Fla. where he served as a teacher. He was a retired family counselor, author of numerous life purpose books and a lecturer. Dr. Smith enjoyed playing golf, tennis, singing, and being with family and friends. He had a special quality of always making others smile and laugh.

On Nov. 7, 1993, he married Norma L. McLane in Poplar Bluff. She survives. Charles and Norma have resided in Poplar Bluff for more than 16 years.

Surviving are his niece, Linda Thomas and daughters; nephews, David McKay and sons and Dale McKay and sons; four children, Jana McLane Brown and husband, Travis, Joey McLane and wife, Angela, Jerri Ann McLane Rowland and husband, David, and Steve Smith of West Virginia; a sister, Helen McKay of Memphis, Tenn.; nine grandchildren: McLane Poteet, Corey Poteet, Alli Poteet, Marissa McLane, Annaleese Williams, Chloe Rowland, Robert Rowland, Ashley Maples and Amber Maples.

His parents, Charley Lewis and Birtha Mae Smith, along with two brothers preceded Dr. Smith in death.

The family will receive and visit with friends from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday at First United Methodist Church. A service of celebration of Dr. Smith's life will follow at noon at the church with the Rev. Charles Buck officiating and the Rev. Tom Knodell assisting.

Memorials may be made to UCAN (United Cancer Assistance Network), 1419 Maud St., Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63901, or the First United Methodist Church, 500 North Main St., Poplar Bluff. Mo. 63901.

Family and friends may share an online condolence or memory at www.cotrell-funeralservice.com.

Cotrell Funeral Service of Poplar Bluff is in charge of the arrangements.

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Maurice Thompson

DONIPHAN — Maurice Thompson, 88, of Doniphan died Monday, March 1, 2010, at Ripley County Memorial Hospital in Doniphan.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Edwards Funeral Home in Doniphan.

Band at lake civic center

The featured band at the Wappapello Civic Center Country Music and Dance on Saturday, March 6, will be Dennis Worley & Red Light Band. The event is held in a no smoking and no alcohol facility inside the Center. Concessions are available. The cost is \$5 per person. Your participation is appreciated.

Vernon Barnett

FISK — Vernon Barnett, 81, of Broseley died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Elvis Presley Trauma Center in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Barnett was born June 16, 1928, at Broseley. He had lived in the Broseley area most of his life.

He attended Lone Oak General Baptist Church at Broseley.

He was a self-employed trucker and worked for many years with auction firms such as Wagster Auctioneering and Speedy Ketcherside Auction and Realty.

Mr. Barnett enjoyed hunting. He also was an avid horse lover and enjoyed racing quarter horses.

On Oct. 18, 1945, he was married to Verene Hill, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Donna Garner and husband, Clem, and Shirley Yarbro and husband, Mark, all of Poplar Bluff; one son, Dennis Barnett and wife, Eva, of Broseley; one brother, Jay Barnett of Onalaska, Texas; four sisters, Velta Gibbs of Ocala, Fla., Christine Angelly and husband, Gary, of Brookport, Ill., Janet Foust and husband, Doy of Poplar Bluff; and Marilyn Rush of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, Angie Croy and husband, Gary, Donald Allen Jr. and wife, Debby, Dana Trout, and husband, Rick, Mark Yarbro and wife, Laura Jane, all of Poplar Bluff, Courtney Tucker and husband, Mike, of Bartlett, Tenn., Barry Barnett and wife, Cortney, of Charleston, Tyler Garner, USAF, of San Antonio, Ryan Garner, USMC, Norfolk, Va.; and seven great-grandchildren, Aaron Croy, Lauren Croy, Cody Hayes, Emma Hayes, Nicole Allen, Katie Tucker and Phoebe Tucker.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Verlin Barnett and Victor Barnett; two sisters, Betty Burke and Joan Porch; his parents, Clyde and Gertrude Barnett.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. today at Whitesanders Funeral Home in Fisk. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Marlin Rice and the Rev. Jim Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Brown Chapel Cemetery at Broseley.

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Jimmie Robinson

MALDEN — Jimmie Lee Robinson, 37, of Malden died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Robinson was born May 5, 1972, at Sikeston. He was married to Regina Robinson, in 1995. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include a brother, Johnny Robinson of Poplar Bluff; a sister, Rebecca Higgs of Poplar Bluff; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Landess Funeral Chapel in Malden.

Norma Ellsworth

DEXTER — Norma Ellsworth of Dexter died Monday March 1, 2010, at her residence in Dexter.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. N winds 5-10 mph. **Wednesday:** Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. N winds 5-10 mph. Lows in the lower 20s. **Thursday:** Sunny. Highs around 50. N winds 5-10 mph. Lows in the mid 20s. **Friday:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Lows in the lower 30s. **Saturday:** Mostly cloudy. A 20% chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s.

Ramona Dixon

ELLINGTON — Ramona Joy Dixon, 89, of Centerville died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Southbrook Nursing Home in Farmington.

Mrs. Dixon was born May 29, 1920, at Chariton, Iowa.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church at Orient, Iowa. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Dixon enjoyed bowling, Women's Afternoon Club, refinishing furniture, reading, puzzles and gardening.

On Sept. 5, 1984, she was married to John Pershing Dixon. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2006. On Dec. 24, 1946, she was married to J. Paul Buchanan, who died Jan. 1, 1982.

On Aug. 12, 1936, she was married to Chester L. Ray, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Chester Ray Jr. of New Mexico; one daughter, Patt Middleton of Centerville; two step-sons, Doyle Dixon of Georgia, and Bill Dixon of Iowa; one step-daughter, Fran Davis of St. Louis; 21 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at McSpadden Funeral Home in Ellington with Pastor Ted Middleton officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.mcspaddenfuneralhomes.com.

Traffic 1 lane on part of 67 in Wayne, Madison

COLDWATER — Northbound and southbound traffic on U.S. 67 between Highway EE in northern Wayne County and Madison County Road 401 at Cherokee Pass will continue to be reduced to one lane at four locations.

The contractor is working along the shoulders to do grading and paving to connect median crossovers from the new pavement to the existing pavement. Motorists may expect flagger controlled work zones with reduced speeds and an 11-foot width restriction.

Currently, there is two-way traffic on the new two lanes on a three-mile stretch from south of Highway JJ in Madison County. The remaining areas of the new two lanes in Madison County cannot be utilized until work on the crossovers is completed.

Drivers are urged to use extreme caution while traveling in the area.

LOTTERIES

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Midday 3: 7-1-0
Midday 4: 8-3-4-8
Pick 3: 4-0-1
Pick 4: 8-1-5-6
Show Me Ca\$h:
03-07-10-11-28
Next jackpot \$65,000

COUNCIL

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The Poplar Bluff City Council decided Monday night to reject a recommendation from the Animal Control Advisory Board to reduce the number of pets allowed per household to four.

After three residents spoke and the council discussed the proposed amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance, Councilwoman Susan Williams made a motion to change the number of pets from four back to the current six.

Council members approved the amendment before adopting the entire Animal Control Ordinance. Both votes were 6-1.

"I voted no because it was too confusing," Councilman Harold Tinsley said after the meeting.

Councilman Robert Smith, City Manager Doug Bagby, Mayor Loyd Matthews and Williams said they had received several phone calls or comments from residents opposed to reducing the number of pets to four.

FIRES

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at his home.

The 53-year-old man was flown to St. John's Mercy Hospital just hours after Vernon Barnett, 81, had been flown to Elvis Presley Trauma Center in Memphis, Tenn., for treatment after he, too, was severely burned trying to put out a grass fire at his Broseley home. Barnett died from his injuries on Sunday. His obituary appears on page 6A.

Greenville Fire Chief Brent Shaffer said firefighters responded at about 4 p.m. to a fire at a Highway K residence.

"I think the neighbors were burning trash, and it got into (the man's) yard," Shaffer said. "He was trying to stomp it out and caught himself on fire."

The man, whose name is unknown at this time, was trying to keep the fire from reaching his house, Shaffer said.

The fire, Shaffer said, caught the man's pants on fire. "It burned his pants off and about half of his shirt," he said.

Shaffer said the man, who had burns on roughly 80 per-

cent of his body, was flown to the St. Louis hospital.

Shaffer said he doesn't know the severity of the burns.

The fire, Shaffer said, was relatively small when firefighters arrived.

Qulin Assistant Fire Chief Don Doser said firefighters also found a small fire at Barnett's residence in the 100 block of County Road 663.

"He had had a fairly large grass fire, but it extinguished itself, burned itself out," Doser explained.

A small fire, involving a lumber pile, remained and was put out by firefighters, Doser said.

The fire, he said, was in a "little pasture area" in the backyard area.

When firefighters arrived, Doser said, Barnett was inside his home being treated by emergency medical services personnel.

Deputies with the Butler County Sheriff's Department also were on the scene, having been sent there at about 11:45 a.m.

According to Deputy Michael Tinker's report, Barnett had been severely burned.

P&Z

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N. Main St. is going back to the Poplar Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission.

On Feb. 22, commission members voted unanimously to recommend denial of Devine's request. At the Poplar Bluff City Council meeting Monday night, no one made a motion to accept or reject the recommendation.

City Planner Dennis Avery said Devine was "not willing to meet all the stipulations." She wanted to wash vehicles outside the building, but Avery had stipulated the washing must be done inside the building in wash bays so the wastewater would flow into the sanitary sewer system. The property is located in a C-1 neighborhood commercial district.

After a discussion by council members, Devine said, "Okay, you win. The cars will be washed on the inside. The clothes (in her resale shop) will be moved outside on racks."

"She can't run both businesses in one building," Councilwoman Susan Williams said. Council members also were concerned about water flowing onto the bricks on Main Street and creating a traffic hazard.

Devine had previously agreed to abide by the other stipulations, which included limiting business hours to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, no sale of vehicles, no washing of motors or transmissions, no sales of fuels or oils, no repairs, no painting, a limit of 10 vehicles during business hours, a limit of three vehicles during non-business hours, no off-street parking,

must have trash Dumpster or receptacle and a new owner must apply for a new permit.

The appointment of Jeff Shawan to the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved. He was the only applicant to replace Melanie Thomas, who resigned due to working more hours.

An agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding the Oak Grove Road project was moved to the March 15 session. The project involves upgrading Oak Grove Road to "improve safety and increase the capacity for traffic by widening, regarding, adding curb and gutters and improving drainage appurtenances," according to the agreement.

The project will begin at North Westwood Boulevard and proceed west approximately 3,500 feet, which is a short distance west of Shelby Road. This new road will extend from Highway PP to Business 67 at Highway W. At the time of the Oak Grove Road construction, if funds permit, the improvements may be extended farther west, but not past Bypass 67.

"We receive \$74,000 per year in surface transportation program funds. They have built up to little over \$400,000," City Manager Doug Bagby said. "This agreement allows us to access those funds, which will offset some of the cost of the \$2.2 million project."

Council members accepted a \$19,014 bid from Buffington Brothers Heating and Cooling of Poplar Bluff to replace a rooftop air-conditioning unit at Black River Coliseum. The other bid was \$20,500 from Precision Heat and Air, Inc. of Poplar Bluff.

of the dog and a complete description by April 1.

"The Animal Control Board has been working on this for two years. They have put a lot of thought and time into this ordinance," said Bagby, who added several other cities have already adopted similar ordinances for pit bulls.

Greg West said he would like for the council to add a requirement for pit bull owners to purchase a \$50,000 liability insurance policy for their dog.

"It is in our ordinance for any dog determined to be dangerous," Bagby said.

Another change is under the abusive treatment of animals. Any person convicted of abuse shall not be allowed to own an animal for not less than one year. Any guilty person found in possession of an animal within the one-year period shall be fined not less than \$500 with the years of not owning an animal reinstated with a new date.

A new section was added that prohibits the keeping of bees or hives within the city limits.

Barnett, who was able to speak, told Tinker he had been burning brush.

"Barnett stated that he had turned around for a minute and that the fire had come up behind him and caught him on fire," Tinker said. "Barnett stated that he tried to get his clothes off, but that the fire spread too quickly."

Two men on the same weekend having their clothes catch fire is "very unusual, but it can happen," explained Butler County Fire Chief Bob Fredwell.

Since people have been inside all winter, they want to get out and clean up their yards, Fredwell said. Many, he said, were burning the limbs from last year's ice storm over the weekend.

"I don't think people realize how dry it is; the ground is so wet underneath, but the top is freeze died," Fredwell said. "The nights we've had and the days of low humidity" in the 20-percent range makes the fire danger "definitely very high."

While the humidity has been higher this week, Fredwell said, tomorrow is supposed to clear off and be breezy.

"We'll be in the same boat," he said. "... It's very, very dry" and people need to be "very, very careful."

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Local Stocks of Interest	
Quotations as of closing Monday, March 1, 2010	
Dow Jones Ind Avg (INDU)	10,403.79
Nasdaq (COMP Q)	2,273.57
S&P 500 (GSPC)	1,115.71
Alcoa Inc (AA)	13.31
Abbott Labs (ABT)	54.29
Ameren Corp (AEE)	25.04
American Express (AXP)	38.13
Auto Zone (AZO)	166.00
Boeing (BA)	64.00
Bank of America (BAC)	16.71
Briggs & Stratton (BGG)	17.82
British Petroleum (BP)	53.98
Caterpillar Inc (CAT)	57.85
Commerce Bancshares (CBSH)	40.32
ConocoPhillips (COOP)	48.91
Cisco Systems (CSCO)	24.60
Citigroup (C)	3.39
Chevron (CVX)	72.81
Du Pont (DD)	34.03
Deere & Co (DE)	58.29
Walt Disney Co (DIS)	31.54
Empire District Ele (EDE)	18.15
Ford Motor Co (F)	12.41
General Electric (GE)	15.90
Google (GOOG)	532.69
Home Depot (HD)	31.43
Hewlett-Packard (HPQ)	51.54
Intl Bus Machine (IBM)	128.57
Intel Corp (INTC)	20.87
JC Penny Co (JCP)	27.92
Johnson & Johnson (JNJ)	63.39
JP Morgan (JPM)	41.83
Coca-Cola Co (KO)	53.27
Kraft Foods (KFT)	28.72
Kroger (KR)	22.41
Leggett & Platt (LEG)	19.33
Lowes (LOW)	23.98
McDonalds Corp (MCD)	63.98
3M Company (MMM)	80.58
Altria Group (MO)	20.27
Monsanto (MON)	71.24
Merck & Co (MRK)	37.27
Microsoft (MSFT)	29.02
MorganStanley (MS)	28.19
O Reilly Auto (ORLY)	39.57
Pepsico Inc (PEP)	63.43
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	17.75
Procter & Gamble (PG)	63.51
Regions Financial (RF)	6.65
Allied Waste (RSG)	28.89
Sears Holding (SHLD)	95.90
Sherwin Williams (SHW)	63.74
Southern Missouri Bancorp (SMBC)	14.00
Toyota Motors (TM)	73.64
AT&T (T)	25.00
United Healthcare (UNH)	34.04
US Bancorp (USB)	24.51
United Technologies Cp (UTX)	69.64
Verizon Comm (VZ)	28.99
Wal Mart (WMT)	53.90
Exxon Mobile (XOM)	65.40
Yahoo! Inc (YHOO)	15.79
Yum! Brands Inc (YUM)	33.88

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