

RECORDS

Accidents

Rogers

A car crossed the center lane on Hudson Road and collided with an oncoming tractor-trailer, sending one person to the hospital Thursday morning, according to a news release from the Rogers Police Department. A 1988 Oldsmobile Royal driven by Thomas J. Carter, 21, of Seligman, Mo., crossed the center lane while eastbound in the 3000 block of Hudson Road at approximately 7:17 a.m., police said.

The Oldsmobile collided with a westbound 1994 Peterbilt tractor-trailer driven by Wayne E. Hayward, 55, of Lampe, Mo., police said.

Carter was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers where he was in stable condition while being held for observation.

Carter was cited for careless driving, not wearing a seat belt and having no automobile insurance, police said.

Arrests

Bentonville

Bentonville police announced the Jan. 10 arrests of two men, Eric Helms, 18, and Preston Ward, 20, both of Bella Vista, on multiple felony charges of delivery of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. Both men currently are out of Benton County Jail on bail, police said.

The arrests, made in conjunction with the Bella Vista division of the Benton County Sheriff's Office and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, were the result of a two-month undercover investigation in which Bentonville investigators and DEA agents made undercover meth purchases from Helms and Ward, a news release stated.

Rogers

James Brian Bulin, 24, was arrested by Rogers police for two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), following several months of in-

vestigation by officers from the 19th Judicial District Drug Task Force, police said. Police said Bulin had 7 grams of methamphetamine. Bulin is currently in the Benton County Jail in lieu of a \$25,000 bond. More arrests are pending, Rogers police said.

Formal charges have been filed against Lance Matthews, 30, for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver, a Class Y felony. He was arrested on the charge last year but the formal action charging him with a crime did not occur at the time, police said. Matthews is free on felony citation.

Francisco Serrano, 26, 208 S.E. 12th St., Bentonville, was arrested by Rogers police for two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), following a two-month investigation by the 19th Judicial District Drug Task Force, according to police. Police said Serrano had almost an ounce of methamphetamine.

ROGERS CRASH



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Rogers firefighters work to free a woman who was trapped but not visibly injured Thursday when the small sedan she was traveling in skidded across East Walnut Street and flipped onto its side, landing against a bush-covered fence near Lake Atalanta.

BRIEFLY

Prairie Grove Man Dies In Accident

PRAIRIE GROVE — A 23-year-old Prairie Grove man was killed early Thursday morning after being thrown from his pickup in an accident on U.S. 62, just east of Prairie Grove.

Joseph G. Chilson, of 12690 Hogeys Road, was driving a 1991 Isuzu truck west on U.S. 62 about 3 a.m. when he apparently ran off the road on the north side of the highway, according to an Arkansas State Police report.

Chilson's truck traveled through a ditch and he was thrown from the vehicle when it overturned after striking a concrete driveway, according to the report.

Lt. Bill Carver, assistant commander of Troop L, said the accident was under investigation.

Driver Killed In Night Accident

ROGERS — A Bella Vista woman died in a traffic accident Wednesday night when the car she was driving rear-ended a tractor-trailer near the intersection of Hudson Road and Water Tower Road.

Rogers police identified the woman as Rachel E. Labaw, 63, Bella Vista, who died at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers.

The accident was reported at 10:10 p.m.

The driver of the 1999 Freightliner tractor-trailer, Michael H. Pauley, 44, of Alkol, W.Va., told police he was westbound on Hudson Road and had stopped at the signal at Water Tower Road when he heard a sound at the rear of his tractor-trailer.

The 1987 Chevrolet Celebrity driven by Labaw collided with the rear of the tractor-trailer, according to news release from police Cpl. Perry J. Crabb.

No traffic citations were issued, police said. Pauley was not injured in the accident.

Baldrige Hearing Rescheduled

BENTONVILLE — A pre-trial status hearing for former fire chief Randy Baldrige scheduled for Thursday morning was reset at the request of his attorney Doug Norwood. The hearing is set for Feb. 12.

Baldrige, charged with falsifying travel records, resigned as fire chief in early October, citing health concerns.

The hearing Thursday was to give attorneys the opportunity to file motions or request discovery of evidence. The postponement, Norwood said, was necessary because he had not had an opportunity to discuss the case with the prosecuting attorney.

"Prosecutor Bob Balfe" is having some eye problems and we were unable to discuss the case before the hearing. That's why I asked for the postponement," Norwood explained.

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OBITUARIES

KENNETH W. RUFF

HUNTSVILLE — Kenneth W. Ruff, 58, of Huntsville died Jan. 24, 2001, at his home. He was born June 15, 1942, in Beaumont, Texas, to Albert Horace and Viola Francis Aarant Ruff. He was a heavy-equipment operator for the Oklahoma Highway Department for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy M. Stone Ruff of the home; two sons, Michael D. Ruff of Huntsville and Frank James Ruff of the home; two daughters, Sheryl L. Ruff of Huntsville and Martha L. Johnston of Texas; three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Big Sandy Church with the Rev. Willie Foster officiating. Burial will be in Big Sandy Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville.

Pallbearers will be Dean Phillips, Sam Fowler, Walter Fowler, Vaudry Fowler, Loyd Smith and Michael Ripley.

OLIVE U. HACKER

SILOAM SPRINGS — Olive U. Hacker, 79, of Siloam Springs died Jan. 23, 2001, at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 22, 1921, in North Smithfield, R.I., to Oliver W. and Helen B. Burkert Upson. She was a longtime resident of Decatur. Her husband, Mason J. Hacker, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Robert Zimmerman of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Carol Sherman of Topeka, Kan., and Linda Gregory of Decatur; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Springtown Pentecostal Church with Mark Rotramel officiating.

Cremation arrangements are by Callison-Lough Funeral Home in Bentonville.

LYLE EARL LOWE

BELLA VISTA — Lyle Earl Lowe, 84, of Bella Vista died Jan. 24, 2001, at his home. He was born March 19, 1916, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Earl T. and Louise Powers Lowe. He and his wife moved to Bella Vista more than 22 years ago from Cedar Rapids. He attended the Bella Vista Community Church and was a past president of the Iowa Club and of the Pioneer Club. He was a volunteer at Concordia Care Center, for Hospice for eight years and 14 years as a Stephen minister and chaplain at Bates Medical Center. He enjoyed bowling, golf and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Lowe of Bella Vista; one son, David Lowe of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one daughter, Pamela Lowe Abramson of Kansas City, Mo.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 16 at Bella Vista Community Church with the Rev. Richard Lindman officiating.

Arrangements are by Bella Vista Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bella Vista Community Church, 75 E. Lanchashire Blvd., Bella Vista, 72714.

OPAL J. NORWOOD

TULSA, Okla. — Opal Jessie Norwood, 88, of Tulsa died Jan. 24, 2001, in Tulsa. She was born July 22, 1912, in Fayetteville to Justice Harry "Jess" and Bessie Grace Sinclair Norwood. During World War II, she worked in a ration-stamp office and was a former employee of Dr. Pepper, Fayetteville Sheet Metal, Nash's Car Sales, the Boston Store and the Washington County Courthouse. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and collecting thimbles, antiques and Teddy bears.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Dick" Lee Norwood and Luanne of Carmichael, Calif.; one daughter, Virginia Sue Hunt of Tulsa; one sister, Helen Woods of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, Elmer Mack Norwood of Bixby, Okla., and Charles Edward "Ebbie" Norwood of Stockton, Calif.; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Rhonda Harvey officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Moore's Chapel in Fayetteville.

HENRY OWEN STRAIT

HUNTSVILLE — Henry Owen Strait, 79, of Huntsville died Jan. 23, 2001, at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. He



Strait

was born April 12, 1921, in Carl Junction, Mo., to Ellis Owen and Sylvia Loise Hildreth Strait. He was a supervisor for Swift and Co. before retiring in 1982. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a life member of Brown-Bishop VFW Post 704, in Parsons, Kan., and attended the Church of Christ in Huntsville.

Survivors include his wife, Anna L. "Ann" Burke Strait of the home; two sons, Jerry Strait of Kansas City, Mo., and Pat Strait of Parsons; two daughters, Vickie Dexter of Joplin, Mo., and Debra Shannon of Walnut, Kan.; two brothers, Leonard Strait of Joplin, and Hershel Strait of Carl Junction; three sisters, Margaret Hall, Helen Tucker and Bobbie Skoglund, all of Carl Junction; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville with the Rev. Charles Duncan officiating.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Parsons, Kan. Arrangements are by Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Parsons. Military honors will be conducted by Brown-Bishop Post 704.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Carson-Wall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Lewis, Jay Lewis and Chris Ewing.

KATHY M. FIELDS

BENTONVILLE — Graveside services for Kathy M. Fields, 46, of Bentonville will be held at 2 p.m. today at Bentonville Cemetery. Viewing will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at Burns Funeral Home in Bentonville.

GEORGE KEENER

SPRINGDALE — George Keener, 73, of Springdale died Jan. 24, 2001, at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. He was born April 30, 1927, in Farmington to George Wesley and Mary Ida Hankins Keener. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the 508th Parachute Infantry. He was a past president of the Farmington School Board and was a member of the Arkansas Old-Time Fiddler's Association and was a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. He was retired from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was a graduate of Fayetteville Business College.



Keener

Survivors include his wife, Helen Fletcher Keener, to whom he was married Aug. 16, 1979; one daughter, Jenee Keener of the home; one stepdaughter, Jo Elton Pianalto and husband, Tim of Springdale; two stepsons, Larry Wayne Horner of Fayetteville and Garry Horner of Little Rock; one brother, John Keener of Lodi, Calif.; three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sisco Chapel in Springdale with the Rev. Cliff Jenkins officiating.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Shelley, Steve Shelley, Floyd Shelley, Robert Bob Shelley, Orville Taylor and Tim Pianalto.

Honorary pallbearers will be Frankie Kelly, Jesse Walden, David Griffith and Lonzo Hall.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the New Hope Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 6100, Springdale, 72766.

GEORGE F. NORRIS

GENTRY — George F. Norris, 85, of Gentry died Jan. 24, 2001, at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital. He was born Jan. 11, 1916, in Cherokee City to Floyd and Lillie Engle Norris. He was a life resident of the Cherokee City community, a retired farmer and a member of Gentry Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Janet Wooten Norris, on Dec. 30, 2000.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd Norris and Berta Jo of Cherokee City and Darrell Norris and Fay of Fairland, Okla.; two daughter and sons-in-law, Ruth Williams and Tommy of Gentry and Gail Southern and Gary of Broken Arrow, Okla.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Arilla Halstead of Gentry and Lida Perkins of Archer City, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Gentry Church of Christ with Bruce Potter and Larry Ellis officiating. Burial will be in Dickson Cemetery near Cherokee City.

Arrangements are by Wasson Funeral Home of Siloam Springs.

JOHN W. HACKETT

WASHBURN, Mo. — John William Hackett, 81, of Washburn died Jan. 24, 2001, at Red Rose Inn Nursing Home in Cassville, Mo. He was born Dec. 22, 1919, in Thunder Hawk, S.D., to John Emerson and Ethel Mae Stamm Hackett. He lived in Phoenix, Ariz., for 35 years, where he was a member of Carpenters Union Local 906, before moving to Washburn in 1986. He enjoyed working with his dogs, gardening and planting fruit trees. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Evalena Townsend Hackett, to whom he was married Sept. 9, 1940; three sons, John Hackett of Seligman, Mo., Ralph Hackett of Bentonville and Richard Hackett of Washburn; two brothers, Charles Hackett and Wayne Hackett, both of Medford, Ore.; two sisters, Dorothy Kurvosky of Medford and Clara Toy of San Miguel, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge with Charles Lauchner and Chris Brophy officiating.

Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

JIM CARTER

WASHBURN, Mo. — James Samuel Carter, 80, of Washburn died Jan. 24, 2001, at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. He was born Jan. 24, 1921, in Benton County to James Floyd and Minnie Mae Keen Carter. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a pipefitter at a chemical manufacturing plant in Texas for 30 years and was co-owner of Carter's Welding in Washburn. He moved to the Washburn area 20 years ago. His wife, Delores Bell Shultz Carter, preceded him in death in 1966.

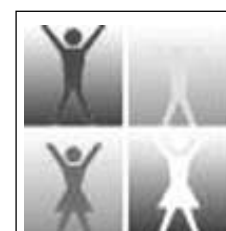
Survivors include three sons, Lonnie Carter of Houston, Texas, Rickie Carter and Kenneth Carter, both of Washburn; one brother, Donald Carter of Johnson; one sister, Bea Shane of Springdale; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements are by Sisco Funeral Home in Pea Ridge.

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