

## AREA OBITUARIES

### Farril Wells

DEXTER, Mo. — Farril D. Wells, 58, of Dudley, Mo., died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, in the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mr. Wells was born on Nov. 19, 1953, in Vanduser, Mo. He worked most of his life as a dairy farmer and was of the Baptist faith.

On June 17, 1976, he was married to Barbara Britton in Ghent, Ky. She survives of the home.

Also surviving are one son, Christopher Wells of Dudley; three daughters, Wendy Barker of Garden City, Mo., April Dyle of Dexter and Crystal Strickland of Dudley; two sisters, Betty Wells Clark of Sikeston and Carolyn Hayden of Charleston; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Friday followed by the funeral at 10 a.m. in Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Roger Overby officiating.



### Nora Mae Skaggs

MALDEN, Mo. — Nora Mae Skaggs, 109, of Malden, Mo., died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at the Golden Living Center in Malden.

The daughter of James Michael Clancy and Alice Vincent Clancy, she was born April 26, 1902, in

Jonesboro, Ark. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Malden and was a homemaker.

On March 26, 1922, she was married to Kenneth H. Skaggs in Louisville, Ky. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are her sister, Violet Keenan of Clermont, Fla.; cousins, nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Julian and James Clancy.

Visitation will begin at noon Saturday at Landess Funeral Chapel in Malden. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Park Cemetery in Malden with the Rev. Pam Ekey officiating.



### Altha Sparkman

Altha Mayberry Sparkman, 89, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at Mark Twain Caring Center in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Sparkman was born July 3, 1922 in Brosley, Mo. She was a member of First Church of God, was a former member of the Cane Creek

Homemaker's Club and was a member of the United Methodist Church in Malden worked at J.C. Penney as well as Commerce Bank.

She later owned and operated Frontier Motel and Restaurant on the east side of Poplar Bluff for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

On Jan. 28, 1938, she married Loyd Chalmer Warren. Mr. Warren preceded her in death on April 20, 1963. On Jan. 30, 1971, she married Meredith Sparkman. Mr. Sparkman preceded her in death on Oct. 9, 1997.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Mattingly of St. Louis, Mo.; three sons, Loyd C. "Sonny"

Warren and wife, Jeanie, of Winter Garden, Fla.; Gordon Gail Warren of St. Louis and Jerry L. Warren and wife, Ruth, of Poplar Bluff; two stepsons, Gary Lynn Sparkman and wife, Kaye, of Poplar Bluff and Terry Sparkman and wife, Rebecca, of St. Louis; 13 grandchildren, Carla Campbell and husband, Mike, Clark Warren, Dr. Greg Mattingly, Tim Mattingly and wife, Jill, Susan Warren, Loyd R. Warren and wife, Debbie, Kim Carpenter, Kristy Walls and husband, Rodney, Wendy Meade and husband, Darcy, and Jay Warren and wife, Candace, Matt Sparkman, Nathan Sparkman and wife, Julie, and Christine Wicks and husband, Charles; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sparkman was also preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Lucy Belle (Smith) Mayberry, three sisters and five brothers.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Cotrell Funeral Chapel. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Chapel with the Rev. Richard Triplett officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

Memorials may be made to the First Church of God Building Fund, 3482 S. Westwood Blvd., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

Family and friends may share an online condolence or memory at [www.cotrell-funeralservice.com](http://www.cotrell-funeralservice.com).

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### Les Blalock

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Leslie Howard "Pappy" Blalock, 64, of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Poplar Bluff, Mo., went to be with the Lord on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, after a brave battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 4, 1947, in Memphis. In 1967, he moved to Poplar Bluff,

where he worked for CEMO Distributing and later operated Blalock Equipment Co. He returned to Memphis in 1983 and was vice president of Western Fixtures until his death. He was of the Methodist faith.

His love for his family, coaching, sports and great steaks brought many hours of enjoyment. He leaves behind to continue the celebration of his life three sons and a daughter and their spouses: Jamie and Gina Blalock, and Robbie and Rachel Blalock, all of Poplar Bluff, Howard "Champ" Blalock of Dodgeville, Wis., and Catherine Ruth and Mitch Wood of Memphis; and his brother David Lynn Blalock of Memphis. He also leaves eight grandchildren who will forever remember the precious time spent with their Pappy: David M. Wood III, Travis J. Blalock, Amanda R. Wood, Hannah R. Blalock, Hunter J. Blalock, Noah F. Blalock, Stephen A. "Alex" Blalock and Nathan M. Blalock, as well as seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Stewart Blalock, his mother, Carrie Lois Morton, and a brother, Richard Stewart Blalock.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and services to celebrate his homecoming will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Family Funeral Care, 4925 Summer Ave. in Memphis. Memorials may be made to Methodist Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 42048, Memphis, TN 38174-2048.

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**Robert Reitenback**  
Robert Frank Reitenback, 70, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at Westwood Hills Healthcare Center in Poplar Bluff.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Cotrell Funeral Service of Poplar Bluff.

**George Baker**  
George Baker, 94, of Essex, Mo., died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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

**Anderson to play at Brosley Ctr.**  
Bill Anderson and some of his music playing buddies are getting together to play Christmas music beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Brosley Senior Center.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The menu includes chili dogs, vegetable beef soup, chicken salad or tuna salad sandwich, fries, okra, dessert and drink. The cost of the meal will be all-you-can-eat for \$5 adults and \$2.50 children.

**FIRE**  
County firefighters responded at 8:49 a.m. Monday to smoke in the basement of the 6800 Morning Side Drive residence of Stan Bullington.

According to the report, the smoke was caused by a washer belt.

## BUTLER SHERIFF

Richard Anthony Patterson, 33, of the 600 block of County Road 468 was booked at the Butler County jail Monday on suspicion of third-degree domestic assault and driving while suspended.

Kimberly Jean Schrader, 40, of the 200 block of Old Highway B was booked at the Butler County jail Monday on suspicion of driving while revoked.

Matthew Charles Barton, 33, of the 4900 block of Highway PP was booked at the Butler County jail Tuesday on suspicion of driving while revoked/suspended, failing to yield to an emergency vehicle and resisting arrest and on a failure to appear warrant for speeding.

Patricia Dawn Benefield,

29, of Doniphan, Mo., was booked at the Butler County jail Tuesday on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

William Earl Berlin, 35, of the 2100 block of Westwood Boulevard was booked at the Butler County jail Tuesday on a failure to appear warrant for possession of more than 35 grams of marijuana.

Amy Lynn Kinsey, 29, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was booked at the Butler County jail Tuesday on suspicion of resisting arrest and stealing.

Victor Leslie Bagwell Sr., of the 1400 block of Highway 53 reportedly at about 10:45 a.m. Nov. 20 that a Hi-Point .380-caliber handgun was missing from his residence.

## PATROL

A 48-year-old Oram, Mo., man was injured in a one-vehicle crash at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday on Highway O, near County Road 347, east of Advance, Mo.

According to the report, Timothy S. Holdler was operating a 1994 Chevrolet van eastbound when it struck a patch of snow and ran off the road into a ditch.

Holdler suffered moderate injuries and was taken by private vehicle to Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo., for treatment.

Steven J. Maxim, 28, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was arrested at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday on a Stoddard County warrant for probation violation. He was booked at the Cape Girardeau County Jail.

Remona L. Picou, 50, of Patterson, Mo., was arrested at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. She was booked at the Wayne County Jail.

A 39-year-old Poplar Bluff, Mo., man was in-

jured in a two-vehicle crash at 5:49 a.m. Thursday on U.S. 60, three miles west of Dudley, Mo.

According to the report, Dustin D. Teague, 18, of Poplar Bluff was operating a 2003 GMC pickup eastbound when it struck the rear of a 1990 GMC truck, which ran off the right side of the road and ejected its driver, Gary D. Quinton.

Quinton suffered moderate injuries and was taken by ambulance to Missouri Southern Healthcare in Dexter, Mo., for treatment.

Floyd H. Duncan, 45, of Greenville, Mo., was arrested at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday on a Jefferson County warrant for a moving traffic violation and on suspicion of no seat belt. He was booked at the Wayne County Jail.

Jerry L. Wilson, 28, of Naylor, Mo., was arrested at 8:43 p.m. Wednesday on a Butler County failure to appear warrant for no insurance and on suspicion of no insurance and no valid operator's license. He was booked at the Doniphan City Jail.

## POLICE

Tyler Dean Tippen, 18, of the 1300 block of Mill was arrested at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday at Kmart on suspicion of possession of fewer than 35 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and shoplifting and three Shannon County failure to appear warrants for two counts of peace disturbance and assault. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Jarred B. Skorcz, 24, of the 900 block of County Road 608 was arrested at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Kanell and Westwood boulevards on a Butler County warrant for failure to register a motor vehicle. He was booked and released on bond.

Gary Dan Taylor, 37, of the 1400 block of County Road 605 was arrested at 9:36 p.m. Tuesday in the 1900 block of South Broadway on two Butler County warrants for larceny and on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

City firefighters responded at 9:34 a.m. Tuesday to an alarm at the Poplar Bluff Junior High School, 550 N. Westwood Blvd. It was an investigation only.

City firefighters responded at 7 p.m. Tuesday to a motor-vehicle crash at the intersection of Victor and South Broadway.

According to the report, firefighters used an absorbent to remove antifreeze from the road.

## STOD. SHERIFF

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Cheyenne Nicole Church, 26, of Dexter, Mo., was arrested on a failure to appear warrant. She was booked at the Stoddard County Jail and released on bond.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — John Thomas Darnell, 47, of Bloomfield was arrested on a warrant for non-support. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail and released on bond.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Dusty A. Fields, 19, of Dexter, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for leaving the scene of an accident and careless and imprudent driving. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Ricky Len House Jr., 29, of Bloomfield was arrested on a warrant for probation violation. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Steven James Maxim, 27, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for probation violation. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Jason Eric Stroup, 34, of Puxico, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for first-degree tampering and highway operation of a vehicle with dyed fuel. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

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

### Helen Ulrich

Helen Shirlene Ulrich, 74, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at her residence.

She was born Dec. 17, 1936, at Hermondale, Mo. She had lived most of her life in Butler County.

She was a member of Fisk General Baptist Church and was a homemaker. She enjoyed fishing, getting on E-Bay and loved antiques.

On Feb. 27, 1954, she was married to Lester Ulrich at Holcomb, Mo. He survives.

Survivors include one son, Dale Ulrich of Watkinsville, Ga.; one sister, Dortha Payne of Quin, Mo.; one brother, Sonny Lamplery of St. Charles, Mo.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Greg Whittle officiating. Burial will be in Brown Chapel Cemetery near Brosley, Mo.



### Mike Jines

MALDEN, Mo. — Michael Dale Jines, 31, of Dexter, Mo., died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at Missouri Southern Healthcare in Dexter.

He was born Jan. 26, 1980, in Sikeston, Mo. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Risco, Mo.

He was employed at Sandy Ridge Cotton Gin.

On Oct. 8, 2008, he was married to Adrienne Taylor Jines in Bloomfield, Mo. She survives of Dexter.

Also surviving are his mother, Sherry Curtis Jines of Dexter; one son, Chase Michael Jines of Dexter; one brother, Bobby Jines of Lake City Ark.; his paternal grandmother, Mabel Lancaster of Risco; and his maternal grandmother, Ruby Curtis of Dexter.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at Bradshaw Funeral Home in Malden. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Gene Lancaster officiating. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery.



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**Tonight/Friday**  
Forecast for Friday, Dec. 2

City/Region Low | High Temps

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**EXTENDED FORECAST**

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. **Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. **Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. **Saturday Night:** Showers. Low around 45. **Sunday:** Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51. **Chance of precipitation is 60%. Sunday Night:** A chance of rain. **Monday:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. **Monday:** A slight chance of rain.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

Downtown High/Low: Wednesday: 42/28  
High/Low Year Ago Today: 42/27  
Downtown Rain: 0.00  
Clearwater Rain: 0.00  
Clearwater Lake (Normal 498): Elevation: 494.86 F  
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 769  
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 4.85 F  
Clearwater High/Low: 55/71  
Wappapello Elevation: 360.8  
Wappapello Discharge: 2440  
Wappapello Tailwater: 330.08  
Sunrise: 6:35 Sunset: 4:45

## LOTTERIES

### WEDNESDAY: NOV. 30

**Lotto:** 01-05-17-24-40-44  
Estimated jackpot: \$1 million  
**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$75 million  
**Pick 3 Evening:** 6-1-2  
**Pick 3 Midday:** 5-2-8  
**Pick 4 Evening:** 7-2-3-2  
**Pick 4 Midday:** 0-1-2-8  
**Powerball:** 02-06-34-35-47  
**Powerball 22**  
Estimated jackpot: \$31 million  
**Show Me Cash:** 03-07-11-34-36  
Estimated jackpot: \$198,000

## DEXTER POLICE

DEXTER, Mo. — James Dennis Wells of Dexter was arrested at the Dexter City Jail.