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Letters To The Editor

The Statesman welcomes and encourages letters and e-mails from readers.

Letters must include the name, address and telephone numbers for verification purposes only. Just your name and city will be published.

All letters are subject to editing and must be limited to 400 words or less. No letter can be published without the above information.

Letters must not be false or misleading, the paper reserves the right to check on any information in the letters submitted. If misleading information is printed we will submit a retraction as the information is called to our attention.

It is not the goal of this paper to harm anyone by the letters to the editor, but it is our goal to give those in the community a place to voice their opinion.

Deadline:

The deadline for all news, display advertising and the "What's Happening" in The Statesman is 5 pm Monday. Attention: The classified ad deadline is Mondays at noon for the same week's paper.

Family News Policy:

Family news such as wedding or engagement announcements must be submitted by 5:00pm Monday for publication on a space available basis in the same week's newspaper. Please include a telephone number to call if questions arise about spelling, etc.

Engagement announcements must be signed by both the prospective bride and groom, or other satisfactory arrangements made by which the newspaper may verify authenticity.

Birth announcements should be signed by both parents.

There is NO CHARGE for timely engagement or wedding announcements and a photo may be included at no cost.

Anniversary announcements with photos are also published free for couples celebrating 20 years or more of marriage, with subsequent free announcements limited to increments of five years.

Free anniversary announcements may not include an invitation to a reception or party where gifts are expected.

Oh happy day, because of space constraints, free birthday announcements are not published. However friends and relatives may purchase advertising space to congratulate a person on their birthday.

**Area Obituaries**

**Imogene Featherston**

Services for Imogene Featherston, 84, Brownsboro, were held Friday at Union Hill Baptist Church, Brownsboro, with Rev. Jon Parker officiating.

Burial followed in the Terrell Cemetery in the Rock Hill Community, under direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home, Athens. Mrs. Featherston died September 22, 2008 in Athens.

She was born April 30, 1924 in Brownsboro to the late William LaFarris and Emma Jean Teet Gunnels. She resided in Dallas 28 years and in 1978 retired to her native Brownsboro. She was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church.

Those preceding her in death are her husband Vernon Featherston April 30, 2005; son, Bobby Lee Featherston; brother, Arthur Lee "Man" Gunnels; sisters, Eula V. Cotton, Willie Jo "Jack" Amos; and grandson, Vernon Featherston.

Survivors include sons, William Alexander Featherston, Rex Alan Featherston, both of Brownsboro; daughters, Verna Jean Mullenax, Tool, Shirley Ann Wiley, Brownsboro, Virginia Lou England, Las Vegas, Nevada; brother, A.C. Gunnels, Willis Point; sisters, Zeffie Mae Reep, Chandler, Betty Lou Meador, Payne Springs; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great grandchildren; and three great-great-great grandchildren.

If desired memorials may be sent to Union Hill Baptist Church, P.O. Box 316, BrownsboroTX 75756.

**Glenward D. Vest**

Services for Glenward D. Vest, 76, Brownsboro, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Leagueville Baptist Church with Tom Bragdon and Tommy Weems officiating.

Burial was in Jennings Mountain Cemetery under direction of Cooper Funeral Home, Athens.

Mr. Vest died September 25, 2008, at his residence.

He was born July 28, 1932, in Bryan County, Okla., to the late Leroy and Bessie Lee Gunkel Vest. He moved to Texas in 1948 and attended schools in Celina. He was a ranch manager all his life with a specialty of breeding and training show horses. He was a member of Leagueville Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Vest, Brownsboro; sons, Glen Vest and Len Vest, both of Brownsboro, Ken Vest, Murchison; daughter, Sherri Chambers, Brownsboro; brothers, Ocie Vest, Paradise, Cecil Vest and Bill Vest, both of Celina, Freddy Vest, Pilot Point, Paul Vest, Brownsboro; sisters, Murlene Clark and Patricia Frazee, both of Calera, Okla., Colene Reed, Dallas, Emogene Moore and Imogene Gibson, both of Plano, Fayola Reeder, Celina, Trenna Glasscock, Quinlan, and Bernice Stubblefield, Bullard; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Hazelene Wyatt**

Services for Hazelene Wyatt, 74, Ben Wheeler, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hilliard Funeral Home, Van, with Bro. Danny Wyatt officiating.

Burial was at Flatwood Cemetery.

Ms. Wyatt died September 24, 2008, in Murchison to the late Preston Berry and Edna Mae Wyatt. She lived in Houston prior to moving to Ben Wheeler in 1987. She was a truck driver.

Survivors include daughters, Johnna Ouellette, Janice Miller and Jeri Miller Derner, all of Ben Wheeler, and Patti Perron Wagoner, Pearland; sister, Opal Barron, Chandler; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Earnestine Howard**

Services for Earnestine Howard, 66, Chandler, were held Saturday at Faith Tabernacle Church of Deliverance with Pastor Malachi Micheaux officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Park under direction of John R. Harmon Undertaking Co., Tyler.

Mrs. Howard died September 22, 2008 in Tyler.

She was born April 19, 1942, in Marianna, Ark., and lived in Chandler for more than 20 years. She was a private sitter and a member of Faith Tabernacle Church of Deliverance, Chandler, and on the Usher Board.

Survivors include son, Jacob Pettigrew, Tyler; daughter, Claretha McCowan, Tyler; brothers, Alfonzo Smith, Indiana, and Alonzo Smith, Illinois; sisters, Lily Battles, Rose S. Henson and Tarlee C. Smith, all of Illinois, Alberta Halley, Indiana, and Clara Smith, Missouri; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Earline Miller Harris**

Services for Earline Miller Harris, 69, Murchison, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Opelika Baptist Church with the Rev. Donald Thomas officiating.

Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery under direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home, Athens.

Mrs. Harris died September 24, 2008 in Athens.

She was born October 7, 1938 in Henderson County to the late Earl and Maudine Cox Miller. She lived in Murchison most of her life and was a member of Opelika Baptist Church and Women's Missionary Auxiliary. She was a seamstress for Mr. Fine's and worked for Argon Medical for 12 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Noble Harris, in 1992.

Survivors include a son, Kevin Scott Newbill, Athens; daughter, Lisa Newbill Lemons, Brownsboro; brothers, Kenneth Miller and Terry Miller, both of Brownsboro; sister, Geraldine Denton, Athens; and four grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 667, Athens, 75751; American Diabetes Association, 4100 Alpha Road, Suite 100, Dallas, 75244; or Opelika Baptist Church, 10972 CR 3520, Brownsboro 75756.

**Lynda Faye Cloud**

Services for Lynda Faye Cloud, 67, Chandler were held Monday at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Sherman Mayfield officiating.

Burial was in Jennings Mountain Cemetery.

Mrs. Cloud died Sept. 27, 2008 in a Tyler hospital.

She was born Oct. 24, 1940, in Shreveport, La., to Jimmie Love and the late J.D. Warren, and moved from Shreveport to Chandler six years ago. She was a homemaker and member of Rock Hill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight Cloud, and son Jimmy Smith.

Survivors include sons, Matt Smith, Chandler, Dale Smith, Benton, Ark., and James Cloud, Anniston, Ala.; daughter, Betty Peacock, Allen; mother, Jimmie Love Warren, Blanchard; sisters, Betty Fischer, Gay DeFriend and Lisa Storie, all of Shreveport, La. and Sue Finnell, Denham, La.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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**Stewart seeks another term as HC constable precinct 4**

"I have been honored to serve the people of Henderson County Precinct 4," Constable Stewart said. During his term as Constable, Stewart served 100 percent of the civil process that has come to him from Justice of the Peace Courts of Henderson County as well as the civil process that he has



Constable Stewart

received from outside the county. Stewart also served the forty-four civil processes from 2002, 2003, and 2004 that were on his desk when he took office January 1, 2005.

In 2004 the total expenditures for the Constable's Office were \$50,766. In 2005, Constable Stewart's first year as Constable, the total expenditures were \$41,678. This was a savings to taxpayers of \$9,088. Constable Stewart will continue to use the taxpayers' money wisely while serving the citizens of Precinct 4.

The Constable's position is a full-time job. Aside from serving civil process, Constable Stewart provides security for LaPoyner School events. He has transported and supervised Henderson County Jail inmates to work at LaPoyner Schools, saving tax dollars for the citizens of Henderson County.

When Constables transported mental clients in Henderson County, Stewart transported 183 patients. Con-

stables in Henderson County no longer transport mental clients. The Henderson County Sheriff's Department transports the patients in unmarked vehicles, wearing civilian clothing, and work as a male-female team to comply with Texas rules and regulations concerning the transportation of these patients.

Constable Stewart utilizes one unpaid deputy, James "Buzz" Sides who has assisted him in carrying out the duties of Henderson County Constable Precinct 4. With the help of Deputy Sides and other police officers in the area, Stewart has escorted over 200 funerals for the citizens of Precinct 4.

Constable Stewart and Deputy Sides have patrolled Precinct 4 on a daily basis, driving more than 60,000 miles during the last three-plus years. They have been readily available to the citizens of Precinct 4 as they were needed.

Following the devastating tornadoes that hit Poyner in December 2006, they worked from first light to after dark running chain saws to clear roads and yards that had been covered by downed trees. They also often prepared part of the food served to those who were helping with the clean-up project.

Constable Stewart has thirty-eight years of law enforcement experience. He graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety training academy as a trooper trainee in 1970. He was assigned to Harris County as a Highway Patrol Trooper where he patrolled interstate and rural roadways enforcing traffic laws for the State of Texas. In September 1971, Stewart was promoted to the position of Criminal Investigator with Texas Department of Public Safety's narcotics service. He served in this position in both Harris and Smith counties and was also selected for duty to serve on

a narcotics border task force in the Rio Grande Valley and was stationed in McAllen, Texas.

Constable Stewart was promoted to lieutenant in the DPS criminal law enforcement division and was transferred to Laredo, Texas for a brief time before moving to the Austin District office for two years. He then moved his family to Bryan, Texas where he established a Narcotics Area office for DPS. He coordinated narcotics investigations and enforcement over a nine-county area including Henderson County. His duties included the supervision of DPS narcotics investigators in the planning of investigative procedures to develop sources of information to aid in the effort to detect and apprehend narcotics violators. He developed relationships with both local and federal level law enforcement agencies in a combined effort to eradicate illegal manufacturing and distribution of narcotics. In addition, he arranged for technical assistance, secured warrants, reviewed investigator's case preparation and verified the accuracy of the reports.

Constable Stewart provided team leadership while working investigations, testified in court concerning methods of investigations and evidence secured and supervised office personnel. He also assumed responsibility for operation of the assigned area in the absence of the district Captain.

Upon retirement from DPS in 1998, Constable Stewart joined the Anderson County Sheriff's Department as the Commander of the Dogwood Trails Narcotics Task Force. His duties included supervising officers in the investigations and enforcement of nar-

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**Meals on Wheels Menu**

- Oct. 6 - 10**  
 (Milk served with meals)  
 Orange juice served in centers
- MON:** Salisbury steak, rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fruit cocktail cup
- TUES:** Rotisserie chicken, roasted new potatoes, spinach, wheat bread, banana
- WED:** Hamburger on bun, pinto beans, corn, lettuce/tomato/onions, orange
- THUR:** Roast turkey, baked sweet potato, green beans, wheat bread, peach cup
- FRI:** Chef salad, mixed fruit/cottage cheese, pickled beet salad, wheat bread, pear cup

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Saturday, October 4, 2008  
 9:00am - 4:30pm  
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