

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.

ONE BY ONE

One by one we are going
to our eternal home
To live with Christ our Saviour
Never more to roam.

We'll meet again our loved ones
And take them by the hand,
And sing redemption story
In that sweet happy land.

Our Christ who died to save us
Will meet us in the sky,
Where there will be no parting
No one will ever die.

by Irene Robertson
(Submitted by L. Epperson)

IT SHOWS IN THE FACE

You don't have to tell how you live each day,
You don't have to tell if you work or play.
A tried and true barometer serves in its place;
However you live, it shows in the face.
The false, the deceit that you bear in your heart,
Will not stay inside where it first got a start.
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace,
What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish, and for others you live,
For not what you get but how much you can give.
If you live close to God and His infinite grace,
You don't have to tell it, it shows in the face.

-Author unknown

SPIRITUAL BAILOUT

A bailout seems to be what everyone is looking for in today's time. A bailout to clear mistakes of the past, or errors in judgment, without consideration of the future or the consequences that they may bring to one's situation.

II Corinthians 7:9-11 tells us about the Corinthian believers who had sorrow that led to repentance. Repentance is turning from our sins toward God. God does not approve of our sins; when we sin we are putting our sins between God and us. Sin separates us from God. All sins, no matter how major or minor are still sin. Therefore, to bring us closer to God, we must seek repentance — a true turning from our sins to God. God searches our hearts and sees our desires.

What a wonderful bailout plan from God! We are undeserving of His grace, yet we can seek repentance from our sins.

by Darian Jones

DON'T CRY FOR ME

Goodbye, my friends, don't be sad;
I'm going Home, and I'm so glad.
No more pain, or grief to bear,
Just lots of love and tender care.
I hope to see you all up there.
Goodbye, goodbye, I'm going Home.

by Katrina Edwards



Chandler

Lions Den

Happy Valentine's Day to All

Did you know that we live on part of the original Cherokee Indian Treaty lands?

The Lions wish to heartily thank Mr. Tim West, owner of the Roseland Plantation on Highway 64, east of Chandler, for his interesting and informative presentation on the history of this area. The Merle Hambric Plantation originated in the mid-1800s, shortly after the founding of Texas, and at its peak consisted of 3,100 acres. The Plantation, initially 500 acres, was increased in size by Mr. Hambric and he became the largest cotton farmer in East Texas.

The original Hambric Plantation main house was initially finished in 1854. It is now the Roseland Plantation main house and currently is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. West. It has been renovated over the years, and the original property has been reduced in size to 10 acres. Under the Wests' ownership, it has become a popular Bed and Breakfast site. One of the main attractions today is a very large reproduction of Di Vinci's "Last Supper" that is housed in a large building on the site. Wow!

Upcoming Activities:

February 12 - Spaghetti Supper, 4-7 pm, Chandler Community Center; adults \$6, children \$4.

March 21 - White Cane Day, 8 a.m.-Noon, Intersection of Hwys 31 / 315. Donations will be used to support many Lions' humanitarian activities.

April 9 - Pancake Supper, 4-7 pm, Chandler Community Center.

May 2 - Proposed music concert, featuring local talent at Brownsboro High School Auditorium. We are currently seeking groups or individuals who are skilled performers. If you are musically talented and wish to participate, contact Charlie Fink, President at 903-849-1972.

TBD - Annual Student Recognition Program.

We would appreciate speaking with potential members at any of these events, so just come and join us! For further information on each of these activities, call Charlie Fink or Pat Kambhu at 903-849-6355.

Hargrave/Wagley wedding

Stefani Wagley and Sheyenne Hargrave were united in marriage October 4, 2008, at the Stasney's Cook Ranch in Albany, Texas. Don Gallatin officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Stefani is the daughter of Richard and Marilyn Wagley of Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Harlean Cutbirth of Abilene and the late Odie Cutbirth and the late Hershale E. and JoAnn Wagley.

Sheyenne is the son of Bo and Lisa Hargrave, of Athens. He is the

grandson of Jimmie and Margaret Hargrave, of Alto, and Charles and Velma Cade, of Tyler.

Maid of honor was Courtney Wagley of Stephenville, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Belinda Harris of Irving, cousin of the bride, Haily Hargrave and Holly Hargrave of Athens, both sisters of the groom.

Cathy Cade of San Antonio, cousin of the groom served as the flower girl. Best man was Dan Southall of Cleburne. Groomsman

were Luke Beard of Abilene, Ryan Conner of Allen, and Randy Harris of Baird, cousin of the bride.

Matthew Steen of Mansfield, cousin of the bride, served as the ring bearer.

Serving as ushers were Joe Buchanan of Cross Plains, cousin of the bride, Billy Cade Jr. of San Antonio, cousin of the groom, Justin Gates of Abilene and Randy Harris.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and dance was held at the

historical Stasney's Cook Ranch, with music provided by The Hogg Maulies. Stefani is a 2003 graduate of Abilene High School and 2008 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a degree in accounting. She is employed by Wagley Construction, Inc. Sheyenne is a 2001 graduate of Brownsboro High School. He is employed by Industrial Outfitters. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas and now resides in Abilene.

Why Do I Have Acne?

by Karlie Heckaman, PA-C

Acne is the most common skin disorder, affecting approximately 17 million Americans. Acne is most common during adolescence, affecting more than 85 percent of teenagers, and frequently continues into adulthood. It accounts for 4.8 million patient visits with their primary care providers every year. Acne is a disease of the hair follicles and oil glands in the skin. Excessive oil causes plugging of the hair follicle and encourages bac-

terial growth on the skin.

The face and upper neck are most commonly affected, but the chest, back and shoulders may have acne as well. Typical acne lesions are called comedones. A closed comedone is what is commonly referred to as a "whitehead" and an open comedone is called a "blackhead." Patients can also suffer from large deep nodules called cysts.

Over the years many myths have been started about acne. Chocolate and greasy foods do not cause acne. There have

been many studies done trying to find a link between a patient's diet and acne, but none of them have found a solid link between the two. Other myths are that tanning clears up acne. This is not true; it only masks acne.

There are many products available for treatment of acne. Generally speaking, comedonal acne takes longer to treat than the more severe cystic acne. Most treatments take at least three months before patients start to see real improvement in

their skin. The most recently publicized prescription treatment for acne is Accutane. This medicine is reserved for patients with severe cystic acne or those who have exhausted all other options. It is a highly regulated medication due to its possible side effects. This medication should only be prescribed by a licensed Dermatologist.

You can read more about acne and the treatments on www.familydoctor.org or call me at the Trinity Mother Frances Clinic, 903-849-5756.

Christian Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special poetry contest sponsored by Christian Poets Guild, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, totaling \$5,000.00.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 7308 Heritage Dr., Mt. Vernon, IN 47620. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is February 28, 2009.


Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. "A typical poem," says Contest Director Dr. James Hunter, "might be a love poem, or nature

poem, one that inspires the reader."

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem.

If you wish a winner's list, please enclose a stamped return envelope.

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Crimestoppers

Henderson County Crimestoppers can use your help in solving a felony theft of street signs.

Between the dates of January 21, 2009 through January 29, 2009 several street signs were taken from Union Hill and Rock Hill communities located off FM 3204 in Brownsboro.

If you have any information about this crime or any other felony crimes, please contact Crimestoppers at 903-675-8477 (TIPS) or 1-800-545-8477 (TIPS). Callers will remain anonymous. If your information leads to an arrest you could earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.00.

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Presidents Day

In 1898, Theodore Roosevelt became a national hero as commander of the fearless Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War.

In 1901, he became our 26th President. President Roosevelt was a man of great energy and enjoyed swimming, hunting, hiking, boxing and riding horses.

This Presidents Day, we remember Theodore Roosevelt and the other past Presidents of our country.



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