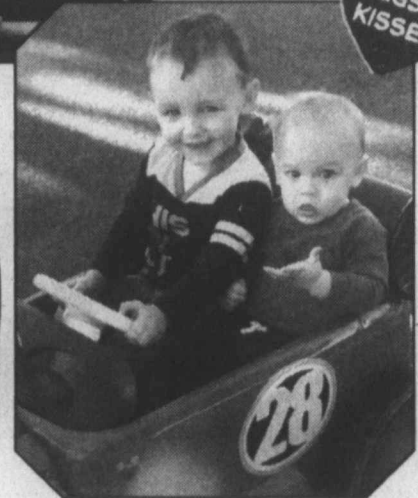
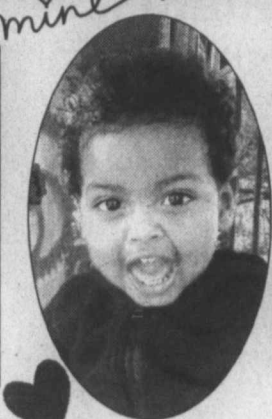
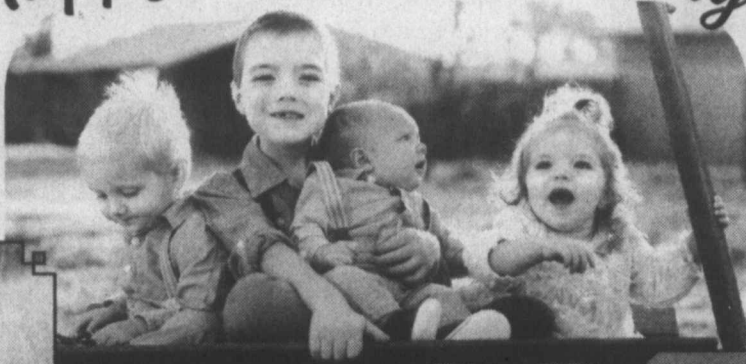


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Did you know?

- Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning.
- It's against the law to have a pet dog in Iceland.
- Thomas Edison, light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 4	35	21	
Feb 5	30	11	.26" (5" snow)
Feb 6	49	10	
Feb 7	54	28	
Feb 8	61	31	
Feb 9	68	34	
Feb 10	41	31	0.19"

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan: 0.58"
Total Precip for Feb: 0.45"
Total Precip. for 2020: 1.03"

Active Shooter: Lynn County Sheriff's Office hosts church security training

Some of the world's worst tragedies occur at the hands of an active shooter, determined to wreak havoc in a school, business, or even the place where one should feel the most safe – in a church. It has happened in Texas. The reality of violence in today's world has prompted some churches to be pro-active, to begin actively seeking training to help with securing the safety of citizens. The Lynn County Sheriff's Office is coordinating with local churches to offer such training.

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office hosted church security training Thursday, Feb. 6 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Representatives from several area churches participated in the training that focused on responding to an active shooter in a church facility.

"I sent a couple of officers to A.L.I.C.E. training in 2018," Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega said. "This training is geared for responding to an active shooter."

A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. It is not designed to be sequential, but utilized in each unique situation. The law enforcement officers taught participants how to recognize and respond to an active shooter in different scenarios, with informational and hands-on training in simulated scenarios.

"You have to prepare yourself," Sheriff Vega said. "It's a very touchy subject to talk about violence in the church. We aren't taught to react that way in church." Unfortunately, violence has

made its way into the public with mass shootings, school shootings, and even church shootings here in Texas.

A gunman entered a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas on Nov. 5, 2017, killing 26 people and wounding 20 others. More recently, on Dec. 29, 2019, a gunman killed two in White Settlement, Texas before being shot and killed by the church security team.

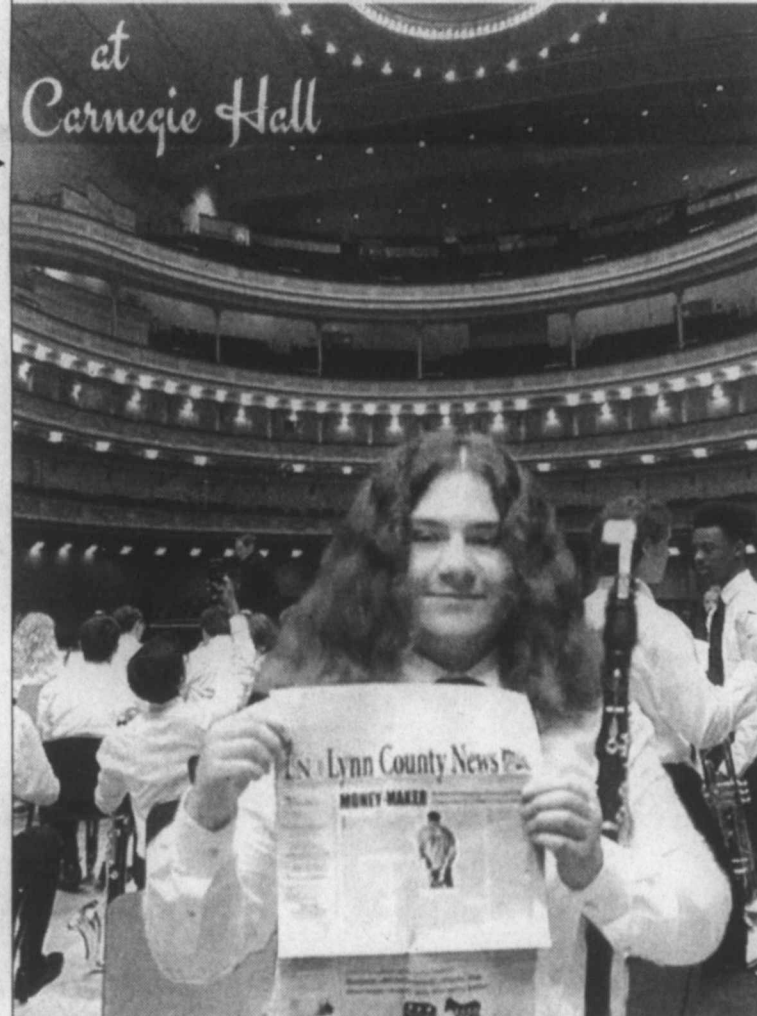
Billy Parmer, preacher at First Baptist Church Wilson, said the training here was eye opening.

"I went in thinking I would know how and when to respond should a live shooter situation manifest itself in a church," Parmer said. "I came out of the training realizing that we are not as prepared as I had imagined. There is no substitute for this type of training."

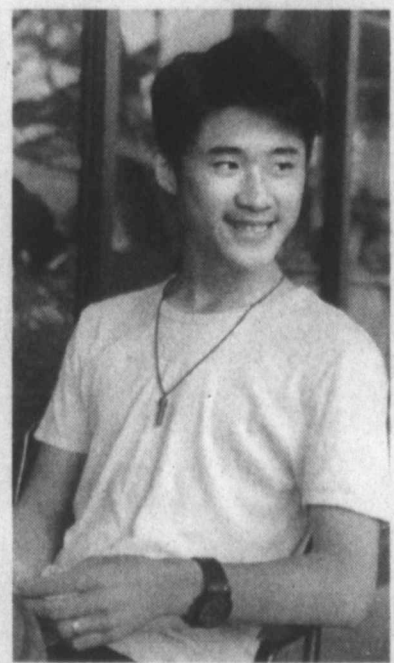
In the first part of the church security training the instructor discussed past events – public shootings, church shootings, school shootings – and the real life

(See CHURCH SECURITY, page 4)

Where in the world is The Lynn County News ?



Performing at Carnegie Hall ... Nathaniel Sullivan, a Tahoka High School musician, performed at New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall in concert with the 2020 High School Honors Performance Series on Sunday, Feb. 2. Playing the Bb Clarinet, Nathaniel joined the highest-rated high school musicians from 47 United States, Guam, several provinces of Canada, Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, Qatar, and South Korea for a special performance at the world-famous Carnegie Hall – and he took along his Lynn County News for a photo op. He is 1,817 miles from home. In June, he will perform in Vienna, Austria.



Nheata Samnang Taing

Cambodian exchange student at WHS says school "very different" from home

Wilson, Texas (population 489) is a far cry from the city of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where 2.2 million people reside. Experiencing the differences in culture between a small rural American community and a metropolitan city in Southeast Asia is 17 year old Nheata Samnang Taing, a foreign exchange student from Phnom Penh who is attending Wilson High School. His host parents are Ozzy and Crystal Valdez in Wilson.

Nheata came to America for the first time in September through the Greenheart Exchange program.

His parents own a jewelry store and he has two brothers, ages 7 and 13. He speaks English fluently. He is here on an education visa and will leave at the end of May this year.

Cambodia has a population of 16 million people and is located in Southeast Asia between Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. Phnom Penh is the capital of Cambodia and sits at the junction of the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers. The climate is wet and tropical. Average temperatures are upper 80's to low 90's year round which means no snow. Nheata saw snow for the first time

last month when it snowed in Wilson last week!

Nheata is a junior at Wilson High School and says that school is very different in his country. In Cambodia, he has classes six days a week and only one day off. He tests in sixteen subjects and takes each test twice, once in Khmer (the official language) and once in English. He must pass the 9th grade tests to go to tenth grade and must pass the 12th grade exams to graduate.

He enjoys a lot of the foods in

(See EXCHANGE STUDENT, page 2)



Words of

Love

“ There are a million different ways to say “I love you:”
‘Put your seat belt on.’ ‘Get some rest.’ ‘Did you eat?’ ... you just have to listen. ”

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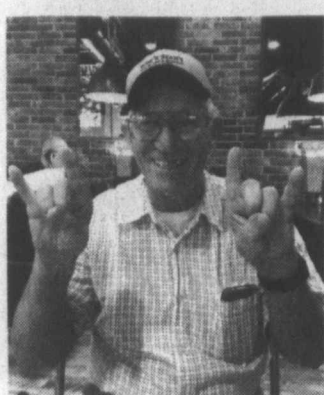
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Obituaries



Hulen S. Ledbetter

Hulen S. Ledbetter "Paw" joined the love of his life in heaven on Feb. 4, 2020. A memorial service celebrating his 83 years of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Hulen was born June 12, 1936 in Wells, Texas, to Audy "W.A." Ledbetter and Mary (Hays) Ledbetter. He married Billie "Tootie" Smith in June 1964. He loved the South Plains of Texas and was a history buff and a walking encyclopedia. He knew about the weather in just about any location you could name.

He loved to cook and create recipes of his own. He also loved to fish, loved Bluegrass music, George Jones, and the Texas Longhorns. He enjoyed many special conversations with Aunt Pansy in Wyoming. Hulen served in the Navy for four years. He retired from IMC Potash Company in Carlsbad, New Mexico, after 34 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife and life partner Billie "Tootie" Ledbetter; a brother, Bill Ledbetter; and a sister, Jodie Slay.

Hulen is survived by a son, Rod Ledbetter (Sheila); a daughter, Laura Brown; four grandchildren, Amy Ledbetter (Mike), Cameron Brown,

Cody Brown, and Maddie Brown; a great-granddaughter, Cami Castillo; a brother, Kenny Ledbetter, a sister, Nell Wylie; and two brothers-in-law, Scot Smith (Debbie), and Steve Smith (Elaine), and his little Chihuahua bear killer "Little Girl."

Memorial donations may be made to West Texas Gifts of Hope, Inc., P.O. Box 891, Odessa, Texas 79760. (PAID)

Did you know?

No word in the English Language rhymes with month.

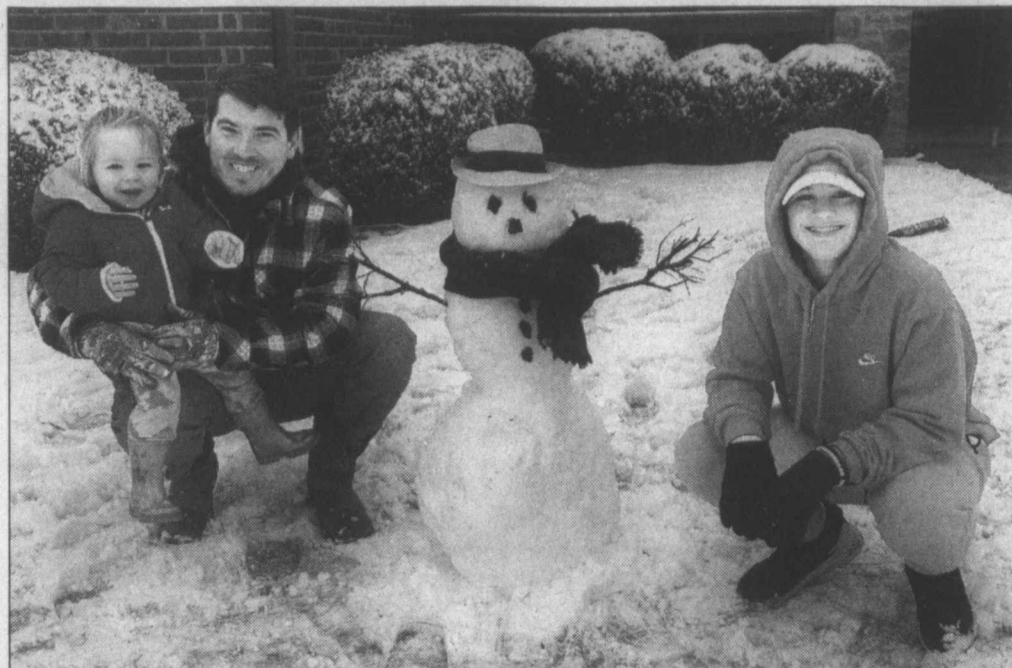
Exchange student ...

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America, like steak, ribs, and spaghetti. One of his favorite foods in Cambodia is spicy Korean noodles with pork. He has had trouble finding hot sauce hot enough for him, so he ordered some on the internet - the spicier, the better!

Nheata said he wanted to come to America to experience the differences in religion, culture, and education. He really likes it here and likes meeting new people. He misses his family and friends, but with social media, he is able to see and talk to them even though it is in the middle of the night here - Cambodia is 13 hours ahead of us.

Greenheart Exchange was founded in 1985. It is a non-profit organization that offers cultural exchange programs in the U.S. for people all around the world. There are currently 284,000 participants and 12,000 host families with over 100 countries represented. To host a foreign exchange student, go to www.greenheart-exchange.com as there are many students waiting for a host family.



Cold here too ... Heath Ross, formerly of Tahoka, sent a snow picture to The News from Oklahoma, where the snow fell last week too. Harper Ross and Jackson Bennett, children of Heath and Alicia Ross, enjoyed playing in the snow and making a snowman (pictured with Heath). "The last time Jackson saw this much snow he was in the 1st grade. He is currently in the 8th grade," says Heath.

Commissioners approve proclamation declaring Lynn County local ag disaster

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners took action Monday to declare Lynn County a local disaster, approving a resolution proclaiming that the county has suffered widespread or severe agricultural damage due to drought, wind, storms and excessive heat that damaged crops, causing lower yields, poor grades on cotton and other crops.

The proclamation stated that excessive heat followed by an early extremely hard freeze resulted in an estimated production and quality impact of \$27,537,713, which is about \$231.25 per acre in lost agricultural revenue.

According to information provided to county officials by the USDA Farm Service Agency, Lynn County ag production loss was estimated at 36%, with 119,082 acres affected. In the county, producers planted 345,154.77 acres of cotton, including 247,796.49 in dryland acres, and 97,358.28 irrigated acres. Due to the disaster, production was reduced about 325 pounds to the acre, with a production loss estimate of 38,701,650 pounds, according to the FSA data.

Commissioners unanimously approved the proclamation, which will be sent with a letter that commissioners recently approved, to the Governor of Texas to seek the disaster declaration from the state.

In other business, Matt Dorsett, District Conservationist with NRCS, presented an annual report for 2019 accomplishments by the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The report included data from a variety of conservation programs, including the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (108 contracted practices certified for total assistance of \$1,115,397), Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and brief

reports of events and activities involving county citizens throughout the year.

Commissioners approved making the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan available for the public to review at the Lynn County Emergency Management Office and Lynn County Judge's Office. Comments on the plan may be made during scheduled meetings of the Lynn County Commissioners Court on Feb. 10, and Feb. 24.

Commissioners approved a contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and Justice Courts of Lynn County that denies a renewal of a driver license of a person that fails to appear for a complaint or citation to satisfy judgement.

An application for grant funding was approved for a First Responder Mental Health grant program. If the grant is approved, it would provide funding for physical fitness and mental health services if needed for Lynn County's first responders. Lynn County has approximately 95 first responders including EMS, fire, and law enforcement officials. According to Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Schoemann, the grant would allow first responders to take advantage of free physical fitness facilities, as well as free

counseling/mental health services if suffering from mental or emotional trauma induced by responding to tragedies/disasters.

Interlocal agreements were approved between Lynn County and Lubbock County, for housing Lubbock County inmates here, as well as for Lynn County housing inmates with medical/psychological needs at Lubbock County; and an agreement with Yoakum County to house Lynn County inmates who are age 17. Although considered an adult at age 17, Lynn County Jail facilities are not equipped with an area for housing 17-year-olds, but Yoakum County has such facilities, if needed.

Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on the Sheriff's Office, noting that Lynn County Jail currently held 42 inmates, including 25 for Ector County, 3 for Floyd, and 14 for Lynn. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

County Judge Mike Brad-dock led the meeting, with three of four commissioners present including Don Blair, John Hawthorne, and Matt Woodley, as well as other county officials. Commissioner Larry Durham was absent.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

February 17-21

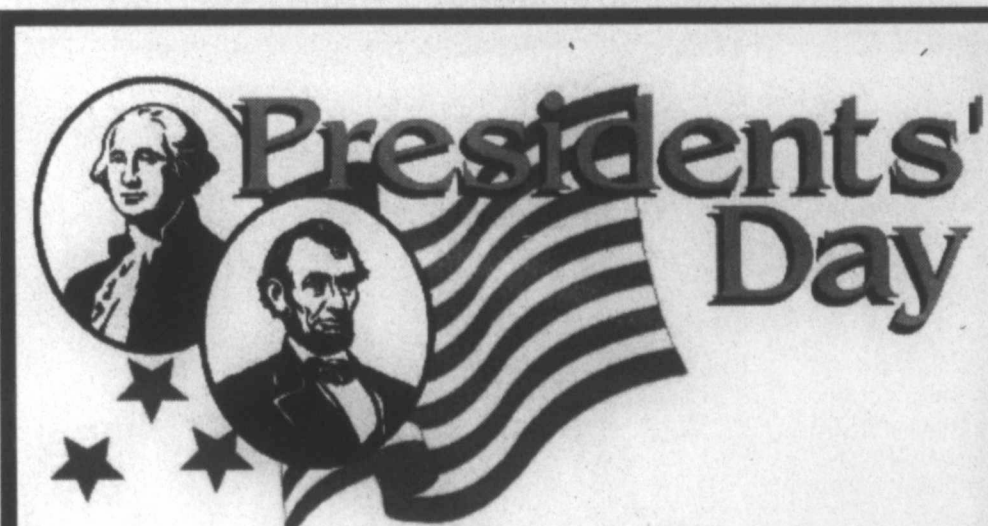
Monday: Closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, fajita veg., corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff

Friday: Crispy chicken sandwich, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail



Closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day

"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages."
- George Washington

"To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do."
- John Adams

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
- Abraham Lincoln

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."
- Theodore Roosevelt

"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try."
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Accidents, domestic disturbances in law enforcement reports last week

by JUANELL JONES

A Lockney man was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated after he crashed his 2002 Ford F-150 pickup into the concrete embankment on the US 87 overpass on the northern edge of Tahoka Monday night. According to reports, the vehicle was traveling northbound when it crossed both northbound lanes and struck the concrete embankment, ripping off a right rear tire and bouncing into the median, then driving across both southbound lanes before ending up back in the center median, just before 7 p.m. Driver of the vehicle was Curry Matthew Gibson of Lockney.

Another single-vehicle accident occurred at 3 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at US 87 just north of Tahoka. A resident nearby called 9-1-1 to report that a man was banging on her door and saying that he had been in a wreck. DPS, Sheriff's Deputies, Tahoka Police and EMS responded to the scene. A female passenger was transported by ambulance to a Lubbock hospital. The driver, Homero G. Quintanilla of Levelland, was arrested on a warrant out of Tom Green County. No vehicle information was given.

A domestic disturbance in Wilson between a mother and her adult son escalated into an incident where the male barricaded himself in the house when Sheriff's Deputies and Tahoka Police arrived at the scene, in the 1300 block of Green Ave. in Wilson at 11:34 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The suspect then attempted to run, with a deputy chasing him on foot and making the

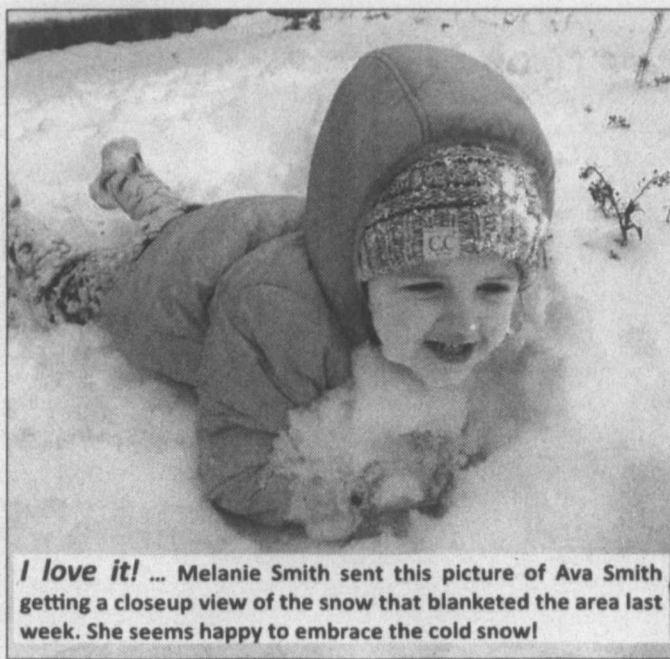
capture. Gilbert Trevino Jr. was arrested on outstanding warrants out of Lubbock County, one of which was a felony warrant.

Three fires were reported during the past week, two of which turned out to be control burns – one was a large grass fire that was called in by numerous citizens about 8 p.m. on Feb. 3, approximately 8 miles south of US 380 and a mile west of CR Edward. Another control burn was 8-10 miles north of Tahoka on Feb. 3. The other fire was determined to be a trash fire on Feb. 5, on US 380 near the Terry/Lynn County line.

A Wilson resident reported to the Sheriff's Office on Feb. 5 that her 2013 red Dodge Ram was taken and that she had \$500 missing from her checking account. She told officers that the suspect was a man that had been staying with her.

Deputies responded to several suspicious vehicle/person calls, domestic disturbances, and a report of an abandoned vehicle south of CR 1 on FM 1730 reported on Feb. 8. The 2003 Ford Explorer was tagged for removal.

Tahoka Police responded to a report of a gas drive-off at a local convenience store, and several domestic disturbances, including one from Tahoka ISD on Feb. 8 where a man was reportedly angry and causing a scene at the high school, but he left the scene before officers arrived. Police also responded to a disturbance on Feb. 6 at Lynnwood Assisted Living Center in Tahoka, where a resident allegedly suffering from dementia reportedly became angry and aggressive with the staff. The man was



I love it! ... Melanie Smith sent this picture of Ava Smith getting a closeup view of the snow that blanketed the area last week. She seems happy to embrace the cold snow!

released into the custody of his family, who removed all of his belongings and vacated him from the premises.

Lynn County Jail held 42 inmates during the week, including 25 held for Ector County, 3 for Floyd, and 14 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for evading arrest, one for criminal trespass, one for driving while intoxicated, and one for theft of property by check.

THS softball season begins

The Tahoka softball team began their season on Feb. 1 with a scrimmage against Littlefield. In three innings, sophomore Noelani Rodriguez struck out 8 batters and didn't give up a single run while the Lady Bulldogs put up 8 runs. Freshman Keyana Quintero pitched the next three innings and did a great job throwing strikes and the defense only allowed 2 runs to be scored. Tahoka finished the scrimmage with a final score of 16-6.

This past weekend, the Lady Bulldogs played in a three-way scrimmage with Roosevelt and Levelland. Noelani Rodriguez pitched another great game against Roosevelt, once again not allowing a single run to be scored.

"Tahoka put the ball in play and ran the bases well, finishing the scrimmage with a score of 6-0. Levelland used their speed on the bases along with timely hitting to outscore the Lady Bulldogs. Tahoka was able to get runners on base but were unable to drive in enough runs to keep up with Levelland," said Coach Justin Gorman.

The Lady Bulldogs will scrimmage Denver City on Saturday, Feb. 15 here, starting at 1:00 p.m., followed by a Tahoka Alumni scrimmage at 5 p.m. The first game will be Monday, Feb. 17 at Midland Christian at 5 p.m.



Monday night crash... A driver of lost control of his vehicle on U.S. 87 Monday, ripping off the right rear tire.

Area News

News items from area newspapers

Andrews County's first large-scale solar facility comes online

ANDREWS – Andrews County now has its first major solar project online.

Duke Energy Renewable's 100 megawatt Lapetus Solar project became operational last month. It consists of more than 340,000 panels on 800 acres in northwest Andrews County.

It is Duke Energy's second solar project in commercial operation and the first large-scale solar project in Andrews County, a press release stated.

The energy generated from the Lapetus Solar project will be delivered to the ERCOT grid and is being sold under three multi-year power purchase agreements to Brazos Electric Power Cooperative Inc. on behalf of CoServe Electric and seven other distribution cooperative members, the press release stated.

– from the Andrews County News

Snyder ISD may partner with firm to avoid state takeover

SNYDER – Snyder ISD Superintendent Dr. Eddie Bland told board members Tuesday that following the rejection of the district's dual-pathway plan for campus reorganization by Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath, a partnership with an educational company seems the best option to avoid takeover of Snyder Junior High School by the state.

"It's a Senate Bill 1882 partnership. You sign a partnership with them, and they come in and give academic support," Bland said.

"There's a contract process whenever we go with them, and that would all be decided in those contract negotiations, what that curriculum would look like."

– from the Snyder Daily News

Valentine's Day Quotes...

- "A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love." – Max Muller, Philologist.
- "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." – Dr. Seuss, Author.
- "A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person." – Mignon McLaughlin, Journalist
- "Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." – Franklin P. Jones, Engineer
- "Grow old with me! The best is yet to be." – Robert Browning, Poet
- "The Eskimos had fifty-two names for snow because it was important to them: there ought to be as many for love." – Margaret Atwood, Author
- "It is astonishing how little one feels alone when one loves." – John Bulwer, Physician
- "Love is the greatest refreshment in life." – Pablo Picasso, Artist

Valentine's Day Quotes...

- "Where there is love, there is life." – Mahatma Gandhi
- "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller, Author
- "There are never enough I Love You's." – Lenny Bruce, Comedian
- "All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." – Charles M. Schulz, Cartoonist
- "I love being married. It's so great to find one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life." – Rita Rudner, Comedian
- "Whatever souls are made of, his and mine are the same." – Emily Bronte, Author

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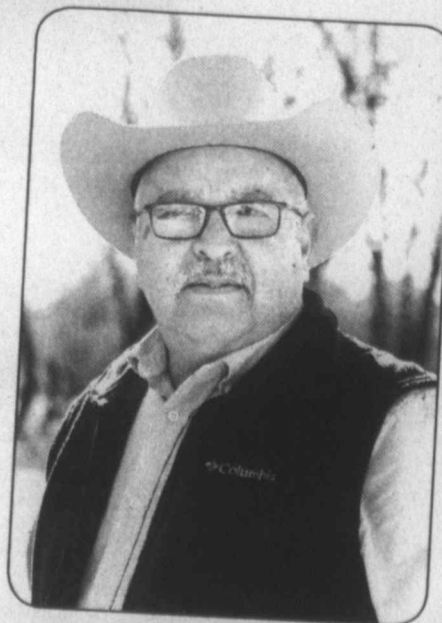
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Church security training ...

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responses to those shootings. The participants then watched videos and discussed the responses.

"This training was offered because a couple of the local churches contacted us a couple of weeks ago," Sheriff Vega said.

Parmer was one of those who contacted the Sheriff's Office.

"These men are knowledgeable and also very approachable, and willing to work with our churches to protect our congregations from this evil," Parmer said. "Thinking we can take these church attackers out is different from doing it."

experienced live fire situations using simunition guns and ammunition.

According to Sheriff Vega, the Sheriff's office purchased six simunition guns in 2018 after the first church shooting and school shootings. The simunitions look like a Glock 17, but are blue to signify they are training guns. They shoot 9mm cartridges with paint ball tips.

"I saw a need for these," Sheriff Vega said. "In the past we had to borrow these from SPAG. I felt there was a need for us to own these in order to provide training for our communities and citizens."

The participants went through different possible



Simulation training ... Participants in the church security training had hands-on simulations, with participants using simunition guns and ammunition, in training held at First Baptist Church in Tahoka last week. The realistic training helped volunteer security teams to learn how to approach different scenarios, should an active shooter threaten the church.

(Photo provided by Lynn County Sheriff's Office)

real-life scenarios in teams of three.

"I wish that all who are on the security team could go through this training," said one of the church security team members.

"It is very realistic," Sheriff Vega said. "We have used them in active shooter trainings in Tahoka and Wilson schools. Most people who have used the training guns with simunitions have said it is great training."

In the final part of the church security training, the security teams and sheriff office deputies walked through the sanctuary to look for potential threats, assess the layout, and discuss reactions and see exactly what the security team needs to be aware of.

"You have to be prepared," Sheriff Vega said.

"It's a touchy subject. How do you prepare for violence in a sacred place like the sanctuary?"

"Unfortunately," Parmer said, "none of us are insulated from the possibility of a live shooter situation in the age we live in. We really have no excuse to be unprepared. This training can and will better prepare us to reduce the harm inflicted from this all too common threat of evil."

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office will be offering the class again. Any church interested in the training is asked to contact the Sheriff's office at 561-4505.

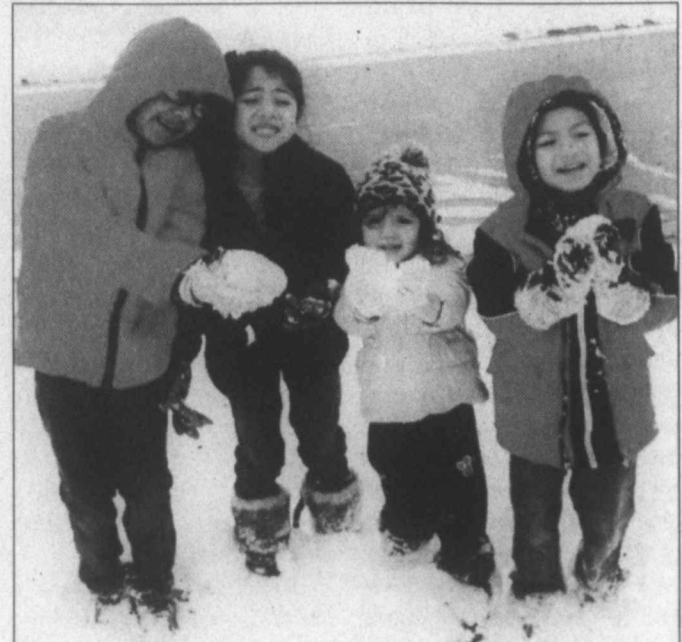
"Really, the most important thing anyone can learn from this," Parmer said, "is how little time you have to respond."

Courtney Stennett FOR Tahoka City Council District 1



"I love this small town. To the community that has done so much for me, it's time for me to give back! Your vote is important - Let me make sure it is heard."

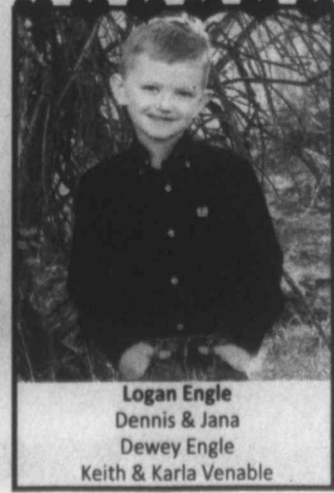
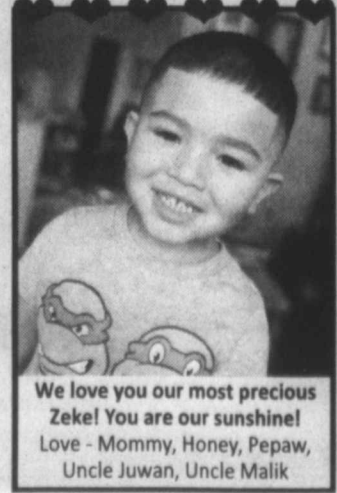
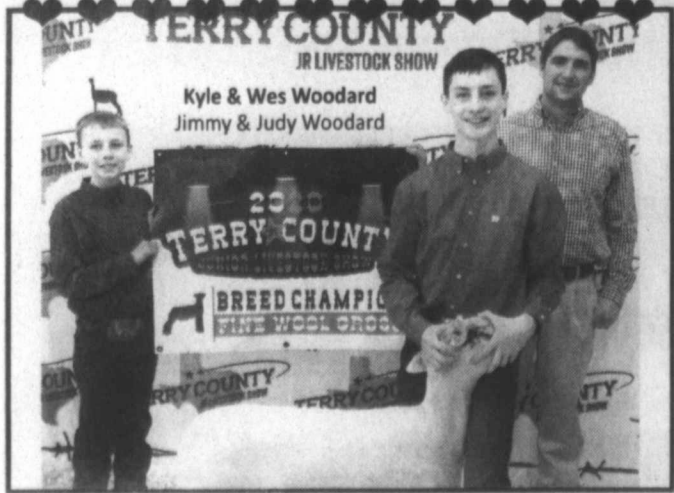
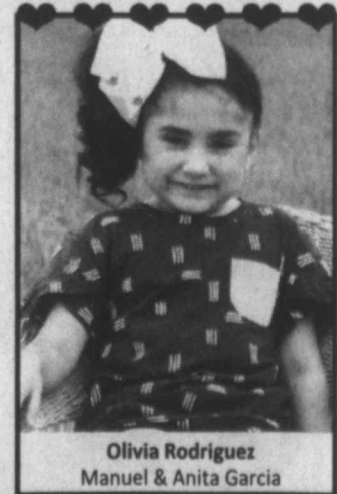
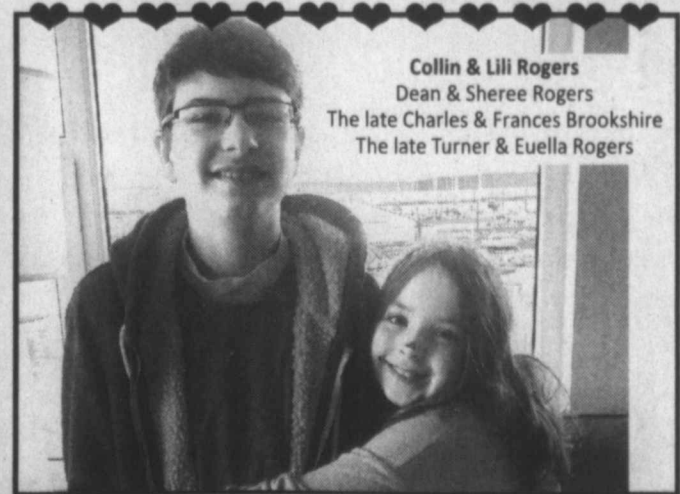
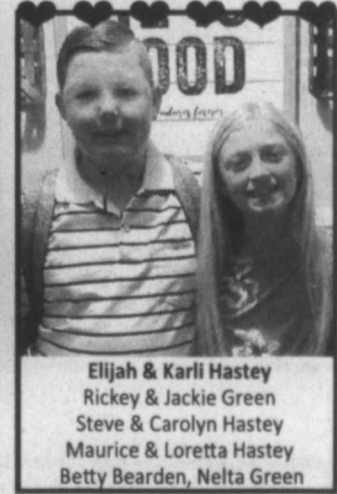
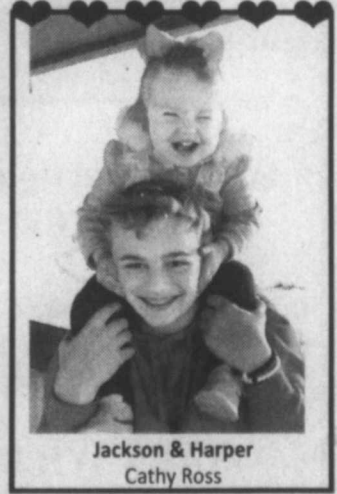
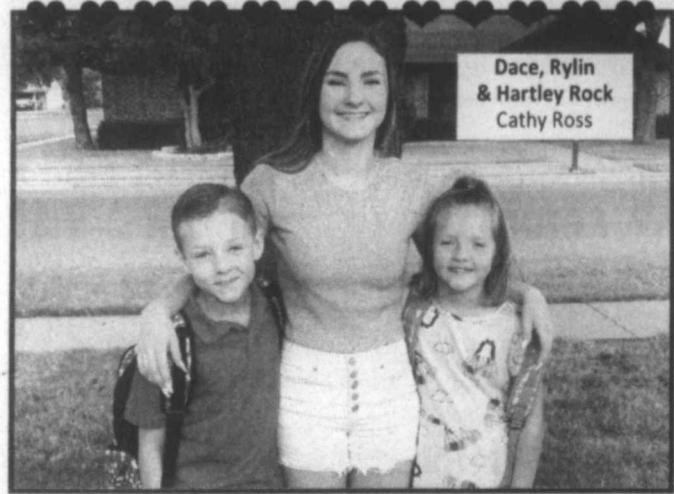
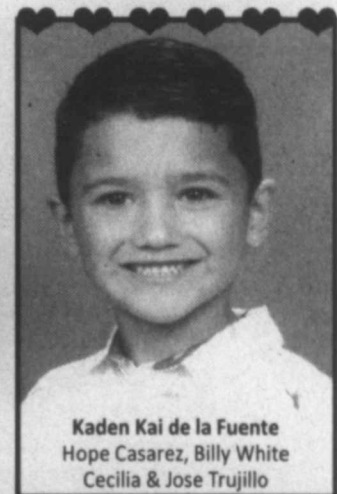
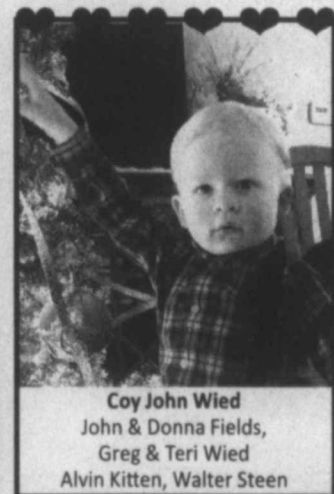
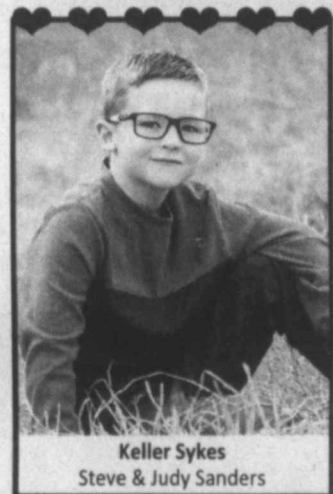
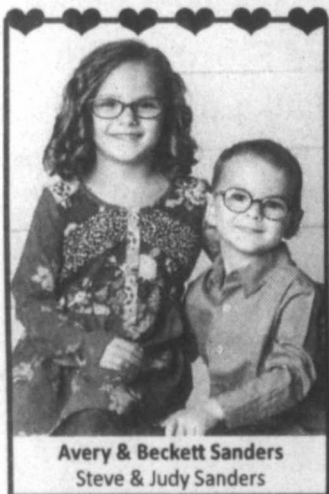
Political Advertising paid by Courtney Stennett



Better watch out! ... Jessica Alonzo sent this photo of her children ready to have some fun with snowballs, after last week's snow.

Grandparents brag on Valentines!

Happy Valentine's Day to all these cuties!





Cold angel ... Connie Riojas sent this picture of Harley making a snow angel, after last week's snow. Looks like a cold adventure!

Area News News items from area newspapers

Harrell named interim superintendent for Slaton Independent School District

SLATON – The Slaton Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the selection of Gary Harrell to be interim superintendent Thursday evening, Jan. 23, during a special meeting of the board. Harrell will begin his duties Feb. 1.

Trustees also approved the selection of Region 17 Education Service Center as the search firm for the new superintendent.

Former SISD Superintendent Dr. Julee Broscoff announced her retirement Dec. 12 during a regular monthly meeting of the school board. She served the SISD community for 10 years, eight of which were as superintendent.

— from *The Slatonite*

Josh Freitag named Man of the Year

LAMESA – Josh Freitag, owner of Lamesa Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab, was named the Man of the Year at the annual Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce banquet last week.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Senior Citizens Center board of directors, and the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, in addition to serving as an elder at Cornerstone Fellowship Church. Freitag also plays an active role in many Lamesa events such as the Jingle Mingle, Great H.O.G.G. Race, and the teddy bear drive for child abuse awareness.

"His selflessness and positive energy are recognized by everyone who encounters him," said Chamber Board Chairman Mark Ray. "His forward thinking is not only helping his business but it is bringing movement and life to the Lamesa community."

Josh is a Tahoka High School graduate, and the son of Dr. Donald Freitag and Tonda Freitag, of Tahoka.

— from *the Lamesa Press-Reporter*

Slaton PD posting notes on businesses, urges all to help keep town safe


SLATON – The Slaton Police Department has taken a bit more time at night to show businesses they care. This is especially true after several have been burglarized in the past few weeks.

Slaton Chief of Police Trevor Barnes said the night shift officers have recently been going by businesses and checking to ensure the doors were secure.

They have been putting cards on the door fronts, which introduce themselves, the date, time and a note stating they checked the business while the owners were away.

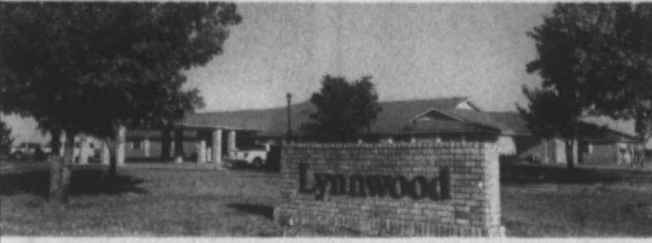
There are also two notes the officer can check off. One states, "Thank you for locking your doors and leaving a light on so I could see inside." The other says, "This may be something to consider to prevent a burglary in the future," and a couple of lines where the officer can address ways to improve security. The back of the card thanks the businesses for being a part of the community.

— from *The Slatonite*



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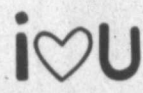

Jenny Garrett, Lynnwood Administrator
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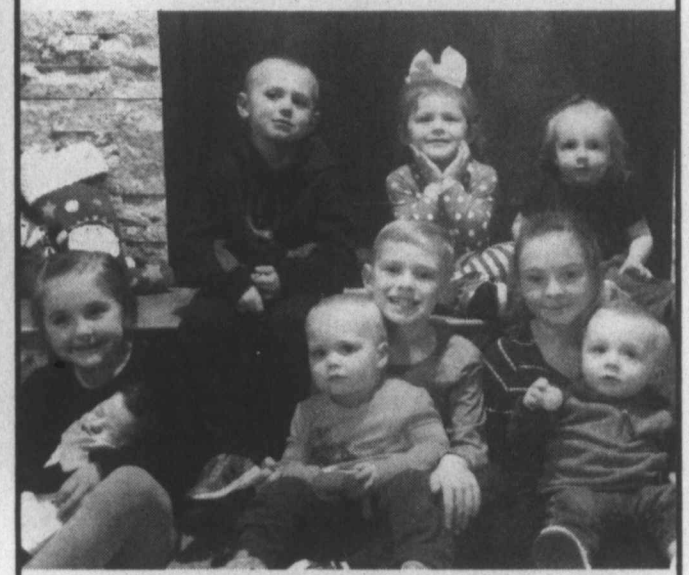
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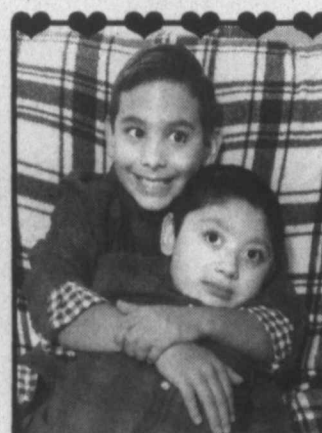


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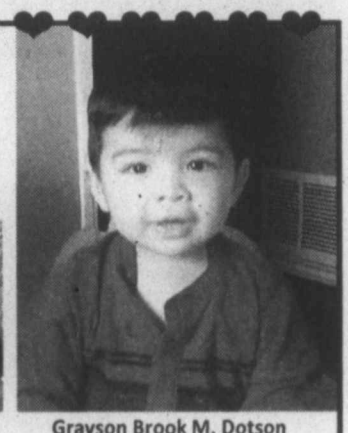
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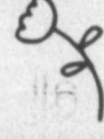





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Carlos & Gloria Moralez, Shi Dotson,
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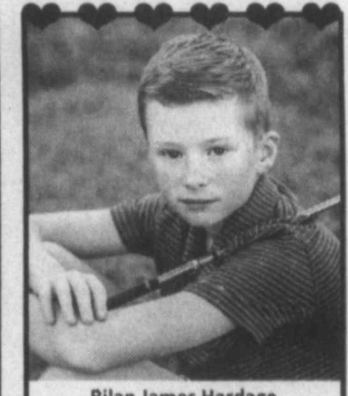
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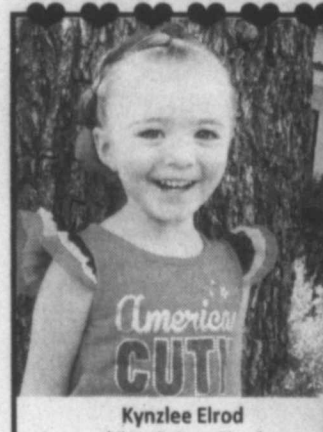
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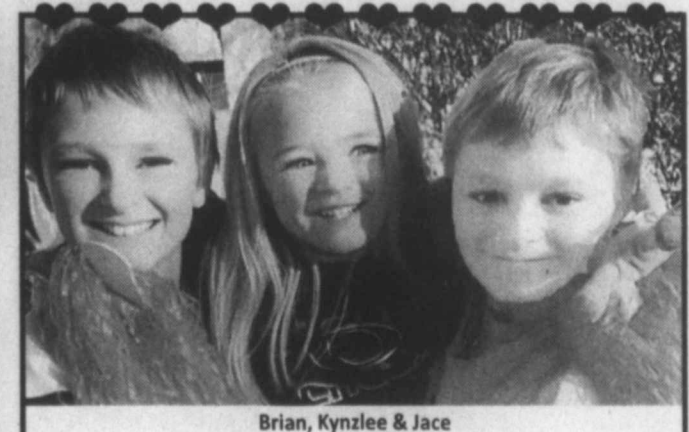
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Allen & Pam Elrod
Donald & Rebecca Seamans

Brian, Kynzlee & Jace
Brent & Penney Cox, Allen & Pam Elrod
Sandy & Cecil Kizer, Bertha Gardenhire, & Dana Peach

WISHING YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Cooper Yowell, Ryker Yowell, Kaitlynn Smith
Emily Smith, Jackson Yowell
Brayden Smith, Baily Smith, Brody Yowell
Carol and the late Rickie Yowell




Happy Valentine's!



Whitman & Hamilton Raindl, Bristan & Blaize Raindl
Braxton, Breklynn & Baker Burns
Mitch & Donna Raindl



Go Nina ... Nina Arriazola (50) carries the ball for the Lady Bulldogs here recently against Smyer. No. 11 for Tahoka is Zoie Garvin. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Bulldogs beat Plains, now 4-1 in district

The Tahoka Bulldogs won a hard fought game over the Plains Cowboys in Plains on Tuesday, edging past the Cowboys with a 3-point basket in the final seconds of the game to win 53-50. Tahoka Bulldogs are second place in district with a 4-1 record, with Sundown leading the district 5-0 as of Monday, Feb. 10.

At Plains, the Bulldogs jumped out to an early 10 points and led by 7 at the half. "As always the Cowboys are tough at home," said Coach Lonnie Burnam. "By the middle of the 4th quarter the cowboys had cut the lead to 2 points and with 36 seconds left they tied the score with a free throw. The Bulldogs inbound the ball and went the length of the floor and moved the ball until the last shot. With 6 seconds left on the clock Braden Stone took the final shot of the game and scored a 3-pt shot," he said.

Tristen Stice had 21 to lead the scoring while Cameron Tekell, Braden Stone and Soul Moore put in 11, 10, and 8 respectively.

Lady Bulldogs handed losses

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs were handed losses in their last three games.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, Seagraves won 56-16, with Zoie Garvin, a freshman, the lead scorer for Tahoka with 7 points.

"It was a tough night for us to get anything going on the offensive end to keep Seagraves close to us. Had a short bench, so proud of the girls for gritting it out until the end," said Coach Jared Alderson.

The Lady Bulldogs lost a close one to Smyer, 38-32, on Friday, Jan. 31, with Madison Rose the top scorer with 9 points. Rose, a sophomore, was injured during the last two minutes of the game, which was halted for several minutes until EMS carried her off the court, when she was transported to a Lubbock hospital. The game resumed afterwards.

"This was without a doubt the best game we have played all year, I couldn't be more proud of how the girls fought in this game. Really tough circumstances to come back from when Madison went down, tough for any team at any level to come back mentally from that. These girls represented exactly where this program is heading, and that is exciting to see," said Coach Alderson.

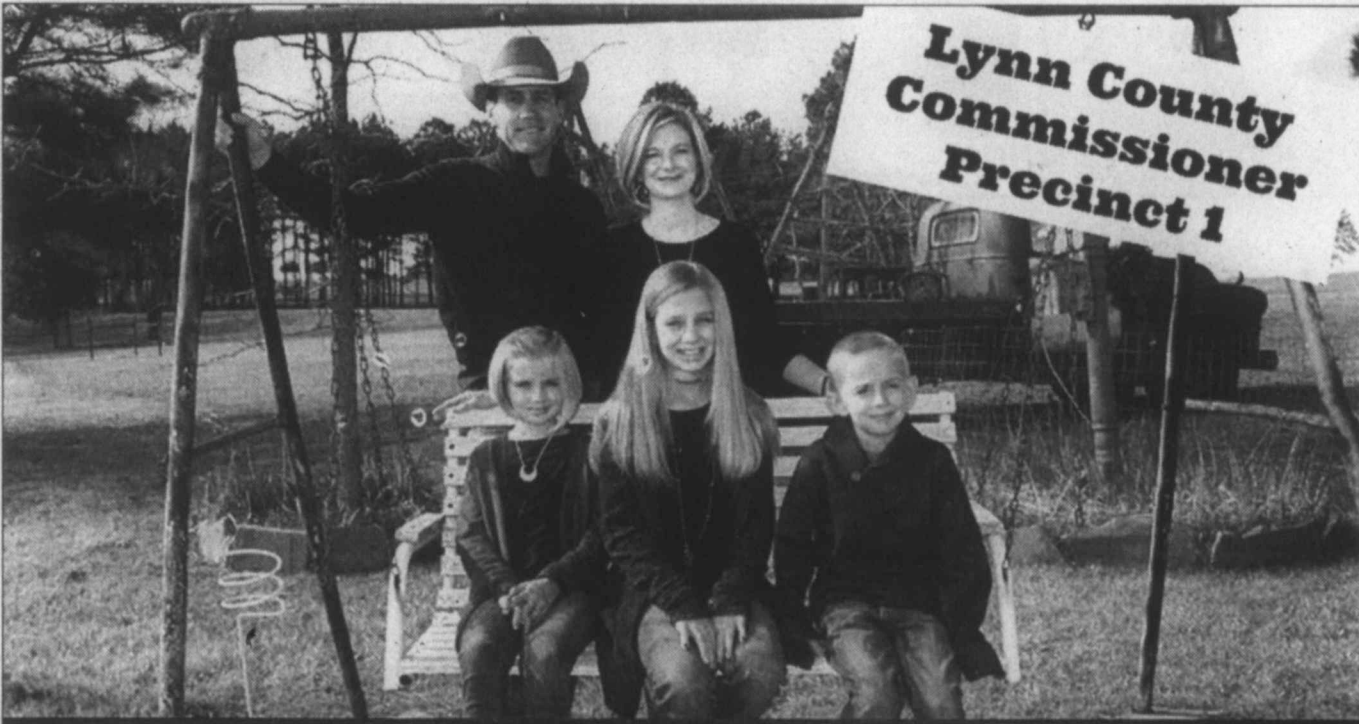
Plains outscore the Lady Bulldogs 77-28 on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Marisol Vega led scoring for Tahoka with 15 points.

"Turnovers absolutely killed us in this game unfortunately, especially in the first quarter. We created way too big of a whole for ourselves to overcome unfortunately. Credit to Plains on coming out aggressive and creating those opportunities," said the coach.

Next and last game of the season: Tuesday, Feb. 11 vs. Sundown (Senior Night).

Valentine's Day Quotes...

- "To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance." – Oscar Wilde, Playwright
- "True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked." – Erich Segal, Author
- "I love Mickey Mouse more than any woman I have ever known." – Walt Disney, Animator
- "Love is a grave mental disease." – Plato, Philosopher
- "I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?" – Zsa Zsa Gabor, Actress
- "It's better to have loved and lost than to have to do forty pounds of laundry a week." – Laurence J. Peter, Educator



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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF LYNN §

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 30th day of January, 2020, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 30th day of January, 2020, seized, levied upon, and will on the 3rd day of March, 2020, at the Lynn County Courthouse, 1501 S. 1st, Tahoka, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Lynn County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V./P.) or document number of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	12-02-02579	Lynn County Appraisal District v Victoria Alaniz	The North 80' of Lot 5 and the North 80' of the East 5' of Lot 6, Block 33, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka Lynn County, Texas (Volume 325, Page 299), Account #2875000001
2	13-10-02647	Lynn County Appraisal District v Rickie Graves et al	Lot 4, Block 57, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 174, Page 88, Deed Records), Account #5023000001
3	17-09-02798	Lynn County Appraisal District v Minerva Nava et al	Lot 5, Block 1, Schooler Addition, City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 298, Page 515, Deed Records), Account #8145000001
4	18-06-02822	Lynn County Appraisal District v Michael Martin Enterprise, LLC	Lots 18, 19, and 20, Block 15, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 446, Page 721, Official Public Records), Account #2053000001
5	18-07-02824	Lynn County Appraisal District v Alejandro Renteria, Jr. et al	the East 1/2 of Lot 11, and all of Lot 12, Block 59, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 371, Page 146, Official Public Records (Tract 2)), Account #11778000001
6	18-09-02832	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jose Luis Pargas et al	the South 1/2 of Lot 5 and the South 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 56, Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 325, Page 642, Deed Records), Account #13925000001
7	19-01-02844	Lynn County Appraisal District v Gordon Tomlinson, et al	Lots 9 and 10, Block 43, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 356, Page 300, Official Public Records), Account #11480000001

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

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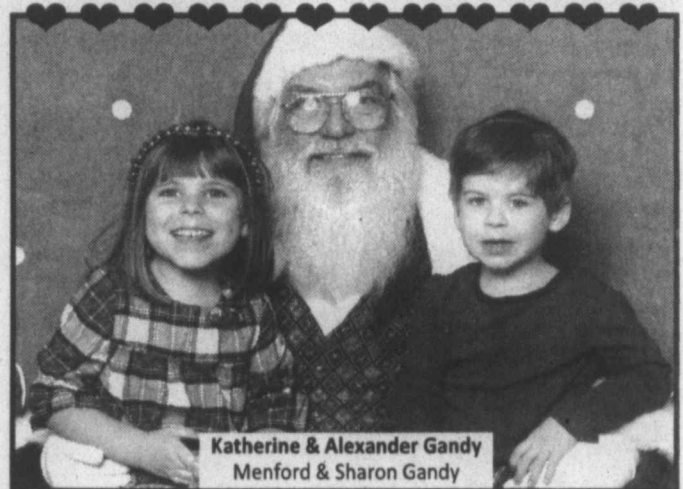
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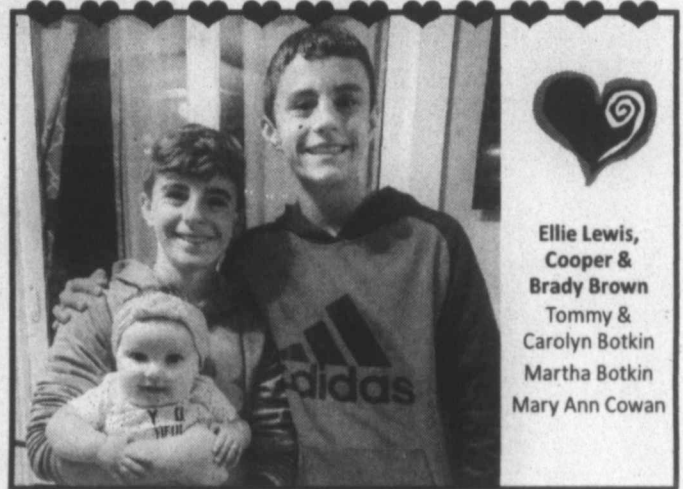
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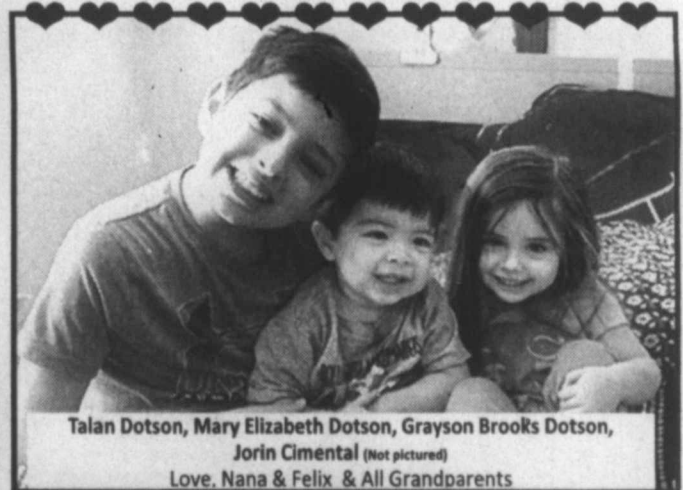
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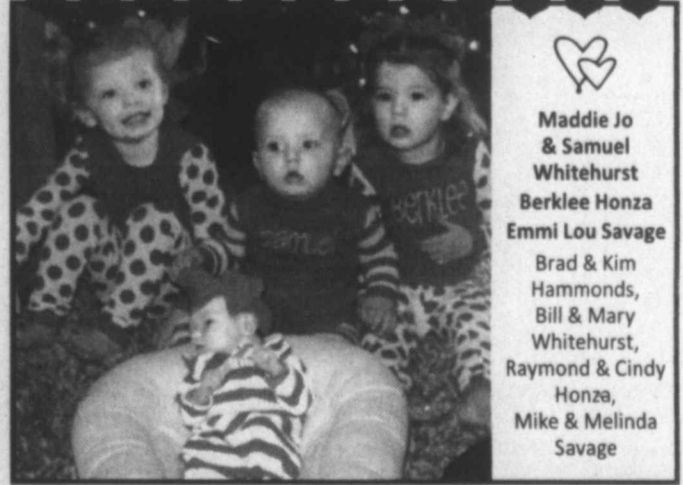
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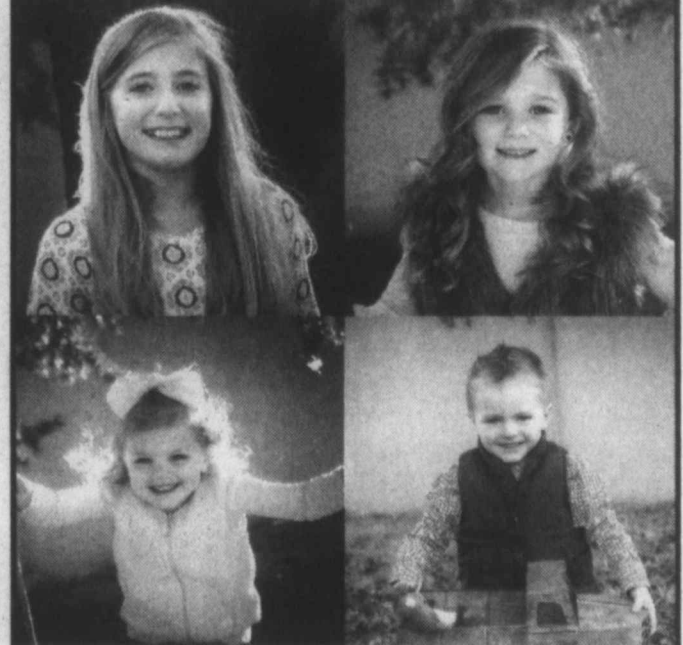


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 Love, Nana & Felix & All Grandparents



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 Emmi Lou Savage
 Brad & Kim
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Hugs and Kisses!



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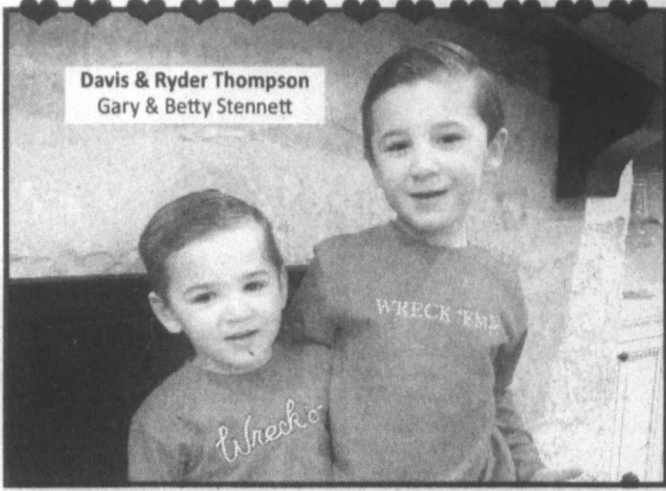




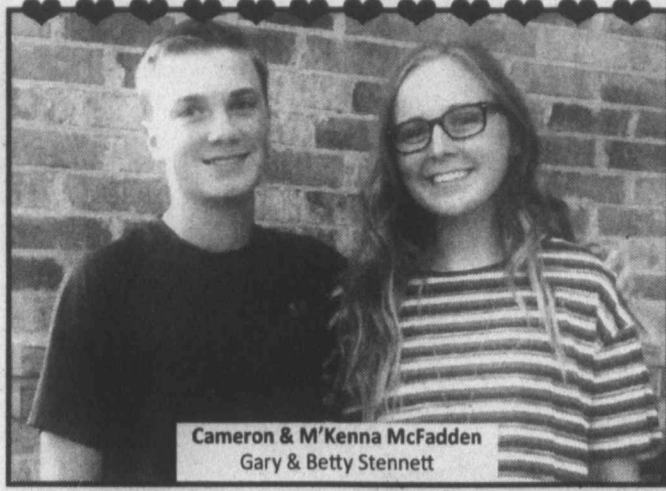
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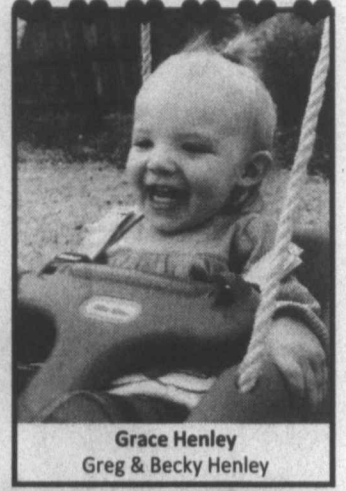
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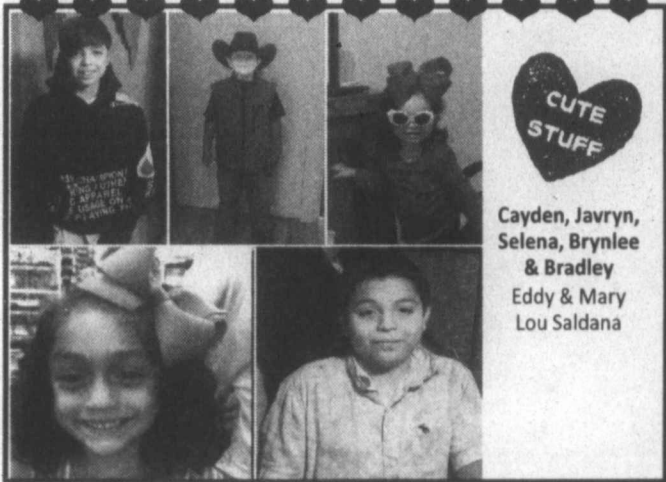
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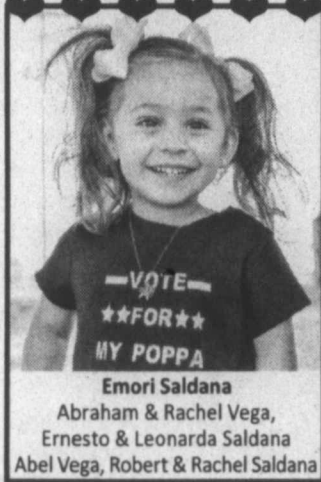
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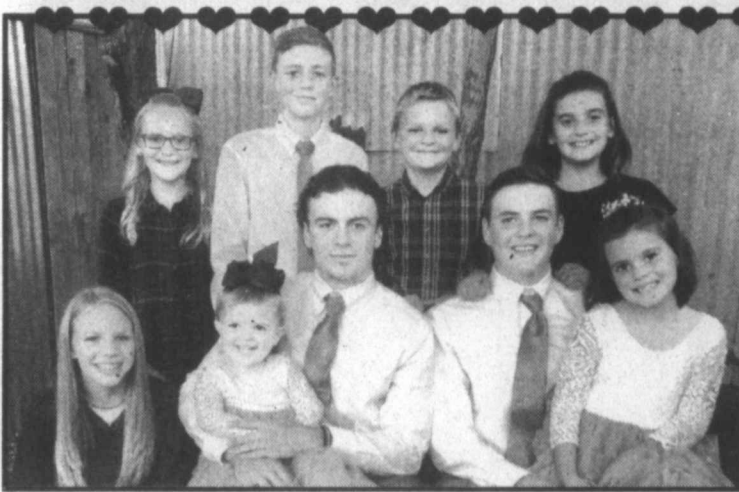
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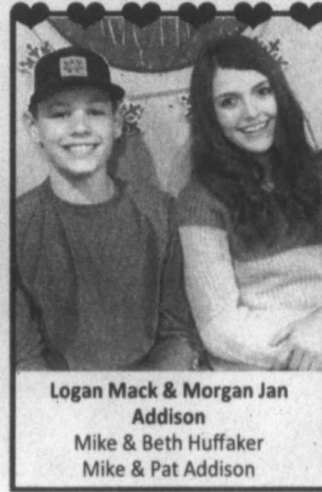
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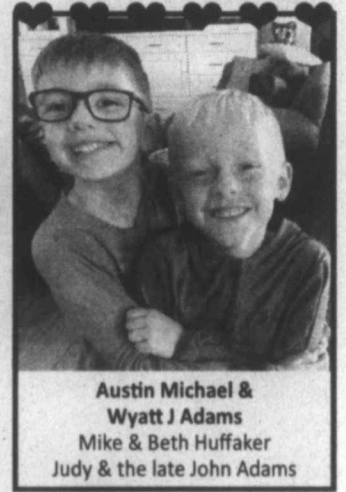
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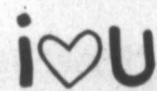
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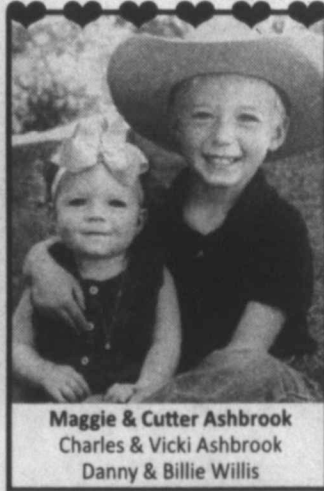
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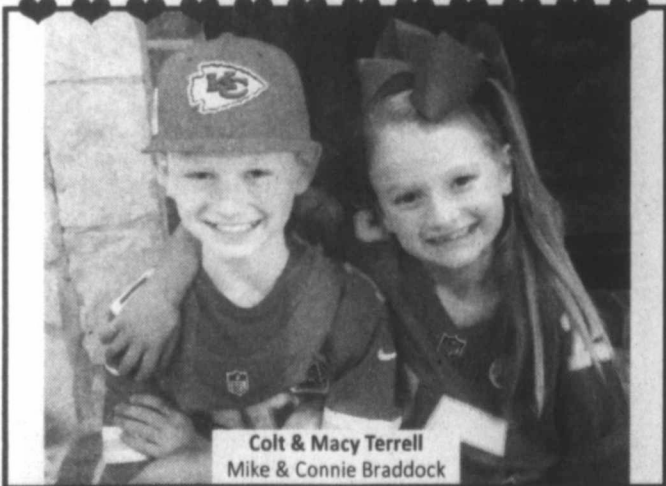
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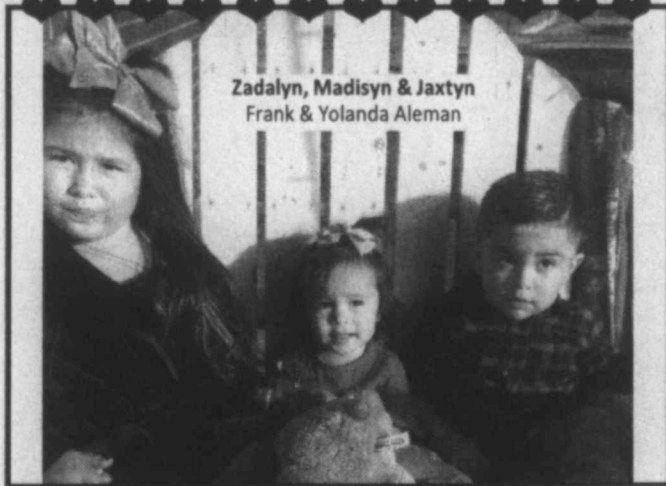
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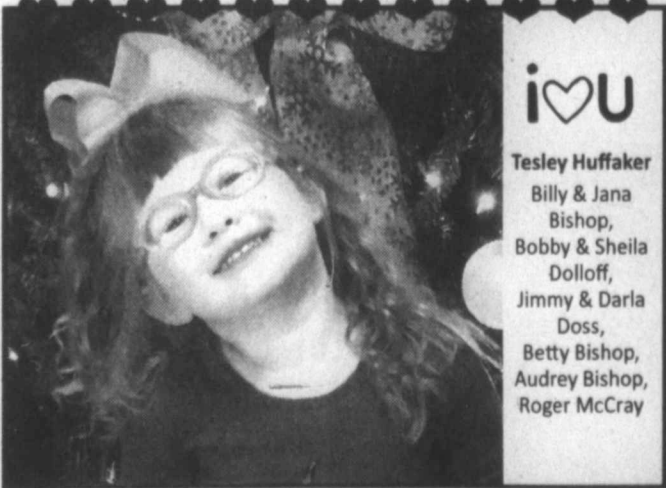
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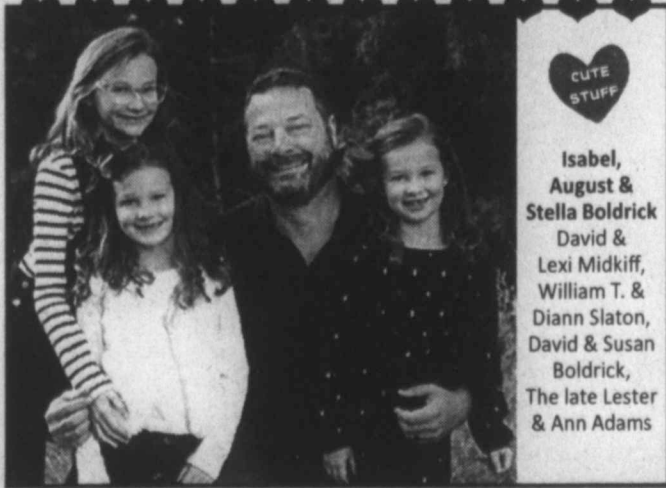
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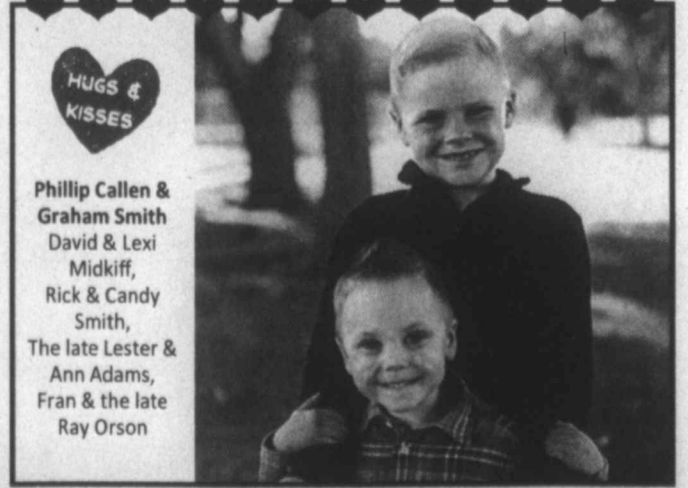
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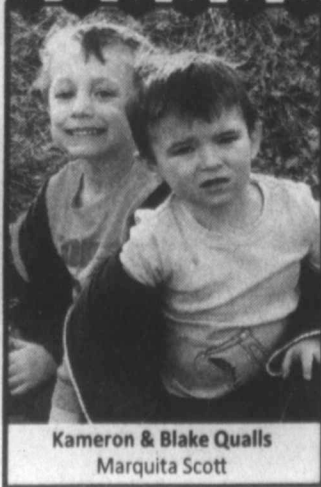
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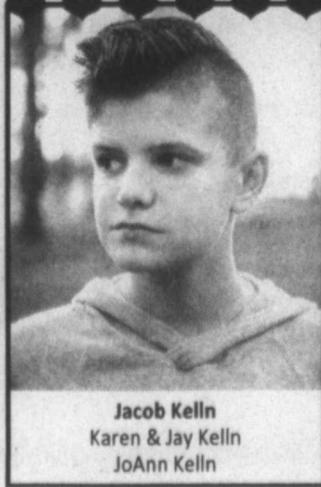
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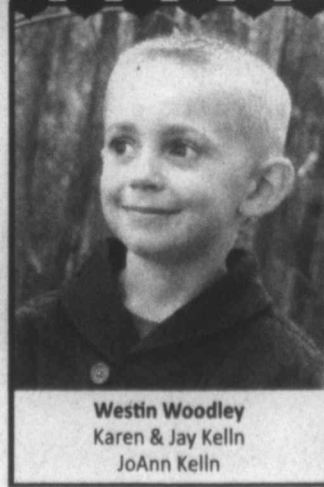
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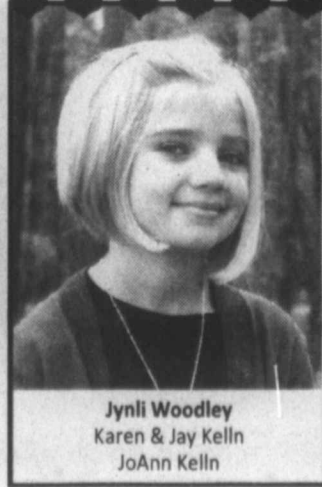
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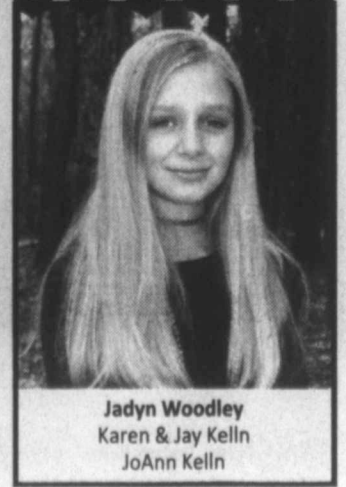
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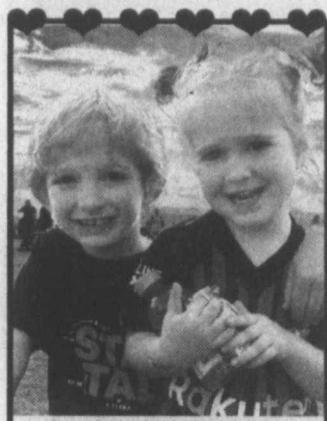
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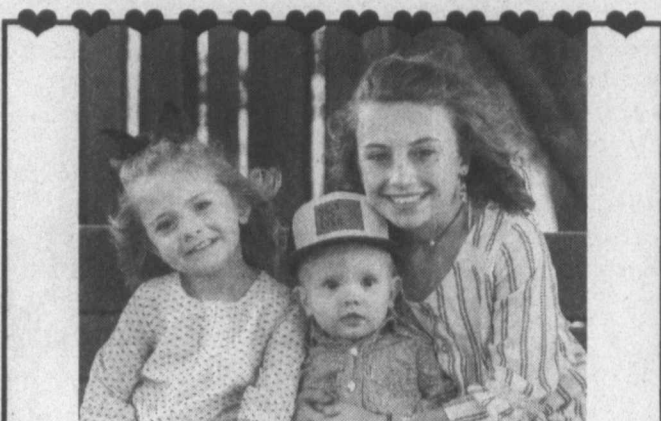
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Happy Valentine's Day to all these cuties!



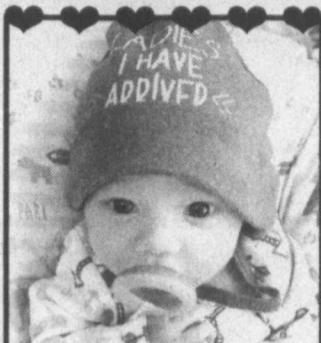
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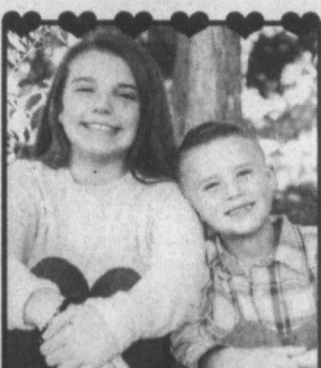
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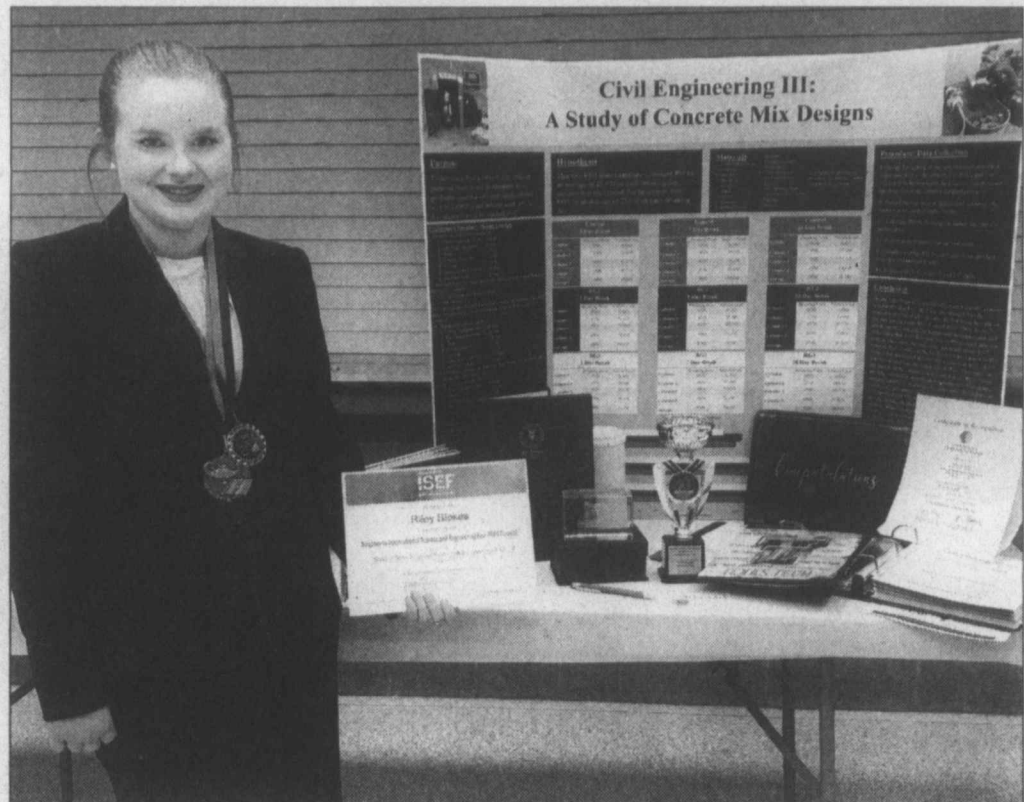
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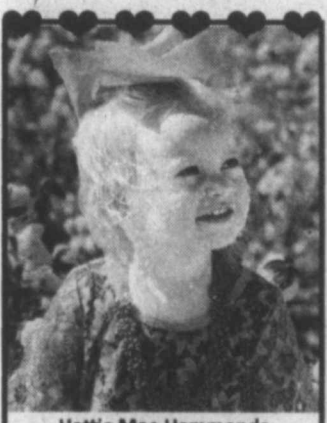
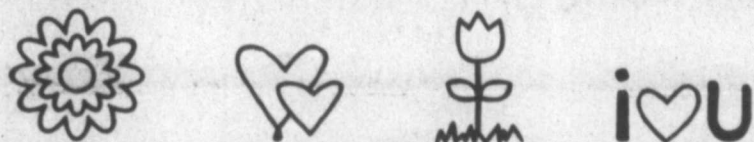
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Valentine's Quotes...

- "There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved." – George Sand, Author.
- "Valentine's Day is the poet's holiday." – Ted Koosner, Poet.
- "Your flaws are perfect for the heart that's meant to love you." – Trent Shelton, Football Player.
- "Lovers don't finally meet somewhere. They're in each other all along." – Rumi, Poet.



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Kevin & Tammy Mitchell



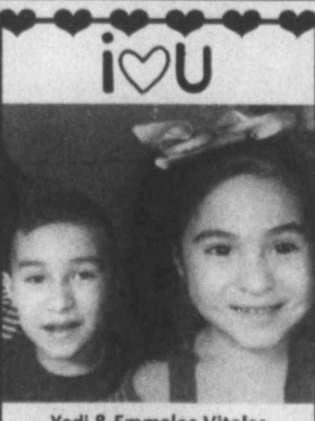
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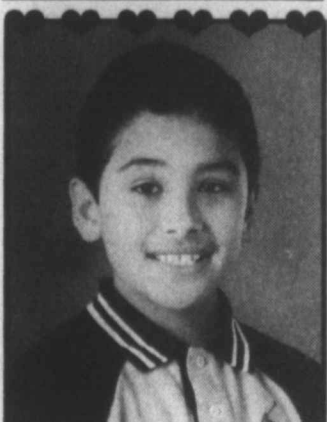
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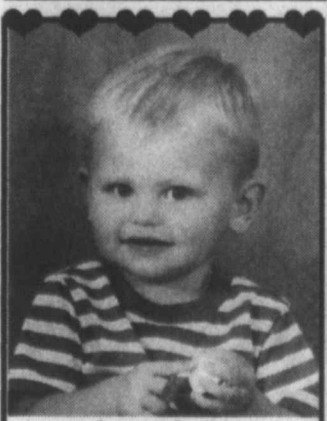
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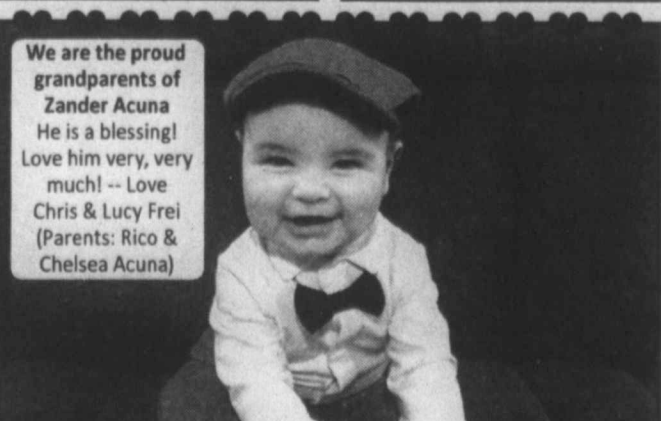
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Don & Lorene Blair, Faye Jonas



Bennett Swaim
Bryan & Paula Reynolds
Jerry & Susan Swaim



We are the proud grandparents of Zander Acuna
He is a blessing! Love him very, very much! -- Love Chris & Lucy Frei (Parents: Rico & Chelsea Acuna)

I am Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega, and I am seeking re-election.

- ★ Lifelong resident of Lynn County
- ★ I am 48 years old and have spent the last 29 years (my entire adult life) serving the citizens of Lynn County
- ★ In the last 3 years as your sheriff, we have earned the county \$926,512 from housing out of county inmates (with 2020 total it will be over \$1 million)
- ★ I've watched our spending and have come in under budget as sheriff each of the past 3 years
- ★ Increased patrols, resulting in higher visibility throughout the county
- ★ I am licensed in the state of Texas as a Telecommunicator, Jailer, Master Peace Officer, and as an Instructor

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New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

A Friend of the Library

Sometime in the next few days, New Home will say farewell to one of its longtime citizens. Lois Lavonne "Scooter" Sharp died on Monday, February 10th. While there are many ways to remember her, I will always associate her with the establishment of our little library.

Mrs. Sharp was on board from the beginning. As a retired teacher (because there's no such thing as a FORMER teacher), she enthusiastically supported getting books to people, especially children. Fortunately for us, she still had most of the books she had used in her classroom, so we began with a stout children's section. She furnished our first shelves—apple crates she had painted pink many years ago. She set up (with the help of her faithful friend, Antonia) the story-time corner with a rocking chair from her house and a little table for treats.

She came to the library every day that she was able, sitting in the rocker and wiping off books before we stamped and shelved them in the shelves that she and others donated to us.

One day I came in and she was already there, using dark wood Old English Oil to clean the shelves she had had delivered to us. (Note: that oil takes a LONG time to dry.) When she had some concrete poured on her property, she told the guys doing the work to fill in the space between her garage and City Hall with a section of sidewalk so that our Sharing Library would not have mud in front of it. (You can easily find that section because her name is set in stone there! And we are so glad that it is.) One of my favorite things that she did was initial and date every book she read. She also occasionally included a pithy review: "Not for me!"

I never had Mrs. Sharp as a teacher—only a friend and library mentor. She did, however, teach me many things. One was to stay interested in something. The library gave her a shot of energy that carried her through last summer and fall. Another was to stay creative. She loved beautiful things and continued to make them up until late last year. A third lesson she taught me was to enjoy what comes up. She was extremely happy to discover the loaded baked potato soup at Market Street. In her opinion, it was best with their cornbread. Finally, she reminded me to care for living things. She loved her turtles. And if you have never seen turtles go at each other to get live worms, you are missing out. I think she enjoyed my fascinated horror as much as the turtles enjoyed the worms. Who knew turtles could be so aggressive?

We have missed Mrs. Sharp these last months since her move to Lubbock, and now we will always miss her. But I will remember her showing me her lovely things,

debating the value of John Grisham's non-mysteries, and coming into the library after her Wednesday trip to get her hair done. She never stopped living her best life. Farewell, Mrs. Sharp and Godspeed.

City Council Meeting

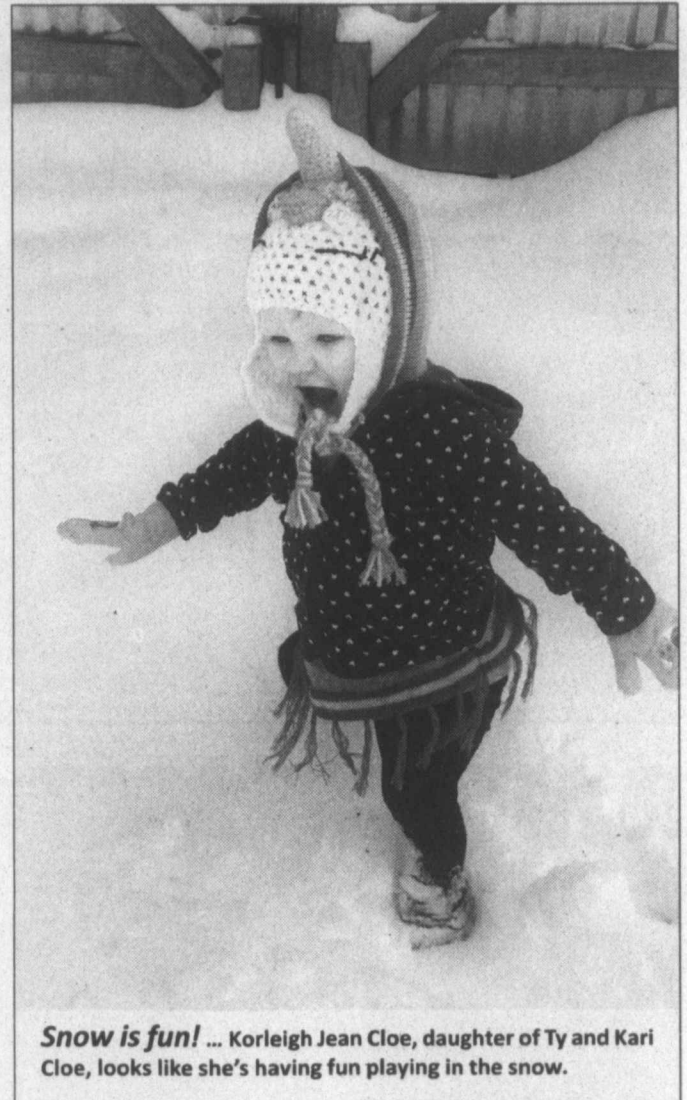
The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25th at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

To submit items to New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com by Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Did you know?

• Love is really all that matters.

A 75-year long study, which was conducted by a group of Harvard researchers, has shown that love is really all that matters. The participants' lifelong experiences revealed that happiness and life fulfillment revolved around love or simply searching for love.



Snow is fun! ... Korleigh Jean Cloe, daughter of Ty and Kari Cloe, looks like she's having fun playing in the snow.



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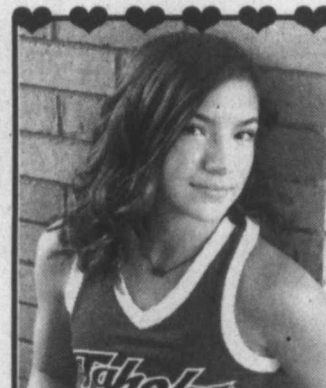
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Carmen & Rickey Chapa
Regina Love
Don & Donna Jones



Kinsley Vega
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Irma & Fidel Blanco



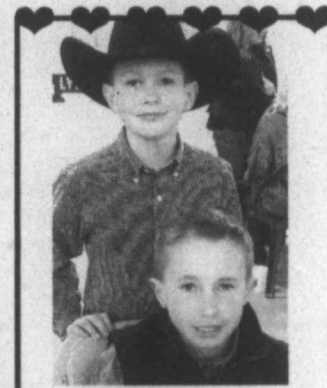
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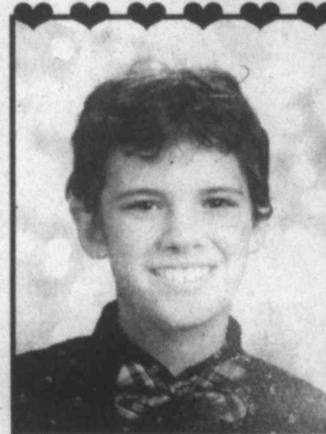
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Doyle & Donna Willis
Raymon & the late Stephanie Baeza



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Bobby Heinrich



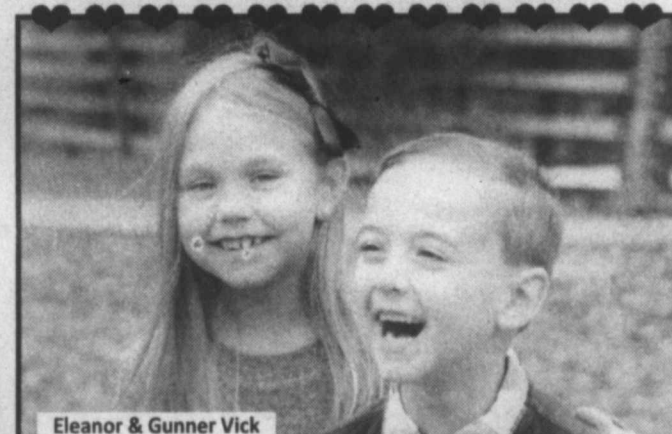
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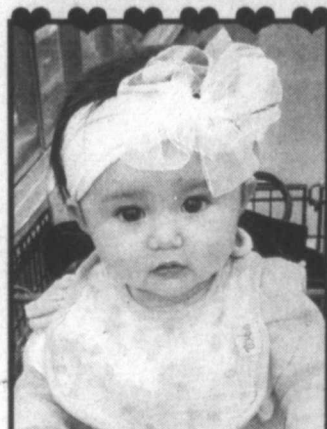
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Todd & Rhonda McNeely



Landry, Logan, Luke & Liam
Todd & Rhonda McNeely



Eleanor & Gunner Vick
Great-Grandmother
Shirley Kirby



Lillianna Grace Myers
Amelia & Julio Gonzales



Ry'Lee Vega, Ryder, Ryan & Clay Sosa
Robert & Susie Sosa, Ramona Sosa
Ruben Nambo & Elsa Nambo



Natie b, Hunter, Avery
Jimmy & Cindy Dorman



We love our Baker Valentines!

John & Suzanne Baker

Front: June, Ben, Luke, Lily
Back: Reagan, Eli & Kaleb

Bennett



Happy Valentine's Day Wishes!

Kinley & Peyton



XO XOXO

Mikaloh Stroope,
Shelby Stroope,
Corbin Stroope,
Qualyn Stroope,
Brooks Westmoreland,
Tanya Stroope
& Chris Gutierrez
Ginger & Todd Henry



Braelyn Martinez
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Aguirre
Mr. Manuel & the late Martha Martinez
Mr. & Mrs. Max Mendieta



Juliaanna Reed & Leland Dorman
Cayetano Calzoncit, Martha Resendez

Two contested races set in local May 2 elections

At least two of the May 2 elections will have contested races, with candidates filing during the past week in the City of Tahoka and City of O'Donnell making contested elections. Several incumbents also filed in Wilson and O'Donnell ISD, LCHD, and City of Wilson elections.

The filing period for city, school and hospital board elections in Lynn County will end on Feb. 14, so there is still a possibility of other

contested races as well.

Following is a complete list of terms expiring, and those filing for the May 2 elections.

Lynn County Hospital District: Two directors. Terms expiring: Sharon Isham, Calloway Huffaker. Filing: Sharon Isham, Calloway Huffaker.

City of Tahoka: Four Council members. Terms expiring: Dist. 1: 1-year unexpired term (currently

vacant); Dist. 2: Ronny Jolly; Dist. 4: Ryan Curry; Dist. 5 At-Large: Ray Box. Filing: Dist. 1 - Tom Tejada, Courtney Stennett, Derek Stephens; Dist. 2 - Ronny Jolly; Dist. 4 - Ryan Curry; Dist. 5 - Ray Box.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Pct. 3: Blanda Watt; Pct. 4: Drew Stone. Filing: Blanda Watt, Pct. 3; Drew Stone, Pct. 4.

City of Wilson: Mayor and two council seats. Terms

expiring: Mayor: Randy Dunn; Council: David Maldonado and Clyde Wilke. Filing: Mayor - Randy Dunn; Council - David Maldonado, Clyde Wilke.

Wilson ISD: Three trustees. Terms expiring: Doug Bolyard, Desirea Earwood, and a 2-year unexpired term formerly held by the late Les Walker. Filing: Desirea Earwood, Doug Bolyard.

City of New Home: One council seat. Terms expiring: One vacant seat. Filing: none.

New Home ISD: (Election is in November.)

City of O'Donnell: Mayor, three council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor: Kim Parker; Council: Joseph Luera, Jessie Perez, and one vacant seat. Filing: Kimberly Parker, Mayor; Council - Gustene Bairrington, Jessie Perez, Joseph Luera, Trent Hancock.

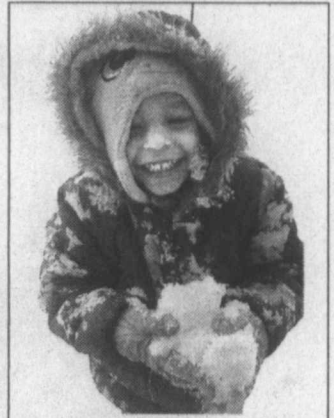
O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Randy Cook, Jacob Lowe. Filing: Randy Cook, Jacob Lowe.



We're ready! ... Ashley Bustamante sent pictures of these youth playing in the snow, who look ready to throw their snowballs at the photographer!



Yum! ... Jasmine Sepeda tastes the snow, in this photo sent to The News after last week's snowfall.



It's squishy! ... Blake Harris, daughter of Randi and Tyson Harris of Tahoka, had fun playing in the snow, and looks like she's ready to build a snowman.



Bad hair day ... Carla Donesa-Calar sent this picture to The News, titling it "Samantha's bad hair day!"



Let it snow! ... Ayden Hernandez is happy for the snow day, in this picture sent to The News by his mother, Amanda Hernandez.



Grandparents brag on Valentines!

Happy Valentine's Day to all these cuties!



Gus, Joe, & Bridget Kennedy
Randy & Jana (Adams) Kennedy
Jackie & Mark Hatchel

Happy Valentine's Day!

Canyon & Cash Kennedy
Randy & Jana (Adams) Kennedy
Denise & Don Ferrill
David & Amy Riese

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Jaxson, Kooper & Khloe Kennedy
Randy & Jana (Adams) Kennedy
Brenda & the late David Murphy

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Madyson & Mckynlie Rodriguez
Matt & Brandie Hudson
Angie Inklebarger & the late Joel Inklebarger,
Jim & Sirta Weeks,
Christine Askew & the late Arlys Askew

Anallyah Hartway
Cody & Sandye Dodson

Jzaydence & Jzydence Hartway
Cody & Sandye Dodson

Brady & Mason Descamps, Gianna Goen & Grayson Tekell
Ray & Cathy Box
(Grayson) Lane & Heather Tekell, Loretta Tekell

Mckynlie, Kaldance & Madyson
Sylvia Rodriguez & Tony Calvillo

XO XOXO

Brooklyn, Zaelyn, & Kyson Buxkemper
Jr Buxkemper, Denise Buxkemper, Vonda Cleavinger, Dave & Lynne Cleavinger, Wylene Cleavinger, Carolyn Stephens

Callen Allyn Knappe
Randy & Brenda Dunn
Craig & Lindy Knappe
Allyn Talkmitt

Tucker Blake Murdock
Kathy Grant, Dusty Rogers
Rick & Cindy Murdock

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Jazyah & Jaidah
Manual & Carmen Arriazola

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Na'Zyia & J'Vante
Manual & Carmen Arriazola

Selena
Manual & Carmen Arriazola

Happy Valentine's Day to MawMaw & Rascal!
Love you! from the grandkids

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Alec & Leighkyn Zamarron
Simba & Gramzee

Daxton Zamarron
Simba & Gramzee

Blaze Tomlinson
Gordon & BamBam Tomlinson
Jolene Tomlinson
Cruz & Olga Rivas

Happy Valentine's Day!

Sterlee McCall & Paislee McCrae
Allison Roddy & Marci Gandy
Billy & the late Arnetta Miller
The late Patty Gandy

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Wishing You A Happy Valentine's Day!



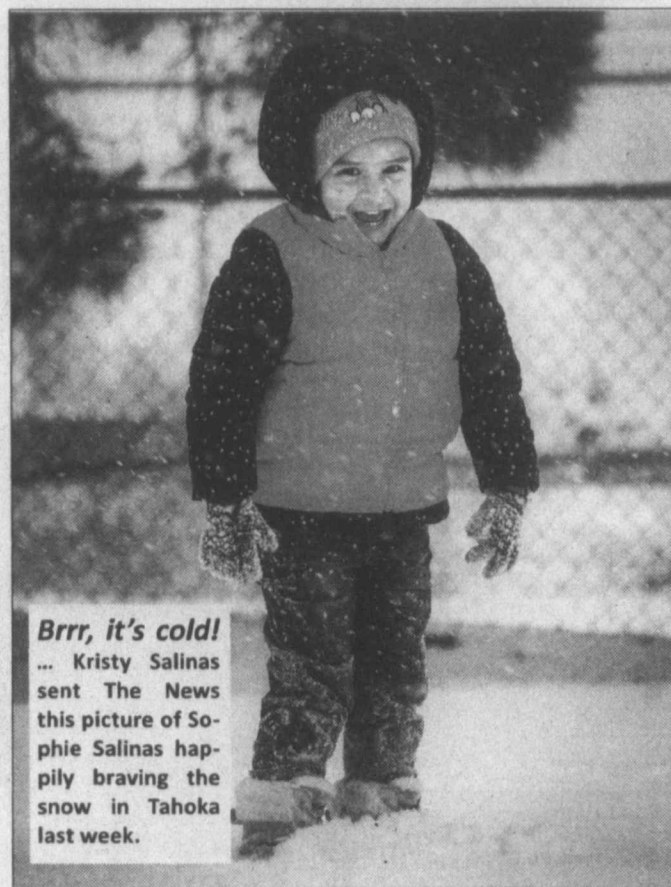
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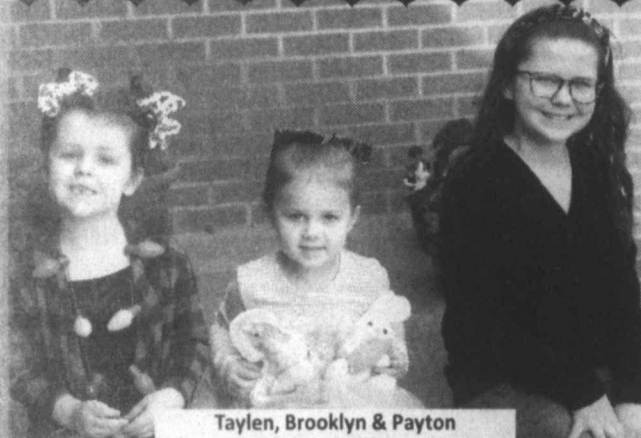


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Conner & Collyn Wuensche
Mark & Tina Wuensche, Randy & Lana Conner, James & Janet Wuensche, Jim Gordon, Ruthell Stanley, Darrell & Fran Dunn, Lorena Wuensche

Brrr, it's cold!
... Kristy Salinas sent The News this picture of Sophie Salinas happily braving the snow in Tahoka last week.



Taylen, Brooklyn & Payton
Sammy & Dee Dee Pridmore, Kim Paris



Gavin, Hagen, Brody & Seth
Sammy & Dee Dee Pridmore, Kim Paris

Show your community some love this Valentine's Day

By Quint Studer

Most of us love our community and want the best for it. It's our home. It's where we live, work, learn, play, and raise our families. And yet, it's easy to go about our daily lives without ever stopping to think, What can I do to make my community better?

I get it. We are all busy. And it's easy to assume that someone else will do what needs doing. But if there's one thing I've learned from my work with communities across the U.S., it's this: We are all owners. We don't need an official title. We don't have to be assigned a task. We don't have to be wealthy. We all have gifts to share and the ability to make a difference in the lives of others.

My dream is that, in honor of Valentine's Day, every citizen would do just one small thing to make their community better. We all know that random acts of kindness have positive ripple effects that reach far and wide, often unexpectedly so. Could you imagine the amazing results if everyone took part in a mass outpouring of love and positivity?

I'm not talking about big, complicated improvements. If you're a homeowner, you know something as simple as a fresh coat of paint can be a "quick fix" that makes a huge difference in how a room looks (and how you feel living in it). The same is true of a community.

You might start by taking a slow drive around your city. What do you see that needs to be repaired or replaced? Is there a field that needs to be mowed? Does a city park need some shade trees? Do flowers need to be planted? Is there an empty lot that needs trash hauled away, or a dangerous road in need of a crosswalk?

Next, consider what resources you have at your disposal. Maybe you, personally, have the skills or the funding to fix something that's broken. If not, you may know someone who does. If you need proper permission, try to get it. There are always potential reasons why something "can't" be done, but it's often amazing what can happen when we just ask.

Maybe your way of showing your community some love is to serve on the school board, to head up a "housing for the homeless" committee, or to spend a day at your local food pantry or animal shelter. Not only will this single action serve a great practical need (everyone is desperate for volunteers!), it may inspire you to get involved on a deeper level.

This is a great opportunity for a group to work together on a project, but you don't have to join an organized effort. Individual acts of love and kindness are meaningful, too. You can offer to clean up a cluttered yard or place a bench under a tree at the park. Once you start looking, you'll find lots of simple things you can do to make things better.


Also, think about how you might use your time and skill set to bring opportunity to others. Could you train entrepreneurs to better manage their finances or market themselves? Mentor someone inside your company? Tutor students who are struggling? Think broad and then narrow your scope: It's usually more impactful to pick one or two big things and go deep rather than try to tackle five big things.

Finally, we can all express our gratitude for what's right in our community. We can write a letter to the editor that celebrates the bright spots in our community. (Every community has them!) We can send a heartfelt thank-you note to the hospital that took care of our loved one. We can thank a maintenance worker for keeping the streets clean. Positivity and gratitude are contagious. They make a difference. And it feels good to practice them.

Making the decision to love our community is a powerful first step. It's a mind shift that truly changes the conversation around what's possible. I've seen it over and over: When a community decides "we are worth it" and takes control of their future, huge transformations can follow.

Happy Valentine's Day.

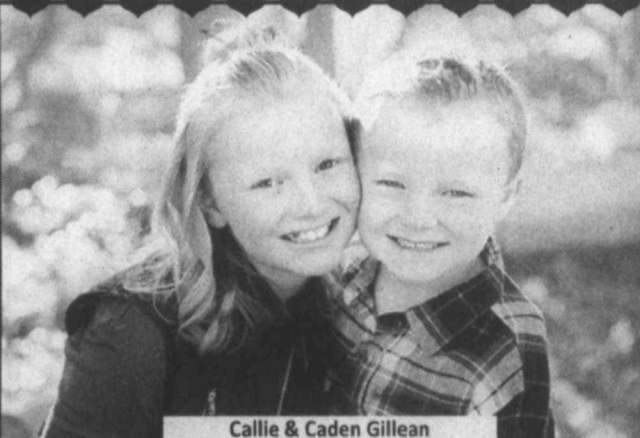
Quint Studer is author of *Building a Vibrant Community: How Citizen-Powered Change Is Reshaping America* and Wall Street Journal bestseller *The Busy Leader's Handbook: How to Lead People and Places That Thrive*.



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Steve & Carol Miller, Joan Gardner

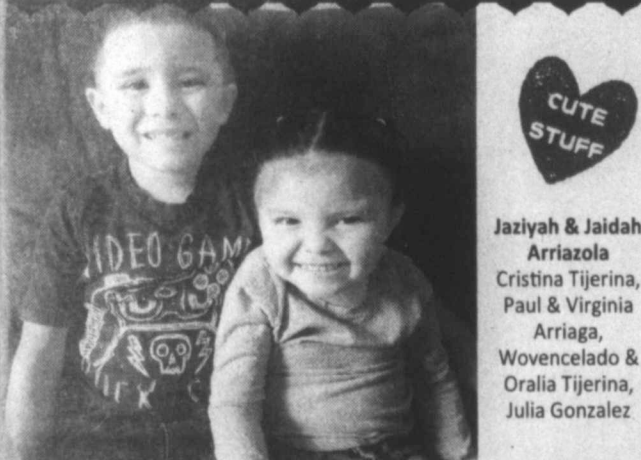


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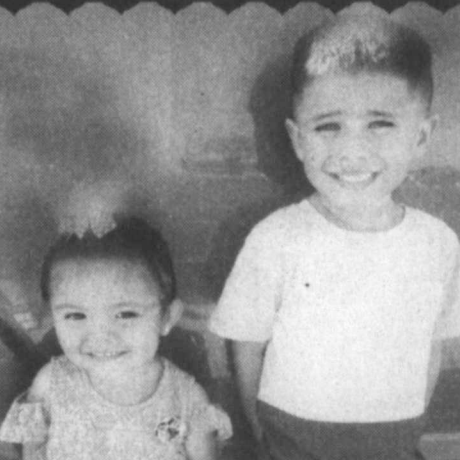

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Jaziyah & Jaidah Arriazola
Cristina Tijerina, Paul & Virginia Arriaga, Wovencelado & Oralia Tijerina, Julia Gonzalez




Happy Valentine's Day!

Jaidah & Jaziyah Arriazola
Rowdy Braddock


Elijah Mamon
Norma & Chris Terry, Helen & Reginald Mamon




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Jaxon Rodriguez
Shae Rodriguez, Hipolito & Beverly Zuniga


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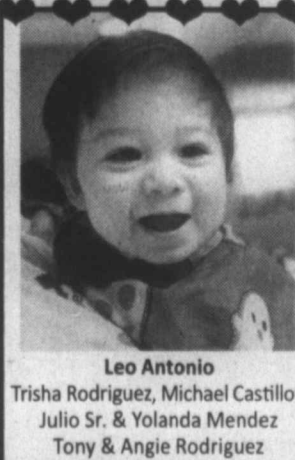

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Stetson Michael Breslin
Mike & Paige Rivas, The late Mike & Juliet Breslin, Cruz & Olga Rivas, The late Mary Rivas, The late Shirley McInroe



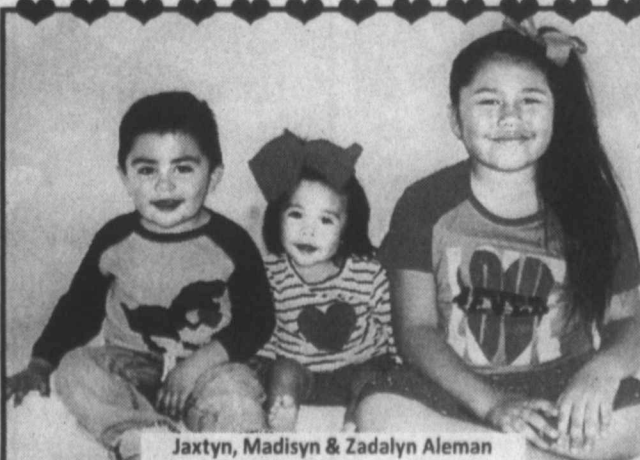
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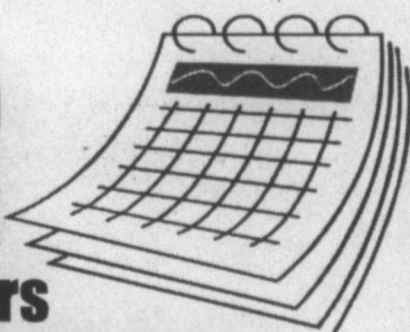
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Breed Champion ... Tahoka FFA member Sawyer May captured Champion American Breed/Crossbred Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 2020 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on February 6 and 7.

March 16 deadline: Producers should contact FSA now to enroll in safety net

by Gary Six, State Executive Director in Texas, USDA Farm Service Agency

The clock is ticking... March 16 is the last day to make what is likely one of the most important business decisions producers will make for their farming operation this year.

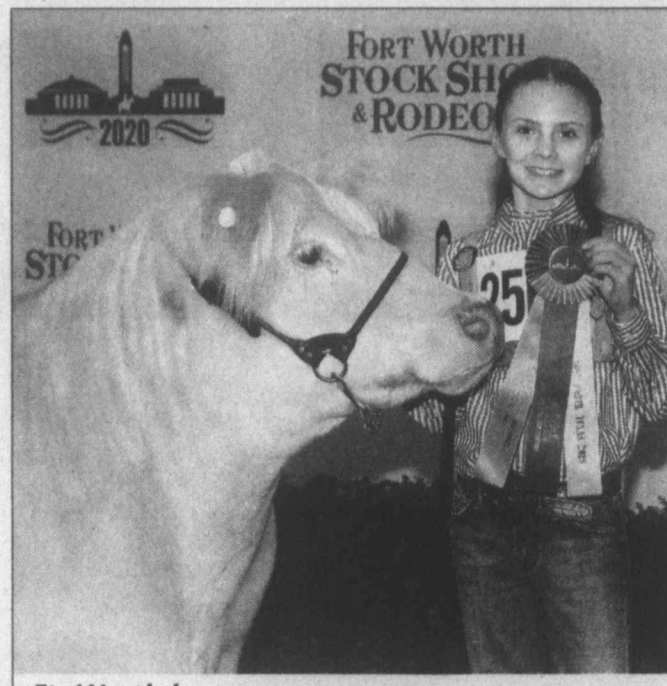
"If you have not already visited your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to make your election for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and to sign your annual enrollment contract, you should call and make your appointment now," said Gary Six, State Executive Director in Texas, USDA Farm Service Agency.

"Many of you are gearing up to head to the field for spring planting, but I cannot stress enough the importance of not letting this deadline get lost in the hectic day-to-day obligations of farm life. If you fail to enroll for 2019 ARC or PLC, you will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2019 crop year," he said.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. These programs cover 20 commodities produced in the U.S.

FSA anticipates more than 1.7 million producers will enroll in ARC or PLC - that's a lot of producers to assist in a short period of time. As of Feb. 3, FSA records in Texas show 36,433 farms out of an expected 87,593 farms have completed ARC or PLC enrollment for the 2019 crop year.

"Inquire about deadlines and options for also enrolling in 2020 ARC or PLC and updating PLC payment yields," he said.



Ft. Worth honors ... O'Donnell FFA member Jaityn Mires captured Light Weight Champion European Crossbred Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 2020 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on February 6 and 7.

'Owning Your Piece of Texas' workshop rescheduled in Amarillo, for March 4

"Owning Your Piece of Texas: Agricultural Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know" has been rescheduled for March 4 in Amarillo. This program is designed by Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural law specialist in Amarillo.

Registration for the program will be at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

The fee is \$75 per person and preregistration is requested at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/landowners> or by calling 979-845-2604 for planning purposes.

Lunch will be sponsored by Ag Workers Insurance. Plains Land Bank is underwriting the costs of printing materials, including a copy of the "Owning Your Piece of Texas" handbook, which outlines some of the important laws of which landowners need to be aware.

"Agriculture has become more complicated, regulated and litigated," said Steve Donnell, Plains Land Bank senior vice president of lending, Amarillo. "Producers have to know

the law to protect themselves today, to be honest."

Donnell said their tagline is "own a piece of Texas," so it only made sense to team up with Lashmet on this workshop.

"Tiffany is sharp, and she knows what she is doing," he said. "Anybody involved in agriculture, whether you are the tenant or landowner, producer or recreational, it doesn't matter, this program offers something for all."

Lashmet said there are a number of legal issues that face Texas landowners.

"From water law to eminent domain, landowner liability protection to fence law, being aware of the potential issues and the steps that should be taken to protect one's operation is critical," she said.

"This program and handbook were designed to allow people to understand the basics of these important legal issues and to offer practical tips and advice to take home and put to use," she said.

For more information on the upcoming workshop, contact Lashmet at 806-677-5681 or tdowell@tamu.edu.

Planning a Control Burn?

Landowners in Lynn County are asked to notify the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 when a control burn is going to occur. This notification will allow the Sheriff's Office to be aware of control burns when fire reports are called in by passersby or others, and will assist the S.O. in knowing if area fire departments need to be called to respond to a fire.

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San Angelo honors ... Lynn County 4-H member McKinley Clem showed the Reserve Champion Southdown at the San Angelo Stock Show.

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- A snail takes 33 hours to crawl 1 mile.
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Riley Grace Stokes

- Senior, New Home High School, 4.1 GPA
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- FFA 2nd Place State Qualifier AgriScience Fair, FFA 3rd and 2nd State Cotton Judging, 4-H State Public Speaking 2nd, International Science Fair Award Recipient 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
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