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## Brown - Messer repeat vows

Erin Messer of Tyler and Brad Brown of Whitehouse were married May 18 at Calvary Fellowship in Whitehouse.

Officiant was Randal Brown of Whitehouse.

The bride, daughter of Mary Lea Messer of Tyler and Gil and Connie Messer of Pauls Valley, Okla., is a graduate of Tyler Junior College and Brownsboro High School. She plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler.

The bridegroom, son of Kay and Randal Brown of Whitehouse, attends Tyler Junior College and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School.

Maid of honor was Amanda Schneeberger of Murchison.

Best man was Randy Brown of Whitehouse.

Bridesmaids were Marissa Draper, Angela Sharp and Heather Osburn, all of Tyler, and Lara Stepherson of Brownsboro.

Groomsmen were Matt Mozingo and Mark Nolen, both of Dallas, and John Whitaker of Tyler.

The couple will reside in Tyler.

## Jones / Herrington announce engagement

Ms. Sharon Jones of Chandler announces the engagement of her daughter, Stephanie Renee' Jones to Joel Newman Herrington, the son of Newman and Joyce Herrington of Brownsboro.

Stephanie is a 2002 graduate of Brownsboro High School and a 2006 graduate of The University of Texas at Tyler with her Bachelors in Marketing.

Joel is a 1997 graduate of Brownsboro High School and a 2003 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with his Masters in History.

The couple is planning an October 13, 2007 wedding at Rock Hill Baptist Church.

## Millions available to help kids 6th-8th grade get fit

(AUSTIN) — In the continued fight against childhood obesity, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today offered the state's public schools and charter schools an opportunity to receive \$20 million in grants during the next two years to support in-school physical education, nutrition and fitness programs for students in grades 6, 7 and/or 8.

Combs announced the new Texas Fitness Now grant program, aimed at middle school students attending schools where enrollment is at least 75 percent economically disadvantaged.

"Texas Fitness Now will provide crisis money for our schools," Combs said. "Childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes among children is an epidemic that we, as a state, must address now. Obesity cost Texas businesses an estimated \$3.3 billion in 2005 and could cost employers \$15.8 billion annually by 2025 if the trend continues."

Approximately 700 schools qualify for Texas Fitness Now grants. The minimum grant is \$1,500, and schools can get more, based upon their enrollment. More than 270,000 students could benefit from the grants.

"The U.S. Surgeon General's office reports that overweight children have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight or obese adults," Combs said. "Texas Fitness Now will help teach kids the importance of physical activity and fitness and lay the foundation for

a life of healthy choices and lifestyles as they grow into adulthood."

Combs secured funding for the grants in the 2008-09 state budget (General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 89) and developed the rules for the Texas Fitness Now program in conjunction with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and other interested stakeholders. TEA will administer the program, evaluate grant applications and award the funds to schools.

Acting Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said, "I appreciate the leadership Comptroller Combs has shown on improving the lives of Texas children. The Texas Education Agency is ready to work with her to improve the health and fitness of our students."

To be eligible for a Texas Fitness Now grant, a school must ensure that students in grades 6, 7 and/or 8 participate in physical activity for either 30 minutes a day or 225 minutes per two-week period for the entire school year and must have a physical education curriculum that meets the standards of the National Association of Sports and Physical Education. In addition, the school must:

-Have or be in the process of adopting a Coordinated School Health Program required by the Texas Education Code;

-Have a quality physical education program based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (Continued on Page 6)

## ★ MDA Rodeo

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qualified stock, and some of the fastest and most exciting rodeo action you will ever see. This show will be an event for the whole family to attend, with events for the kids each night.

Some form of muscular dystrophy affects over 400 families in the East Texas area. A portion of the proceeds from this rodeo will directly benefit those families. There is no single disease called muscular dystrophy, the term designates a group of hereditary muscle-destroying disorders, which vary in inheritance pattern, age onset, and initial muscles attacked and the rate of progression.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) works in your community to combat neuromuscular disease through (1) basic applied scientific investigation; (2) local comprehensive programs of medical services and clinical care; and (3) widespread professional and public health education.

Come on out and enjoy quality entertainment while contributing to a good cause. This year's major rodeo spon-

sors are Elder Dodge, Kelly Harris Tire & Wrecker Service, Franklin Bank, Cedar Valley Communications, KLTV and KNUE.

Thursday night tickets are \$5.00 for adults and children and students get in free. There are no advance ticket sales or advance entries for the kid's rodeo. Friday night tickets are \$22.00 in advance and \$24.50 at the gate. Saturday night tickets are \$22.00 in advance and \$24.50 at the gate. Kids 12 and under get \$5.00 off the adult ticket price in advance and at the gate for Friday and Saturday night. Come on out and enjoy quality entertainment while contributing to a good cause. The rodeo starts at 7:30 each night.

Tickets can be purchased at Lone Star Western Wear in Athens and Corsicana, and Cavender's Boot City in Tyler and Palestine. Tickets may also be purchased online or by phone. For additional information you may visit the website at [www.ssrodeo.com](http://www.ssrodeo.com) or call Smith Pro Rodeos at 903-489-2652, or 1-888-822-5919.

## Area Obituaries

### Glynda Shaver

Glynda Shaver, 58, of Murchison passed away July 21, 2007 in Edom after a sudden death.

Services for Mrs. Shaver were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at the Eubank Chapel-Canton, with Rev. Terry Thomison officiating. Burial was in Edom Cemetery under direction of Eubank Funeral Home.

She was born January 15, 1949 in Quanah, Texas, to Lois and Cora Estelee Corley Edwards. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband of 17 years, Joe Shaver of Murchison; son, Rusty Miley and wife Cindy of Madison, Ohio; 3 daughters, Rene Christian and husband Roy of Brownsboro, Kristy Serrano and husband Charles of Texas City, and Candy Miley of Texas City; a step-daughter, Lynn Logsdon and husband Lance of Lubbock, Texas; 22 grandchildren; 5 brothers, Billy Edwards and wife Bonnie of Crosbyton, Texas, Marvin Edwards and wife Pauline, Dee Edwards and wife Sandy, Charles Edwards and Garland Edwards, all of Paris, Texas.

### Lula Joyce Wooden

Graveside services for Lula Joyce Wooden, 68, Chandler, were held Thursday at Weaver Cemetery near Terrell with Pastor Eric Peyton officiating. Arrangements were under direction of Goggans Funeral Home, Terrell.

Ms. Wooden died July 14, 2007 in Tyler.

She was born May 28, 1939, in Henrietta to the late Ward and Era Bridgewater Bowman. She attended school in Bowie and lived in Terrell and Hubbard prior to moving to Chandler. She was a homemaker and member of West Lake Baptist Church of Chandler. She was preceded in death by son, Jerry Wooden on October 14, 1985, and sisters, Twana Landrum and Doris Kirbie.

Survivors include daughters, Bonita Kremling, Chandler, Pamela O'Neal, Terrell, and Renee' Jeske, Hubbard; brother, James Bowman, Tyler; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were James Bowman, and her great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### ★ Food recall

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of possible contamination with the organism that causes botulism, a serious paralytic illness.

The following products, if they have "best by" dates from April 30, 2009 through May 22, 2009, are being recalled.

\* Castleberry's Hot Dog Chili Sauce, 10-ounce can (UPC 3030000101);

\* Castleberry's Austex Hot Dog Chili Sauce, 10-ounce can (UPC 3030099533);

\* Kroger Hot Dog Chili Sauce, 10-ounce can (UPC 1111083942);

\* Morton House Corned Beef Hash, 15-ounce can (UPC 7526665830);

\* Cattle Drive Chili With Beans, 15-ounce can (UPC 3030001515);

\* Southern Home Corned Beef Hash, 15-ounce can (UPC 0788015360);

\* Meijer Corned Beef Hash, 15-ounce can (UPC 4125095229);

\* Castleberry's Chili With Beans, 15-ounce can (UPC 3030001015);

\* Castleberry's Barbecue Pork, 10-ounce can (UPC 3030000402);

\* Bunker Hill Chili No Beans, 10-ounce can (UPC 7526604112).

Four people, including two from Texas, became ill after consuming Castleberry's or Castleberry's Austex hot dog chili sauce. The other recalled products were produced in the same plant.

Anyone with symptoms of botulism should seek immediate medical attention.

Symptoms may include double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, and muscle weakness that moves progressively down the body. Botulism can cause paralysis of the breathing muscles, which can be deadly without prompt medical attention.

## Writers' Corner

If you have a poem, song lyrics or a short story and you would like to share it with the readers of *The Statesman* now is your chance.

Email or mail us your submission and look for it in an upcoming issue of *The Statesman*.

Dear Jesus,

How are you? I'm fine. Tell our Father I really enjoyed the sunrise this morning. He really knows how to paint a sky. Thanks for washing away my many sins. I want your help finding a job. Oh well, I have a friend I want you to look after. Can you help me try to stop my smoking habit? Well, can you find it in your heart to forgive me of my sins again and help me to do better?

Thanks,

I love you Lord.

You know who.

by Katrina Edwards

### WHEN LOVE LIVED HERE

Rising out of the brambles surrounding it the old house stands with an air of quiet dignity.

With wind whispering and sighing through cracks in the vine-covered walls, and crumbling brick chimneys above, fireplaces with traces of ashes.

Through the ravages of age and creeping time it's melting into oblivion carrying with it the elegance of another place in time.

After the first wild flurry of startled birds escaping through broken windows it's quiet.

And in the quiet you can hear the whisper of memories stored up through the years when love lived here.

by Dorothy Miller Birdwell

### MAMA LOVED COWS

When I was growing up, my parents and I lived out in the country. My dad had a shop in town and stayed very busy, and I was in school, which left Mama to take care of everything at home, including some milk cows and chickens.

Mama loved her cows, named them, petted them, milked them so she could sell milk and butter. The churning was always my job, but had to be done to have butter for our use and some to sell. She sold eggs too, to bring in a little spending money.

There was no school bus by our place, so I rode into town with Dad to attend school. One day when we got home from school and work, Mama was not getting around as spryly as usual. She told us that she went to the back of the pasture that morning to check on the fence. Her little dog "Lady" went right along as usual.

Before they reached the fence there was a cow from the adjoining pasture, a mean looking cow with long horns. The cow took one look at Lady and charged at her. Of course Lady ran right to Mama. Mama quickly decided she'd better run for our barn, and it was uphill all the way!

So she, Lady and the cow all started for the barn. Mama had never run so fast in her life! When she reached the cow pen, she climbed the fence and just fell over on the ground. The cow lost interest and walked away. Mama just lay there on the ground a long time with Lady giving her a loving lick every once in a while.

Yes, Mama loved cows, but not that particular one!

by B. Jones

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