

AREA OBITUARIES

Susan Jackson

Susan Jewell “Sue” Pratt Jackson, 62, of Wappapello, Mo., died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.



Mrs. Jackson was born June 29, 1948, in St. Louis. She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family especially her grandchildren, playing bingo and fishing.

Mrs. Jackson is survived by her husband, Bob Jackson of the home; two children, Jennifer Pratt and Donald Pratt, both of Wappapello; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; father, Bill Hackman of St. Louis; sister, Debra Sweeney of St. Louis; brothers, Keith Hackman of St. Louis, Freddie Robinson, Ricky Robinson and Jeff Robinson, all of Florida, and Randy Robinson and Mike Robinson, both of Arkansas.

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

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

Virgie White

DEXTER, Mo. — Virgie (Graham) White, 91, of Dudley, Mo., died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, in Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Mo. She was born Sept. 29, 1919, in Point Pleasant, Mo.

She had lived in Gideon, Mo., and Bragg City, Mo., before moving to Dudley 45 years ago. She was a member of the Dudley Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed playing bingo, fishing and eating out.

Surviving are two sons, Carl Graham of Dexter and Orval E. Graham, Jr. of O'Fallon, Mo.; one daughter, Edna E. Cross of Jackson, Mo.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lester Fielder of DeSoto, Mo.; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter followed by the funeral service at 3 p.m. with the Rev. John McFarland officiating. Burial will be in the Dudley Cemetery in Dudley.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

Helen Boggs

GREENVILLE, Mo. — Helen Louise Boggs, 79, of the Greenville, Mo., area died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Mo. She was born Aug. 10, 1931, in Burnot, Mo.

She is survived by two sons, Clyde Dale Berry and Gayle Wayne Berry, both of Washington, Ind.; one daughter, Carole Berry of Greenville; one brother, Donald Williams of Silva, Mo.; two sisters, Edna Melton and Carol Williams, both of Naylor, Mo.; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was of the Baptist faith. She was a member of Jacktown General Baptist Church. She attended the Piedmont schools and spent most of her childhood in Burnot and Silva areas, and all of her adult life in Silva.

She was a homemaker and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and blackberry picking and fishing for catfish with her daughter, Carole, and swimming. She was a member of the March of Dimes in St. Louis, Mo.

Visitation was held Saturday morning followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. at Ruegg Funeral Home in Greenville, Mo.

Linda Byrd

Linda Kay Byrd, 72, a longtime resident of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died at her residence Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011.



Mrs. Byrd, the daughter of the late Hattie Bradshaw and Ira Johnson, was born Oct. 2, 1939, in Pemiscot County Mo.

On Jan. 21, 1967, she was married to the Rev. Francis Byrd. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Byrd worked in the food service industry. She attended the Southside Assembly of God Church and enjoyed camping, doing crafts, and reading.

Mrs. Byrd is survived by one daughter, Myrna Jill Byrd; three brothers, Jerry Johnson, of Caruthersville, Mo., Larry Johnson, of Doniphan, Mo., and Phillip Johnson of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; four sisters, Deloris Roach and Mary Olcott, both of Paragould, Ark., Shelia Hartenstein, of Lake of the Ozarks and Betsey Marshall of Poplar Bluff.

She is preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert Johnson and Charles Johnson; two sisters, Vohnell Johnson and Myrna Gage.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. in the Fitch-Hillis Funeral Home chapel in Poplar Bluff. The Rev. Jerry Lemons and the Rev. Rosco Gray will officiate. Burial will follow at the Qulin Cemetery.

*Paid*

Glenn Hill

Glenn S. Hill, 64, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at The Manor in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

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

Fred Handy

PIEDMONT, Mo. — Fred Handy, 86, of the Piedmont, Mo., area died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Ruegg Funeral Home of Piedmont.

Charles Osborn

QULIN, Mo. — Charles D. Osborn, 74, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mr. Osborn was born April 6, 1936, in Qulin, Mo. He had lived in Qulin and Poplar Bluff most of his life. He served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years. He had worked at John J. Pershing VA Medical Center until he retired in 1998.

He married Mary Miller on Sept. 4, 1977. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Terry of Wappapello, Mo., and James of Chesapeake, Va.; two daughters, Melodee of Virginia Beach, Va., and Melinda of Chapel Hill, N.C.; one brother, Frank Osborn of Bunker, Mo.; one sister, Darlene Duncan of Dexter, Mo.; one stepdaughter, Kathy Glandt of Poplar Bluff; two stepsons, Danny Miller of Malden, Mo., and James Miller of Benton, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at White-Sanders Funeral Home in Qulin. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Leonard Madigan officiating. Burial will be at Qulin Cemetery with full Military Honors.

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

Jean Scheller

CORNING, Ark. — Jean Hinklin Scheller, 85, of Corning, Ark., died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould, Ark.



Mrs. Scheller was a homemaker and attended House of Prayer in Corning. She enjoyed bible studies, witnessing to others, attending church, singing in the choir, gardening and cooking.

Survivors include husband John Scheller of Knobel, Ark.; three daughters, Bonnie Jean Calhoun of Fairdealing, Mo., Peggy Hallmark of Jonesboro Ark., and Sherry (Vondel) Taylor of Corning; one brother, Henry Smith, Jr. of Lacon, Ill.; three sisters, Naomi Loyd of Paragould, Inez Bell and Earnestene Butler, both of Corning; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband Virgil Hinklin on Nov. 9, 2000; her parents, Henry Hartwell Smith and Sophie Mae (Hensley) Smith; one sister, Betty Ward; and stepdaughter, Veda Mae Anderson.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in Ermert Funeral Home in Corning. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jimmy McMasters officiating. Burial will be at Corning Cemetery in Corning.

Online condolences may be left at [www.ermertfuneralhome.com](http://www.ermertfuneralhome.com).

*Paid*

Velma Hupp

Velma Fern Hupp, 93, of St. Charles, Mo., formerly of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at the Charlevoix Healthcare Center in St. Charles, Mo.

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

Dennis Backfisch

DEXTER, Mo. — Dennis Backfisch, 63, of Ozark, Mo., died suddenly Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Mo. He was born Aug. 20, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

As a young man, Mr. Backfisch lived in Dexter, Mo., and worked at the Missouri Department of Transportation. He was active in the Stoddard County Civil Defense and was an officer of the Dexter Jaycees. He also was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus in Dexter.

He moved his family to Ozark in 1993. There he was an active member of the Elks Lodge and he finished his 37-year career with MoDOT.

On Sept. 21, 1985, he was married to Mary Jo Reed-Boyles. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Kristi Allstun and Tammy Boyles; four grandchildren; a sister Debbie, and countless friends and relatives.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Armstead Dowdy Cemetery in Dexter with Father David Dohogne officiating.

The family has requested donations be made to Least of These or Freedoms Rest.

LOTTERIES

FRIDAY:

**Midday 3** 3-8-3  
**Midday 4** 4-3-7-0  
**Pick 3** 7-4-3  
**Pick 4** 7-6-5-6  
**Show Me Ca\$h** 04-07-10-20-35

SATURDAY

**Midday 3** 0-8-1

Gloria Milligan

Gloria E. Milligan, 79, of Poplar Bluff died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.



Mrs. Milligan was born Dec. 10, 1931, in St. Louis, Mo. She was of the Protestant faith, and had previously worked at First Community Bank. Mrs. Milligan enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, playing cards, reading, going to concerts (Paul McCartney, Willie Nelson, etc.) and her dogs.

In 1953, she married Joe Salamone in Harvey, Ill. He preceded her in death in 1968.

Survivors include her daughter, Jackie Bailey and husband, Clinton, of Poplar Bluff; daughter-in-law, Rockie Salamone of Poplar Bluff; and grandchildren, Layron Milligan and fiancée, Gisela Marie Jones, Nikki Salamone, Joe Salamone and Mikey Bailey.

Her parents, James and Nellie (Frazier) Banse; daughter, Joan Milligan; son, Michael Salamone; and grandson, Leon Milligan also preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cotrell Funeral Chapel. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. in the chapel with the Rev. Brian Sharp officiating. Burial will be at the City Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

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

*Paid*

Danny Staggs, Sr.

CORNING, Ark. — Danny Staggs, Sr., 62, of Corning, Ark., died Thursday Jan. 20, 2011, at Piggott Community Hospital in Piggott, Ark.

Mr. Staggs was a retired machinist who enjoyed reading, woodworking and fishing. He served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne from November 1968 through October 1969 during the Vietnam War and continued to serve his country through 1971. He was a member of Corning Church of Christ.

On Sept. 2, 1967, he was married to Margaret (White) Staggs. She survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Danny Staggs of Corning and Kevin Staggs of Trumann, Ark.; one daughter, Michelle Staggs of Corning; two brothers, David Staggs of Corning and Sammy Staggs of Stillman Valley, Ill.; three sisters, Lola Sterling of Union, Mo., Lela Hutchison of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Vercie Staggs of Springfield, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ermert Funeral Home in Corning. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with Johnny Bradshaw officiating. Burial will follow in Cantwell Cemetery in Corning.

Memorials may be made to Noah's Ark Preschool, 500 W. 4th St., Corning, AR 72422 or Paragould Childrens Homes, 5515 Walcott Rd., Paragould, AR 72450

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.ermertfuneralhome.com](http://www.ermertfuneralhome.com)

**Midday 4** 8-5-6-1  
**Pick 3** 1-3-5  
**Pick 4** 4-1-3-1  
**Show Me Ca\$h** 1-2-10-11-31  
**Lotto** 27-28-29-30-34-44  
**Powerball** 30-31-34-45-51  
**Powerball** 23  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$118 million

CITY MEETINGS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Poplar Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the City Council Chambers, 101 Oak St.

During the voting session, an applicant requests approval of a preliminary plat for a major (31 lots) subdivision for residential duplexes. The property, approximately 14.4 acres, is located south of Wilcox Road and east of North Main Street. Applicant -- Mike Persons, POB 969, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Poplar Bluff Municipal Airport Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the City Council Chambers, 101 Oak St.

- Discussion of the apron overlay project
- Discussion of new hanger construction

• Hangar rent report  
BLACK RIVER COLISEUM ADVISORY BOARD

The Black River Coliseum Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the conference room.

Agenda items include Veterans Wall Committee report, new web site, lobby audio visual system, HVAC repairs and upgrades, bingo status, Sunday event recruitment, upcoming events, spring/summer entertainment update, Aquatic and Fitness Center report, new K-Square service agreement, proposed 2011 capital program amendment and BRC meeting room sponsorship inquiry.

HVACR

Due to lack of items for the agenda, the Poplar Bluff HVACR meeting scheduled for Thursday has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Jackie Lee Whetsell and Brian Joseph Hicks, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.;

Kayla Norma Lee Arnold and Travis Neil Thomas, both of Fairdealing, Mo.;

Aliesha Brittane Parker of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Lacy Lee Gipson III of Ellsinore, Mo.;

Dawn Marie Lawrence and David John Taylor, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.;

Britni Paige Wisdom and William Johnathon Thomas, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.;

Billie Jean Rigdon and Julius Juran Douglas, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.;

Daisy May Johnson and Marvin Dale Russom, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.;

Jessica Lynn Chaney and Aaron Devon Mitchell, both of Fairdealing, Mo.;

Sasha Nicole Ibrahim and James Mychael Miller, both of Harviell, Mo.;

Katherine Suezanne Ray and Kyle Lesley Warren, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.;

Yvonne Lynette Hillgoth and Stephen Lee Aleshire, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and

Heidi Leigh Renner and Nathan Callaway Wilder, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

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

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

**Tonight/Sunday**  
Forecast for **Sunday, Jan. 23**  
City/Region Low | High temps

Weather Underground • AP

**EXTENDED FORECAST**

**Sunday:** Periods of snow. High near 31. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible. **Sunday Night:** A 40 percent chance of light snow. Cloudy, with a low around 26. **Monday:** A 20 percent chance of light snow. Cloudy, with a high near 34. **Monday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. **Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. **Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

Downtown High/Low:  
Friday: 21/6  
High/Low Year Ago Today: 55/44  
Downtown Rain: 0.00  
Sunrise: 7:09  
Sunset: 5:17