

AREA OBITUARIES

Rodger Walters

Rodger M. Walters, 49, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Friday, March 18, 2011, at his residence from unexpected complications from cancer.

Mr. Walters was born Dec. 19, 1961, in Kennett, Mo. He was a cab driver for City Cab Co. in Poplar Bluff and had served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Walters liked hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Elsie (Rodgers) Walters of Poplar Bluff; and four sisters, Gloria Jean Evans of Kennett, Nancy Ann Smith and Rita E. Walters both of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Patricia D. Bodo of Lilbourn, Mo. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Henry Walters, and a brother, Joseph Wayne Walters.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Bluff City Apostolic Worship Center, 501 South C St. in Poplar Bluff. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Jerry Williams officiating and the Rev. Ted Elledge assisting. Burial will be in the City Cemetery in Poplar Bluff. Cotrell Funeral Service of Poplar Bluff is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends may share an online condolence or memory at www.cotrellfuneralservice.com.

Lee Sandage

Lee Roy Sandage, 76, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Friday, March 18, 2011 at Claru Deville Nursing Home in Fredericktown, Mo.

Mr. Sandage was born Sept. 22, 1934, in Poplar Bluff. He lived around Poplar Bluff most of his life. He was a member of Eagles Lodge in Poplar Bluff and the American Legion Post 153. He served in the Army National Guard during the Korean War. He was a pipe-fitter. He liked playing golf.

On Oct. 5, 2009, he married Florence Wright. She survives.

There will be a private family ceremony at a later date. White-Sanders Funeral Home of Fisk, Mo., is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be made online at www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Scott

DEXTER, Mo. — Donald Ray Scott, 62, of Bloomfield, Mo., died Friday, March 18, 2011, at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mr. Scott was born on Feb. 22, 1949, in Poplar Bluff. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter, Mo., the truck manager for W. W. Wood Products in Dudley, Mo., and a member of the Missouri Foxotters Association.

On Dec. 4, 1970, he married Linda Drysdale in Poplar Bluff. She survives of the home. Other survivors include three sons, Steven Ray Scott, Derrick Donald Scott and Brooks Justin Scott, all of Bloomfield; one daughter, Jayne Caplinger of Bloomfield; two brothers, Kenneth Charles Scott and Randy Dale Scott, both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; one sister, Sherry Graham of Poplar Bluff; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Graveside services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the North Antioch Cemetery near Bloomfield with the Rev. Kevin Eskew officiating.

Esther Gisi

DEXTER, Mo. — Esther Violet Gisi, 83, of Essex, Mo., died Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Missouri Southern Healthcare Emergency Room in Dexter, Mo. Mrs. Gisi was born on Jan. 22, 1928, in Essex. She was a member of the Second General Baptist Church in Dexter. She worked many years in the offices of the Trailback Plantation and the Redcliffe Plantation.

On Dec. 4, 1946, she married Charles Gisi in Pig-got, Ark. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Cathy Ross of Chesterfield, Mo., and Mary Jo Mills of Chester, Va.; two sisters, Martha Homan of Marquand, Mo., and Nina Tippet of Kennett, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

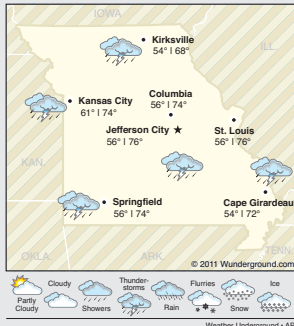
Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Joshua Carpenter officiating. Burial will follow in Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Mo.

Memorials may be made to the Fagan Cemetery, c/o Jack Dublin, 24227 State Highway 51, Puxico, MO 63960 or to the Brush Creek Cemetery, c/o Arch Maloney, Rt. 1 Box 218, Puxico, MO 63960.

Condolences can be made online at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com.

Tonight/Tuesday

Forecast for Tuesday, March 22



EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 55. SSW wind 3-9 mph. Tuesday: Partly sunny. High 76. Breezy. SSW wind 5-8 mph increasing to 17-20 mph. Gusts to 30 mph. A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy. Low 56. **Wednesday:** A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny. High 77. WSW wind 7-15 mph. Low 44. **Thursday:** Sunny. High 58. NNW wind 5-14 mph. A slight chance of evening showers. Low 38. Friday: A slight chance of showers.

LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low: Sunday: 73/49 High/Low Year Ago Today: 50/42
Downtown Rain: 0.00
Clearwater Lake (Normal 498) Elevation: 495.61
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 1,362
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 6.91
Clearwater High/Low: 53/45
Wappapello Elevation: 357.12
Wappapello Discharge: 3,620
Wappapello Tailwater: 335.25
Sunrise: 7:04 Sunset: 7:14

Jami Carter

NEELYVILLE, Mo. — Jami Ray Carter, 34, of Doniphan, Mo., died Saturday, March 19, 2011, in Neelyville, Mo.

Mr. Carter was born July 26, 1976, in St. Louis, Mo. He was a lifelong resident of Ripley County. He liked hunting, fishing, working on cars and spending time with his son. He attended Current River Baptist Church in Doniphan.

Survivors include his mother, Kathy Carter of Doniphan, Mo.; one son, Bradley Carter of Doniphan; one brother, Joey Carter of Doniphan; and his grandmother, Artie Carter of Naylor, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Ray "Cowboy" Carter, on April 18, 2010.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Fowler-Sullivan Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Wes Flaugh officiating. Burial will be at Naylor Memorial Cemetery in Naylor.

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Wanda Trout

PUXICO, Mo. — Wanda Jean Trout, 78, of Puxico, Mo., died Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Puxico Nursing & Rehab Center in Puxico.

Mrs. Trout was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Benton, Mo. She lived in the Puxico area most of her life. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church near Puxico. She liked to play bingo, read, including her Bible, and being with her grandchildren.

On Feb. 9, 1974, she married James William "Bill" Trout in Puxico. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2005.

Survivors include son, Kent Whitel of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four step-sons, Charles Ray Trout of Bloomfield, Mo., Randy Trout of St. Louis, Mo., and Jim Trout and Dennis Trout, both of Puxico; 13 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

Visitation will begin 10 a.m. Tuesday at Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico. Funeral services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Ray Placher of Puxico officiating. Burial will be in Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made to the Fagan Cemetery, c/o Jack Dublin, 24227 State Highway 51, Puxico, MO 63960 or to the Brush Creek Cemetery, c/o Arch Maloney, Rt. 1 Box 218, Puxico, MO 63960.

Condolences can be made online at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com.

Alice Ratliff

ELLINGTON, Mo. — Alice Ratliff, 99, of Ellington, Mo., died Monday, March 21, 2011, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending with McSpadden Funeral Home in Ellington.

Mike Farris
ELLSINORE, Mo. — Mike Farris, 56, of Ellsinore, Mo., died Monday, March 21, 2011.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday at McSpadden Funeral Home in Ellsinore. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Chuck Browning officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Hunter, Mo.

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Lester Maize Jr.

SALEM, Mo. — Lester Oran "Blackie" Maize Jr., 78, of Cherryville, Mo., died Thursday, March 17, 2011, in Viburnum, Mo.

Mr. Maize was born March 19, 1932, in Winona, Mo. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church at Cherryville, Mo., Local 513 Union in St. Louis, Mo., and Lebanon Masonic Lodge 77.

He started Hopewell Lodge 239. He served three years in the U.S. Army. He liked mechanics, driving mud trucks, his Harley, traveling and visiting with family.

On June 28, 1958, he married Mary Ethel Hil-drich. She preceded him in death. On April 28, 2007, he married Mary Elizabeth Jordan. She survives.

Survivors include four children, Rick Maize and wife, Tammy, of Kansas City, Kan., Anita Maize Hill and friend, Kim Clark, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Vicky Meier and husband, Gary, of Kansas City, Mo., and Marty Maize and wife, Kim, of Viburnum, Mo.; four step children, Danny Huffman and wife, Tammy, of Stephenville, Texas, J.R. Woodall and wife, Cindy, of Daysville, Mo., Troy Woodall and wife, Laura, of Steelville, Mo., and Beth Griner and husband, Michael, of Toccoa, Ga.; five brothers, Dick Maize and wife, Bert, and Ernie Maize and wife, Jenny, all of Lesterville, Mo., Lloyd Maize and wife, Marge, of Bonne Terre, Mo., Jack Maize and wife, Panzy, of Park Hills, Mo., and James Maize and wife, Theresa, of Farmington, Mo.; three sisters, Ethel Lay of Ellington, Mo., Pat Fann and husband, Richard, of Ellsinore, Mo., and Jerry Martin and friend, Hobie, of Lesterville; six grandchildren; 13 step grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Lester Oran Maize Sr. and Flossie Irene (Lindsey) Maize; and one brother, Arlie "Jake" Maize.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Wilson Mortuary Chapel in Viburnum with Brother Roger Silvey officiating. Masonic services were held at Hopewell 239 and Lebanon 77 Masonic lodges. Military rites were also provided.

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Tommy Curd
ELLINGTON, Mo. — Tommy Curd, 19, of Fort Hood, Texas, formerly of Ellington, Mo., died Monday, March 21, 2011 at Fort Hood.

Arrangements are pending with McSpadden Funeral Home in Ellington.

MAKE-A-WISH training will be March 25

Spread the word! MAKE-A-WISH will hold training for volunteers who would like to be "Wish Granters" 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Location will be announced later.

Everyone who is interested in being a volunteer for MAKE-A-WISH is welcome; however, paperwork and background check must be complete AND online LMS training has to be completed.

Call Debbie Herren at 417-873-9474 or e-mail dherren@mo.wish.org to register or for information about being a MAKE-A-WISH volunteer.

Dinner will be on your own. Light snacks and drinks will be served.

LOTTERIES

Sunday, March 20
Midday 3:6-9-1
Midday 4:0-0-2-1
Pick 3: 9-3-9
Pick 4: 6-4-5-6
Show Me Cash:
14-16-23-32-34
Next jackpot: \$131,000
Saturday, March 19
Lotto:
02-08-13-15-37-43
Next jackpot: \$2 million
Midday 3: 7-6-7
Midday 4: 5-6-7-9
Pick 3: 4-1-8
Pick 4: 6-6-9-9
Show Me Cash:
06-08-16-21-23
Powerball:
03-11-20-27-46
Powerball: 8
Power Play: 2

Next jackpot \$101 million. Tickets matching the first 5 numbers, but not the Powerball, worth \$200,000, were sold in Florida and New York.

There were Power Play Match 5 winners in Arkansas and Virginia.

Van Buren city yard sale

The Van Buren Chamber of Commerce will host the Spring Citywide Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 2.

Booths will be set up inside the Courthouse Square and all along Main Street and Business 60. In case of heavy rain, sale will be held the following weekend.

For more information, call (573)-323-4335

POLICE

Merisa Dawn Escandon, 18, of the 2100 block of North Westwood Boulevard was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at J.C. Penney Co. Inc. on suspicion of stealing. She was booked and released on bond.

Shannon Danielle Smith, 27, of the 2000 block of Sanders was arrested at 10:20 p.m. Thursday in the 2100 block of North Westwood Boulevard on a municipal failure to appear warrant for dog at large and a Washington County warrant for traffic. She was booked and released on bond.

Jerome Lamont Webb, 36, of Jefferson City, Mo., was arrested at 12:05 a.m. Friday at the police station on two municipal failure to appear warrants for driving while suspended and no operator's license. He was booked and released on bond.

Jonathan David Gambill, 25, of the 1300 block of North 12th Street was arrested at 12:42 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of North Westwood Boulevard on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and speeding.

Gambill, who reportedly refused to take a breath test, was booked at the Butler County jail.

Erin Michelle English, 28, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was arrested at 3:05 a.m. Friday in the 2600 block of North Westwood Boulevard on two municipal failure to appear warrants for improper display and no seat belt. She was booked at the Butler County jail.

Christine A. Cashman, an employee of J.D.'s Quick Stop, 1529 N. Main St., told police a teenage youth took a package of beef jerky and left the store without paying.

Christopher Olen Emerson, 21, of the 900 Cedar Street was arrested at 6:35 p.m. Friday in a parking lot at 2006 N Westwood Blvd., for creating a disturbance. He was taken to the police station, processed and lodged in Butler County jail. During the booking process, he was given a breath test and had a blood alcohol content of .197. He later was released.

BIRTHS

Mia Maschelle Hodges

Catherine Ann Sertl and Charles David Hodges of Poplar Bluff, Mo., have chosen the name Mia Maschelle Hodges for their 4-pound, 5-ounce daughter born at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 at St. Francis Medical Center's Family Birth-Place in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Ringler of Poplar Bluff and Matthew Sertl of Farmington, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Teresa Sisco of Poplar Bluff and Devaudrey Hodges of Portageville, Mo.

Alexis Berry

Steven and Farrah Berry of Corning, Ark., have chosen the name Alexis Delaney Lee Berry for their 9-pound, 9-ounce daughter born March 15, 2011. She was 22.75 inches long.

Grandparents include Chris and Denise Bearden, James and Angela Berry and Kith and Shelly Ingram. Great-grandparents include Jim and Mary Julian, Bobby and Becky Ingram, David and Nova Bearden, Pauline Doyle and James and Paulette Berry.

Deadline Notice

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

Charles Anthony Wilburn, 25, of the 2100 block of Harper Street was arrested at 5:04 p.m. Friday on a warrant for failure to appear in court on a stealing charge. He was processed and lodged in Butler County jail. His bond was \$327.

Tony Ray Green, 19, of the 2000 block of Bradley Street was arrested at 4:06 p.m. Friday on a warrant for failure to appear in court on a careless and imprudent driving charge.

Megan Cavanaugh, an employee of Calhoun's Food Rite, 505 Scymore St., reported a man stuck a carton of cigarettes down in the front of his pant and attempted to leave the store. When confronted, the man ran from the store.

Coty Garrett Jines, 19, of Poplar Bluff was arrested on suspicion of property damage and possession of marijuana following a dispute between Jines and his ex-girlfriend. Jines reportedly threw a hard ball of rocks at the car of Makayla Pawluc of 491 Manchester St. The passenger side door window was broken as a result.

When Jines was later stopped and arrested, officers found a marijuana joint and seeds in the center console.

He was processed and released on bond.

STOD. SHERIFF

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Brandon Lee Koonce, 20, of Dexter, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court. Bond was set at \$2,500 cash. Joshua James Koonce, 23, also of Dexter, Mo., was arrested on three warrants for failure to appear in court with a total bond of \$5,765 with \$265 being cash only.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Charles Eric Ritch, 40, of Dexter, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$20,000 cash.

BLOOMFIELD, Mo. — Ronda Ann Talley, 41, of Bell City, Mo., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was issued a summons to appear in court and released.