

AREA OBITUARIES

Jeanetta Stamps

NEELYVILLE
— Jeanetta Pauline (Polly) Stamps, 88, of Oxly died Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Westwood Health Care Center in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Stamps was born Nov. 10, 1921, in Missouri. She had lived in the Ripley County area nearly all of her life,

except for some time in Michigan. A homemaker, she enjoyed quilting and children. She had attended Rock Fellowship Church at Oxly.

On Sept. 6, 1941, she married Cletis Raymond Stamps. He preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1993.

Survivors include five sons, Bobby D. Stamps and his wife, June, of Harvill, Mark R. Stamps and wife, Pam, of Perryville, Kevin D. Stamps and wife, Krystal, and Bobby G. Stamps and wife, Chrissy, all of Oxly, and Rodney M. Stamps and Tammy of Corning, Ark.; three sisters, Ruth Gausta of Tacoma, Wash., Mary Topoleski of New Haven, and Ruby Trent of Troy; one brother, Odell Couch of Sedalia; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Connie J. Hoffman in March 1997; her parents, Everett Couch and Lillie Lands Couch; three sisters, Dorothy Marler, Gladys House and Lillie Mae Couch; four brothers, J.R. Couch, Melvin Couch, Joe Couch and Linus Alvin Couch; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Fowler-Sullivan Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Donnie Fowler officiating. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery near Oxly.

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Albert Gross

MALDEN — Albert Gross, 66, of Tallapoosa died Sunday, April 25, 2010, at Gideon Care Center in Gideon.

Arrangements are pending with Bradshaw Funeral Home of Malden.

L.B. Lee

L.B. Lee, 79, of Poplar Bluff died Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Cotrell Funeral Service in Poplar Bluff.

Randy Farmer

DEXTER — Randy Lee Farmer, 41, Washington, formerly of St. Clair, died Thursday, April 22, 2010, in St. Louis.

Mr. Farmer was born March 7, 1969, in Poplar Bluff. A Christian, he was baptized at a young age in the Baptist faith. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his brothers and spending time with his family.

On May 24, 2004, he married Janice Ann Shelton. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepchildren, Mitchell Shelton of Deslodge and Jessica Hummel of Washington; two step-grandchildren; his mother, Frances Farmer of St. Clair; and two brothers, Robert Farmer and Charles Farmer, both of St. Clair.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair and from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jamie Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Caroline Dowdy Cemetery in Dexter. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

LOTTERIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Midday 3: 9-6-5
Midday 4: 1-0-1-2
Pick 3: 9-2-9
Pick 4: 9-2-9-9
Show Me Ca\$h:
08-14-31-34-37
Next jackpot \$60,000
Saturday, April 24
Lotto:
04-05-10-25-32-36
Next jackpot \$1.3 million
Midday 3: 5-5-8
Midday 4: 5-1-4-2
Pick 3: 6-3-0
Pick 4: 4-4-6-6
Show Me Ca\$h:
01-02-07-09-10
Powerball:
1-12-53-56-57
Powerball: 5
Power Play: 2 2
There was no winner. Next jackpot \$30 million.

Tickets matching the first 5 numbers, but not the Powerball, worth \$200,000, were sold in: Kentucky, Texas and Washington.

There were 3 Power Play Match 5 winners in the states of: Maine, New York and Oklahoma.

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1-800-356-5395

Deadline Notice

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

One nation, under God, with health care for all

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With the climactic and historic vote by Congress followed by the President's approval, United States joined the industrialized nations and the rest of the world where all its citizens will have access to the health care.

Why the reform? One out of every six Americans, more than 46 million, with no health insurance and scores more underinsured, affordable, quality health care to all has become a major concern for decades. It is ironic that the United States spends more per capita income than any other advanced country - 16 percent of the gross domestic product - yet ranks 37th in quality control parameters including the mortality rate, as per WHO (World Health Organization). A 2009 Harvard study reported lack of health care caused more than 45 thousand deaths annually and the inability to pay medical bills was the major cause of personal bankruptcies. After 50 years of Congressional debate and the forefront of the political agenda of more than 10 Presidents, the health care reform, more appropriately known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Act, a \$90 billion package, became reality.

The new health care reform will virtually impact all: those with health insurance and those with out, health care providers, physicians and the hospitals, health insurers and industries that provide health care equipment and pharmaceuticals.

Health care reform and patients: this Act enacts individuals, families and small business owners in control of their health care.

- 32 million uninsured Americans will gain access to health coverage, nearly half by

- Expanded Medicaid.
- Beginning in 2014, almost every individual is re-

quired to be insured or pay a fine. Citizens who don't buy health insurance will pay a penalty of \$95 in 2014, \$325 in 2015 and pay up to \$2,250 in 2016.

- Medicaid, federal-state insurance program, will expand, cover the poor with 133 percent of Federal poverty level, \$29,327 a year for a family of four.

- Insurers will no longer be able to exclude coverage because of 'pre-existing' conditions.

- State-based health insurance exchanges will be established wherein individuals and small businesses will be able to buy insurance at affordable prices.

- Tax credits for purchasing insurance available for households making up to four times the federal poverty level.

- Children will be permitted to remain on their parent's policies until the age 26.

- Patients no longer face life-time caps on coverage or threatened with cancellations because they are too sick (ie: terminal cancer patients)

- Medicare part D coverage gap for drugs (doughnut hole) that haunts millions of seniors will be closed.

- Patients with 'Cadillac plans', high paid insurance premiums with low deductibles, will have to pay a new tax.

- Abortion: the bill tries to maintain strict separation between taxpayers' dollars and private premiums that would pay for abortion coverage.

Providers: Hospitals, outpatient surgical centers and nursing homes, will also face conflicting effects with the new health care reform.

- With 32 million more Americans getting access to the health care, providers consider that as a positive reward.

- Medicare reimbursements to health care providers will be lowered by \$155 billion over 10 years.

- Hospitals will be penalized for hospital-acquired infections and high readmis-

sion rates.

- Primary care payments for Medicaid will increase gradually so the reimbursements will be on par with the Medicare payments.

Physicians: American Medical Association (AMA) and James Rohack, the President of AMA, endorsed the health care overhaul legislation. "This is certainly not the bill we would have written, but we cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good," Dr. Rohack said.

- AMA applauded the main theme of the reform: access of all Americans to quality health care.

- Aspects of the bill surfacing - such as restrictions on physician hospital ownership - threaten to doom successful enterprises.

- Many physician groups are opposing health care reform. More than 15 state medical associations are contesting the reform bill.

- It is predicted that high influx of newly insured patients will create a physician shortage.

- The present reform encourages primary care physicians, rewarding them with increase in reimbursements and pay raises, while specialists are complaining they are being blatantly ignored.

Insurers: "It could have been worse," seems to be the consensus amongst insurers on the effect that sweeping health care reform will have on managed care.

- 32 million more customers over the next decade may initially help the insurance industry.

- Cuts to Medicare Advantage Program and the new taxes on health plans, in the long run, may adversely affect the HMOs and PPOs.

- Prevents insurance companies from dropping insurance when a person gets sick and needs it most.

- Insurers must report the proportion of premium dollars spent on clinical services and quality efforts.

- Reform package will reduce Medicare hospital

spending by \$155 billion over a decade. Solo community hospitals will find it harder to compete with large corporate health systems that operate in multiple states.

Pharmaceutical industries will face mixed outlook.

- Immediate market dip due to imposed rebates and discounts

- Rising revenues from 2015 as volumes of insured people increase

- Generic providers will benefit from the reform because of President Obama's pro-generic stance and the closure of the doughnut hole in Medicare part D.

Ignoring medical liability crisis, which accounts for about 20 percent of the health care dollar, came under scrutiny by health care groups. The Health and Human Services (HHS) is authorized to award five-year demonstration grants to states to develop, implement and evaluate alternative medical liability reform initiatives.

Health care reform, will be taking its share of preventive and screening benefits:

- Medicaid will cover tobacco cessation services for pregnant women

- 5 percent incentive payments for mental health services.

- Beginning in 2010, immunizations, preventive care for children and mammograms will be provided free with no co-payments.

"Just as Social Security grew from a modest start in 1935 to become bedrock of the nation's retirement system," the New York Times editorializes, "This is a start on health care reform, not the end. ...A lot will depend ... on how healthcare professionals and institutions respond to the challenge of changing their ways. ...Our hope and belief is that this reform will in the end accomplish its great objectives. Right now, the good news for all Americans is that despite all the politics and the obstructionism, the process has finally begun."

PATROL

Kathryn E. Null, 40, of Puxico was arrested at 9:35 p.m. Sunday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated (first offense). She was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

Stephen Lamb, 29, of Doniphan was arrested at 4:57 p.m. Sunday on suspicion of driving while revoked, speeding and no insurance. He was booked at the Doniphan City Jail.

Felicia R. Bennett, 22, of Dudley was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Sunday on a Carroll County failure to appear warrant. She was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

Kenneth L. Whitley, 24, of Piggott, Ark., was arrested at 1:22 a.m. Sunday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, two counts of

second-degree assault on a law enforcement officer and speeding. He was booked at the Dunklin County Jail.

Paul W. Jarvis, 58, of St. Louis was arrested at 10:27 p.m. Saturday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

A 37-year-old Poplar Bluff man was injured in a two-vehicle crash at 8:25 p.m. Saturday on South Westwood Boulevard at Bedoll Avenue.

According to the report, Roger A. Ovenshire was operating a 1981 Yamaha motorcycle northbound when it ran into the rear of a 2008 Chevrolet, which was being operated by Dawn M. Tanner, 44, of Poplar Bluff.

Ovenshire suffered serious injuries and was taken

by ambulance to Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center for treatment.

A 19-year-old Puxico woman was injured in a one-vehicle crash at 10 a.m. Saturday on Highway PP, one-quarter of a mile east of Puxico.

According to the report, Lindsy N. Griffin was westbound in a 1999 Ford when it skidded off the left side of the roadway, where it struck a mailbox and overturned. Griffin suffered serious injuries and was taken by ambulance to Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Natasha L. Kegley, 28, of Bernie was arrested at 11:58 p.m. Friday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and failure to yield right of way. She was booked at the

Dunklin County Jail.

Dustin L. Pardoe, 24, of Wappapello was arrested at 1:08 a.m. Sunday on a Butler County failure to appear warrant for traffic and on suspicion of speeding and no proof of insurance. He was booked at the Stoddard County Jail.

Wayne C. Crutchfield, 31, of Greenville was arrested at 1:35 a.m. Sunday on suspicion of driving while revoked, possession of methamphetamine, failure to stop at a stop sign and no seat belt. He was booked at the New Madrid County Jail.

Chasity A. Pertell, 35, of Greenville was arrested at 1:40 a.m. Sunday on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine and allowing an authorized person to operate a motor vehicle. She was booked at the New Madrid County Jail.

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River Hills Drug Task
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Narcotics
HOT LINE
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ATTENTION:
CASH REWARDS

Cash rewards paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the distribution or possession of crack cocaine or other controlled substances. Direct all calls to the narcotics hot line at

573-686-8675

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential. You, along with the Poplar Bluff City Police Department, can make a difference.

Tonight/Tuesday

Forecast for Tuesday, April 27



EXTENDED FORECAST

Tonight: A 40% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy. Low 46. WNW wind 5-10 mph. **Tuesday:** A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy. High 63. NW wind 6-15 mph. Low 42. **Wednesday:** Mostly sunny. High 71. Calm wind becoming SSW 8-11 mph. Low 51. **Thursday:** Mostly sunny. High 76. Breezy, with S wind 7-10 mph increasing to 18-21 mph, gust to 31 mph. Low 60. **Friday:** Chance of showers and thunderstorms, continuing into the night.

LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low: Sunday: 66/55 High/Low Year Ago Sunday: 82/61
Downtown Rain: 0.02
Clearwater Rain: 0.0
Clearwater Lake (normal 498) Elevation: 495.02
Clearwater Dam Discharge: 150
Black River at Poplar Bluff: 3.36
Clearwater High/Low: 64/53
Wappapello Elevation: 358.75
Wappapello Discharge: 680
Wappapello Tailwater: 322.59
Sunrise: 6:13 Sunset: 7:45