

AREA OBITUARIES

BUTLER SHERIFF

Nicholas Ray Goodman, 20, of Canalou, Mo., was booked into the Butler County jail Thursday to serve shock time.

Richard Martindale Gowen, 28, of the 800 block of Clare Avenue was booked at the Butler County jail Friday on suspicion of driving while revoked/suspended.

Emily Modesta Phelps, 29, of Jackson, Mo., was booked at the Butler County jail Thursday on a Stoddard County failure to appear warrant for speeding. She was released on bond.

Thomas Wade Ray, 42, of the 800 block of Cynthia Street was booked at the Butler County jail Thursday on a failure to appear warrant for second-degree burglary.

Zachery Ryan Rushing, 23, of Branson, Mo., was booked at the Butler County jail Friday on suspicion of possession of fewer than 35 grams of marijuana.

Jeremy Summers, 35, of the 300 block of Meadow View Drive was booked at the Butler County jail Thursday on suspicion of driving while revoked.

PATROL

John B. McLaughlin, 51, of Piedmont, Mo., was arrested at 3:50 p.m. Friday on a felony probation violation warrant. He was booked at the Wayne County Jail.

Chelsie N. Fortner, 25, of Lowndes, Mo., was arrested at 10:43 p.m. Friday on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), child endangerment, use of drug paraphernalia and a Wayne County probation violation warrant. She was booked at the Wayne County Jail.

Hunter W. Crain, 24, of Malden, Mo., was arrested at 11:49 p.m. Friday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, speeding and no insurance. He was booked and released at the Cape Girardeau County Jail.

OBITUARIES

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DEATHS

Death notices are published as a free service of the Daily American Republic based on information provided by funeral homes that conforms to this newspaper's guidelines. U.S. flags for all veterans are published without charge.

FORECAST

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 58. **Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. **Monday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 76. **Monday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. **Tuesday:** Showers likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Chance of precipitation is 60%. **Tuesday Night:** Showers likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. **Wednesday:** A chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. **Wednesday Night:** Showers likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. **Thursday:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. **Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. **Friday:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.

Janis L. Birdsong

Janis L. Birdsong, 67, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, at Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff, with the funeral service following at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Calvin Bulher officiating. Burial will be in the Black Creek Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

Online condolences: www.fowler-sullivanfuneralhome.com

CITY MEETINGS

Utilities board

The Municipal Utilities Advisory Board will meet at 3 p.m. Monday at the utility office.

Items on the agenda include an agreement to begin a meter project for the electric department and a proposed ordinance for an autonomous board.

Tree board

The Tree Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the city council chambers. Items on the agenda include an application to the Tree City USA program.

HVACR board

The HVACR board will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the city council chambers.

Items on the agenda include a request to place a Class A HVACR license in escrow by Sam Keller.

City council

The Poplar Bluff City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the city council chambers.

Items on the workshop agenda include:

Information from the police chief regarding panhandling in city limits.

Engineering firms for a pedestrian bridge on Kanell Boulevard.

An agreement with the Sycamore Street Community Improvement Agreement and JRB Investments.

A meter project with the electric department.

An ordinance regarding an autonomous utility board.

A request to vacate a portion of Shelby Road right-of-way.

An agreement regarding sidewalks and curb ramps.

Items on the action agenda include:

Rezoning of property at 2217 Fair St., for a daycare.

An agreement for a railroad crossing closure.

An architectural firm for a project at Rodgers Theatre.

An ordinance regarding sidewalks and curb ramps.

A closed session is also planned.

Twin Rivers R-X Board will meet Tuesday

BROSELEY, Mo. - Twin Rivers R-X Board of Education will meet at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 in the central office board room. A public hearing regarding lease financing will precede the meeting at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda include bus bids, a transfer of funds, the 2017-18 school calendar, a steering committee update and consideration of resolution for lease financing. The meeting is open to the public.

LOCAL WEATHER

Downtown High/Low: Friday: 62/43
High/Low Year Ago Today: 60/37
Downtown Rain: .1
Sunrise: 7:07 Sunset: 7:11



Robert Coulton "Bob" Becker

Robert Coulton "Bob" Becker, co-owner and manager of Rolling Shoals Farm at Williamsville and well-known area church, school and community leader, died March 11, 2017, at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital's Siteman Cancer Center. He had been a patient there for nearly nine weeks. He was a life-long resident of Williamsville.

Born March 19, 1957, he died at age 59 just eight days before his 60th birthday. Bob was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer in 2009.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela Howard Becker; three children, Kaylin (Adam Tilley), Andrea and Coulton; his father, Jim Becker; sister, Dianne Becker; brother, Brian Becker (Toni); nephews: Chris Boy (Andrea), Ben Becker and Jack Becker; great nephew, Eli Boy; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Bob's mother, Patti Becker, died last December.

Bob started farming at a young age, driving the combine at age five. He was manager of Rolling Shoals Farm, a Centennial Farm his grandfather, Coulton M. Becker, bought in 1916. Bob farmed with his father, uncles: Bill and John Becker (both now deceased), and cousins: David, Ken and Johnathon Becker.

Bob was known as a progressive farmer, always looking for better ways of doing things. He used radio transmitters to track cows in heat, planted a field of turnips to add nutrition to the cattle herd's diet and utilized the latest GPS technology for crop management.

Bob and his wife, Pam, were known for their musical talent, singing regularly at the First United Methodist Church in Poplar Bluff, where Pam is the music director. They also sang at many area weddings and funerals, and performed in many concerts and annual events such as the Ag Expo, the Williamsville Labor Day Picnic, and the popular Coming Home for Christmas programs at their church. Several years ago, they sang operatic duets on a special program at the annual convention of the Missouri Association of Community Colleges at Branson.

Bob was the valedictorian of the class of 1975 at Greenville High School, where he played basketball and baseball and was active in the marching band, concert band and choir. He attained the honor of Eagle Scout, as did his father and son.

Bob earned a degree in general agriculture from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 1979 with post-graduate studies in agricultural economics. He was a member of the University Singers chorus and also sang in various operas. He was active in the Baptist Student Union, performing in the musical "Godspell." Bob and his fourth-floor Hudson Hall roommates were the founding members of the Antlers, which began as a unique Mizzou basketball cheering section.

After returning to Williamsville to farm in 1981, Bob was elected to the Greenville R-II Board of Education and served 35 consecutive years, the lon-

gest tenure in board history. Greenville Superintendent Todd Porter said, "Mr. Becker was a pillar in our educational community. He truly had the best interest of every child in his heart. He was relentless in his pursuit of providing a world-class education for our students. He understood the importance of extra-curricular as well as co-curricular activities. Even during his illness, he came and served. He is indeed an inspiration to us all. He will be truly missed, not only as a board member but as a kind and caring friend."

"He was a wonderful man who gave so much of himself to his community and state," said Brent Ghan, deputy executive director of the Missouri School Boards' Association, where Bob served for decades. "Bob Becker dedicated much of his life to the well-being of children. He took that service to the regional and state level through the Missouri School Boards' Association where he served in numerous capacities. Bob was a relentless advocate for children and always urged his colleagues on school boards throughout the state to make decisions based on what was best for the children. His dedication and his good heart were admired by all who served with him. He was the very definition of a servant leader," said Ghan.

"Servant-leader" is also how Bob is described by the Rev. David Stewart, lead pastor of First United Methodist Church of Poplar Bluff, where Bob attended with his parents even before he was born.

He was an active church member throughout his youth and a leader since his young adult years. He served as chairman of the Administrative Council, taught Sunday School, sang countless tenor solos and was a regular member of the Chancel Choir and occasional brass instrument groups. Truly, a pillar of the church, he was a pastor to pastors. "I thought I was Bob Becker's pastor, but eventually I realized Bob Becker was a pastor to me," long-time FUMC Pastor Kurt Schuermann was fond of saying.

For more than 25 years, Bob served on the board of Camp Galilee, a non-profit retreat center on Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas. Clyde McCracken, chairman of the board of Camp Galilee, said, "Bob faithfully served. Whether pouring concrete, serving as song leader and camp counselor, or advising on administrative matters, Bob's work was an example and an inspiration of his faith. Bob's leadership touched lives of all ages and made an impact for Christ."

Continuing a family tradition, Bob got his private pilot's license when he was 20, becoming a third-generation aviator. He was an active athlete - water skiing, snow skiing, playing tennis and basketball. His high school coach once remarked, "Bob is the most well-rounded athlete I ever coached."

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center. A memorial service is set for 1 p.m., Saturday, March 25, in the church Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will provide music.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations be given to the Music Ministry of First United Methodist Church, 500 N. Main St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901, or Camp Galilee, 3858 MC 2061, Yellville, AR 72687. Moore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online Condolences: www.moorefuneralservice.com

POLICE

Jason Edward Green, 39, of the 1500 block of Truman Street was arrested at 12:15 a.m. Friday at the intersection of Ninth and Poplar streets on suspicion of two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, stealing a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of a firearm, resisting arrest and possession of a controlled substance and on a Clay County, Ark., failure to appear warrant for possession of a controlled substance and a two municipal failure to appear warrants for stealing. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Jason August McGee, 43, of the 900 block of Park Avenue was arrested at 5:12 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of South Westwood Boulevard on a Butler County warrant for possession of a controlled substance and on suspicion of resisting arrest. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Lashawn Deanne Phillips, 34, of the 100 block of Dorothy Lane was arrested at 12:33 p.m. Thursday at the police station on a municipal failure to appear warrant. She was booked and released on bond.

Brittney Y. Grammer, 30, of the 300 block of Apple Street was arrested at 1:58 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of Bartlett Street on suspicion of leaving the scene of an accident and on a municipal failure to appear warrant for larceny. She was booked and released to medical personnel.

Martin Michael Taylor Burkhart, 23, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was arrested at 8:37 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of Warren Street on suspicion of peace disturbance. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Christopher Shae Barrett, 36, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was arrested at 6:35 p.m. Thursday near the intersection of Highway WW and Victor Street on a warrant for parole violation on an original assault charge. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Granvil Paul England, 56, no address listed, was arrested at 4:02 p.m. Thursday at the police station on a municipal failure to appear warrant for trespassing. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Christine M. Anderson, 36, of the 1000 block of West Harper Street was arrested at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Wal-Mart Supercenter on suspicion of stealing/shoplifting. She was booked and released on bond.

Rob Adams reported Thursday that a 1989 GMC pickup had been stolen from the 100 block of Johnson Drive sometime since Tuesday.

Jerry Joe Fowler of the 1000 block of Cole Avenue reported at about 10 p.m. March 7 that he caught a black male inside his vehicle while it was parked at his residence.

According to the report, the subject ran off quickly when Fowler yelled. Prescription medication(s) belonging to Fowler's wife reportedly were stolen from the vehicle.

The subject was de-

scribed as having a thin build and being between 16 and 18 years of age. He also was wearing a winter-type, floppy eared hat.

Gary Wayne Merriman reported a residence owned by Maverick Glass in the 200 block of North Eight Street was forcibly entered between 6 p.m. Wednesday and 6:30 a.m. Thursday.

According to the report, power and hand tools, including a cordless sawzall, skill saws, cordless drills and air compressor, were stolen.

A detective with the department Criminal Investigation Division processed the scene.

Ralph J. Jones, 53, of the 1800 block of Maud was arrested at 10:05 p.m. Friday at his residence on a probation/parole violation. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Stephanie D. Knight, 39, of the 100 block of Rhinestone, was arrested at 5:20 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of South Westwood on suspicion of shoplifting. She was booked at the police station and released on bond.

Marvin D. Price, 21, of the 3100 block of Warrior Lane, was arrested at noon Friday on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of marijuana under 35 grams, unlawful use of a weapon and a probation/parole violation. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Ricky E. Hillis, 37, of the 1400 block of Black River Industrial Park Drive, was arrested at 7:45 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of Lester on a probation/parole violation and suspicion of non-support of a child. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Joshua B. Leader, 25, of the 5000 block of County Road 426, was arrested at 7:34 p.m. Friday near the intersection of Route WW and Ashcroft on suspicion of possession of marijuana under 35 grams and use of drug paraphernalia. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

Wayne L. Schuler, 35, of the 300 block of Peach, was arrested at 12:10 a.m. Saturday in the 400 block of Maple on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license, displaying wrong license plates and no insurance. He was booked at the Butler County jail.

LOTTERIES

Friday:
Mega Millions 11-27-31-58-60, Mega Ball: 10, Megaplier: 4
Pick 3 Evening 8-4-5
Pick 3 Midday 2-3-2
Pick 4 Evening 3-5-7-5
Pick 4 Midday 3-1-4-9
Show Me Cash
07-08-17-19-23

Saturday:
Pick 3 Midday 4-7-8
Pick 3 Midday 5-0-0-2
Pick 3 Evening 2-5-1
Pick 4 Evenings 6-8-4-2
Show Me Cash
11-21-29-34-36
LOTTO 10-15-20-26-27-28
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Powerball 5
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