

AREA OBITUARIES

Rexie Davis

Rexie Lora Davis, 66, of Poplar Bluff died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Davis was born Dec. 19, 1943, in Poplar Bluff. A lifetime Butler County resident, she was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Poplar Bluff. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Davis loved children, baby-sitting and playing bingo. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

In August 1962, she married George Ervin Davis. He preceded her in death March 23, 2007.

She is survived by a very special nephew, Eddie Rodgers, and niece, Melinda Tyler; three daughters, Carolyn Reed, Charlotte Kinney and husband, Frankie, and Lora Davis, all of Poplar Bluff; two brothers, Bo Rodgers of Poplar Bluff and Elbert Dennis Rodgers of Muncie, Ind.; four grandchildren, Calvin Reed, Natalya Davis, Zach Davis and Lacy Davis; one great grandchild; Mason Browning; and many friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Dennis Rodgers and Juanita "King" Rodgers; a sister Beverly Humphry; a brother, Everette Ray Rodgers; and one grandchild, Cassie Kinney.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Rowdy Boyer officiating. Burial will be in Ash Hill Cemetery at Fisk.

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Bobby Jackson

Bobby Jackson, 69, of Poplar Bluff died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at The Manor in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. Jackson was born May 22, 1940, in Poplar Bluff. He was of the Baptist faith. He had worked as a welder for U.S. Steel and enjoyed playing cards.

Survivors include two children, Theaellis Wallace of Seattle and Phillip Wallace of Indiana; a sister he raised, Sharon Winters of Poplar Bluff; a brother, Jeffery X2 of Poplar Bluff; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family is planning a memorial service for a later date.

Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home of Poplar Bluff is in charge of arrangements.

Lloyd Freeman

Lloyd Daniel Freeman, 64, of Poplar Bluff died Friday, March 12, 2010, in Wayne County.

Mr. Freeman was born May 23, 1945, in Poplar Bluff. A lifetime Butler County resident, he was of the Baptist faith. He was a roofer. He enjoyed working with leather and fishing.

Survivors include two children, Daniel Freeman of St. Louis and Anita of Ohio; three sisters, Mae Freeman and Bonnie Jean Griffen, both of Poplar Bluff, and Marilyn Swartzell of Fort Wayne, Ind.; one brother, Robert Luther Freeman of Poplar Bluff; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home of Poplar Bluff is in charge of arrangements.

Crisis Line
1-800-356-5395

ATTENTION: CASH REWARDS

Cash rewards paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the distribution or possession of crack cocaine or other controlled substances. Direct all calls to the narcotics hot line at

573-686-8675

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential. You, along with the Poplar Bluff City Police Department, can make a difference.

Ronald Ricks

FISK — Ronald D. Ricks, 63, of Bossier City, La. died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, at Shreveport, La.

Mr. Ricks was born Aug. 6, 1946, in Poplar Bluff. He attended Quin and Rom-bauer grade schools. He graduated from Fisk High School. A veteran of the Air Force, he joined at 17 and served for 20 years. He served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and also in Italy.

He was married to Iris White. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Wayne Steven Ricks and wife, Rachael, and Rhonda Lee Row and husband, Jim; two sisters, Janice Lange and Phyllis Cobb; his mother, L. Deronda Batson Ricks; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Ethan Ricks, and a brother, John Stephen Ricks.

A graveside service will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brown Chapel Cemetery in Broseley with the Rev. Randy Riley officiating. White-Sanders Funeral Home in Fisk is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Margaret Asbell

Margaret Marie Killmer Asbell, 81, of Dexter died Sunday, March 14, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Asbell was born April 17, 1928, in Pyletown. She was a member of the First Church of God and a former employee of International Shoe Company and the Elder Manufacturing Company, all in Dexter. Mrs. Asbell enjoyed walking, working in her yard, going to yard sales and spending time with her family and friends.

On June 1, 1946, she married Alfred R. Asbell at Bloomfield. He preceded her in death Sept. 10, 1980.

Survivors include one son, Rodney Asbell and wife, Kay, of Dexter; one daughter, Vickie McClard and husband, Curtis, of Dexter; two granddaughters, LaRhonda Billingsley and husband, David, and Kristi Hockman, all of Dexter; three great-grandchildren, Victoria Hockman, Eric Billingsley and Aaron Billingsley; one brother, Vaughn Killmer of Herculaneum; one sister, Beatrice Edwards of Whittemore, Mich.; a special friend, Aaron Davison of Dexter; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Leonard Madigan officiating. Burial will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery near Dexter.

DEXTER POLICE

DEXTER — Jerome L. King, 42, of Dexter was arrested at 5:17 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of Specialty Drive on suspicion of possession of amphetamines.

Ash Hill cleanup day

The Ash Hill Cemeteries cleanup day will be begin at 9 a.m. March 27. All leaves and misplaced flowers will be picked up and destroyed. In case of inclement weather the event will be held the following Saturday.

For more information call 967-3654.

Connie Winters

Connie Winters, 91, of Poplar Bluff died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Winters was born Jan. 14, 1919, in Earl, Ark. He was a former resident of Markam, Ill. An ordained minister, he was a member of Mt. Calvary Power House in Poplar Bluff. He had worked for Wyman and Gordon in Chicago and was a crafted brick layer. He enjoyed fishing, carpentry work and spending time with his family.

On Nov. 15, 2003, he married Sharon Jamer-son. She survives. He was previously married to and preceded in death by Mable Caldwell Winters and Essie McClain Winters.

Also surviving are six children, Gloria Winters and Ernest Winters, both of Chicago, Thomas Winters of Markam, Ill., Linda Deaner and Randy Winters, both of Poplar Bluff, and Charles Winters of California; a step-child, Arlecia Donald of Poplar Bluff; a sister, Minnie McDonald of Chicago; three brothers, Willie Winters of Michigan, Ernest Winters of Broseley and Robert Winters of Chicago; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, George Winters and Helen McDaniel Winters; one son, Connie Winters Jr.; one step-son, Evan Bascombe; two brothers, George Winters and Mack Winters; and four sisters, Alice West, Curly Nance, Mae Porter and Adean Marzette.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff. Funeral services will follow at noon at the funeral home with Minister Terry West of Chicago officiating. Burial will be in Morocco Cemetery.

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Thomas Lawson

Thomas J. Lawson, 87, of Monterey, Tenn., formerly of Poplar Bluff, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at Standing Stone Care and Rehabilitation Center in Monterey.

Mr. Lawson was born on Feb. 18, 1923, in Kennett. He was a food manager. He was of the Baptist faith. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in World War II. He enjoyed VFW dances and fishing.

Survivors include three sons, Thomas M. Lawson of Cedar Park, Tenn., Terry W. Lawson of Kansas City and Glen E. Lawson of Monterey; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at Fitch-Hillis Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Ralph Mayes officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

On-line condolences can be made at www.fitchhillis-fh.com

Bird watching class starts March 25

A six-week course in bird identification and making bird watching successful and enjoyable, sponsored by Scenic Rivers Audubon Society, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, located between Raben Tire Company and Krogers on Highway 67 North. The course will include field trips. The cost of the course is \$35.

To pre-enroll call Victor Moss, 573-772-0167, or v-moss@yahoo.com.

TOPS 347 met

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) MO 347 met at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at South Poplar Bluff General Baptist Church on Arthur Street. Weigh-ins were between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. There were six TOPS and no KOPS in attendance.

Peggy Wood opened the meeting with the TOPS and KOPS opening pledge and song. Patsy Sullivan and Peggy Wood tied for best weekly loser for TOPS with Kathy Wood as runnerup. No one was named best KOPS weekly loser.

Johnnie Bernal's name was drawn from the ha ha box. Loretta Wood took the Gypsy bag brought back by Connie Sheppard.

Kathy Wood read the secretary's report, which was approved. The suggestion for the week was: "Have a healthy movie night, watch a movie and make healthy snacks and sugar-free punch with real fruit." The weekly motivation quote was: "By being yourself you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before" by Edwin Elliot.

Patsy Sullivan gave the program entitled "How Low or High Is Your Sodium." T-Take off pounds; O- Open to new ideas; P - Positive thinking; S - Sensitive feelings to others.

For more information about this TOPS group and weight loss, contact Kathy Wood, 714-4398 or Marsha Bostic, 686-1678.

Alzheimer's group meets March 25

If you are a caregiver or family member of someone with Alzheimer's disease, take the time to care for yourself so you may be a long-lasting support for others. There will be an organizational meeting of the Alzheimer's Association Support Group at 2 p.m. March 25 in the First United Methodist Church parlor, 500 N. Main St.

The group provides solutions to problems faced by caregivers, information on the latest Alzheimer research, the opportunity to meet and socialize with other caregivers and the peace of mind that you are not alone in your struggle with Alzheimer's disease. The group will meet each month.

For more information call Rev. David Huck at the church office, 785-1439, or at home, 785-3334.

STOD. SHERIFF

BLOOMFIELD — Cora Lee Bode, 20, of Bell City was arrested on a warrant for second-degree burglary and stealing. She was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

BLOOMFIELD — Charles Allen Jackson, 36, of Humansville was arrested on a warrant for probation violation. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail and released on bond.

BLOOMFIELD — Danny Lee Jones, 36, of Puxico was arrested on suspicion of driving while revoked and driving while intoxicated. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail and released on bond.

BLOOMFIELD — Steve Clark Rendleman, 49, of Advance was arrested on a warrant for probation violation. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail awaiting extradition to Cape Girardeau County.

Butler County Sheriff's Department Confidential Crime & Narcotics Information HOT LINE 573-686-7876

O'Neal student of month

Maddi Mae Shumate, daughter of Jessica Shumate and Clinton Shumate, has been chosen to represent O'Neal's second grade as Student of the Month for March. She was nominated by her teacher Karen Hogg.

Maddi Mae was chosen for this honor because she consistently demonstrates the qualities of an exceptional student. She is on the A Honor Roll because she is neat and careful and always strives to do her very best. She is kind and helpful to her classmates and makes good behavior choices on a daily basis.

Maddi Mae's favorite subject is grammar because she likes to correct daily language sentences on the smart board. She enjoys earning good behavior tickets so she can eat lunch with the teacher. Her Mom says that she is a great helper around the house, helping with laundry and care for her two pet cats, Snowball and Princess. When she grows up she wants to be a zoologist so she can take care of animals who are acting weird or sick. With her great attitude and confidence, she will be able to achieve any goal that she sets for herself.

BUTLER SHERIFF

David Pence of Neelyville reported someone drove through his yard creating deep ruts and destroyed a telephone box in the yard.

The front bumper was left in the front yard.

Roger D. Smothers of 287 Mascot Lane reported he had been the apparent victim of an Internet e-commerce scam. He sent an individual a money gram for \$5,500 to purchase a horse trailer, which he never received.

Karen Smith of 7700 Highway 51 reported her cars were egged sometime Wednesday night while they were parked at her residence.

Justin Allen Vorce, 22, of Doniphan was arrested at 10:52 p.m. Thursday on suspicion of no operator's license, no proof of insurance and failure to register a motor vehicle.

He was booked into Butler County jail.

Children's Dreams Car Show set

The second annual Children's Dreams Car Show and Family Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24 in the River Front Park in Doniphan. Admission is free.

There will be lots of food, vendors and a 50/50 drawing, plus a live band featuring KOOL-Edition. The band will play from noon to 3 p.m.

All cars, trucks and motorcycles are invited to attend the Open Show. Check in time is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded. Dash plaques and goodie bags will be given to the first 20 entries. Early registration fee is \$20 plus \$10 for each additional vehicle. Entry fee on the day of the show is \$25 for a 10-x12 space. Profit from the booths are kept. No alcohol or sexual content is allowed because this is a family event and children will be present.

Contact Christina Stamps or Krystal Stamps for entry forms and vendors forms, P.O. Box 152, Oxly, MO 63955, or call 573-354-2268 or childrensdreamsorg@gmail.com.

All proceeds go to Children's Dreams to help children with sleep disorders.

LOTTERIES

Sunday, March 14
Midday 3: 8-0-4
Midday 4: 5-8-9-5
Pick 3: 5-3-0
Pick 4: 7-9-0-9
Show Me Ca\$h: 01-03-21-27-35
Next jackpot \$84,000
Saturday, March 13
Lotto: 06-08-16-28-31-36
Next jackpot \$3.9 million;

Megaplier: 3
Midday 3: 9-5-8
Midday 4: 2-1-9-3
Pick 3: 8-2-5
Pick 4: 3-7-0-9
Show Me Ca\$h: 04-06-21-29-37
Powerball

One ticket sold in New Jersey won the \$211.7 million jackpot. Next jackpot \$20 million.

6-16-20-31-36
Power Play: 5

Tickets matching the first 5 numbers, but not the Powerball, worth \$200,000, were sold in: Arizona, Colorado, Florida (4), Indiana, Massachusetts (2), Montana, New York and Wisconsin.

There were two Power Play Match 5 winners in the states of: Colorado and Oklahoma.

Deadline Notice

All birth announcements must be submitted no later than one month after the child's birth.

Tonight/Tuesday

Forecast for Tuesday, March 16

City/Region
Low | High temps

EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low around 42. N wind around 7 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. High near 58. N wind between 6-8 mph. Low around 41. **Wednesday:** A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy. High near 58. N.W. wind between 5-7 mph. Low around 38. **Thursday:** Mostly sunny. High near 63. N wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Low around 43. **Friday:** Mostly sunny. High near 65. Calm wind becoming S between 13-16 mph.

LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low:
Sunday: 55/46
High/Low Year Ago Today: 37/32
Downtown Rain: 0.0
Clearwater Rain: 0.1
Clearwater Lake (normal 498): 495.48
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 939
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 3.59
Clearwater High/Low: 65/24
Wappapello Elevation: 357.63
Wappapello Discharge: 331.01
Wappapello Tailwater: 2,750
Sunrise: 7:12 Sunset: 7:08