

OBITUARIES

Jimmy Thacker

Jimmy Roy Thacker, 34, of Russellville went to be with his Lord Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at his home.

He was born Aug. 23, 1977, in Ripley, Miss., to Jerry and Wilma Engle Thacker.

Jimmy was a loving husband, father, son, brother and a friend. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and watching the Kansas City Chiefs play football. Jimmy would do anything for anyone and he never met a stranger. He loved to make people laugh, especially his daughters. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Pete Engle and Vernon Thacker, his grandmothers, Beatrice Chatman, Hazel Moore and Wanda Moore and two great-grandmothers.

Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Crystal Willcutt Thacker; two daughters, Courtney and Cassidy Thacker; his parents, Jerry and Wilma Thacker; two brothers, Kenneth Armestead and Delbert Chatman; a sister and brother-in-law, Stephanie and J.J. Gray; a sister, Alice Herring; father- and mother-in-law, Robert and Sheila Willcutt; two brothers-in-law, Jamie Prater and wife Karen, Matt Willcutt and wife, Lisa; grandfathers, James Moore of Russellville; two grandmothers, Doris Thacker of Atkins and Geneva Engle of Appleton; two nephews, Ethan and Chandler Gray; four nieces, Lauren and Kinley Prater, August Willcutt and Alexis Gray. Also, several other family members and friends that loved Jimmy very much.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Lemley Chapel with the Rev. Bill Hampton and Rev. James Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Tate Cemetery by Lemley Funeral Service.

Pallbearers are Jamie Prater, Matthew Willcutt, Kenneth Armestead, J.J. Gray, Kevin Arter, Bob Williams, Jerry Adams and Kenny Adams. Honorary pallbearers are the employees of Beacon Tire, Kenny Darter, Donnie Henderson and Terry Thacker.

Online obituary and condolences are available at www.lemleyfuneral.com.

Keith Stanhope

Keith Wayne Burgess Stanhope, infant son of Darryl and Crystal Stanhope, was born and died Jan. 30, 2012, at UAMS Medical Center in Little Rock.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Hannah and Angel Stanhope; and his grandparents, Robert and Becky Burgess, James and Shannon Stanhope, and Elizabeth and Buddy Vars.

Graveside services and burial were Saturday, Feb. 4, at Bells Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements were by Lemley Funeral Service of Atkins.

Online obituary and condolences are available at www.lemleyfuneral.com.

Imogene Booher

Imogene Duvall Booher, 85, of Mayflower, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012.

She was born in Atkins on April 27, 1926, and was a daughter to the late John and Eva Duvall.

Mrs. Booher will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and sister, she was of the Free Will Baptist Faith. She had worked in food service for the Mayflower School District.

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Survivors include her son, James Earl Wayne Venable; four brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Booher is survived a daughter, Patricia Booher and husband, Jim, of Mayflower; one sister, Mary Hicks of Atkins; a sister-in-law, Louise Venable; six grandchildren, The Venable (Margie), Terry Venable (Barbie), Tracie Venable (Tim), Jim Booher, John Booher (Dorothy) and Tina West (Daniel); six great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Feb. 2, at Shady Grove Cemetery in Atkins, with Bro. Wayne Long officiating. On-line guest book: www.rollerfuneralhomes.com

Rose Parker

Rose Denise Parker, 51, of Jerusalem, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at home.

She was born Oct. 30, 1960, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the daughter of Bill Cato and Jetta Baker. She attended Evans Mountain Full Gospel Church and was a Licensed Practical Nurse.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Cato; great-uncle, Ben Baker; and her grandmother, Beatrice Baker.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Parker; son, Jason Parker; daughter and her fiancé, Jennifer Williams and James Acton; and grandson, Charles Williams, all of Jerusalem; her parents, Bill and Jetta Baker of Jerusalem; brother, Jimmy Cato of Jerusalem; special relative James Sowell of Hattiesville and numerous close friends and foreign exchange students over the years.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Evans Mountain Full Gospel Church with Rev. Darwin Barnhouse officiating. Arrangements are by Lemley Funeral Service of Atkins. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Honorary pallbearers are the Appleton and Jerusalem Fire Departments.

A memorial mass in Little Rock will follow at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, at St. Theresa Catholic Church on Baseline Road in Little Rock.

Memorials may be made to Arkansas Hospice 2405 E. Parkway, Suite 3, Russellville, AR 72801.

Online obituary and condolences are available at www.lemleyfuneral.com.

Mary Wright

Mary Dalene Wright, 68, of Russellville, departed this life Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born March 28, 1943, at San Diego, Calif., to Elbert and Vesta Harrison Howard. She was a member of the Bells Chapel Assembly of God in Atkins and was a professional truck driver.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Cletus Wright, Jr.

Survivors include one son, Edward Wright of Russellville; two daughters, Karen Claypool of Atkins and Sonya Leavelle of Dover; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Broussard Funeral Home of Russellville. The family will conduct a private service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Ms. Wright has requested donations be made to the Arkansas Hospice at 2405 East Parkway, Russellville, AR 72802.

The online obituary and guestbook can be found at www.broussardfuneral.com

CenturyLink Collegiate Art Exhibition and Competition Winners

The annual River Valley Arts Center's CenturyLink Collegiate Art Competition and Exhibition awards were presented at a public reception Sunday, Feb. 6.

The works will remain on exhibit throughout the month.

The Best of Show overall award of \$150.00 was won by Valeria Sellers, a student at University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton, for her entry titled "Extreme Weather." First place award of \$100.00 was won by Kelsey McGill a student at Arkansas Tech University for her entry titled "My Thoughts Exposed." Second place award of \$50.00 was won by Heather Peca a student at Arkansas Tech University for an alabaster titled "Bilrost." She also received honorable mention for her pasted "Through Her Eyes." Third place award of \$25.00 was won by Heather Ivens a student at

Arkansas Tech University for her entry titled "Red Raven." Jessica Simpson a student at Arkansas Tech University won an honorable mention ribbon for her entry titled "A Resplendent Wreck" and "Northern Lights." Chloe Chrimmes a student at University of the Ozarks won an honorable mention ribbon for her entry titled "Self Portrait." Ryan Eakin a student at University of the Ozarks won an honorable mention for his entry titled "Dignity." Madi Hutson a student at University of the Ozarks won an honorable mention ribbon for her entry titled "Mama." Rebekah Johnson a student at Arkansas Tech University won an honorable mention ribbon for her entries titled "Narcissus Drowning" and "Urban Roots." Courtney Alverson a student at Arkansas Tech University won an honorable mention ribbon

for her entry titled "The Tide." Courtney Park a student at Arkansas Tech University won an honorable mention ribbon for her entry titled "Organic Love." Katie Stroegstad a student at University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton won an honorable mention ribbon for her entry titled "Rise Above."

"The juried competition is open to any college student statewide. We are always very pleased with this competition, which averages about 50 entries. We are impressed with the quality of these student artists and appreciate the work of their instructors and parents. We are very pleased that we can support these aspiring artists and give them an opportunity to win cash prizes and bring their works for public exhibition," said Betty LaGrone, Arts Center executive director.

Pottsville

by Katherine Ann Teeter

Earl and Mary Sears have returned home from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where they visited their son Michael Kayser and family.

Rebekah Roberts from Magazine visited her mother, Martha Morris, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Morris' grandson Skyler McElroy of Magazine signed last week to play football at UTU.

The Triple R Senior group met Tuesday morning at the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church fellowship hall for Bible study.

David and Darla Buntun ate Sunday lunch with Gladys Buntun and son Michael.

The congregation of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church attended 5th Sunday services at the Crow Mountain Free Will Baptist Church.

Judy and Kelly Austin came Friday from Newport to visit her mother Nora Land. On Saturday night their son James and wife Polly Parker, daughters Julie and Bryce and grandson Braxton came to visit and stay at Nora's. Margaret Land Austin and husband David also attended. Judy and Kelly returned home Sunday.

A number of Pottsville residents attended the annual Arkansas Valley Co-op dinner/business meeting Tuesday night at the Dardanelle Community Center.

Brooks Teeter took children Robert, Brianna and Jaylie Saturday afternoon to their cousin Mackenzie Burris' seventh birthday party at the Memphis home of her parents, David and Melissa Burris.

Jimmy and Barbara Teeter attended the visitation for Dianne Ballard Thursday night at St. Paul Funeral Home.

Katherine Teeter attended the visitation for Claudine (Ruby) Travis at Lemley Funeral Home Wednesday night.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Jim Wheeler. Many guests, including attendees at the visitation Monday evening at Shinn Funeral Home. Burial was at Pisgah Cemetery following services at Woodlawn Free Will Baptist Church. Sympathy is expressed to the family.

Steve and Carless Teeter, Brooks and Cheyenne and children Robert, Brianna and Jaylie Hale Devaughn and Lavana Hale, Ronnie and Becky Hale and several other family members and friends at Western Baptist Church afternoon for dinner and visiting.

Steve, Kassen, Jace Sears and Angel Sawyer hosted a birthday dinner Friday night for Kassen's mother, Virginia Jamell, at their home. Others attending were husband Kay Jamell, Wendell and Shirleen Sears and aunt Loma Sexton from the Clarksville area.

David and Mariam Oates and Lila Viner visited Mariam's mother, Frances Smith, at Baptist Hospital North in North Little Rock Tuesday. She will return to Cabot to recover.

Katherine Teeter enjoyed a late afternoon lunch and visiting last Tuesday at the home of Stacey Gore.

James and Jerry Duvall attended the 4th birthday celebration of granddaughter Issabella Drew last Sunday, the 29th, at the home of parents Jason and Benita Drew. Others attending were aunt and uncle, Pam and Tim Scarber, aunt Laura Porter and her son, Logan Porter.

Jane Duvall attended the 83rd birthday celebration of her sister Rosie Patterson at Butterfield Tuesday afternoon, the 31st. Others attending were Benita, Issabella and Issac Drew, Betty Brewer and Sandra Evans.

The Pope County Cattlemen's Association will meet this Thursday night at 7 at the Russellville First Assembly of God Church fellowship hall for the regular monthly meeting. The meal will be potluck.

Around the Arena

Jackpots

The Cowgirls for Christ Barrel Racing Association will have a two-day jackpot Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12, at the Foothills Arena north of Clarksville. The jackpots will have \$500 in added money each day and are BBR approved. For more information call Sherry at 479-495-1277.

The Arkansas Junior High Rodeo Association is having an Open 4D Jackpot at the Foothills Arena north of Clarksville, on Saturday, Feb. 18. It is a fundraiser for the AJHRA. Exhibitions will start at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$4. The open race will start at 8 p.m., the cost is \$35. Added money is to be announced later. If anybody has questions they can call Anita Higginbotham, the AHSRA/AJHRA secretary at 479-395-1476.

There will be a 6D Benefit Barrel Race for Charlotte Phillips, (added money pending) on Saturday, March 3. Charlotte was injured at a New Years Barrel Race and required surgery, proceeds from the race will help with expenses. Race will be at Big Step Arena in Benton, exhibitions starting at 10 a.m., \$4 each or 3 for \$10, open race starting at noon. Open entry fees are \$25 with a one-time business meeting Tuesday night at an auction as well so anyone

wishing to donate items(anything of value) for this or help with the benefit please call Billie Sample at 870-503-1650

Tip

While there's no golden rule for how tight you should cinch your horse, remember that you should tighten it in stages. The first time I cinch the horse snugly, but I don't cut him in half. I want to give him a chance to warm up and get comfortable before I really cinch him up. I'll do groundwork for about five minutes, and then I'll cinch the girth and tighten it a little more. I'll do groundwork again for five to 10 minutes and then I'll tighten my girth for the third time. The third time I'll do the cinch up, I really do it up tight. When the horse is warmed up mentally, really, I'm not afraid to cinch him up tight. The reality is most people don't tighten the cinch up nearly enough. This isn't just careless - it's dangerous. When a saddle slips under a horse's belly, whoever's riding him is going to end up in a massive wreck. If you've warmed your horse up and given him time to get used to the saddle before really cinching him up tight, you should be able to cinch him up quite snugly without making him feel uncomfortable.

Lake Dardanelle Park schedule

Tuesdays and Saturdays at 1:30 pm - What's for Lunch? - We have 8,000 gallons of aquariums, filled with many of the fish species found in Lake Dardanelle. Join park staff, as they feed the fish live food. See for yourself what's for lunch!

Saturdays 1:45 pm - Critter Crunch - Lake Dardanelle's diverse habitats provide homes for many creatures large and small. Join a park interpreter in the kids' corner of the visitor center as she tells you about some of the smaller creatures. She will also be feeding these creatures; so come discover the world native wonders we have around us.

Saturday, Feb. 11 10 a.m. - Eagle Tour- Lake Dardanelle State Park is proud to offer free winter lake cruises for the best chance of seeing American Bald Eagles. Many other spectacular birds will be in the area for viewing including American White Pelicans, ducks, and Snow Geese. Please see information listed under Feb. 11 for making reservations.

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and some mystery items! Bring your whole family, and see how much you know!

3 p.m. - Game Scene Investigation: G.S.I. - When you walk around in nature and you see a track, do you take the track at face value as just a foot print, or do you look around to see what the big picture holds? Join a park interpreter in the grassy area across from the visitor center and see what you can determine about the game scene in the area.

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Nightly 7:00 - Matinee 1:00

Man on a Ledge (PG-13)
Nightly 7:40 - Matinee 2:40

One for the Money (PG-13)
Nightly 7:10 & 9:35 • Matinee 1:10 & 3:35

Big Miracle (PG)
Nightly 7:05 & 9:30 • Matinee 1:05 & 3:30

Chronicle (PG-13)
Nightly 7:10 & 9:35 • Matinee 1:05 & 3:40

Woman in Black (PG-13)
Nightly 7:05 & 9:30 • Matinee 1:05 & 3:35

Safe House (R)
Nightly 7:05 & 9:30 • Matinee 1:05 & 3:30

Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace 3D (PG-13)
Nightly 7:10 & 9:35 • Matinee 1:10 & 3:35

The Vow (PG-13)
Nightly 7:05 & 9:30 • Matinee 1:05 & 3:30

The Grey (R)
Nightly 7:05 & 9:30 • Matinee 1:05 & 3:30

Underworld Awakening 3D (R)
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