

## AREA OBITUARIES

## Charles H. Brooks

NEELYVILLE — Charles H. Brooks, 82, of Poplar Bluff died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Brooks was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Ripley County. He was a farmer and a lifelong resident of the area. He was a member of the Harviell Pentecostal Church.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and wood-working in his shop.

He was a youth leader and Sunday School superintendent at the MoArk United Pentecostal Church in years past.

On Jan. 25, 1947, he was married to Emma West at Piggott, Ark. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Charles J. Brooks and his wife, Debra, of Millstadt, Ill., and Mary Gibbs and her husband, Gene, of Poplar Bluff; two sisters, Opal Chance of Naylor and Carlene Gilbert of Poplar Bluff; two brothers, Claude Brooks of Colfax, La., and Sterling Brooks of Clarkton; six grandchildren Gene Gibbs Jr. of Armond Beach, Fla., Teresa Bollenbacher and husband, John, of Poplar Bluff, Bob Brooks and wife, Amy, of Millstadt, Ill., Steve Brooks and wife, Jennifer, of Roswell, Ga., Jason Brooks of Orange City, Fla., and Ashley Brooks of Millstadt, Ill. and five great-grandchildren, Paige, Kennedy and Ally Brooks of Millstadt, Ill., Anniston Gibbs of Ormond Beach, Fla. and Ava Brooks of Roswell, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Brooks and Gusta Collins Brooks; and three brothers, Ezra, Sylvester, and Hurshell Brooks.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Fowler-Sullivan Memorial Chapel in Neelyville. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Leroy Murray and the Rev. Bob Moore. Burial will be in Williams Cemetery near Corning, Ark.

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## Twin Tower activities

The weekly schedule for activities at the Twin Towers includes:

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 8, Lake View Home Care will be in the dining room to give free blood pressure and blood sugar tests. At 2 p.m. a nurse from Rehab Care Unit, P.B. Regional Medical Center, will be in the Altrusa room to answer medical questions from the group. Everyone is welcome to participate.

8 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, taxes will be prepared by AARP and RSVP volunteers; also at 11 a.m., the Broseley Choir will sing gospel songs for those who are dining in the dining room. At noon Altrusa International will meet. At 1 p.m. the Chronic Management class, sponsored by the Independent Living Center, will meet at 1 p.m. in the Craft Room

At 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Cane Creek Homemakers will meet in the Craft Room, NARVE will meet at noon in the Altrusa room, and bingo will be played at 1:30 p.m. in the Altrusa room.

From 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, taxes will be prepared; from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Senior class from the House of Praise will meet in the Altrusa Room, and at 11:30 a.m. Winchester Pure Country band will entertain in the Twin Towers dining room.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Feb. 12, American Home Care will give free blood pressure tests. At noon the Retired Railroad Club will have lunch and a meeting in the Altrusa room.

For more information call the Senior Citizen Service Center, 785-8593, or come by the office at the Twin Towers.

## Chrystal Nelson

MALDEN — Chrystal Faye Nelson, 33, of Malden died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Nelson was born Jan. 1, 1977, in Sikeston. She was a member of Voice of Zion in Malden.

She was a beautician. She was married to Dale Kilgore, who survives.

Survivors include her parents, Benny Joe Nelson of Malden and Brenda Faye Watson Nelson of Malden; two sons, Mitchell Nelson Kilgore of Malden and Bryce Nelson Kilgore of Malden; one daughter, Breanna Nelson of Malden; one sister, Christa Bowles of Florence, Ala.; one brother, Brad Nelson of Malden; her grandmother, Ruby Nelson of Malden; one niece and three nephews.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. today at Bradshaw Funeral Home in Malden. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Roger Fowler. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery in Malden.

## Melvin Teel

BERNIE — Melvin Teel, 60, of Bernie died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, in Bernie. He was born on Feb. 4, 1950.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie.

## Wanda Jones

NEELYVILLE — Wanda Lee Jones, 69, of Neelyville died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Jones was born July 28, 1940, at Coon Island. She had lived in Neelyville for more than 20 years. She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Butler County.

She was a member of Friendship General Baptist Church of Coon Island.

On Aug. 4, 1956, she was married to Jim Jones at Hernando, Miss. He survives.

She enjoyed fishing, turkey and deer hunting, listening to music, being with her grandchildren and cooking family meals.

Also surviving are her children, Teresa Hobbs and her husband, Randy, of Poplar Bluff, Jimmy Jones and his wife, Tonnie, of Doniphan, Rhonda Uhl and her husband, Danny, of Fairdeal, and Chris Jones and his wife, Carrie, of Neelyville; one sister, Donna Stull and her husband, Archie, of Doniphan; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence St. Cin who died on May 3, 1980, and his mother, Bessie Layton St. Cin who died Dec. 30, 2004; and one brother, Ronnie St. Cin.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Monday at Fowler-Sullivan Memorial Chapel of Neelyville. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Allen Leutert. Burial will be in Coon Island Cemetery.

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## STODDARD SHERIFF

BLOOMFIELD — Sonya Alisa Rosenthal, 45, of Malden was arrested on three warrants for passing bad checks. She was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

BLOOMFIELD — Michael David Andrew, 32, of Arnold was arrested on a warrant for non-support. He was booked into jail and later released on bond.

## Jack Briggs

Jack Lee Briggs was called to join his Heavenly Father on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, in Poplar Bluff.

Jack was born Jan. 13, 1940, in Poplar Bluff. He attended Sacred Heart School in Poplar Bluff and graduated in the class of 1957.

Jack was a member of South Poplar Bluff General Baptist Church. He was a long time member of the American Legion Post 153 and Union Lodge UTUT 30. Jack retired from Union Pacific Railroad as a conductor after 30 years of service.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, hunting and riding 4-wheelers.

On Sept. 15, 1990, he was married to Marie Browning in Poplar Bluff. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters: Joy Lynn Ledbetter and Jennifer Jill Briggs Lawrence, both of Jefferson City, and Deanna Riutcel and husband, Kevin, of Bland; a son, Marshall Clark of Poplar Bluff; four granddaughters: Micha Ledbetter of Labonia, Samantha Andrews and Brittney Andrews of Bland and Shelby Clark of Poplar Bluff; three grandsons: Aaron Andrews of Bland and Clayton Clark and Dalton Clark, both of Poplar Bluff; a sister, Pat Arrington and husband Sid, of Florissant; his mother and father-in-law, A.E. "Sonny" and Opal Spencer of Poplar Bluff; two sisters-in-law, Erma Suttner and husband, David, of Detroit, Mich., and Pat Barks Benton of Union; three brothers-in-law: Chris Browning and wife, Alita, Greg Browning and wife, Mimi, and Leonard Browning, all of Poplar Bluff; several nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends and acquaintances from Salem, Illinois, Texas and Oklahoma.

His mother, Juanita (Cato) Briggs Barks, father, Joseph P. Briggs, stepfather, Robert Elmo Barks, brother, Robert W. Barks and son-in-law, David W. Ledbetter preceded Mr. Briggs in death.

Jack had a great outlook on life and a wonderful sense of humor .... he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Cottrell Funeral Chapel in Poplar Bluff. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the chapel with the Rev. Keith Luke officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America or the American Stroke Foundation c/o Cottrell Funeral Service, P.O. Box 548, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902.

Friends and family may share an online condolence or memory at [www.cottrell-funeralservice.com](http://www.cottrell-funeralservice.com).

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## LOTTERIES

**FRIDAY**  
Pick 3: 0-2-3  
Pick 4: 7-7-2-6  
"Show Me Ca\$h:" 19-24-30-31-36  
Next est. jackpot: \$128,000  
Mega Millions 10-20-45-51-53 MB:41 MP:4  
Next est. jackpot: \$ 32 million

**SATURDAY**  
Midday 3: 0-6-5  
Midday 4: 5-4-8-4  
Pick 3: 9-1-2  
Pick 4: 0-7-0-0  
Show Me Ca\$h: 11-13-16-33-36  
Next est. jackpot: \$153,000  
Lotto: 12-17-19-20-23-44  
**Powerball** 14-22-52-54-59  
**Powerball** 4

## William Kepley, Jr.

DONIPHAN — William A. (Bill) Kepley, Jr., 67, lifelong resident of Ripley County, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff.

He was born Dec. 22, 1942, in Naylor to William A. and Naomi (Hughes) Kepley, Sr.

On Nov. 15, 1997, he married Judy Mitchell at Maynard, Ark. She survives.

Also surviving are three children, Steve (Ginger) Kepley of Doniphan, Kim (Benny) Rigoroso of Coatesville, Pa., and Holly (Greg) Ford of Paducah, Ky.; two stepchildren, Stacey Peoples of Doniphan and Scott (Sherri) Gaither of Maynard, Ark.; nine grandchildren, Lauren Little, Matt, Stephanie and Keaton Kepley, Nick and Rehana Ford, Latecia Peoples, Brianna and Samantha Gaither; one great-grandson, Landon Wilson; one sister, Mary Counce of Calif.; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Mr. Kepley, along with his wife, Judy, owned J&B Storage. He also was retired from U.S. Bank after 22 years. He was a long-time member and past president of Doniphan Lions Club. He served as a volunteer on the board for the Selective Service System and was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation in September, 2009. He enjoyed hunting and four-wheeling. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two half-brothers and three half-sisters.

Visitation will be from 5 – 8 p.m. Saturday at Edwards Funeral Home in Doniphan. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home chapel with Brother Wes Flaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Fairdealing Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

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

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## POLICE

Bianca Jeane Grayse, 18, of the 1400 block of Woodland Road was arrested at 2:25 p.m. Thursday at the Walmart Supercenter on suspicion of stealing. She was booked and released pending review of the case by the prosecuting attorney.

Jim F. Bader, 51, of Poplar Bluff was arrested at 9:02 p.m. Jan. 30 at the intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Barron Road on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and driving left of center.

Bader, who reportedly refused to take a breath test, was booked and released on bond.

Billy G. Reel, 51, of Fisk was arrested at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday at Probation and Parole on a municipal failure to appear warrant for possession of marijuana. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Julie Lee Jeffries, 38, of Harviell was arrested at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kroger on suspicion of stealing. She was booked and released on a criminal summons.

Richard Deloy Putman, 46, of Wappapello was arrested at 9:48 p.m. Thursday at Kmart on suspicion of stealing. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

## Rosie Rice

NEELYVILLE — Rosie Owens Akins Rice, 78, of Poplar Bluff died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Rice was born Sept. 16, 1931, at Fairdealing. She moved to Millbrook, Ala., in 1964, but moved back to this area in 1997.

She was a member of Little Brown General Baptist church in Poplar Bluff.

She enjoyed puzzles, animals, her church, dogs, and cats and her family.

On Aug. 17, 2007, she was married to Frankie Rice at Corning, Ark. He survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Tara Rice and Peggy Hendrickson; several nieces and nephews, Julita Michel and husband, Marty; Norma Wertenberger and husband, Terry, Terry Arnold and wife, Janet, Harvey King and Isin, Billy King, Sharon Barker, Larry Harris and Evelyn, Bonnie Reynolds and Kenny, Kieth Wilkerson, Ricky Wilkerson, Terry Wilkerson and Amy, Leroy Rodger and Sharon, Veda Logan and Gary, Steve and Jessie Robertson, Roy Robertson; two sisters, Mary Arnold of Naylor and Maxine Joy and husband, Robert, of Poplar Bluff; and one brother, Lloyd Robertson of St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Owens and Nancy Fulk Owens; three sisters, Lizzie, Minnie Edna; and one brother, Homer.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Fowler-Sullivan Memorial Chapel in Neelyville. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Willis Smith officiating. Burial will be in Fairdealing Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Animal Welfare Alliance SEMO, 930 N. Westwood Blvd. Poplar Bluff.

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## FIRE

City firefighters responded at 1:06 p.m. Thursday to a spill in the 1100 block of North Fifth Street.

According to the report, firefighters used 20 gallons of water to wash an oil spill off the roadway from a disabled vehicle.

## CITY MEETINGS

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Poplar Bluff Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in City Hall at 101 Oak St. to consider Donna Devine's request for a conditional use permit to operate an auto washing and cleanup shop at 919 N. Main St. which is in a C-1 neighborhood commercial district.

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Park Department Office at 430 N. Second St.

Agenda items include golf course maintenance and the park director's report on programs, finances and projects.

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Poplar Bluff Historical Preservation Commission will meet at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in City Hall.

Agenda items include a certificate of appropriateness for a sign at the new location for the United Gospel Rescue Mission at 400 S. Broadway St., a certificate of appropriateness for a sign at Heartland Wedding and Event Services at 407 S. Broadway St. and a 2010 grant update.

## BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD

The Poplar Bluff Building Standards Board meeting scheduled for Thursday has been canceled. The city has requested bids for demolition of houses at 1011 Garfield St., 804 Foley St. and 1406 Alice St. The next meeting will be March 11.

## MoDOT to work on Ripley 142

DONIPHAN — Missouri Department of Transportation crews will make edge rut repairs on Highway 142 from Route 21 to the Oregon County line.

Weather permitting, crews and equipment will be on the roadway between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Edge rut repair work requires placing material at the edge of the roadway and is necessary to reduce shoulder drop off.

Crews also will patch Route J from the Carter/Oregon County line to U.S. 160 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Motorists are urged to exercise caution when moving through the work zones.

## Tonight/Sunday

Forecast for Sunday, Feb. 7

City/Region

Low | High temps



## EXTENDED FORECAST

Sunday: Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. North-east winds 5 mph. Sunday night: Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds 5 mph. Monday: Snow likely. Moderate snow accumulations. Highs in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. Monday night: Snow or rain. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

## LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low  
Friday: 41/35  
High/Low Year Ago Today: 57/33  
Downtown Rain Monday: 0.49  
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 6.61 R  
Sunrise: 6:58 Sunset: 5:33