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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

'Joe' Perez

Services for Joseph "Joe" Andrew Perez, 21, Malakoff, were held Saturday at Cooper Funeral Home chapel, Athens, with Denny Sanderson officiating.

Burial was in Athens Cemetery.

Mr. Perez died November 22, 2008, near Brownsboro.

He was born June 8, 1987, in Dallas. He lived in Irving and Lancaster before moving to Malakoff in 1999. He graduated from Malakoff High School in 2005.

Survivors include his mother, Lisa Ann Rivera, Athens, father, Freddie Perez, Dallas; sister, Meredith Maldonado, Malakoff; brother, Jeremy Paul Leighton Perez, Malakoff; grandparent, Jo "Mawmaw" Berry, Malakoff; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jonathan Williams

Funeral services for Jonathan A. Williams, 20, of Austin, formerly of Brownsboro were held Friday at the Leagueville Baptist Church.

Burial followed at the Oaklawn Memorial Park of Athens. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Cooper Funeral Home of Athens.

Jonathan was born on October 4, 1988 in Palmdale, California and moved to Henderson County in 1992. He was a graduate of the Brownsboro Class of 2007. He enjoyed many forms of sporting events, including baseball, basketball, ice hockey and football. After graduating he moved to Austin to live with his brothers. He loved music, was an accomplished guitar player and was a member of the band "The Blinds."

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his grandfather, Bill Williams in 2002. He is survived by his parents, David and Ada Williams of Chandler; brothers, Christopher and Joshua Williams of Austin; paternal grandmother, Martha Jane Williams of Porter, Texas; maternal grandparents, Aurora and Juan Rodriguez of McAllen, Texas; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Glen Rhodes

Services for Glen Ray Rhodes, 81, Murchison, were held Monday at Hilliard Funeral Home, Van, with the Rev. Lynette Solomon officiating. Burial was in Tidmore Cemetery.

Mr. Rhodes died November 28, 2008, in Athens.

He was born January 27, 1927, in Mineola to the late Grover C. and Sarah Puckett Rhodes. He graduated from Mineola High School in 1944, East Texas Teachers College in Commerce in 1951 and in 1954 with his Master's.

He served in the Army, taught school in Midland and was school superintendent in Greenwood, Mabank, Grapeland, Llano and Damon, retiring after 34 years. He was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Pauline "Polly" Henry Rhodes, and sons, Glen Ray Rhodes Jr. and James Allen Rhodes.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Rhodes, Murchison; son, Curtis Rhodes, Needville; daughter, Janet Kiker, Murchison; step-sons, Milton "Bud" Browning, Mineola, and Tommy Browning, Hawkins; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be made to Genesis Hospice Care, 201 St. Thomas, Athens, 75751.

Edith Mae Payne

Services for Edith Mae Payne, 90, Chandler, were held Monday, December 01, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Eric Peyton officiating.

Burial was at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Payne passed away November 28, 2008 in Tyler, Texas. She was born November 03, 1918 in Rusk, Texas and lived in the Chandler area approximately 70 years. She was a member of West Lake Baptist Church, Chandler, and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Lee Payne in 2001.

Survivors include daughters, Jo Ann Hickman and Linda Payne, both of Chandler, Sue Felty of Parker, Colorado, Patsy McMillan of Whitehouse, and Kathy Miles of Tyler; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were members of West Lake Baptist Church.

George William "Willie," "Wilbur" Yura

Graveside funeral services for George William "Willie," "Wilbur" Yura of Ben Wheeler, Texas, were held Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 with burial at New Hope Cemetery under the direction of Chandler Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Yura died November 29, 2008 in Tyler, Texas. He was born Sept. 25, 1956 in Tyler.

He had lived in the Ben Wheeler area for 30 years. He was a member of the Salvation Army, and was a concrete worker for Montrose Concrete, Inc.

Preceding him in death were his father, John Yura Sr., daughter, Danielle Celeste Yura, and niece, Kimberly Yura.

Survivors are his mother, Dorothy Yura of Ben Wheeler; grandson, Jackson Daniel Yura of Brownsboro; brothers, John Yura and wife Penny of Brownsboro, and James Yura and friend, Christina of Missouri; sister, Linda Yura of Tyler; nieces, Leslie Schmidkofer, Denise Vaden, Jo Anna Stewart, Rosie Yura; 7 great-nieces and nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Charles McLean, Brian Fields, Frankie McLean, Donnie Wells, Terry Davis and Micheal Williams.

William H. "Bill" Lemmert

Services for William H. "Bill" Lemmert, 55, of Flint, were held Monday, Dec. 1, 2008, at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Bruce Watson officiating. Private burial followed under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Lemmert passed away Friday, November 28, 2008, in Tyler.

He was born January 8, 1953, in Frostburg, Md., to the late George and Ruth Thomas Lemmert. He was a graduate of John Tyler High School in 1972 and attended Tyler Junior College and Kilgore College. He was a Deputy Constable and former co-owner of the Tire Barn in Tyler. After selling his

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Hospital announces additional care program

Tyler, TX - Officials with Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics announced that an additional Respite Care Program would begin November 29 at the First Baptist Church in Mineola. The Respite Care Program provides an organized day program for special needs children and some free time for their parents or guardians.

"Since 2001, Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics has partnered with the Special Needs Clinic Program in Tyler to offer The Respite Care Program," said Shirley Gordon, director, TMF Respite Care Program. "We are very excited that the program has been awarded grant money to expand our current services into Wood and an additional 11 northern counties."

Due to the success of the current program, Stephanie Hacker, Respite Care Program Coordinator, was offered the opportunity to develop a proposal targeted at serving children and families in an expanded geographical area. "As a result, beginning

November 29, every fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., we will provide monthly respite care for five to 10 children, with a goal of 20 participants, at the First Baptist Church in Mineola. Any child with special health care needs residing in our service area can apply for participation in the Respite Program and does not need to be a patient of TMF to qualify," said Mrs. Gordon.

The original Respite Care Program is funded by a grant from Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN), and sponsored through Trinity Mother Frances. It provides for center-based respite care for 25 children the third Saturday of each month and staffing includes TMF personnel and members of TMF Volunteer Services. Additional in-home respite care hours are also available to individual children through the program.

For additional information or an application packet, please contact: Stephanie Hacker, Respite Care Coordinator at 903-595-3942 extension 255. For more information on additional services available through Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics, visit www.tmfhs.org.

Charlie Sherman Poole Vietnamese prisoner of war

Charlie Sherman Poole was born in Brownsboro, Texas, June 7, 1932, attended school here, and was to have graduated in 1952, but enlisted in the Air Force instead. He was supposed to retire in just a few months when his B-52 bomber was shot down in December 1972.

Sherman was raised by his widowed mother and sisters near New Hope in the Brownsboro Independent School District. Sherman was a member of Boy Scout Troop 345 in Brownsboro with Joe B. Stuart as Scoutmaster.

The following is compiled by Homecoming II Project 01 April 1991 from one or more of the following: raw data from U.S. Government agency sources, correspondence with POW/MIA families, published sources, interviews. Updated by the POW Network 2003.

Frustrated by problems in negotiating a peace settlement, and pressured by a Congress and public wanting an immediate end to American involvement in Vietnam, President Nixon ordered the most concentrated air offensive of the war — known as Linebacker II — in December 1972.

During the offensive, sometimes called the "Christmas bombings," 40,000 tons of bombs were dropped, primarily over the area between Hanoi and Haiphong. White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said that the bombing would end only when all U.S. POWs were released and an internationally recognized cease-fire was in force.

On the first day of Linebacker II, December 18, 129

B-52s arrived over Hanoi in three waves, four to five hours apart. They attacked the airfields at Hoa Lac, Kep and Phuc Yen, the Kinh No complex and the Yen Vien railyards. The aircraft flew in tight cells of three aircraft to maximize the mutual support benefits of their ECM equipment and flew straight and level to stabilize the bombing computers and ensure that all bombs fell on the military targets and not in civilian areas.

The pilots of the early missions reported that "wall-to-wall SAMs" surrounded Hanoi as they neared its outskirts. The first night of bombing, December 18 and 19, two B-52s were shot down by SAMs.

Onboard the first aircraft shot down on December 18 was its pilot, Lt.Col. Donald L. Rissi and crewmen Maj. Richard E. Johnson, Capt. Richard T.

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Meals on Wheels Menu

Dec. 8 - 12
(Milk served with meals)
Orange juice served in centers

MON: Salisbury steak/gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, mixed fruit cup

TUES: Baked chicken, roasted new potatoes, seasoned spinach, wheat bread, banana

WED: Hamburger on bun, pinto beans, corn, lettuce/tomatoes/onions, Mandarin orange cup

THUR: Sliced turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, peach cups

FRI: Chef salad, mixed fruit, cottage cheese, beet salad, wheat bread, pear cup

Christmas Tour of Homes & Tour of Trees

Tour of Homes
Monday, December 8
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
\$10
Tour Caravan leaves Methodist Church at 6:45 PM
Tickets & Maps Available at the Chandler Public Library,
Chandler Drug and at the Tour of Trees at the
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