

AREA OBITUARIES

Theresa Ellis

Theresa Diane (Kendle) Ellis, 39, of Clinton died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at her sister's home in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Ellis was born Oct. 22, 1970, in St. Louis. She had lived in Butler County before moving to Clinton. She was of the Pentecostal faith. She had worked at Tracker Marine in Clinton. She enjoyed bingo and computers.

On May 19, 2001, she married Scott Ellis at Poplar Bluff. He survives.

Also surviving are two children, Billy Wayne Walker Jr. and Juston Diane Walker, both of Poplar Bluff; her mother, Arbadella "Huggins" Stringer of Poplar Bluff; one sister, Shelia Kendle of Poplar Bluff; one brother, Kenneth Ray Kendle of Poplar Bluff; two grandchildren, Trinity Faith Pearson and Teresita Fay Pearson, both of Poplar Bluff; a special friend, Billy Walker Sr. of Poplar Bluff; and many other friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Justan Wayne Walker; her father, the Rev. Robert Kendle; a sister, Beverly Summers; and a brother, Donald Kendle.

Visitation will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Lester Galbraith officiating. Burial will be in City Cemetery.

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Almeta Stubblefield

CORNING, Ark. — Almeta Stubblefield, 84, of Corning, Ark. died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Rector Nursing and Rehab in Rector, Ark.

Mrs. Stubblefield was a retired deputy tax collector for the Clay County Sheriff and Collector's office. She was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Corning Order of the Eastern Star 494.

On Aug. 19, 1965, she married L.T. "Bud" Stubblefield. He preceded her in death on June 18, 1990.

Survivors include one daughter, Norma Keown of Corning, Ark.; one adopted daughter, Ann Reed of Corning, Ark.; one brother, Bill York of Corning, Ark.; four nieces, Linda Simpson and husband, Ray, of Jonesboro, Ark., Lisa Bowers and husband, Doin Jr., of Corning, Ark., Julie Smothers and husband, Robert, of North Little Rock, Ark., Jami McGee and husband, Bobby, of Lonoke, Ark.; and eight great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Horace and Dealie (Berry) York; two brothers, Jewel and Charles York; two sisters-in-law, Adena and Nellie York; and one great-nephew, Rider Simpson.

Public visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ermert Funeral Home Chapel in Corning, Ark. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Loy Culver officiating. Burial will follow in Richwoods Cemetery at Corning, Ark.

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Reva Hopkins

DONIPHAN — Reva Hopkins, 95, of Naylor died Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Edwards Funeral Home in Doniphan.

J.L. Stratton

FISK — J.L. "Jake" Stratton, 81, of Poplar Bluff died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at John J. Pershing VA Medical Center in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. Stratton was born Sept. 5, 1928, in Hartzell. He lived in the Broseley area many years, later moving to Poplar Bluff. He was a veteran of the Korean War, and a retired carpenter. He was a member of Community Holiness church, where he enjoyed playing music. Mr. Stratton also enjoyed restoring and showing antique cars. He was a former member of Poplar Bluff Rod and Kustom Car Club.

On Jan. 17, 1953, he married Shirley Thomas of Broseley. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Janet Hillis and husband, Lawrence, and Russell Stratton and wife, Regina, all of Poplar Bluff, Donna Harrison and husband, Troy, of Fisk, Jessie Stratton and wife, Lori, of Bloomfield, Rhonda McDougale and husband, Brian, of Dexter, Ky.; one brother, Myrten Stratton of Poplar Bluff; one sister, Beatrice Kilgore of Safford, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, Regina, Amanda, Melanie, Natalie, Rusty, Cordale, Keylia, Katie, Candace, Andrew, Amber; seven great-grandchildren, Jacob, Riley, Emma, Chase, Tabitha, Zada, Destiny; one lifelong friend, Helen Slaughter; in-laws, Sondra Glass, Shelvie Perkins and Sherman Thomas, all of Broseley, and Sheron Myers of Neelyville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Clinton; his parents J.W. and Lucy Stratton; four brothers Everett, John, J.B., Fred; and five sisters Edna, Estelle, Margie, Othine, Luevenia.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. tonight at Whitesanders Funeral Home in Fisk. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Melburn Deaton officiating. Burial will be with full military honors at Brown Chapel Cemetery in Broseley.

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Astie

Welborn Smith

PUXICO — Astie Welborn Smith, 75, of Poplar Bluff died Sunday, April 4, 2010, at his home.

He is a former resident of Puxico.

Arrangements are pending with Morgan Sifford Funeral Home of Puxico.

LOTTERIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Middy 3: 6-2-3

Middy 4: 8-2-3-7

Pick 3: 7-8-5

Pick 4: 6-0-9-6

Show Me Ca\$h:

Next jackpot \$70,000

Saturday, April 3

Lotto:

04-19-24-25-28-35

Next jackpot \$5.1 million

Middy 3: 5-7-4

Middy 4: 0-0-7-7

Pick 3: 9-7-4

Pick 4: 7-3-4-7

Show Me Ca\$h:

01-02-15-19-28

Powerball:

10-15-31-52-59

Power Play: 4

There was no winner. Next jackpot \$125 million.

Tickets matching the first 5 numbers, but not the Powerball, worth \$200,000, were sold in: Georgia, Louisiana (2), Minnesota and New York.

There were no Power Play Match 5 winners.

Dorothy Evans

DEXTER — Dorothy W. Evans, 93, of Dexter died Saturday, April 3, 2010, in Collierville, Tenn.

Mrs. Evans was born April 19, 1916, in Potts Camp, Miss. A Christian, she had been a member of First Baptist Church of Dexter since 1947. She was active in the various mission organizations of the church. She also a member of Dexter Hospital Auxiliary and P.E.O.

On July 1, 1933, she married Alton F. Evans at Bragg City. Mr. Evans preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 1990.

She is survived by three sons, Don of Collierville, Tenn., Dale Evans of Dexter and Dean Evans of Germantown, Tenn.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Dexter with the Revs. David Ripley and Richard Wright and Dr. Steve Easterwood officiating. Burial will follow at Dexter Cemetery.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Arthur Smotherman

MALDEN — Arthur Smotherman, 69, of Kennett died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center in Kennett.

Mr. Smotherman was born Dec. 15, 1940, in Poplar Bluff.

Survivors include a sister, Opal Liles of Clarkton, and two brothers, Edward Smotherman of Kennett and David Smotherman of Poplar Bluff.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Monday at Bradshaw Funeral Home in Malden. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Stanfield Cemetery in Clarkton.

Two write-ins at Mill Spring

MILL SPRING — Four persons filed as declared write-in candidates in Tuesday's Mill Spring election, but only Cecil Lee Lawson and Daniel D. Lawson are eligible, according to Wayne County Clerk Alan Lutes.

"William Claude Beckenbach and Jayme Smith are ineligible and any votes received will not be counted," Lutes said.

Four candidates, whose names will appear on the ballot, are Anna Berry and three incumbents — James Price, George Strange Sr. and David Gentles.

The top three among the six candidates will be elected to two-year terms on the Mill Spring Board of Trustees.

Leon Price

GREENVILLE — Leon Earl Price, 68, of Greenville died Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Ruegg Funeral Home of Greenville.

BIRTHS

Jayci

Zayne Cagle

Michele Goodman and Rayne Cagle of Bernie have chosen the name Jayci Zayne Cagle for their 6-pound, 14-ounce daughter born at 12:31 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010. She was 18 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Michael Goodman of Essex and Connie Bramlett of Arnold. Paternal grandparents are Rod and Kathy Cagle of Bernie.

GROUPS

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"When the people rise up, you want them to rise up on their own — as one," said Paul Sims, a cattle farmer and disabled former firefighter from the Rolla area who has been involved in various tea party events.

Sims, who ran unsuccessfully as a little-known Republican lieutenant governor's candidate in 2008, personifies several aspects of the team party movement. Chiefly, he is a self-described conservative. Although many tea party participants shun party labels, they overwhelmingly describe themselves as conservatives and have more often voted for Republicans than Democrats.

Sims also is co-director of the Missouri chapter of the Patriotic Resistance, one of many groups that have latched on to the tea party movement since its large rallies last year.

More than 50 such groups teamed up last month to sponsor a forum for U.S. Senate candidates in Jefferson City. Candidates from all parties were invited. But the top contenders — Republican Rep. Roy Blunt and Democratic Secretary of State Robin Carnahan — did not attend. And fewer than 100 people were in the audience, leaving plenty of empty chairs.

The hotel meeting room, coffee and tea for the forum

were paid for by the Missouri chapter of Americans for Prosperity, whose leader is Republican former state House Speaker Pro Tem Carl Bearden.

Republican insiders also have been involved in organizing other tea party events.

One of the coordinators of the St. Louis tea party group is Gina Loudon, a Republican consultant and unsuccessful 2008 Missouri Senate candidate. She has appeared on national TV as a tea party spokeswoman, helped launch a drive to buy Ford vehicles because the company received no government bailout money and has aided tea party activists in opposing the St. Louis tax initiative.

A tea party rally that drew several thousand people to Kansas City's Liberty Memorial last year was organized by college student Andrea Plunkett, who worked on Republican Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign.

Plunkett has since helped spin off a group called Americans for Conservative Training, which she says has about 1,600 members and has raised more than \$20,000.

Others are making their first foray into political activism.

Thomas Grady, who attended a tea party rally in St. Louis last year, subsequently founded the Missouri Sovereignty Project,

which now has about 1,300 members. The group is asking candidates to pledge to enforce the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, reserving powers for states that are not specifically granted to the federal government. Grady said the group also plans to use its Web site to rank state legislators and to tally every time members of Congress use the word "constitution."

"I had never walked out of the house to protest until November last year," said Grady, an investment adviser with a master's degrees in business administration and liberal arts.

St. Louis tea party participant Annette Read, a stay-at-home mom whose sons now are in college, said she launched the group "I Heard the People Say" in early 2009 because of frustration over "fiscal irresponsibility." The group has since helped lead Capitol rallies for a state constitutional amendment bucking a federal mandate for people to have health insurance.

The group set up an informational booth at the Republicans' annual Lincoln Days conference and has an e-mail distribution list of about 1,500. But it has pledged to members that it will not endorse candidates.

"Their outrage is not being heard by any of the politicians," Read said. "We don't want to be absorbed by the GOP."

BAND

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"Pointfest would be a platform to get us out in front of a broad audience, yet we would still be in the home state and considered a Poplar Bluff product," said Barry Whaley, Burning Cold's drummer. "We want people to come out and think of it as an investment. We're not just asking for support and turning our nose up, we're trying to help the community and local businesses."

In addition to Whaley of Piggott, Ark., the quintet consists of lead vocalist Gary Long originally from Quilin, lead guitarist Tim Strohmeyer from Naylor, bassist Tony Merlotti from Piedmont and guitarist/vocalist Kelly Harris, a Poplar Bluff native.

Explaining Burning Cold's recent origins, Long, the frontman, said he was tired of the bar scene and wanted to perform original material, so he branched out from his cover band with Stohmeyer.

Knowing they were writers as well, he recruited Harris and Merlotti, and invited Whaley to practice with them in October. Whaley had competed against Long for several years at local venues, but they shared a mutual respect.

"I always thought he was the best drummer in this area," Long said.

Whaley described their first jam session as an "instant click." Within two months, the band was recording its first record at Tombstone Studios in Nashville. "Chase the Sun" was released independently on Feb. 27, and can be purchased at Hastings in Poplar Bluff.

Pointfest is not the only opportunity on the horizon that would guarantee exposure for Burning Cold.

Later this month, the band will vie at the Hard Rock Café in Memphis in the semifinals of Ambassadors of Rock in hopes of performing at the Hard Rock Calling in London, England, on the same stage as Paul McCartney come June.

"We're opening windows and doors," Long said. "I'm not going to say we're going to get signed, but our chances are so much better."

Long credits the band's newfound success to a loyal local following. The crew at Causbie's Sports Bar has been helping to identify some larger gigs for the

group.

"It's not often that you have a band with such charisma that are just down-home boys, and very humble," Jeri McConnell said. "John [Causbie, the bar owner] and I are seeing what we can do to get them out there."

With the first two rounds of the Ambassadors Battle of the Bands already complete, McConnell made sure that Burning Cold's album was overnighted to Tennessee. Band members were notified Wednesday that they can advance to round three of four.

The competition, free admission, begins at 8 p.m. April 16 on Beale Street. Whaley requested that his local fan base come out to show support, as they will be not be playing on their own turf.

"We'd hate to do a fantastic show and hear crickets at the end," the drummer said.

Two weeks ago, Burning Cold brought a crew of 83 people with them for the semifinals at Pop's. It was a Sunday, and they were slightly out of their element, since there were multiple St. Louis bands there with hometown crowds.

"It was hard for people to

make the trip, including ourselves, because we all had to work the next day," Long recalled.

Whaley added: "We told ourselves, we can lose because we don't have enough people, but we can't lose by not putting on a good show."

The audience was so excited that they were asked to quiet down by radio station officials from KPNT 105.7 "The Point," according to spectators.

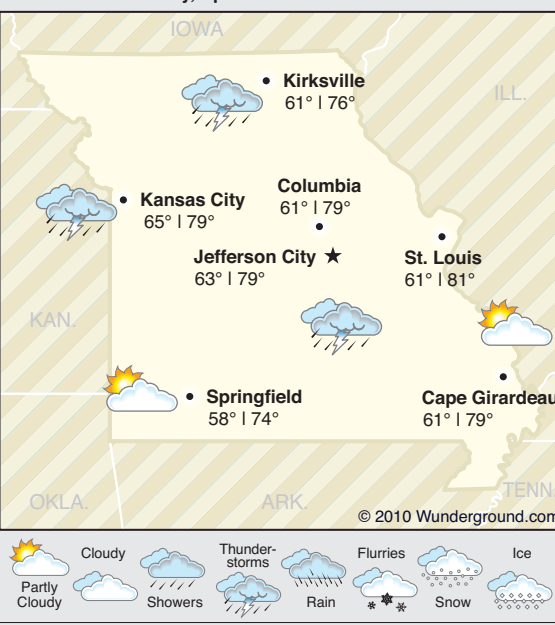
The goal this weekend for the finals at Pop's is to sell 200 tickets in advance. The band that sells the most tickets — which are \$6 — gets to choose what order they get to play their 30-minute set in.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday. Causbie's will charter busses at a cost of \$35 for admission plus transportation. The caravan will leave at 4:30 p.m. from the sports bar on Westwood Boulevard. For tickets, call McConnell at 417-844-0771.

To learn more about Burning Cold, visit www.myspace.com/burningcold or look them up on Facebook.

Tonight/Tuesday

Forecast for Tuesday, April 6

City/Region
Low | High temps

EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. S/SW wind between 8-13 mph. **Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with a S/SW wind 13-16 mph increasing to between 21-24 mph. Winds could gust as high as 37 mph. A 30% chance of evening showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Low around 60. **Wednesday:** 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms, decreasing to 50% at night. Cloudy, with a high near 72.

LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low:
Sunday: 78/48
High/Low Year Ago Today: 72/44
Downtown Rain: 0.0
Clearwater Rain: 0.0
Clearwater Lake:
(normal 498): 496.71
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 2,065
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 4.55
Clearwater High/Low: 81/48
Wappapello Elevation: 356.45
Wappapello Discharge: 3,530
Wappapello Tailwater: 334.26
Sunrise: 6:41 Sunset: 7:27

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