

## AREA OBITUARIES

### Mary Lee

DEXTER, Mo. — Mary Ann Lee, 80, of Jackson, Mo., died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at Chaffee Nursing Center.

Mrs. Lee was born on Dec. 6, 1930, in Malden, Mo. A former resident of Dexter, Mo., Mrs. Lee was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter. She previously owned the Dexter Dairy Queen, had worked as a receptionist for Dr. T. L. Waddle M. D., and had served as deputy clerk for the Stoddard County clerk's office.

On Dec. 18, 1948, she married Ivan Lee at Malden, Mo. Mr. Lee survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Barbara Denton of Jackson; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one brother, Jim Alexander of Fredericktown, Mo.

Visitation will be from 5-8 tonight at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Michael Woods officiating. Burial will follow in the Dexter Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 501 South Walnut Street, Dexter, Mo. 63841.

### Rosetta Neal

WILDERNESS, Mo. — Rosetta Eleanor Neal, 87, of Wilderness, Mo., died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at her home.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday at McSpadden Funeral Home in Van Buren, Mo. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Wilderness Freewill Baptist Church. Burial will be in Wilderness Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in a later edition of the *Daily American Republic*.

### Joseph Williams Jr.

FISK, Mo. — Joseph F. Williams Jr., 63, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Whitesanders Funeral Home of Fisk, Mo.

### Ina Wyrick

SIKESTON, Mo. — Ina Mae Wyrick, 87, of Morehouse, Mo., died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mrs. Wyrick was born April 20, 1923, in Morehouse, Mo. Formerly of Poplar Bluff, Mo., she was a homemaker. She attended First General Baptist Church of Morehouse.

On Sept. 9, 1939, she married John Walter Wyrick at Morehouse. He preceded her in death Dec. 7, 2006.

Survivors include one son, John Wyrick of Marion, Ill.; one daughter-in-law, Sherron Wyrick of New Haven, Ind.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Juanita Buchanan of Poplar Bluff and Carolyn and Bill McDonold of Morehouse; three brothers, Howard Brown of Cape Girardeau, Eugene Brown of Jackson, Mo., and Kenneth Brown of St. Louis, Mo.; and one sister, Charlene Holt of Sikeston; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Zora Jeters Brown; one son, Jim Wyrick; one brother; and four sisters.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Nunnelee Funeral Chapel in Sikeston, Mo. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Todd Crumley officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Zion Cemetery in Williamsville.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.nunneleefuneralchapel.com](http://www.nunneleefuneralchapel.com).

### Joe Hanser

DONIPHAN, Mo. — Joe Hanser of Gatewood, Mo., died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Edwards Funeral Home of Doniphan, Mo.

### Mary M. Bulger

QUILIN, Mo. — Mary M. Bulger, 90, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Oakdale Caring Center in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mrs. Bulger was born Nov. 13, 1920, in Parma, Mo. She had formerly lived in Quilin, Mo., since 1942. She moved to Poplar Bluff in 2009. She was a member of Osborn General Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed caring for her family.

On Jan. 4, 1942, she married Henry Bulger at Malden, Mo. He preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Kay Turner of Harvill, Mo., and Vicki Ann Schultz of Houston, Texas; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Carl Henry Bulger, Dale Lee Bulger and Ronald Joe Bulger.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Whitesanders Funeral Home in Quilin. The funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Mark Book officiating.

Burial will be at Quilin Cemetery in Quilin. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com).

### PB Cemetery cleanup March 7

The Cemetery Department of the City of Poplar Bluff will start its annual cleanup beginning, Monday, March 7. All Christmas flowers, flowers and other personal grave ornaments on the ground will be picked up.

Anyone who wishes to save floral arrangements or personal ornaments, should pick them up before March 7.

### Alzheimer's caregivers group meets March 10

Understanding Behaviors and Improving Communication is a free program that helps caregivers learn about their loved one's strengths, supporting their needs and maintaining independence. Topics include communication and managing challenging behaviors.

The next program will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, 2620 N. Westwood, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Pre-registration is required. Register online at [www.alz.org/stl](http://www.alz.org/stl), or call 800.272.3900.

This program is not appropriate for persons with dementia. Please call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for companion service options.

In addition to this program, the Alzheimer's Association hosts a variety of educational programs and several community support groups. Please contact the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for more information on these and other activities in your area.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses recently recorded at the Butler County Recorder of Deeds Office include:

Melody Vance Murphy and Clayton Thomas Cassidy, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Lisa Marie Gibbs and Joseph Washington Gloyd, both of Elsimore, Mo.; Ida Annette Malson and Bryan Wayne Malson, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Amanda Christine Sullivan and Shawn Michael Moore, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mallory Renee Sainio and Sean Michael Lawrence, both of Fairdealing, Mo.

Trena Inez Townsend and Eric Devon Whitehorn, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Dayna Michelle Bilbrey and James Edward McNight, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Vanessa Rose Null and Curtis Lee Dugas, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Summer Rose Poltorak and Jason William Sitze, both of Doniphan, Mo.

Jennifer Renee Briles and William Erik Lewis Alford, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Gina Rae Eudaley and Robert Hugh Turner, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Heather Ashley Little and Chadrick Lemoine Joehrs, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Misty Dawn Williamson and James Cody Martin, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Vicki Fae Green and Baron D. Randl, both of Quilin, Mo.

Tina Marie Heskett and Steve Lee Hicks, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Cathrine Renae Williams and Dustin Dewayne Sharp, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Brittany Ann Correll and Brandon Lee Copper, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Cynthia Dawn White and Billy Joe Hites, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Kristi Lee Berkman and Jason Lee Harmon, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Elisha Leann Cole of Doniphan, Mo., and Bobby Joe McNair of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Courtney Ann Spears and Tyler Wayne Taylor, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Kristian Leann Flowers and Matthew Alexander Golliday, both of Fisk, Mo.

Wanda Sue Hughes of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Dalles Henry Merriman of Williamsville, Mo.

Amie Lauren Eifert and Justin Len Parks, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Molly Rose Alexander and John Martin Wyrick, both of New Haven, Ind.

Tanya Lynn Hurdle and Joseph Dean Hurdle, both of Dexter, Mo.

Meisa Jean Adams of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Scott Matthew Wilkerson of Fisk, Mo.

Ashley Marie Gordon of Ballwin, Mo., and Leroy Matthew Ploesser of Imperial, Mo.; and Ann Marie McKinney and John Jacob Gehring Jr., both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

## Mo. school may switch to e-readers

PARK HILLS, Mo. (AP) — An eastern Missouri school district may replace textbooks with e-readers.

The school board for the Central School District in Park Hills voted Tuesday to approve a "Kindles for Kids" proposal. Administrators want to provide each of the 2,046 students in the district with the Amazon Kindle DX by the 2011-2012 school year.

But there is a catch: The district won't pay for the

Kindles. The project will only happen if electronics stores can be convinced to donate the e-readers, or money to buy them.

Superintendent Desi Mayberry says using e-readers instead of textbooks would save the district a lot of money. Mayberry says students would have greater access to information more quickly than if they used regular textbooks. Also, curriculum would be easier to update.

## States facing painful cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confronting crushing budget woes, many of the nation's governors are calling for painful spending cuts. But beyond that, their approaches are diverging drastically, from union-cramping proposals in Wisconsin and other states to higher taxes in Illinois and elsewhere.

Most states' chief executives are struggling to plug massive budget holes without pushing unemployment higher and hampering a fragile post-recession recovery, and that's setting a worrisome atmosphere as they gather in Washington for their winter meeting.

Not all are coming; some are choosing to stay at home to wage budget battles with their legislatures.

The financial emergencies — and what to do about them — will be issue No. 1 over the next three days. Issue No. 2 is certain to be one prescription that's been in the headlines: Republican Gov. Scott Walker's effort in Wisconsin to strip bargaining rights from many state employees. It's prompted weeks of protests and outcry.

"We have to balance our budgets. We have to address costs. And we also have to move forward at the same time," said Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, the head of the Democratic Governors Association after his group met with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden at the White House. "We're not bracing for the worst. We're preparing for the best. And the best we can do right now is create jobs."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, cast blame on Washington for much of the turmoil states are facing, saying: "The fact is that Washington, D.C., is trying to tell all of us how to run our states with way too much specificity, and the costs of that is what's driving the deficits in our country."

True or not, the situation is grim.

A day before the National Governors Association gathering began, the Commerce Department reported that state and local responses to growing budget crises were undercutting the national recovery, weighing down economic growth in the final three months of last year.

Obama is counting on that recovery to propel him to reelection next year, and the governors are well aware of the political stakes in their states as well.

States have weathered two brutal budget years in which they sliced spending and laid off workers. Now, they face a third challenging year with federal stimulus money drying up and lower-than-expected tax collections coming up.

Over the past two months, governors' state-of-the-state speeches have been peppered with talk of tough budget choices, more streamlined services and job-creation strategies.

"Government redesign efforts are a part of virtually every aspect of state policy in 2011 as governors adjust to the new normal in the wake of the Great Recession," says John Thomasian, a director at the National Governors' Association's Center for Best Practices. "Governors are focusing on consolidation, streamlining bureaucratic processes and controlling employee and pension costs, while at the same time doing as much as they can to spur job growth."

More than a dozen governors — Republicans and Democrats alike — have proposed plans to try to shrink the size of state government and make it more efficient by eliminating or combining agencies, boards and commissions. Several from both parties also want to cut the state work force to save money. And both Republicans and Democrats in some states are trying to overhaul pension systems.

But those similarities have largely taken a backseat to more high-profile budget proposals.

Democratic Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn was lambasted after signing a 66 percent temporary personal income tax increase and a separate corporate rate hike to help close a \$15 billion budget gap. Among other Democrats following his lead: California Gov. Jerry Brown has promoted a package of temporary tax increases as a ballot measure for voters to consider; Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy has proposed a budget that raises taxes on everything from personal income to haircuts, and Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton is pushing \$3.3 billion in new taxes, primarily by raising rates on top earners.

But, in a twist, it's not the tax hikes that have caused the most heartache in states lately. It's the Wisconsin anti-union measure, as well as similar proposals by Republican governors in Ohio and Indiana that have dominated the budget discussions and led to massive protests.

Ahead of the weekend bipartisan meeting, O'Malley criticized Walker's approach, saying "extremism and ideology is trumping problem solving" in Wisconsin and "when you try to vilify, make one side of the equation the enemy, I think you're asking for trouble."

He added: "I don't think the drama and the circus going on with this drive to eliminate unions... has anything to do with creating jobs."

Republican Perry said each state is different, and he defended Walker, saying: "He knows what he believes in and he's expressing that, and the voters in Wisconsin said this is the person we want running the state."

Asked if Walker was overreaching, Perry said: "No." It was a preview of the partisan lines likely to be drawn during the governors' gathering, which is usually a bipartisan affair focused on problem-solving strategies.

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**Tonight/Tuesday**  
Forecast for Tuesday, March 1  
City/Region Low | High temps

Kirksville 22° | 47°  
 Columbia 25° | 56°  
 Kansas City 27° | 54°  
 Jefferson City 25° | 58°  
 St. Louis 23° | 58°  
 Springfield 25° | 61°  
 Cape Girardeau 29° | 52°

Sunny Cloudy Thunderstorms Showers Rain Flurries Snow Ice  
 Partly Cloudy 2/27/11  
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**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
Tonight: Clear. Low 28. NNW wind 3-10 mph. Tuesday: Sunny. High 56. NE wind 7 mph becoming S. Low around 35. Wednesday: Sunny. High 61. Calm wind becoming NE 6 mph. Low 28. Thursday: Mostly sunny. High 59. ESE wind 8 mph. Slight chance of evening showers. Low 48. Friday: A chance of showers, continuing into the night. Mostly cloudy. High 61. S wind 9-14 mph. Gusts to 18 mph. Low 42.

**LOCAL WEATHER**  
Downtown High/Low Monday: 71/43  
High/Low Year Ago Today: 50/26  
Downtown Rain: 0.11  
Clearwater Rain: 0.60  
Clearwater Lake (Normal 498) Elevation: 499.03 R  
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 1,062  
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 2.99 R  
Clearwater High/Low: 68/36  
Wappapello Elevation: 357.19 R

**BUSINESS**  
What's happening with the economy and on the business scene.  
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**LOTTERIES**  
**SUNDAY, FEB. 27**  
Midday 3: 8-4-4  
Midday 4: 8-1-9-1  
Pick 3: 3-8-7  
Pick 4: 5-9-2-4  
Show Me Ca\$h: 01-11-16-30-33  
Next jackpot: \$123,000  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 26**  
Lotto: 07-18-21-24-27-37  
Next jackpot: \$1.4 million  
Midday 3: 0-1-7  
Midday 4: 6-8-7-9  
Pick 3: 1-7-3  
Pick 4: 8-3-6-8  
Powerball: 04-13-17-21-45  
Powerball: 10  
Power Play: 5  
Next jackpot: \$20 million  
Cash value \$10 million  
Show Me Ca\$h: 02-11-22-27-32