

AREA OBITUARIES

Rick Gallamore

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Rick Gallamore, 53, of Bolivar, Mo., went to be with the Lord Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, Mo. Rick was born May 15, 1957 at Poplar Bluff, Mo., to Elvis and Mary Imogene (Coleman) Gallamore.

He married the love of his life, Diana Britton Nov. 6, 1981.

Rick was an elder of Living Stones Baptist Fellowship. He was employed for almost 23 years at Citizens Memorial Hospital, Bolivar.

He is survived by his wife, Diana; his children, Amanda Gallamore and Lance Gallamore, both of Bolivar; three brothers, Larry Gallamore and wife, Janis, Eldon, Roger Gallamore, Poplar Bluff, and Terry Gallamore and wife, Karla, Fort Smith, Ark.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Barbara Britton, Poplar Bluff; sister-in-law, Bobbie Threlkeld and husband, Bob, of North Little Rock, Ark.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Rick was a devoted husband and father and a good, faithful servant. He loved God's creation, especially plants and animals. He was a caring friend to many.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with Rev. Terry Gallamore and Rev. Kurt Caddy officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Murray Funeral Home of Bolivar.

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

Edna Buttrely

PIEDMONT, Mo. — Edna Louise Buttrely, 72, of Advance, Mo., died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 at Advance, Mo.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Ruegg Funeral Home in Piedmont.

William Allen

William C. Allen, 68, formerly of Patterson area, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Jonesboro, Ark.

Funeral services are pending with Ruegg Funeral Home of Piedmont.

Norma Dixon

PIEDMONT, Mo. — Norma Inez Dixon, 81, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Funeral services are pending with Ruegg Funeral Home of Piedmont, Mo.

Wencil Eads

MOBERLY, Mo. — Wencil Eugene Eads, 88, of Moberly, Mo., died at Macon Health Care Center in Macon, Mo., on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011.

He was born April 27, 1922, at Mill Spring, Mo.

Mr. Eads was a retired construction worker.

In 1969, he started Central Mo. Paving Co. in Moberly. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; three sons, Dale Eads of St. Louis, Mo., Michael Eads of Wappapello, Mo., and Mark Eads of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; one daughter, Cheryl Rites of Flanagan, Texas; nine grandchildren; four sisters, Nadine Roach of Chillicothe, Mo., Geneva Shelton and Wanda Polk, both of St. Louis, Mo., and Jackie Coley of Coldwater.

Visitation was held at 5 p.m. Wednesday. The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Cater Funeral Home in Moberly. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Greenville Cemetery with full Military Honors.

Geraldine Duncan

DEXTER, Mo. — Geraldine Duncan, 66, of Essex, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at the Golden Living Center in Bloomfield, Mo. She was born on July 27, 1944 in Essex.

Mrs. Duncan was retired from Elders Manufacturing and Arvin in Dexter and was a member of the South Pleasant Valley Church.

She was married to Jerry Duncan on Dec. 21, 1962, at Dexter. Mr. Duncan survives of the home.

She also is survived by two sons, Sherman Dale Duncan of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Terry Glen Duncan of Essex; three brothers, Doyle Sanders, Roy Sanders and Donald Sanders all of Essex; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jerry Hart officiating. Burial will be in the Dexter Cemetery.

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

Elsie Sparks

ELSIE L. Sparks, 80, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Sparks was born Aug. 24, 1930 in Poplar Bluff.

She was a homemaker, and enjoyed babysitting, reading, scrapbooking, sewing, and listening to country music.

On April 2, 1953, Mrs. Sparks was married to Charles Sparks Sr. in Piggott, Ark. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Ricky Sparks of Ellinsore, Mo., Curtis Sparks of Seattle, Wash., and Chuck Sparks of Poplar Bluff; two daughters, Veronica Deaton and Charlene Parker, both of Poplar Bluff; two sisters, Vernon Bess and Virginia Fowler, both of Poplar Bluff; two brothers, Donald Forsythe and Martin Forsythe, both of Poplar Bluff; 23 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at Fitch-Hillis Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Brown Chapel Cemetery in Brosley, Mo.

Friends and family may share online condolences at www.fitchhillslife.com.

Al Hufstедler

DONIPHAN, Mo. — Alfred G. "Al" Hufstедler, 80, of Doniphan, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center. He was born in 1930 in Riverton, Mo.

Mr. Hufstедler was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a graduate of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, farming and flying small aircraft.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Norma C. Hufstедler; one brother, Robert L. Hufstедler and wife, Norma Lee, of Riverton, Mo.; and one nephew, Barry Hufstедler and wife, Kimberly, of St. Charles, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley Ray and Emma Lois Hufstедler.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Edwards Funeral Home of Doniphan is in charge of arrangements.

Irene B. Baker

Irene B. Baker, 80, of Doniphan, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mrs. Baker was born May 9, 1930 in Benton City, Mo., to the late Alton Everett and Beulah Lee (Deardorff) Boicourt.

She was a retired C.N.A. at Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico, Mo., and a member of the Doniphan First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Baker enjoyed helping others. She worked for many years as a C.N.A. and spent the remainder of her days loving and taking care of her family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

On March 17, 1992, she was married to James "Jim" Baker in Florida. He survives.

Other survivors are one son, Everett "Bud" and wife, Denise, Haislip of Chaffee, Mo.; two granddaughters, Melissa and husband, Matt, Canterbury and Kirsten and husband, Randy, Huff; one grandson, Dean and wife, Dawn, Sublette; four great-grandchildren, Paige Canterbury, Payton Canterbury, Jacob Huff and Emily Huff; three sisters, Elnora Poindester, Neva Winfrey and Eva Mae Albur; and two brothers, Wayne and wife, Iona, Boicourt and Adrian and wife, Bernice Boicourt.

Mrs. Baker was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dwane Haislip; two brothers, Harold Boicourt and Everett (Dutch) Boicourt; two sisters, Aleta Meyer and Leona Branson; two stepsons, Jerry Baker and Ricky Lee Baker; and one stepdaughter, Fransisga Baker.

Visitation will begin from 11 a.m. Saturday followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home in Doniphan with Brother Kent Wilfong officiating. Eastern Star services will be Saturday at 12:30 p.m. A private family burial will follow at a later date.

Billie J. Crouch

DEXTER, Mo. — Billie Crouch, 73, of Dexter, Mo., died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, in Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter.

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

Orddie Ross

MALDEN, Mo. — Orddie Liddell Ross, 51, of Malden, Mo., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

He was born on April 22, 1959, at Charleston, Miss. He was a member of Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Malden.

Survivors include his mother, Ruby Lucille Holloman of Malden; one brother, Kinsey Ross of Malden; two sisters, Diane Ross of Murphysboro, Ill., and Ruby Allen of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. in Bradshaw Funeral Home chapel in Malden with the Rev. Gene Perkins and the Rev. Jackie Williams Chandler officiating. Burial will be in Macedonia Cemetery in Malden.

Poplar Bluff Police Department
Confidential Narcotics HOT LINE
573-686-8675

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

OWNER

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Court records show that Joseph Layland, Jr., 36, filed an application Tuesday for public defender services.

After reviewing the application, the public defender's office notified the court that Layland "is not indigent and does not qualify for public defender services."

The court also determined that Layland did not qualify for the services, and has the means available to employ his own counsel.

An arraignment was held for Layland, where Dunklin County Assistant Prosecutor Attorney Jonee Chidister appeared on behalf of the state. Layland was present and advised of the charges against him. He is presently charged with four counts of felony possession of child pornography and six counts of felony invasion of privacy. The charges developed after investigators allegedly uncovered a large trove of child pornography, in addition to hours of video footage, illegally recorded, depicting images of patrons at his tanning salon.

Approximately 1,700 items were seized including 18 to 24 hours of footage from the salon, according to early reports from Malden police chief Jarrett Bullock.

The Delta News Citizen of Malden reported that two truckloads and a patrol car were filled with evidence including VHS cassettes, DVDs and two hard drives,

as well as surveillance equipment. One bin containing evidence weighed 100 pounds and a single box contained over 400 DVDs.

"It is certainly a large number of images and videos," Dunklin County Prosecutor Stephen Sokoloff said.

The police department was tipped off initially by a female customer who reported noticing a suspicious hole in a wall within her tanning room. She told officers that after inspecting the hole, she saw a reflection she believed was projected from a camera lens. According to police, the woman was correct, and behind the 1/4-inch hole, was what Bullock called a surveillance operation with a relatively simple setup.

Layland gave police consent to search the business, which is how they discovered the surveillance equipment, in addition to videos relating to that operation. Police said they also found child pornography belonging to the businessman. Police say that many of the child pornography images seem to have been downloaded from the Internet, rather than referencing or exposing local individuals, as with the tanning salon footage.

Layland is being held at the Dunklin County Justice Center on a \$500,000 cash bond while prosecutors continue their investigation. Dunklin County Circuit Court Judge John C. Spielman has been assigned to the case, and a counsel status hearing has been set for the defendant at 9 a.m. March 1.

HOUSE

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the measure and all Democrats opposed it, but committee chairman Rep. Doug Funderburk, of St. Charles, acknowledged that he and other Republicans still have concerns about the financial impact of the proposal.

"I understand the drama. This is a huge, huge change in how we would collect taxes," Funderburk said after the committee vote. "I think changes are better when they're incremental and slow."

The proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution would phase out the state's income tax from January 2015 to January 2019 and replace it with a higher sales tax. The tax would be charged on many sales that are currently exempt, including for groceries and prescription drugs.

Missouri's current sales tax is 4.225 percent, including 3 percent for general revenues and the rest for earmarked purposes such as education, the Conservation

Department, state parks and soil conservation efforts. The proposal backed by the House committee would cap the general revenue state sales tax at 7 percent, meaning the total state sales tax would rise to 8.225 percent if other earmarked taxes remain in place. Local governments could continue to charge sales taxes on top of that.

Although similar proposals have failed in past years, lawmakers are considering the proposed tax changes more fully this year because several versions of a citizen-led initiative petition have been filed seeking to place it on the November 2012 ballot. Supporters, however, would first have to gather enough petition signatures.

Under the legislative proposal, the higher sales tax is intended to offset the eliminated income tax so that the state's total tax collections would remain about the same. Supporters contend that eliminating the income tax would make Missouri a magnet for businesses, thus boosting employment and consumer spending.

PREZ

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into something because the media is all anxious for me to start.

"Help me understand why I've got to decide and nobody else has."

LOTTERIES

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

Lotto:
08-19-26-34-37-40
Next jackpot: \$1.3 million
Midday 3: 9-3-4
Midday 4: 8-5-1-8
Pick 3: 1-9-5
Pick 4: 5-5-1-8
Show Me Cash:
02-09-17-20-29
Next jackpot: \$70,000
Powerball:
29-32-36-39-49
Powerball: 29
Power Play: 3

Next jackpot \$184 million. Tickets matching the first 5 numbers, but not the Powerball, worth \$200,000, were sold in Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota (2), North Carolina, New Jersey, New York and Tennessee.

There were three Power Play Match 5 winners in Arizona, Florida and Idaho.

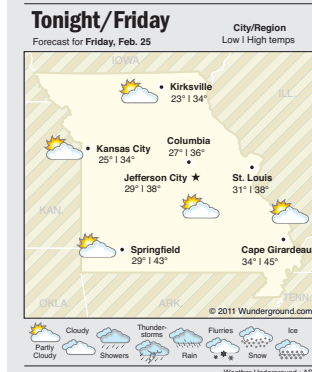
It's hardly the first mixed signal about his interest in the 2012 race, which so far has drawn no declared candidates.

Many of the key players from Huckabee's 2008 bid have moved on. Former campaign manager Chip Saltsman now works for freshman Republican Congressman Chuck Fleischmann of Tennessee, and former campaign spokeswoman Alice Stewart took a job at the beginning of the year as a deputy to Arkansas Secretary of State Mark Martin, a Republican.

"It's one of those situations where he hasn't made up his mind, and we all have bills to pay, so we need to keep the money coming in," Stewart said. "In the event he decides to run, a lot of folks will revisit that."

Huckabee is doing just enough to remain a credible contender but is hardly clamoring to position himself as the front-runner in a second attempt at the White House.

Though the former governor remains a presence in Arkansas, he's no longer a resident of the state. He and his wife last year moved their residency and their voter registration to Florida, where he has a home under construction.



EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: 90% chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Low 36, NNW wind 10-17 mph. Gusts 26 mph. **Friday:** Mostly cloudy. High 45, NE wind 7-16 mph. Low 31. **Saturday:** Partly sunny. High 53. E wind 6-11 mph becoming S. Low 41. **Sunday:** A 30% chance of rain and thunderstorms, continuing into the night. Mostly cloudy. High 61. Light wind becoming S 11-14 mph. Low 44.

LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low: Wednesday: 45/30
High/Low Year Ago Today: 37/23
Downtown Rain: 0.15
Capewater Lake (Normal 498): Elevation: 494.33 R
Capewater Dam Discharge: 336
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 1.78 F
Capewater High/Low: 44/30
Wappapello Elevation: 354.85
Wappapello Discharge: 690
Wappapello Tallowater: 323.29
Sunrise: 6:37 **Sunset:** 5:51