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Valentine's Trivia

• When two lovers gaze at each others' eyes, their heart rates can synchronize ...

Some extraordinary research has found that couples who are in love and bond in a romantic relationship synchronize their heart rates after gazing into each others' eyes for three minutes.

• Love literally makes you grow.

The act of falling in love is known to have a calming effect on a person's body and mind. This, in turn, will raise levels of nerve growth for about a year, experts say.

• Kissing extends your lifespan.

Men who kiss their wives in the morning are thought to live up to 5 years longer.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 5	76	40	
Feb 6	71	47	
Feb 7	74	34	
Feb 8	51	15	
Feb 9	38	15	
Feb 10	37	31	
Feb 11	53	36	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip. for 2019:	0"



New Home Lady Leopards are District Champions!

Both New Home basketball teams are district champions

The New Home ISD High School girls and boys basketball teams are both district champions in District 6-1A. The New Home Lady Leopards finished district with a record of 9-1. Lorenzo was second at 8-2 and Crosbyton third at 7-3.

On the boys side, the New Home Leopards have won their third consecutive district championship title, currently 9-0 in district with one game left that was held Tuesday night against the Lorenzo Hornets.

As district champions, both the boys and girls teams will get a bye in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Lady Leopards scheduled a practice game Monday night against Eden at Roscoe Highland High School. The Area round game will be against the winner of Wellman-Union and Grady, sometime Feb. 14-16 at a yet-to-be determined location.

No information is available yet on the boys playoff bracket.

Rubik's Cube craze in memory of "Mitchel"



New Home ISD teacher challenges 4th graders with solving Rubik's Cube

by JUANELL JONES

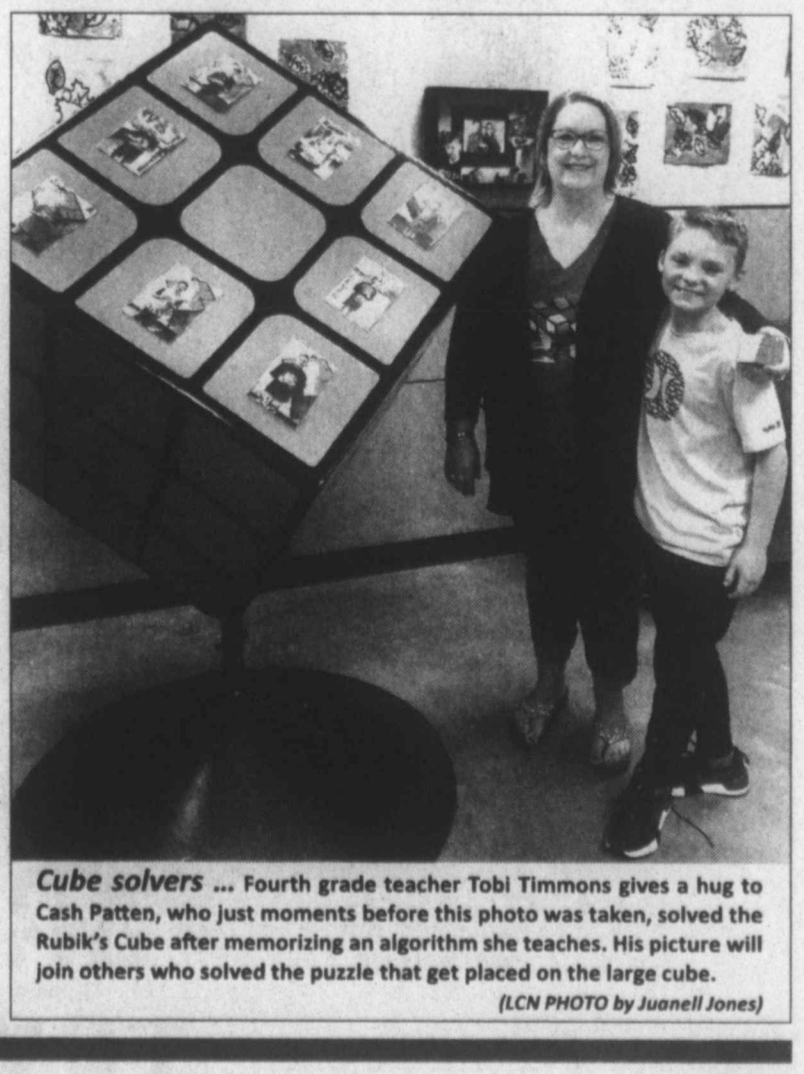
The Rubik's Cube is a fun, frustrating, colorful three-dimensional toy that has stymied millions of people who have tried to solve the puzzle by trying to align matching colors on each side. Most people eventually give up the struggle because of its complexity. But at New Home Independent School District, the Rubik's Cube is part of the fourth grade math curriculum, and the students there are having a great time learning how to solve it through an algorithm that their teacher, Tobi Timmons, is showing her students. For those of us not in the fourth grade and not sure of the term, an "algorithm" is a step-by-step method of solving a problem. Algorithms are used in all math problems.

It all began at Christmas of 2017, when Ms. Timmons gave Rubik's Cubes to all of the fourth graders at New Home ISD. At the time, she could not solve the puzzle herself, but she knew she wanted her students to learn to use problem-solving techniques to figure out the solution. But it was also a way for her to honor the memory of her son, 12-year-old Mitchel Pearce, who died in March of 2017. He was an avid "speed cuber" – someone who could solve a Rubik's Cube very quickly. He even made several You Tube videos showing his skills. His fastest time in solving a Rubik's Cube was 14.3 seconds.

"Looking back, after Mitchel was gone, I was absolutely amazed by his Rubik's Cube skills," said his mother. She thought that sharing his love of Rubik's Cubes was a way that she could not only keep her son's memory alive, but also share his memory with her students while teaching them new skills and new ways to solve problems.

When she first begins teaching her students about one of the algorithms for solving a Rubik's Cube, she shows them a Power Point presentation about her son, Mitchel, and some of the things he loved doing as a child – hunting, fishing,

(See RUBIK'S CUBE, page 4)



Cube solvers **... Fourth grade teacher Tobi Timmons gives a hug to Cash Patten, who just moments before this photo was taken, solved the Rubik's Cube after memorizing an algorithm she teaches. His picture will join others who solved the puzzle that get placed on the large cube.**

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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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Bond or no bond?

Advantages of the proposed bond election for TISD

by Dick Van Hoose
TISD Superintendent

At a special meeting on February 4th 2019, the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees called for a 7.5 million dollar bond election which will be voted on May 4th. The decision to try to pass another bond was made to take advantage of the added values to the tax base from the Tahoka Wind Farm.

Currently the district tax base is $134,783,380 in certified taxable value. The projected assessed value of the Tahoka Wind Farm for the purpose of a bond will add approximately $335,787,200 to the taxable base. This amount is projected at this point because assessment by the appraisal district will not be finalized until June-July 2019. At the projected numbers, the added values by the wind farm would pay for approximately 71 percent of any bond that is approved. The value of the turbines traditionally depreciate 8 to 10 percent a year so taking advantage of the full assessment amount in the first year and thereafter is most beneficial. If a bond is not passed, the added values are lost for taxing purposes and never regained.

The second reason for calling a bond election is simply district need. The district is planning at this point to build a gymnasium on the Fifth Street land it owns, move the softball and baseball fields to the same land, build a field house at the current high school and remodel the high school. Not all this work can be accomplished with the $7.5 million bond. We are also planning to use a 3.5 million dollar "revenue protection" payment from the wind farm to accomplish the building goals. If possible, we would have liked to have built a total new high school on the Fifth Street land; however there is just not enough added value from the wind farm to sustain a project of that amount. We are setting our plans for a gym and ballfields in a master plan in hopes that future expansion could add a new high school and football field.

In 2016 Tahoka residents passed a $9 million dollar bond that took a $0.286 cent tax rate to service the bond. For the 2018-2019 school year the district was able to reduce the rate to service the bond to .26 cents because of higher taxable values. For the $7.5 million bond, with the added taxable values of the wind farm, we project it will take approximately $0.327 cents to service the existing bond and the proposed bond. This would be an additional 4.1 cents over what the bond cost to service in 2016 and 6.7 cents over what the I&S rate is for this school year.

In estimating what the projected bond would cost you, here is a way to figure that amount: take your assessed value from the appraisal district, multiply that amount by the additional pennies to service the bond, then divide by 100. This will give you an approximate amount of increased taxes in one year.

Here is an example: take a $150,000 home; multiply by the additional 6.7 cents over what you now pay; then divide by 100. This would mean approximately $100 a year more in taxes over what your current taxes are now. For seniors age 65 and older, school tax rates are frozen so the passage of the bond would cost no additional taxes on your homestead as long as the assessment stays the same.

In short, Tahoka ISD facilities in many areas have not been updated for years. In the last bond many were taken care of, however, there are still many needs. With the added taxable values of the Tahoka Wind Farm, now is the time to act. You have an opportunity to gain a similar amount of bond money for 6.7 cents that cost you 28.6 cents two years ago. If a bond is not passed now the current gym will still be in use in 20 years and other facility needs will go unmet.

The superintendent will begin to have informational meetings the week of March 18. Look for notices of the meetings and plan to attend!

OHS Lady Eagles 2nd in District

The O'Donnell High School Lady Eagles have qualified for Class 1A state basketball playoffs, tying for second place in District 7-1A behind champion Ropes, tying with Wellman-Union with identical 5-3 records.

O'Donnell and Wellman-Union played last weekend at Post to determine seeding in the playoffs, with Wellman-Union winning the second place seed and O'Donnell taking the third place seed for the playoff bracket.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to face Sands, runnerup in District 8, in bi-district action at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 in Seminole.

Lynn County earns Zero Lost Time Safety Award

AUSTIN - Lynn County has earned a 2018 Zero Lost Time Safety Award from the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool (TAC RMP) for its record of no lost workdays during the 2018 coverage year.

Through its commitment to safe practices among county employees, Lynn County works to reduce employee injuries and obtain substantial savings for taxpayers by minimizing workers' compensation costs. A total of 115 TAC RMP members participating in the Workers' Compensation (WC) Program qualified to receive this award in 2018.

Governed by a board of county officials, TAC RMP has provided counties with protection against risks and liabilities for 40 years. TAC RMP's risk control programs and services, delivered to more than 400 members, help Texas counties promote safety and save tax dollars.

Did you know?

• Your body has a "vein of love."
Engagement rings are often worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because the ancient Greeks maintained that that finger contains the vena amoris, or the "vein of love," that runs straight to the heart.

A look back at ...
by Dalton **Woodwork**
(Reprinted from the past)



Dalton Wood

LAST WEEK I decided that after 40 years or so, it was time I gave my wife something for Valentine's Day, just to let her know that she's still my number one squeeze, or however they say it these days.

Naturally I thought of flowers, because that's a good way to say I Love You, especially to someone who really likes things that grow (except for my beard and waistline).

I asked one of our daughters what kind of flowers I should get. "Get her a potted plant," she suggested.

"You mean something that looks good in the bathroom?" I asked.

"No," she sighed. "I said a *potted*, not *potty* plant."

You have to understand that I don't know much about flowers or anything else that grows, although there are some vegetables and cotton stalks that I recognize in their native state. But while I was in a store that also sells some other stuff, I spotted some flowers in little pots, which means, I think, that you can transfer them to the flower bed if Spring ever gets here.

There were these little purple flowers that I thought looked really neat, so I bought them. I forgot to ask the clerk what kind of flowers they were, but I decided it would appropriate to call them *little purple things*.

It was a few days before Valentine's Day, so I took them to my office, and worried about them that night when the temperature dropped to 15 degrees outside, and I had no heat on in my office. I was afraid they would die, and I knew that few women would appreciate getting a pot full of dead plants.

The next day the flowers looked okay, still all folded up in a pod, but to my surprise about mid-afternoon they had opened up completely. They looked great, with yellow innards, but again I worried about them, especially when they went back into their shell and pulled the covers over their heads. "Does this mean they are going to bloom and then curl up and die?" I asked the same daughter, who said she had no idea (I have decided she doesn't know much more than I do about flowers).

Anyway, I decided I'd better go ahead and give them to my wife a couple of days early. I thought I'd rather she watch them die than me watch them die).

She liked them, and said the only thing they needed was water, which she gave them. As of Valentine's Day they were still flourishing.

And she told me the name of them: tulips, she said.

How about that? I've heard of tulips. That's the stuff a really weird ukulele player named Tiny Tim used to tiptoe through.

* * *

THE DADDY on Ave. D was working out in the yard, and his 8-year-old daughter was playing outside. She came up and asked him, "Daddy, what does sex mean?"

Her father was a bit surprised, but thought, what the heck, she's old enough to ask, so he stopped what he was doing and tried his best to be clear and truthful about males and females and the birds and the bees.

After a few minutes, he stopped explaining, and his daughter was standing there with an astonished look on her face. Her father queried her, "Honey, what made you decide to ask that question?"

"Well," she said, "Momma just told me that dinner would be ready in a couple of secs."

-- February 1999

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Two cited for disorderly conduct after altercation here Sunday

by JUANELL JONES

Two females were cited for disorderly conduct after an altercation was reported on S. 2nd Street in Tahoka Sunday evening, with all local law enforcement officers called to the scene including the Tahoka Police Dept., Lynn County Sheriff's Office, O'Donnell Police, and DPS. Tahoka Police had been called to a residence in the 1700 block of South 2nd for an unattended death investigation at approximately 4:27 p.m. Reportedly, several family members and others were arguing at the location when the altercation occurred. The Lynn County Justice of Peace was called to the scene for a ruling, and an autopsy on the deceased was ordered. The deceased was Clifford Oages, 57, of Tahoka. No other details were released, pending autopsy results.

Tahoka Police arrested a 23-year-old Tahoka male for Possession of Narcotics after being called to a residence, where the man was a visitor, in the 2100 block of Lockwood at 5:40 p.m. last Wednesday. He was transported to Lynn County Jail for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

In Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheet reports, a caller at 1:52 p.m. Sunday reported he had a white 2007 single cab long bed Chevy pickup stolen from the auction site where it had been parked. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen.

At 10:53 a.m. last Tuesday, a caller reported that a theft had occurred over the weekend at New Home ISD and requested a deputy to come to the site. No other information was available.

A possible hazardous spill was reported at 9:30 p.m. last Monday after six barrels with hazmat stickers were found scattered on FM 1054 between CR 14 and 17. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene and the barrels were determined to be empty, with nothing hazardous in the containers. While the VFD was there, the owner of the barrels arrived at the scene and said a strap on his trailer had broken causing him to lose the barrels, and he was there to recover them.

Nearly 30 tires were illegally dumped on county roads been the Compress and Substation, it was discovered last Tuesday. A close patrol was put on the area.

A county resident reported she was the victim of a phone scam last Tuesday. She told officers she had a call from someone claiming to be with the Social Security office, and that this caller informed her that he had warrant out for her arrest, and even gave her his badge number and a case number. She reportedly gave the caller her name and other private information.

Law enforcement officials remind citizens that IRS impersonation telephone calls – as well as other types of unwanted calls (telemarketing robocalls, fake grants, tech support, sweepstakes winnings, etc.) remain popular scams. For any fraudulent call, after listening to the message, do not provide any information and hang up. If unsure of any caller's identity, do not give out personal information, and report such scams to local law enforcement. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS but you suspect they are not an IRS employee, view your tax account information online or review your payment options at IRS.gov to see the actual amount owed. If the caller is an IRS employee with a legitimate need to contact you, you may call them back using the appropriate online resources or phone numbers provided online.

Several suspicious person/vehicle reports were called in during the week, but no arrests were made.

Lynn County Jail held 43 inmates, including 13 for Lynn County, 27 for Ector, and 3 for Dawson County.

Tahoka High School 2019 Track & Field Schedule

Mar. 1	Roosevelt Eagle Relays	T
Mar. 8	Bulldog Relays	H
Mar. 22	Bold Gold Relays (Varsity)	Post
Mar. 22	Chieftain Relays (JV)	Crosbyton
Mar. 29	Eagle Relays	Seagraves
Apr. 4-5	District	Sundown
Apr. 15	Area	Wink
Apr. 26-27	Regionals	Levelland
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

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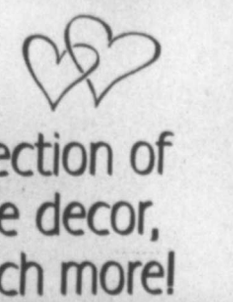
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WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

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Some notes from our Wilson ISD Community Liaison, Tami Bolyard:

Thursday, February 14th classes will have Valentine parties.

Thursday, February 21st at 1:30 Curious George will be in the elementary library. Books are $5. and a picture with Curious George will be $1. The photo is free if you buy a book.

NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 18th- Holiday

Wednesday, March 6th - Moms and Muffins in the elementary conference room at 7:15 am. Students can invite their mother, aunt, or grandma to come have a muffin with them that morning.

Spring Break is March 11 - 15.

Did you know?

• Holding a loved one's hand relieves pain and stress. Research shows that long-term couples with deep, strong connections can successfully soothe each other in stressful situations or when one of them experiences pain simply by holding hands.

Did you know?

• Cuddling releases natural painkillers. Oxytocin, the so-called love or cuddle hormone, is produced during an embrace or cuddle. The hormone appears in the brain, ovaries and testicles and is thought to be involved in the bonding process. Research has found that a dose of oxytocin decreases headaches significantly - and for some it even makes the pain go away completely after 4 hours. It's definitely worth trying hug and cuddle medicine before jumping to chemicals and pills.

• Even looking at a picture of a loved one relieves the pain. Even though it was long known that the presence of a significant other has a lot to do with patients' improvement, it has been proven that the same goes for even a picture of the beloved. The experiment showed that when experiencing pain, study participants exposed to pictures of their beloved and to distracting word games had their pain reduced far more than those exposed to the same distracting word games and pictures of acquaintances.

Filing deadline is Friday for local May 4 elections

The filing period for candidates interested in seeking places on city, school and hospital board elections in Lynn County will end Friday, with four filing this week for places on ballots. During the week, one filed for City of Tahoka, one for City of O'Donnell, making that a contested race, and two incumbents filed for the Lynn County Hospital District Board. Filing will continue through Friday, Feb. 15, with elections to be held on May 4.

Following is a complete list of terms expiring in the upcoming May 4 elections, and candidates who have filed, according to information from the respective entities.

Lynn County Hospital District: Two directors. Terms expiring: Mary Gayle Raindl, Manuel DeLeon. *Filing: Mary Gayle Raindl, Manuel DeLeon.*

City of Tahoka: Mayor and two Council members. Terms expiring: Mayor John Baker. Council, Dist. 1: Johnny Rosas; Dist. 3: Shiloh Braddock. *Filing: John Baker for Mayor; Shiloh Braddock for Dist. 3; Johnny Rosas for Dist. 1.*

Tahoka ISD: Four trustees (three 3-year terms, one unexpired term). Terms expiring: Pct. 1 Slate May; Pct. 2 Jon Luna; Pct. 5 Doug Green; Unexpired Pct. 4 Lea Swinford. *Filing: Slate May, Pct 1; Lea Swinford, Pct 4; Doug Green, Pct 5.*

City of Wilson: Three council seats. Terms expiring: Pat Cates, Helen Stephenson, Angela Taylor. *Filing: Pat Cates.*

Wilson ISD: Three trustees. Terms expiring: Les Walker, Tracy Kendrick, Bonnie Schwertner. *Filing: Les Walker, Tracy Kendrick, Oscar Ortega, and Santiago "J.J." Pena Jr.*

City of New Home: Mayor and two council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor (Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Olsen has been filling in after the death of Mayor David Gandy). Council: Jim Olsen, Brady Gass. *Filing: none.*

New Home ISD: (Election is in November, filing at a later date.)

City of O'Donnell: Two council seats. Terms expiring: Jessie Perez, Bruce Vaughn. *Filing: Paul Hale, Bruce Vaughn, Jessie Perez.*

O'Donnell ISD: Three trustees. Terms expiring: Billy Edwards, Landon Mires, Melissa Pedroza. *Filing: none.*

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For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects Fund	Special Education	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:						
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 1,552,778	$ 360,356	$ 61,305	$ 641,733	$ 26,027	$ 2,642,199
5800	State Program Revenues	5,752,223	202,519	-	-	85,656	6,040,398
5900	Federal Program Revenues	192,122	-	-	-	909,658	1,101,780
5020	Total Revenues	7,497,123	562,875	61,305	641,733	1,021,341	9,784,377
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	3,298,358	-	-	454,295	482,323	4,234,976
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	35,204	-	-	-	-	35,204
0013	Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	45,210	-	-	903	5,354	51,467
0021	Instructional Leadership	4,916	-	-	134,993	-	139,909
0023	School Leadership	327,291	-	-	-	-	327,291
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	140,581	-	-	1,702	258,099	400,382
0033	Health Services	110,771	-	-	-	-	110,771
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	611,732	-	-	49,784	-	661,516
0035	Food Services	-	-	-	-	326,181	326,181
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	539,704	-	-	-	-	539,704
0041	General Administration	387,446	-	-	-	6,635	394,081
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	810,843	-	-	56	-	810,899
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	48,149	-	-	-	-	48,149
0053	Data Processing Services	87,133	-	-	-	-	87,133
0061	Community Services	134,617	-	-	-	-	134,617
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	195,000				195,000
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	299,000				299,000
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	7,960	583	-	-	-	8,543
0081	Capital Outlay	136,835	-	6,462,904			6,599,739
0093	Payments to Member Districts of SSA	139,768	-	-	-	-	139,768
0099	Other Ingovernmental Charges	31,833	-	-	-	-	31,833
6030	Total Expenditures	6,898,351	494,583	6,462,904	641,733	1,078,592	15,576,163
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	598,772	68,292	(6,401,599)	-	(57,251)	(5,791,786)
	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):						
7914	Loan Proceeds	644,795	-	-	-	-	644,795
7915	Transfers In	-	-	-	-	57,251	57,251
8911	Transfers Out	(57,251)	-	-	-	-	(57,251)
	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	587,544	-	-	-	57,251	644,795
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	1,186,316	68,292	(6,401,599)	-	-	(5,146,991)
0100	Fund Balances -- Beginning	3,570,976	42,823	8,512,258	-	-	12,126,057
3000	Fund Balances -- Ending	$ 4,757,292	$ 111,115	$ 2,110,659	$ -	$ -	$ 6,979,066

Rubik's Cube at NHISD ...

(Continued from page 1)

and speed cubing. Mitchel did not attend New Home ISD, but his mother grew up in New Home, and returned there to teach after separating from Mitchel's father.

After some online research, Timmons eventually found an algorithm, a step-by-step guide, for solving a 3x3x3 inch Rubik's Cube, that she believed she could teach her students. Together, they began to learn problem-solving techniques that, if followed correctly, could result in a Rubik's Cube with all the matching colors on each side of the cube.

The guide does not look easy, and students must memorize the steps if they want to solve the puzzle. Those who can solve the cube, by memory, as Timmons observes, can join the elite Rubik's Cube Club at the school.

Several of last year's fourth graders made the club. This past Christmas, Timmons gave Rubik's Cubes to all of this year's fourth grade students – 45 in all. As of last week, she had five students who could solve the puzzle and joined the club.

"It's not easy to memorize – I don't have it memorized myself," Timmons says with a laugh.

She says her students are amazed when they watch the You Tube videos that her son Mitchel made, and that it inspires confidence in them to strive for the solution.

And it's not just her students that are joining in the Rubik's Cubes fun. The brothers and sisters and friends of these students, of all ages, are giving the Cube a try.

"There are Rubik's Cubes all over the school," says Timmons with a smile. "Everywhere you look, somebody has one."

Recently, Timmons' mother, Rhonda Timmons, commissioned a piece of metal art to be placed at the school. It is a large, 3x3x3-foot metal Rubik's Cube on a stand that turns on a ball bearing, made by Leo Del Busto. Now on display in the school's cafeteria area, Timmons places the photos of the students who have solved the puzzle on the metal squares of the artistic piece. A shadow box depicting pictures of Tobi and her son Mitchel, and the names of her two older daughters Mackenzie Martin and Morgan Dunn, is on the wall behind the display.

"The kids love having their picture placed on the big metal cube," says Timmons with a laugh.

She's still sad when she speaks of her son, but happy too, and pleased to share those memories with her "kids" in her classroom.

"Mitchel would have loved this – this is what he loved doing," says his mother.

Finding the strength of character to share those memories, in a creative and inspiring way for her students, is a credit to Tobi Timmons, both as a mother and as a teacher. Her students are engaged and

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This is fun! ... **New Home ISD teacher Tobi Timmons and her fourth grade classes show off their Rubik's Cubes in front of the large metal Rubik's Cube that displays the photos of students who have solved the puzzle.** ***(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)***

FOURTH GRADERS - IN THEIR WORDS

How would you describe a Rubik's Cube?

I'd say, fun and easy to solve! - *Landon Sonnenberg*

A Rubiks Cube is fun and relaxing thing that calms you down and you look forward to it. - *Kale Tabor*

Fun and really cool and you need brain nolege to solve it. - *Miles Maberry*

Colorful, fun to play with cool designs, hard to solve, and fun to collect. - *Weston Lisemby*

How do you get in the Rubik's Cube Club at NH ISD?

To get into "the club" you have to solve the 3x3x3 without using the guide. - *Carson*

How do you solve the 3x3x3 Rubik's Cube?

I have a method that is really easy to memorize.- *Cash Patten*

I have no clue - *Weston Lisemby*

You practice the algorithms and memorize them then try to solve it. - *Allie*

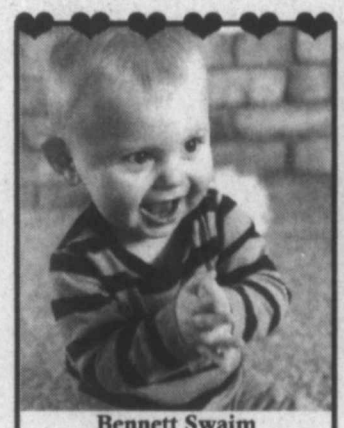
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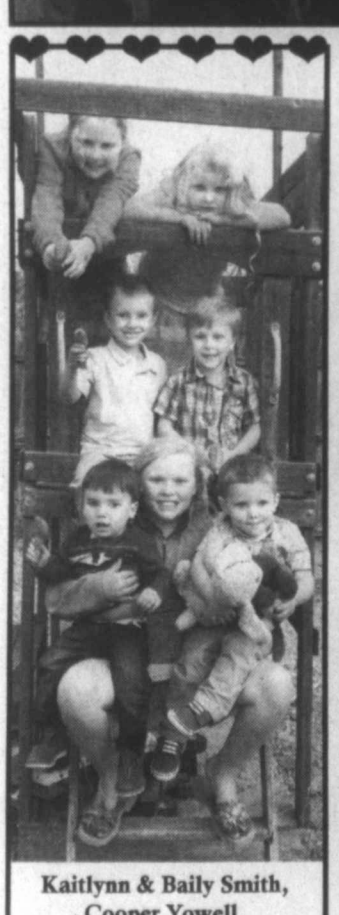
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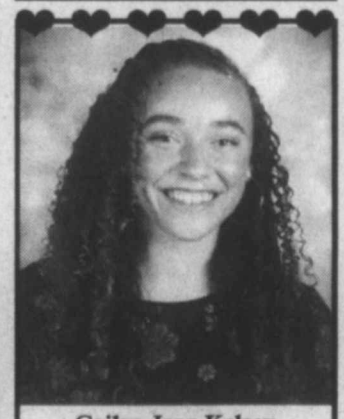


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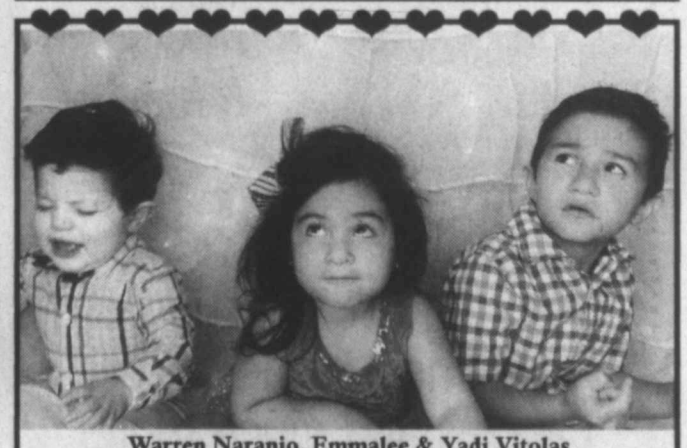


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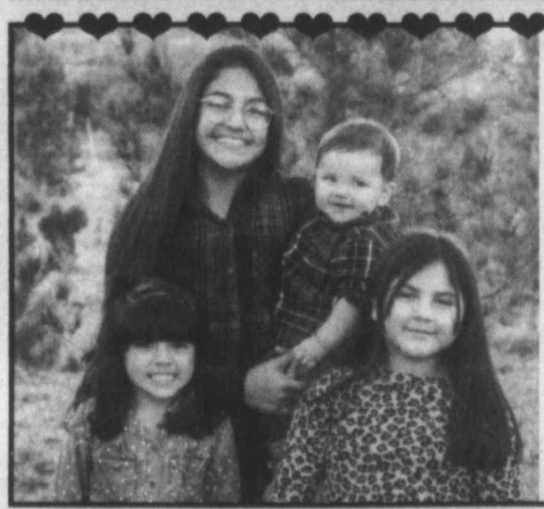
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Noelani, Allie, Abry & Camden

Debbie & Ray Rodriguez
Armando Barrera, Naomi Aleman

Rylin James & Zoey Brynn Hardage

Charlie & Debbie Engle, Jim & Danelle Hardage
J.T. Miller, Dewey Engle





Cason Brady Engle
Charlie & Debbie Engle, Stan & Phyllis White
J.T. Miller, Dewey Engle



Camden Grant Engle
Charlie & Debbie Engle, Eddie & Susan Henry
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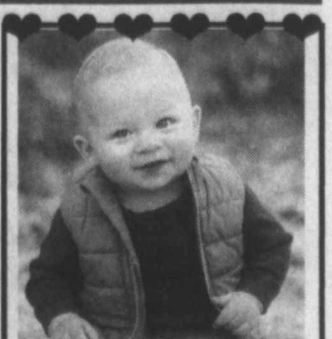


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Jim & Karla Schooler, Dan Turner, Theona Josey



Macey Grein, Gunner Joseph (little brother to † Cade Joseph)

Denise Curry Deuvall, Clif Deuvall, Darrell & Laura Grein
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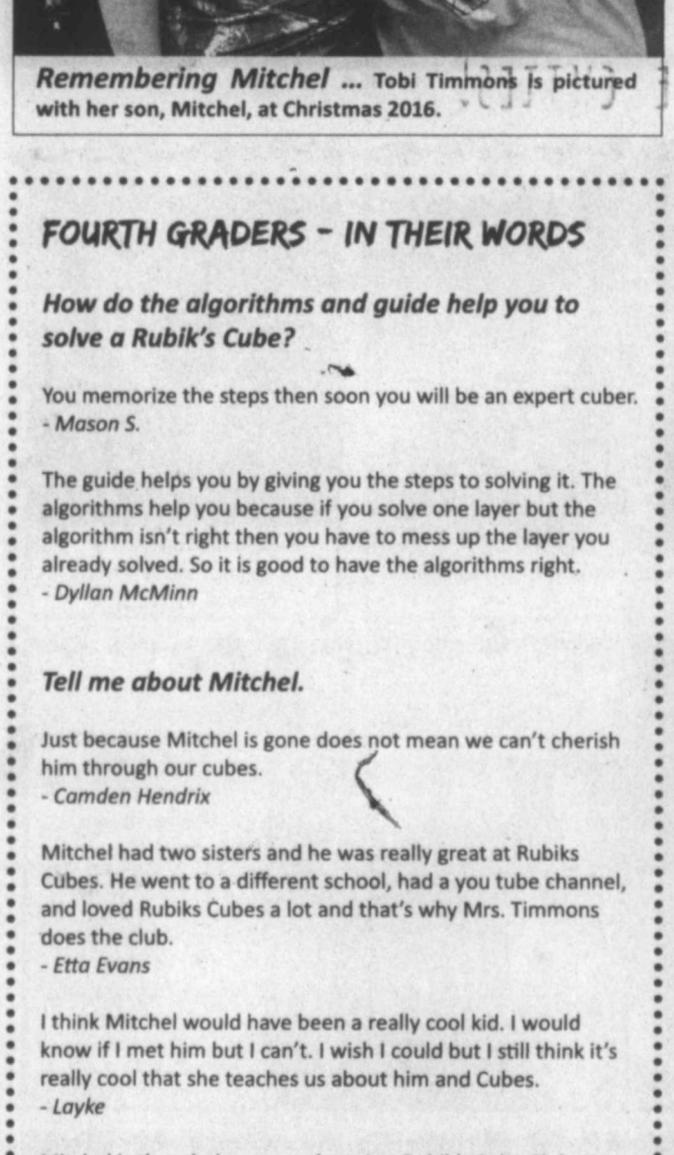


Cube solvers **... Fourth graders (from left) Landon Sonnenberg, Carson Hendrix, Locklynn Mounce, and (inset photo) Marshall Brown, have solved the Rubik's Cube by memorizing an algorithm detailing the process, since receiving their Rubik's Cubes at Christmas.**

***(RUBIKS** - Continued from page 4)*

inspired to solve the puzzle, and they all know that the reason behind the fun project is their teacher's memories of her son.

Timmons has begun a Rubik's Cube craze at New Home Elementary that fourth graders have come to look forward to. It just may be the beginning of a new tradition at New Home ISD, for years to come.



Remembering Mitchel **... Tobi Timmons is pictured with her son, Mitchel, at Christmas 2016.**

FOURTH GRADERS - IN THEIR WORDS

How do the algorithms and guide help you to solve a Rubik's Cube?

You memorize the steps then soon you will be an expert cuber.
- Mason S.

The guide helps you by giving you the steps to solving it. The algorithms help you because if you solve one layer but the algorithm isn't right then you have to mess up the layer you already solved. So it is good to have the algorithms right.
- Dyllan McMinn

Tell me about Mitchel.

Just because Mitchel is gone does not mean we can't cherish him through our cubes.
- Camden Hendrix

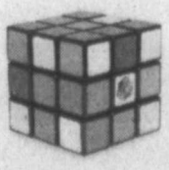
Mitchel had two sisters and he was really great at Rubiks Cubes. He went to a different school, had a you tube channel, and loved Rubiks Cubes a lot and that's why Mrs. Timmons does the club.
- Etta Evans

I think Mitchel would have been a really cool kid. I would know if I met him but I can't. I wish I could but I still think it's really cool that she teaches us about him and Cubes.
- Layke

Mitchel is the whole reason there is a Rubik's Cube Club. He was amazing at solving Rubik's Cubes. He inspired me because it goes to show that if you put time into something you can become amazing at it.
- Dyllan McMinn

He was my cosin a real real nice cosin. I just wish he was still here so he could teach me more.
- Bryce Gill

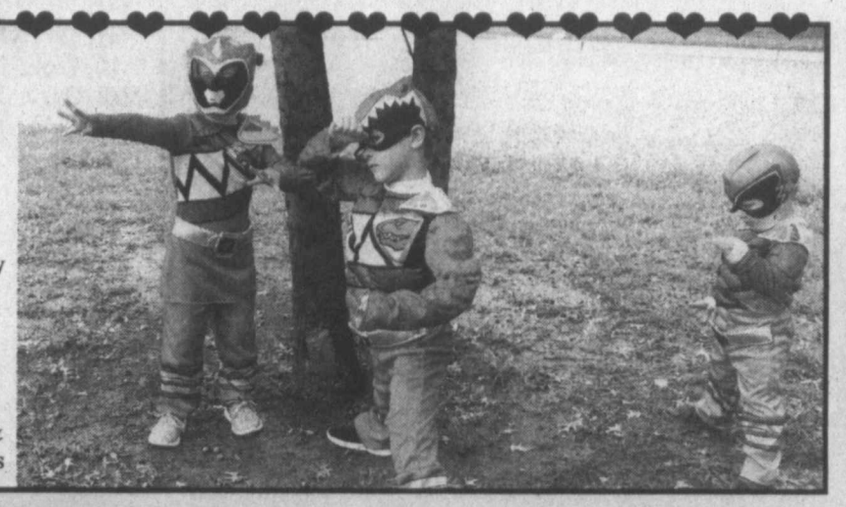
Did you know?



- The Rubik's cube was invented in 1974 by Erno Rubik, a Hungarian architect, who wanted a working model to help explain three-dimensional geometry. He was trying to create a 3D mechanism whose parts can be moved independently without the object falling apart, which he could use as a teaching tool. After designing the "magic cube" as he called it, he realized he could not actually solve the puzzle. It took Mr. Rubik more than a month to solve his own puzzle.
- In the 35 years since the puzzle was available to buy outside of Hungary, approximately 350 million Rubik's Cubes have been sold, making it the world's best-selling toy. Ever.
- There are 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 ways to solve a Rubik's Cube. That's just over 43 quintillion for the less numerically minded. But don't try to figure them all out – at a rate of one turn per second, it would take you 1.4 trillion years to make your way through all the configurations.

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WISHING YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



"POWER RANGERS" Kelby, Brock & Toby Stephens

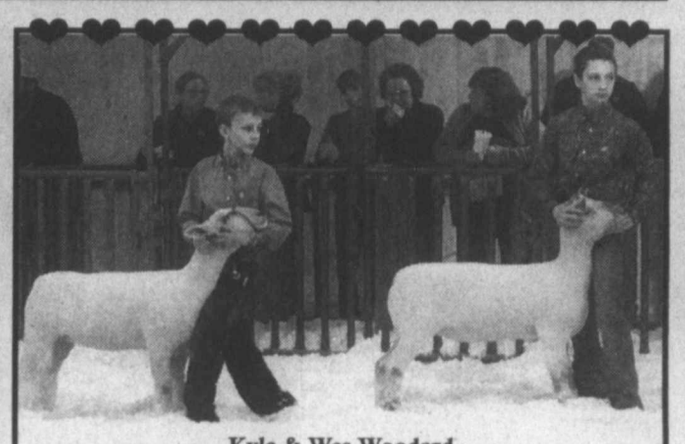
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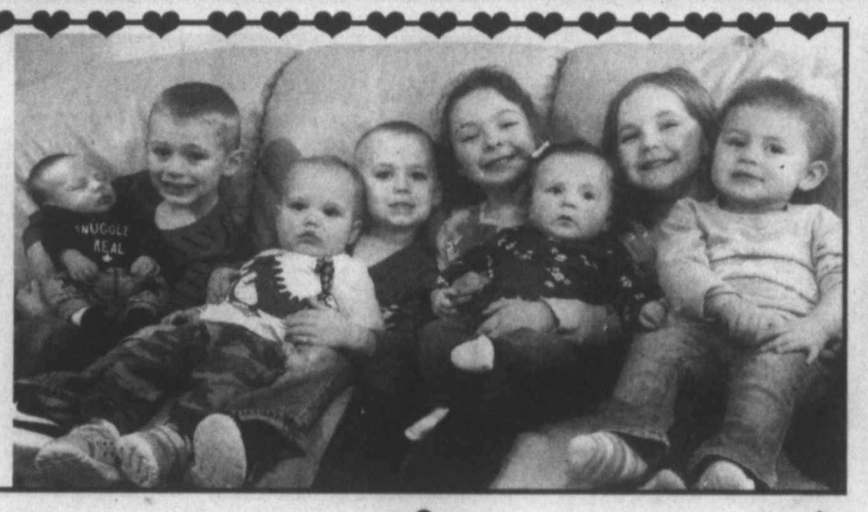
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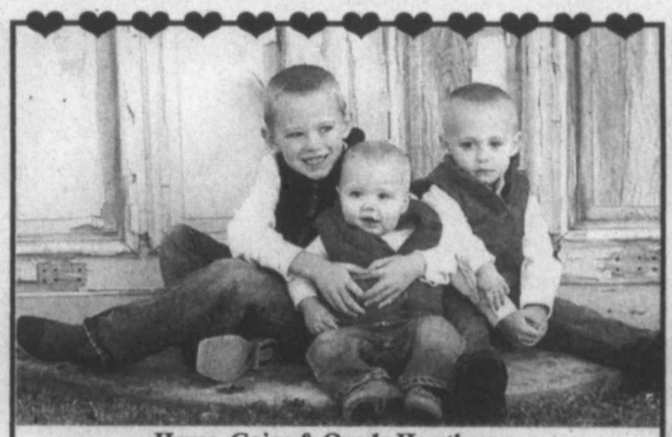
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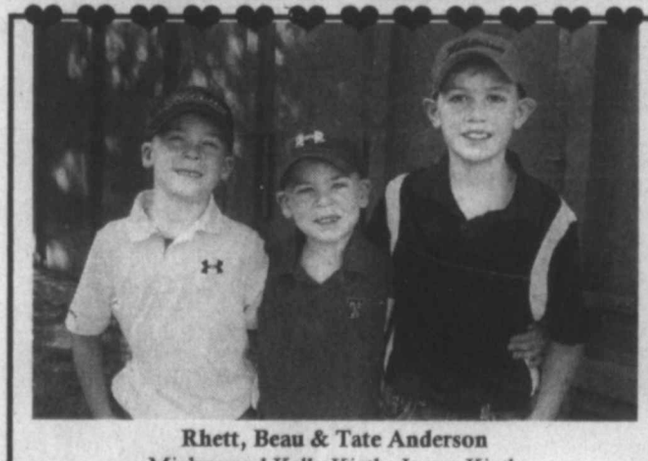
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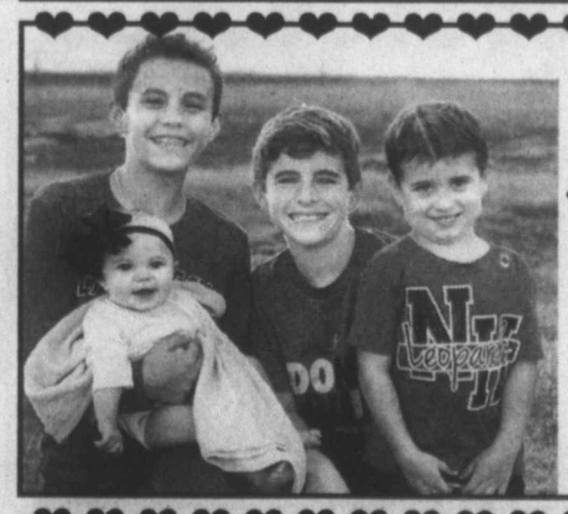


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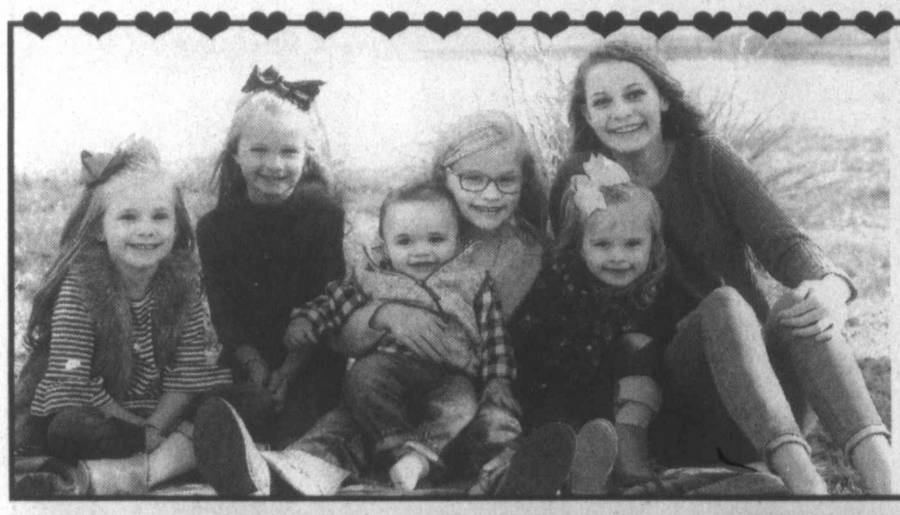


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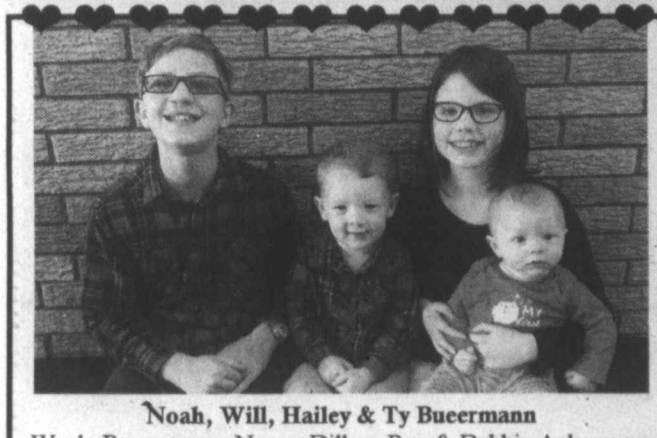
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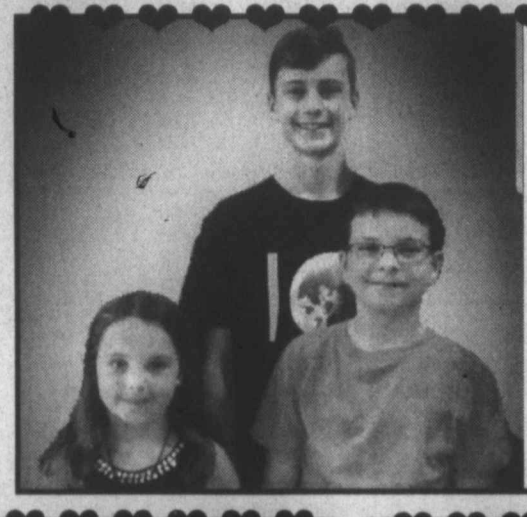
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Avery Gill, Brogan Stone, Remi Stone, Klaire Gill, Karter Gill, Marlee Stone
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Donna Stone and the late Dan Stone



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Mitch & Donna Raindl
Pam Davenport,
Sam Davenport



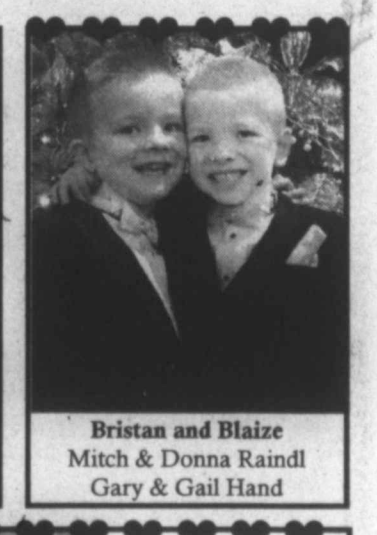
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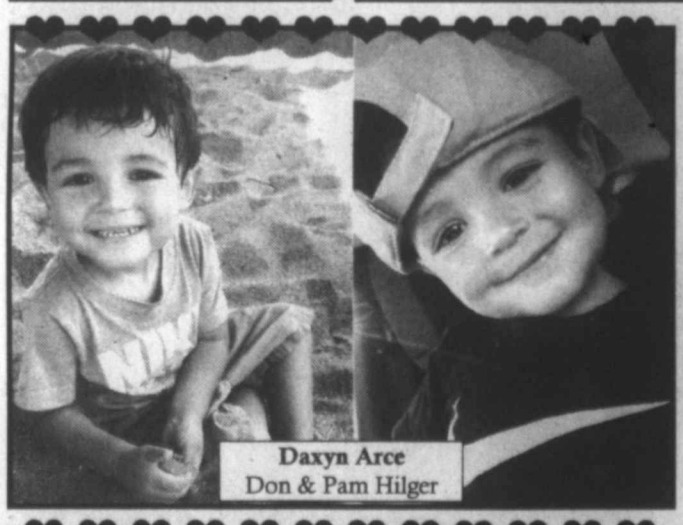
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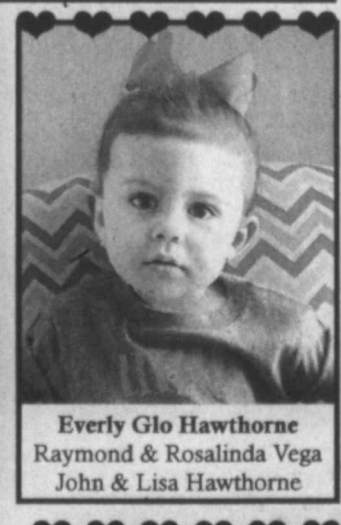
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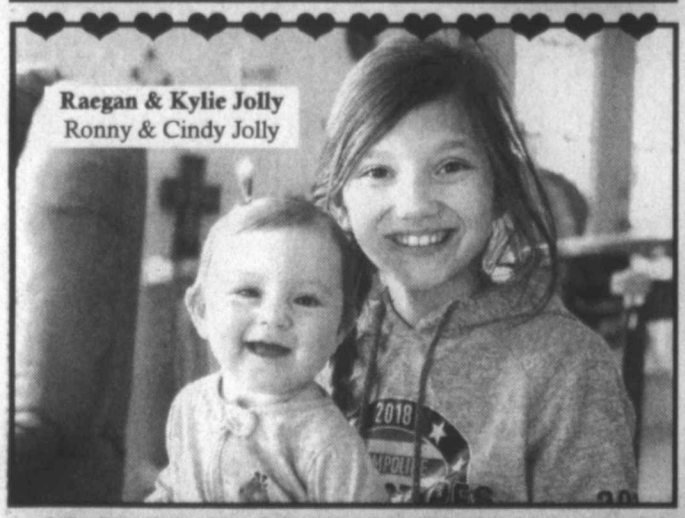
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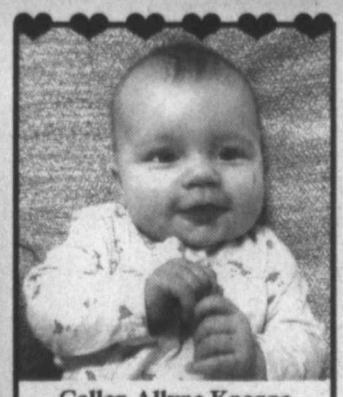
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Brent & Julia King
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Commissioners approve changes in appointing LCAD board members

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Judge's office, approving a resolution that changes the method of appointing representatives to serve on the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors, among other business.

Commissioners approved a resolution that changes the method and procedure for appointing the members of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors under the provision of the Texas Property Tax Code, Sect. 6.031. According to the resolution, the directors will be appointed as follows:

(a) One (1) member of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors to be appointed jointly by the County of Lynn and the City of Tahoka;

(b) One (1) member of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors to be appointed jointly by the City of New Home and New Home Independent School District;

(c) One (1) member of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors to be appointed jointly by the City of O'Donnell and O'Donnell Independent School District;

(d) One (1) member of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors to be appointed by the Tahoka Independent School District;

(e) One (1) member of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board of Directors to be appointed jointly by the City of Wilson and Wilson Independent School District.

In other business, commissioners approved the Proclamation for Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which urges all citizens of Lynn County to participate in the development of a county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan in accordance with the Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

Also approved was submission of a grant application for the Lynn County Sheriff's Department to the Office of the Governor, DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program, for funding to purchase an all-weather vehicle for the Lynn County Emergency Management program.

Judge Braddock gave an update on the county courthouse renovation project, noting that the exterior scaffolding should begin coming down this week, and that interior work was continuing. He mentioned that most of the electrical had been completed, and that much of the sheetrock was being put up for completing the walls. County officials expect the courthouse project to be completed by early summer, with a projected grand opening of the courthouse scheduled for July 20, 2019.

Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on his department, noting that three employees had given notice of leaving to accept positions elsewhere. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Commissioners John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present, as well as other county officials. County Judge Mike Braddock presided. Commissioner Matt Woodley was absent.



Grand Champ ... Lynn County 4-H member McKinley Clem showed the Grand Champion Wether Dam at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.

Did you know?

Monogamous relationships exist throughout the animal kingdom.
Even though we often think of ourselves as a faithful species, we're not the only one in the animal kingdom. Wolves, swans, gibbons, black vultures, albatrosses and even termites are just a few of those animals that find a mate for a lifetime.

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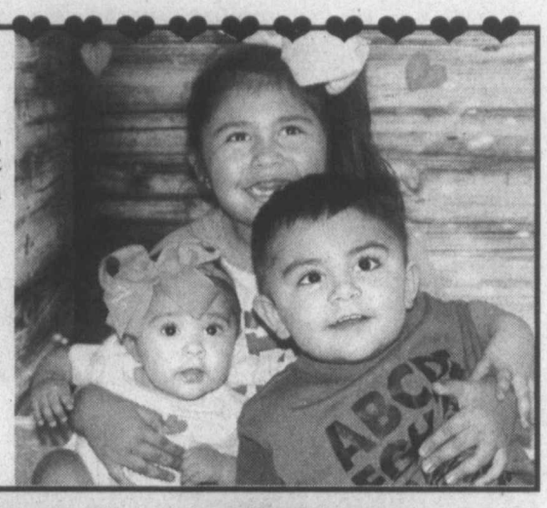
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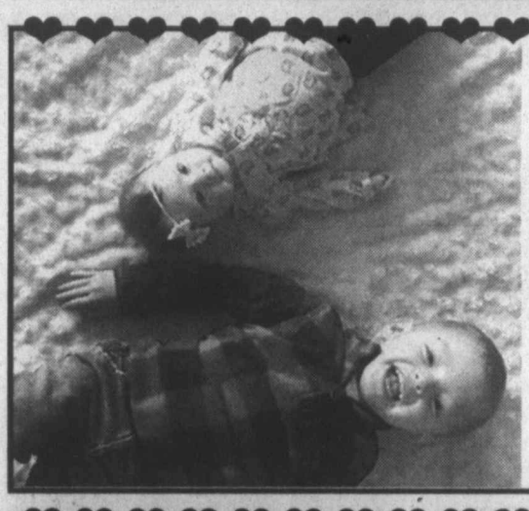
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Grandparents Valentines!

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Frank & Yolanda Aleman



Liam & Abigail Newdiger
Mickey & Mary Harrison
Rudy & Mercy Tejeda

Noelani, Kaleili & Keyhani
Jeff & Monica Parker, Darrin & Sara Campbell
Gloria Gonzales

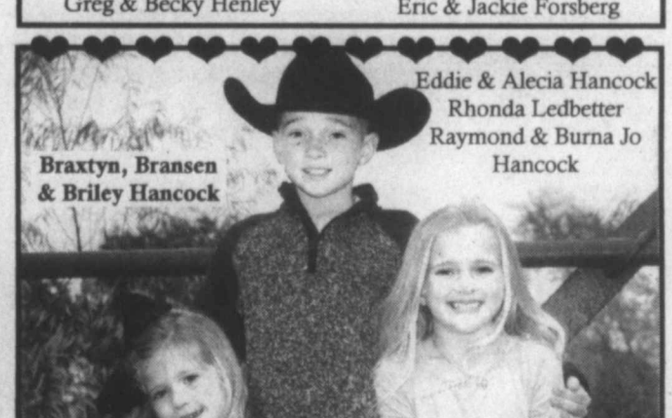
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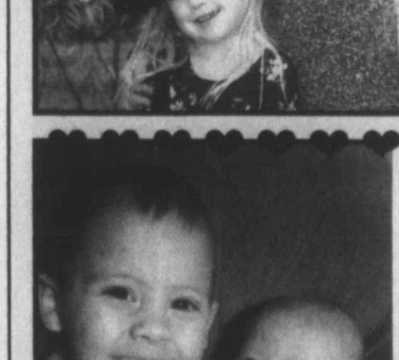
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Greg & Becky Henley



Grace Henley
Greg & Becky Henley, Eric & Jackie Forsberg

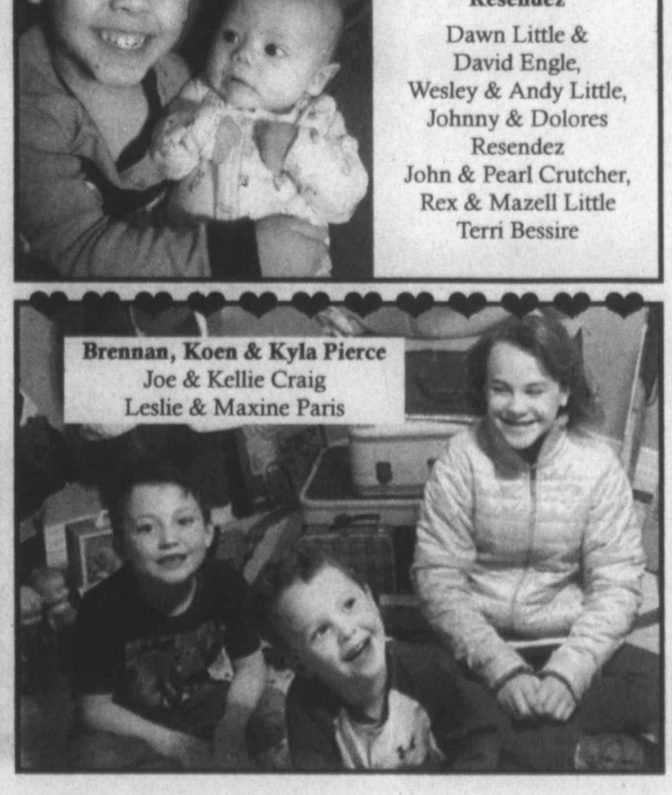


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Eddie & Alecia Hancock
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Raymond & Burna Jo Hancock



HUGS & KISSES

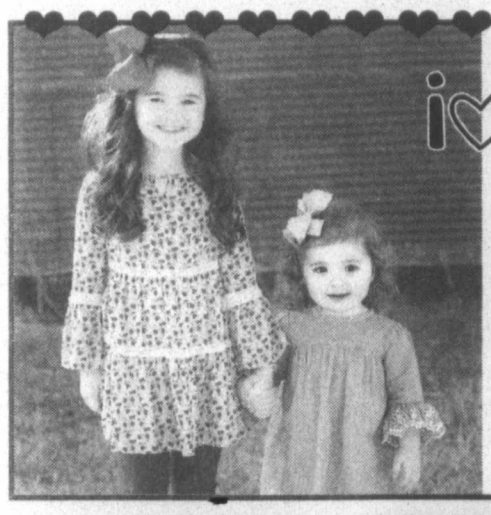
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John & Pearl Crutcher, Rex & Mazell Little
Terri Bessire



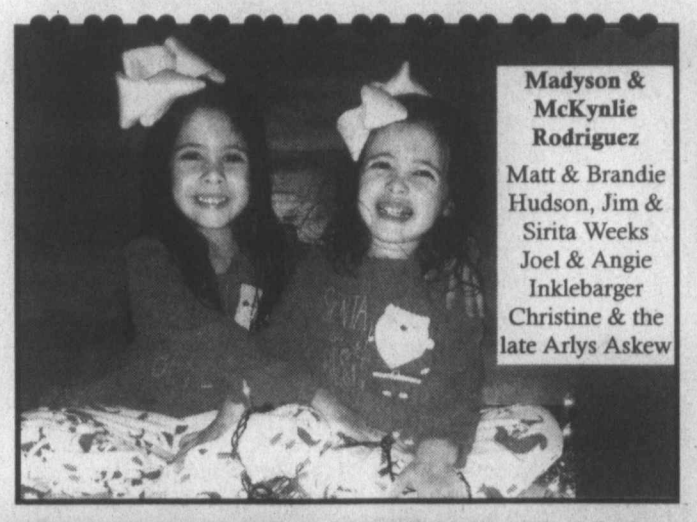
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Joe & Kellie Craig
Leslie & Maxine Paris

Grandparents brag on their Valentines!

Happy Valentine's Day Wishes! ♥ Hugs and Kisses!



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Roddy & Marci Gandy
Billy & Arnetta Miller



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



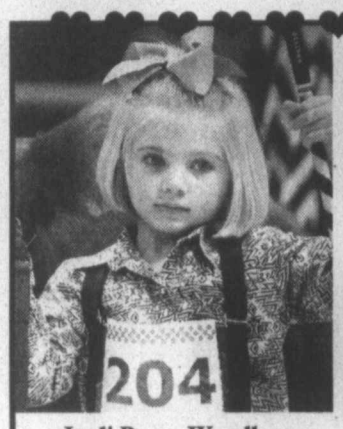
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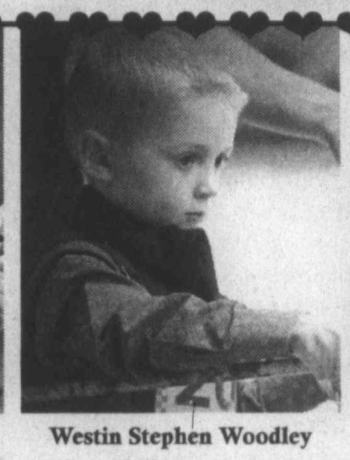
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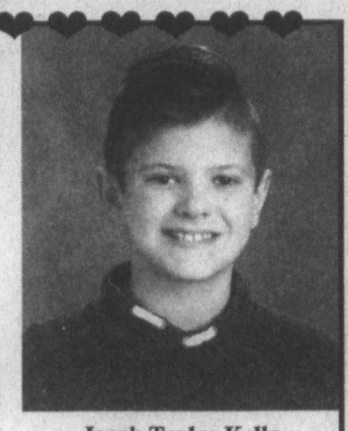
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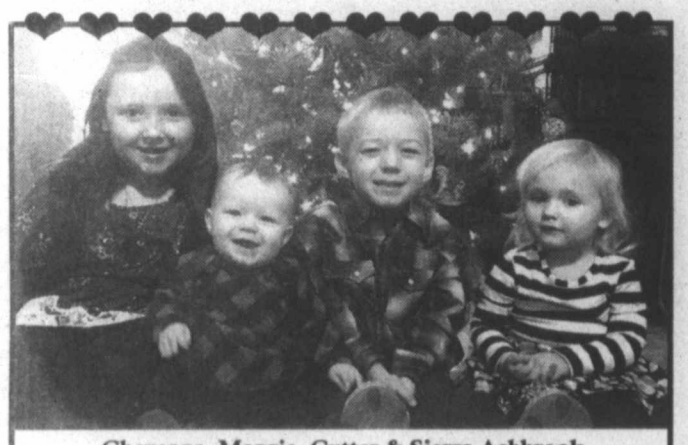


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------ Jay & Karen Kelln, JoAnn Kelln ------



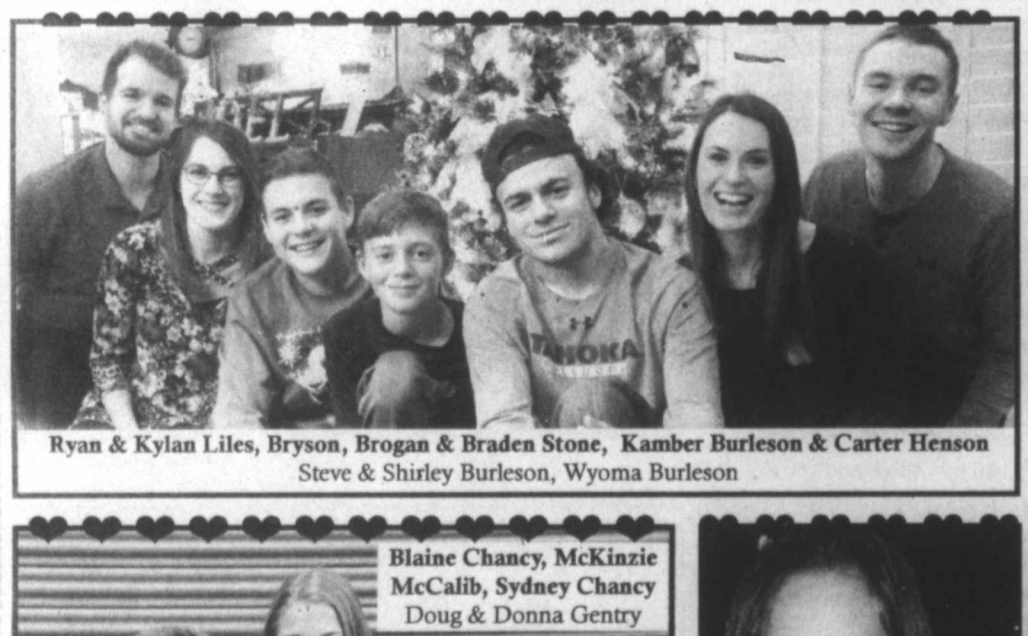
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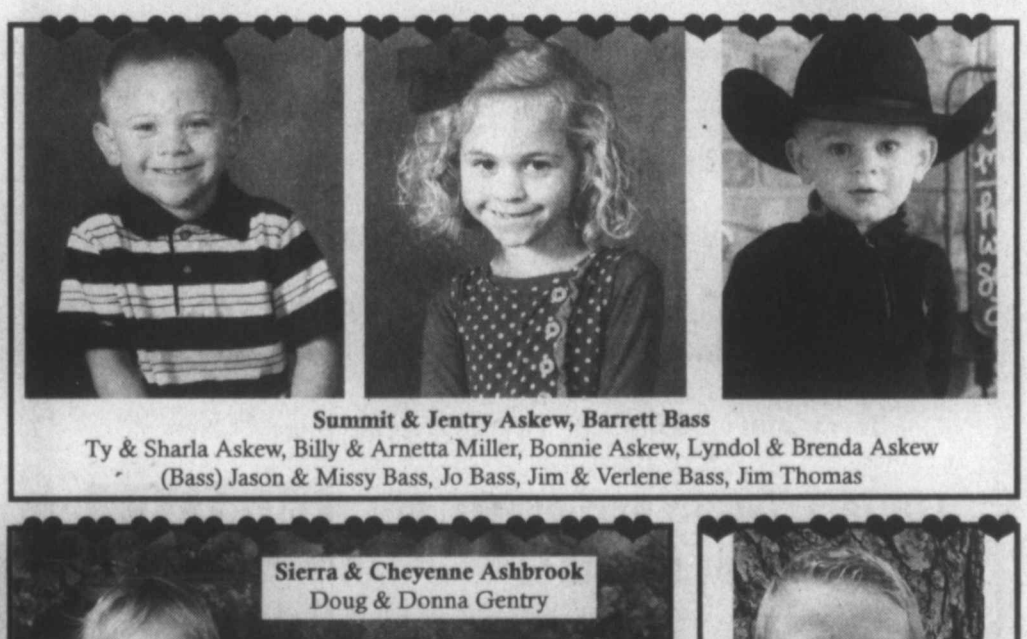
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Gary & Betty Stennett



Cameron & M'Kenna McFadden
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Ryan & Kylan Liles, Bryson, Brogan & Braden Stone, Kamber Burleson & Carter Henson
Steve & Shirley Burleson, Wyoma Burleson



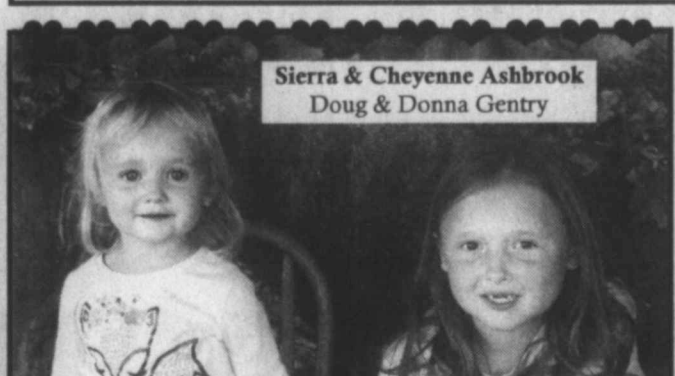
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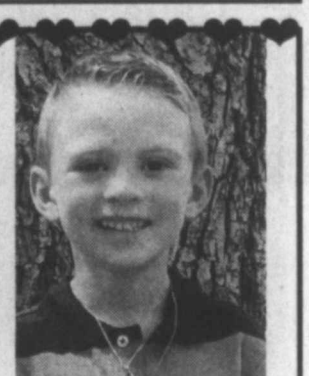
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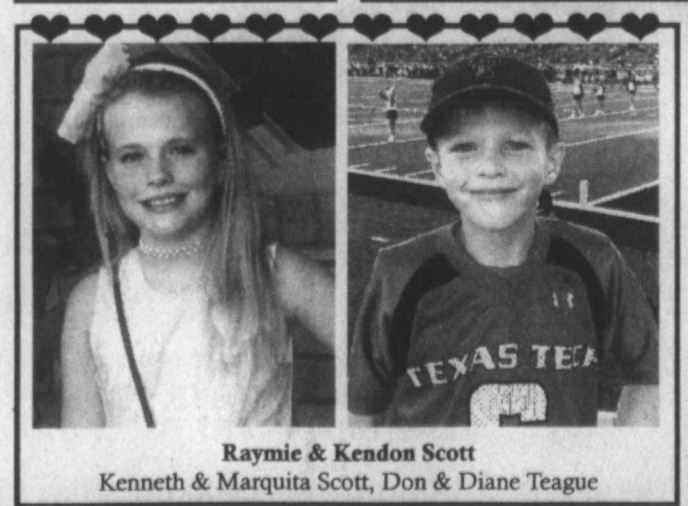
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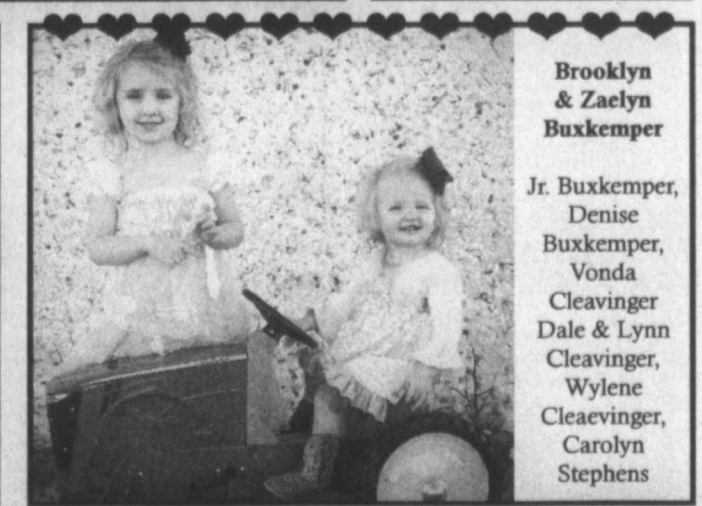
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Kenneth & Marquita Scott

Patricia & Tim Mathis



Raymie & Kendon Scott
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Jr. Buxkemper, Denise Buxkemper, Vonda Cleavinger
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Virginia & Ramon Quintero



Hattie Mae Hammonds

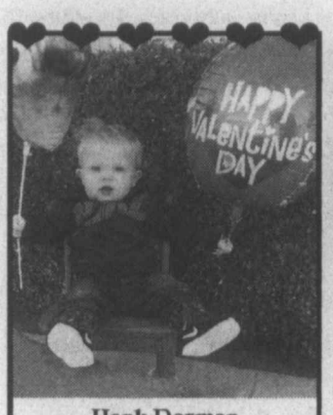
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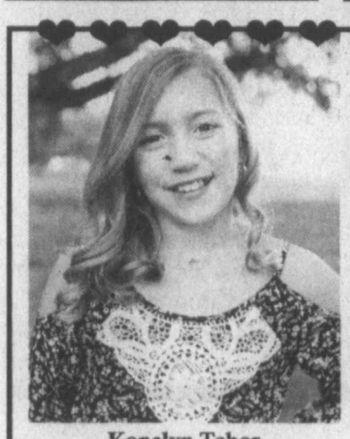


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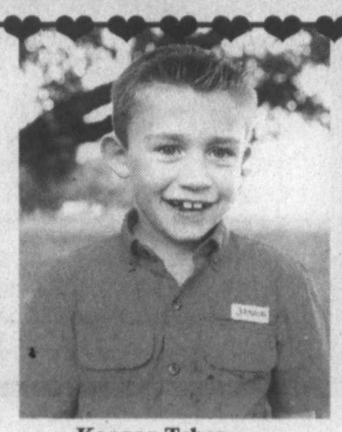


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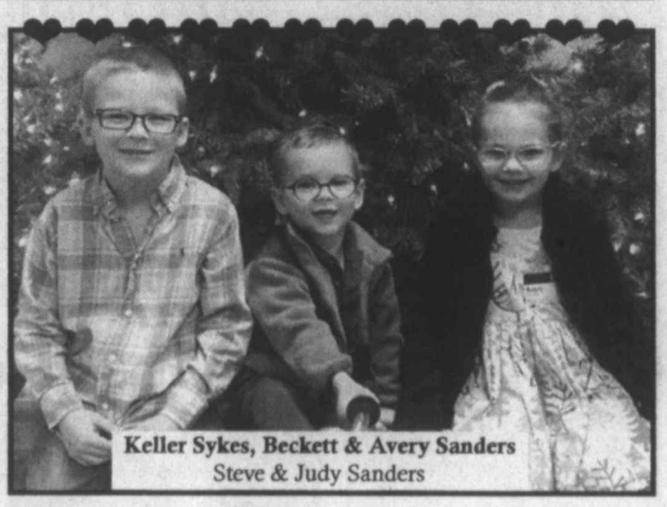
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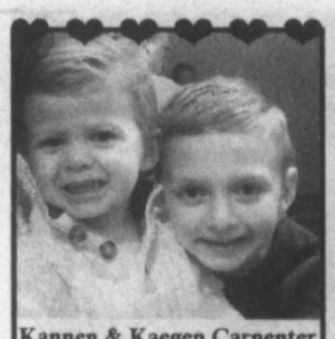
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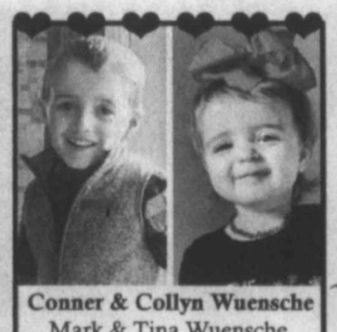
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Ernesto & Leonarda Saldaña
Abel Vega,
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Keller Sykes, Beckett & Avery Sanders
Steve & Judy Sanders



Kannen & Kaegen Carpenter
Mark & Tina Wuensche,
Rodney Carpenter,
Randy & Lynette Hendricks,
James & Janet Wuensche, Jim
Gordon, Lorena Wuensche



Conner & Collyn Wuensche
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Stanley, Darrell & Fran Dunn,
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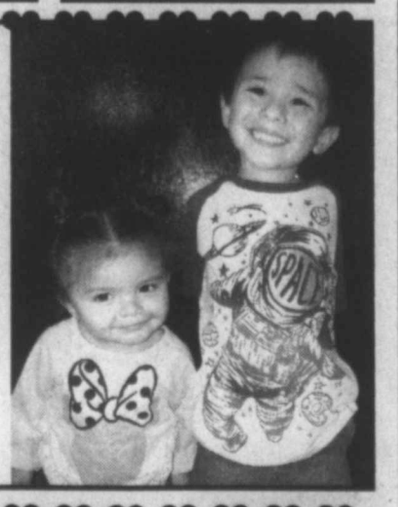
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Manuel & Anita Garcia



Bartholomew & Zebedee
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Paul Arriaga
Julia Gonzales

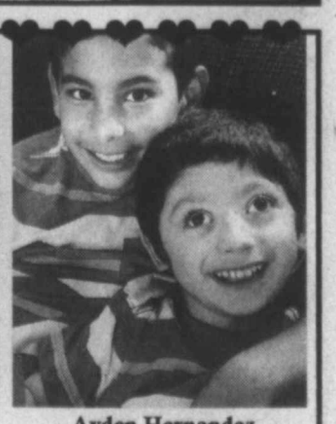




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Manuel & the late Martha
Martinez



Tahlia Hernandez

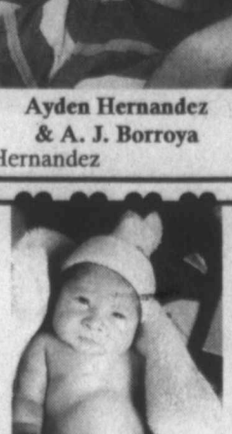


Ayden Hernandez & A. J. Borroya

Robert & Diana F. Hernandez



Rylee Vega, Clay, Ryan & Ryder Sosa
Robert & Susie Sosa, Mona Sosa,
Ruben Nambo, Elsa Nambo
Wanita Kelley



Leo Antonio
Trisha Rodriguez
Michael Castillon
Julio & Yolanda Mendez
Antonio & Angie Rodriguez
Armando & Trina Castillon

Area News

Solar farm to cover 12 square miles near O'Donnell

Separate agreements for tax abatement and tax rebate for economic development were approved by the Dawson County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Jan. 29, for two solar projects planned in northeast Dawson County near O'Donnell.

If developed as planned, the two projects – Trex US Red Holly, LLC, and Trex US Green Holly, LLC – would be constructed adjacent to each other and combined they would cover approximately 12 square miles of Dawson County with solar panels, Jon Burke, President Development of GreenGo Energy U.S., Inc., told the Dawson County Commissioners Court.

"This would be one of the largest combined solar facilities in the country," Burke said.

Red Holly would produce 250 megawatts of electricity, while Green Holly would produce 400 megawatts for a combined total of 650 megawatts.

GreenGo Energy is a Denmark-based company, and has close to 10,000 total acres under lease for the two projects in the northeast corner of Dawson County. Developers of the projects will have to work around homesteads and other obstructions in the placement of the solar panels. All of the solar farm will be constructed in Dawson County.

Pointing out that the first solar farm built southeast of Lamesa in two phases only generates about 150 megawatts of electricity, County Judge Foy O'Brien said the combined solar projects near O'Donnell would be the largest by far of the solar farms either completed or planned for construction in Dawson County.

Both the Red Holly and Green Holly projects are planned to be completed and online by the summer of 2021.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

LHS updates cell phone policy

Lamesa High School has updated its student cell phone policy for the 2019 school year. Students now are required to place their phones, headphones, and other personal electronics into their numbered pouch of a cell phone caddy as they enter the room each period.

If students do not have any personal electronics with them, they may place an orange card stating "I brought no tech today" in their numbered pouch instead.

Teachers will take attendance from the cell phone caddy, so students must put their electronics or a card in their pouch every period.

There will be consequences if students do not follow the school's expectations for personal electronics.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Story Time

Any child is welcomed each Wednesday at 10:30 to join us along with an adult in the City County Library activity room.

Adult Program - True Tales

Next month, Texas Tech University Museum will be bringing their **Traveling Truck Exhibit** to the City County Library, on March 14th at 10:00 a.m. The trunk will include memorabilia from the Civil War. A speaker will come, along with the truck to discuss and talk about each artifact.

Field Trips

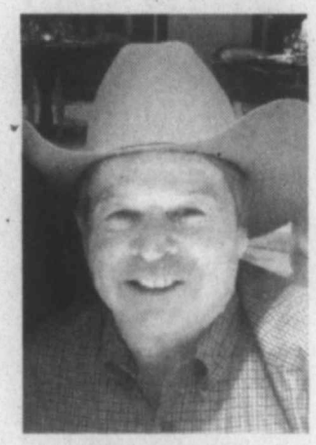
Any Lynn County school or homeschoolers that would like to schedule a field trip to the City County Library just call 806-561-4050 and we can set you up! We can review information you have studied in the classroom and refresh the taught curriculum.

Kid Space is Fun Space

Kidspace at the library will be a fun place where Moms, Dads and caregivers can bring their little ones to play. Adults will have to stay with your child(ren) and sign in while visiting the kid space area. Kid space will be in the library activity room starting from 9:00-11:00 a.m. (closed for lunch) 1:00 -3:00 p.m. The next play dates scheduled are February 21st and 28th. Please use the back-side parking area to enter. **Library Closing Dates**

Monday, February 18th.

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Grand Opening... CashSavers, formerly Tahoka Thriftway, had their Grand Opening and ribbon cutting last Wednesday. Pictured with store employees and guest are owners Jay Lawrence and Kyle Lawrence. Store Manager is Joseph Copeland (center) cutting the ribbon. Store hours are 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Did you know? Falling in love has neurological effects similar to those of cocaine. Falling in love is much like taking a dose of cocaine, say experts, as both experiences affect the brain similarly and trigger a similar sensation of euphoria. Research found that falling in love produces several euphoria-inducing chemicals that stimulate 12 areas of the brain at the same time.

Schoemann elected president of Tahoka Economic Dev. Corp.

The Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at the City meeting room. Elections were conducted to name officers for the Board, with William "Bill" Schoemann re-elected as President, Tim Pledger named Vice President, Joe Craig as Treasurer, and Monica Stephens as Secretary. Other members of the Board are Starr Bray and Casey McLelland. One seat remains to be filled on the seven-member board.

According to the financial report, the TEDC has a bank balance of $344,511.06 with comptroller's deposit for December in the amount of $6,589.44, interest of $284.82 and no expenses to report. Funds are collected through the 4-B Sales Tax, which is a half-cent sales tax in the city.

The TEDC budget was set and adopted with all voting in favor. Short term and long term goals were discussed, as was consideration for a paid economic developer/staff member. Topics for group discussion included recreational outdoor activities, food/hotel, industry and manufacturing, as well as finding a unique opportunity for some sort of industry.

Pledger reported that he had several conversations with the web page developer and that the TEDC website is still a work in progress.

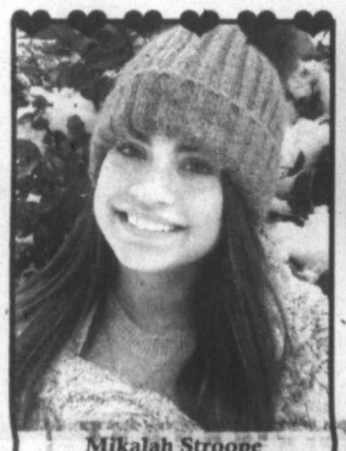
The meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

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.

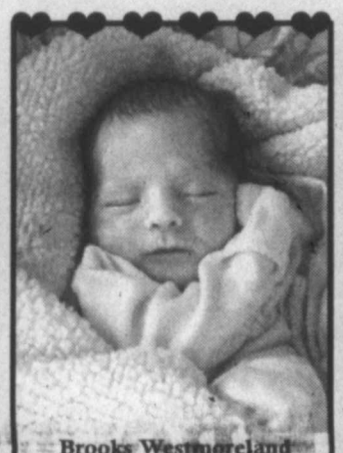
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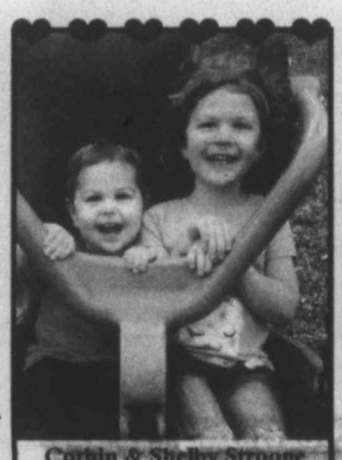
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Todd & Ginger Henry

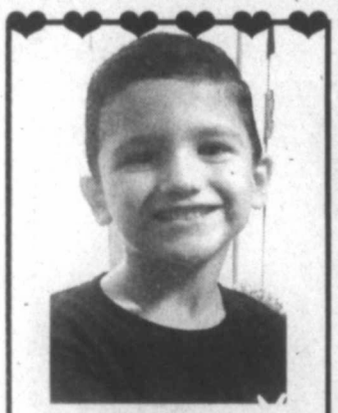

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Todd & Ginger Henry


Qualyn Stroope
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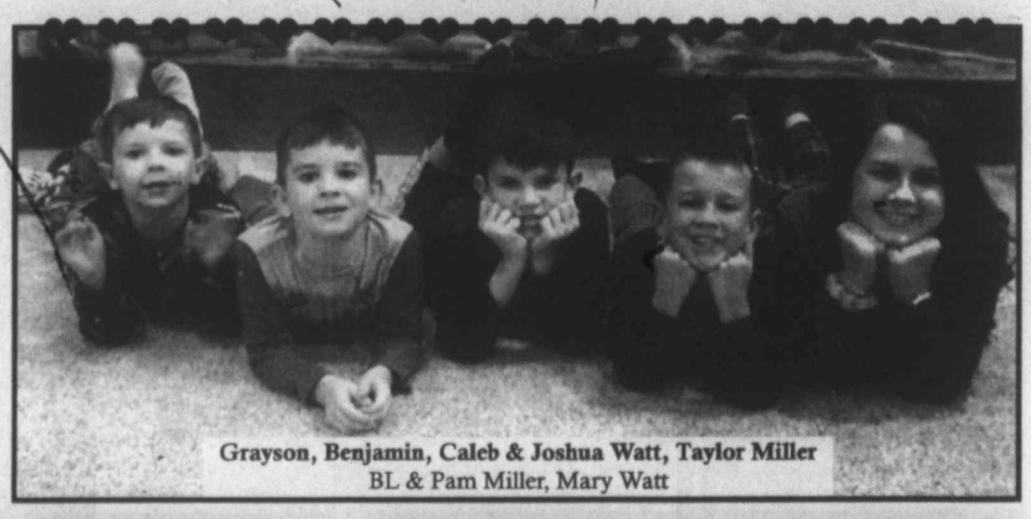

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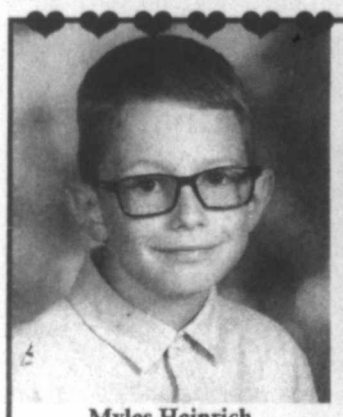

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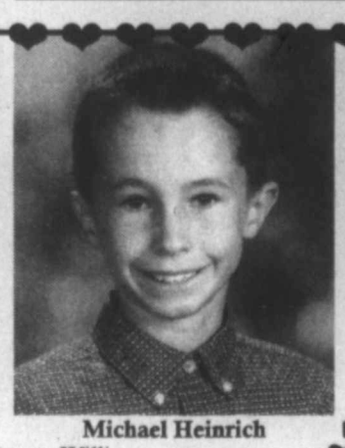

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Mark & Lisa Smith

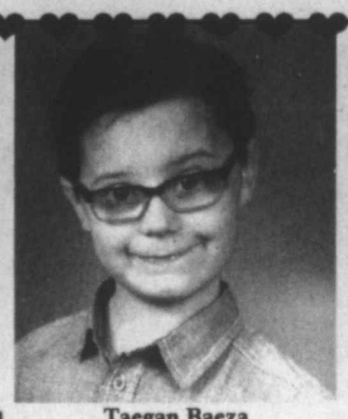

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Hope Casarez & Billy White
Cecilia & Jose Trujillo

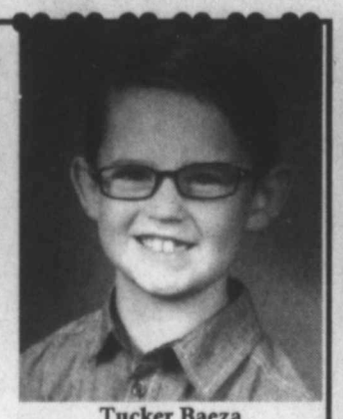

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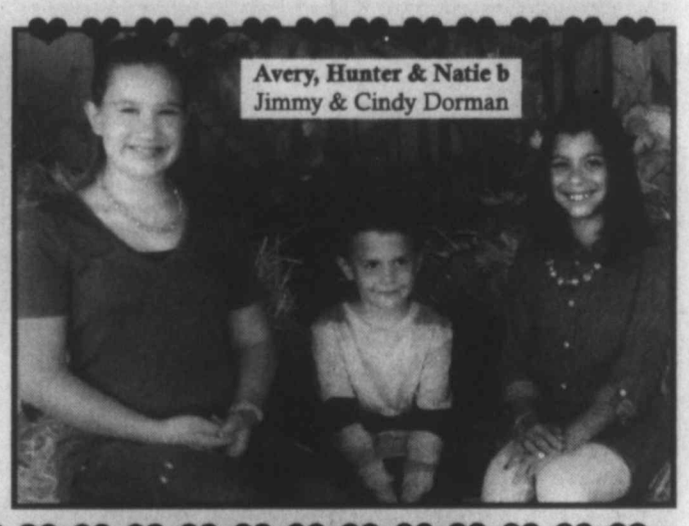

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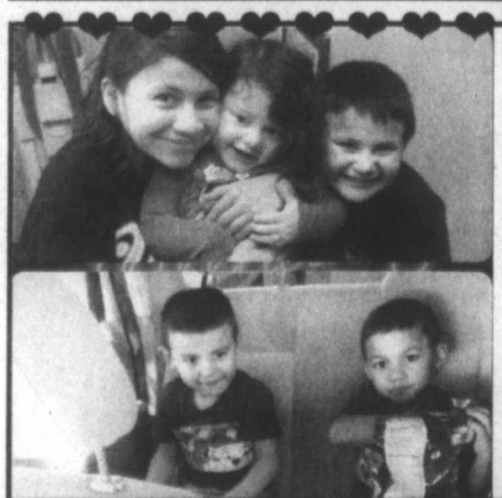

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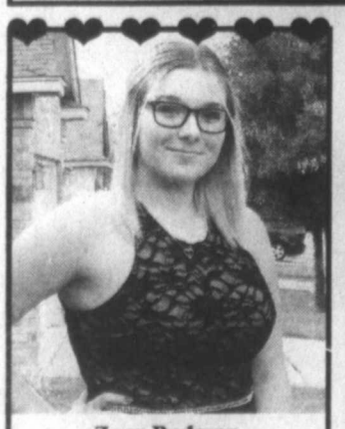

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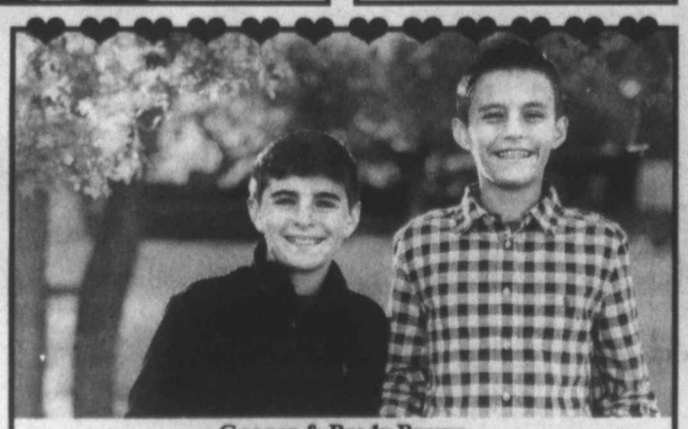

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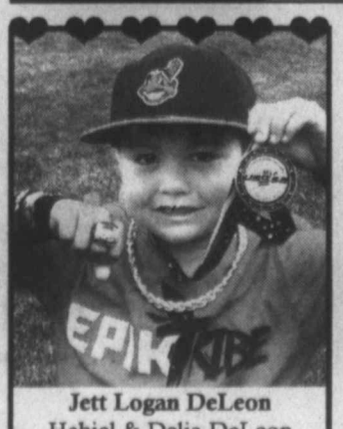

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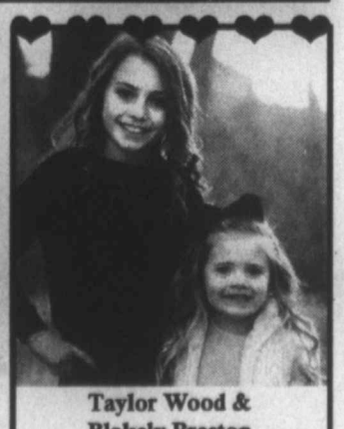

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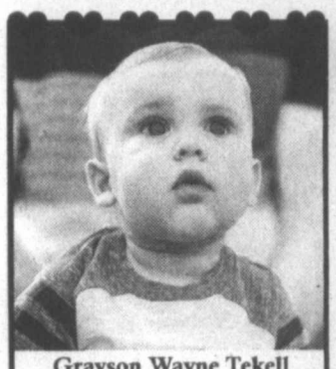
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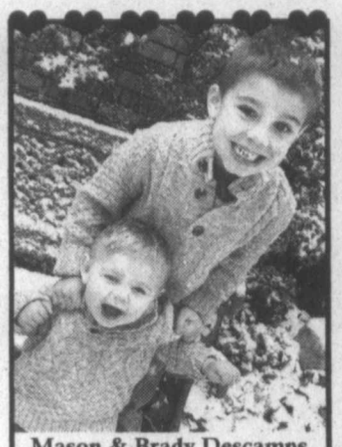
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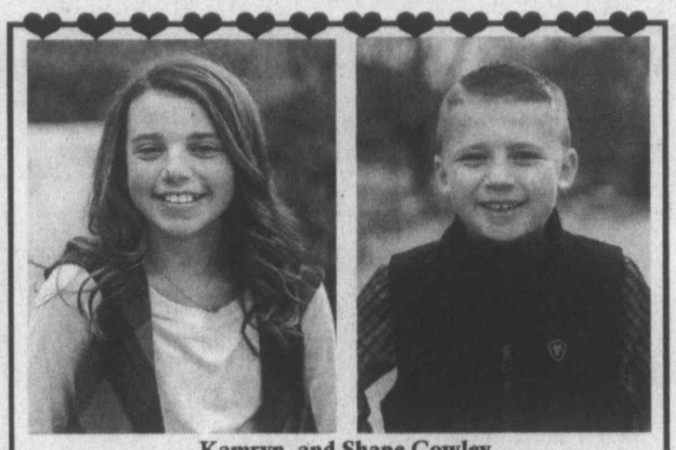
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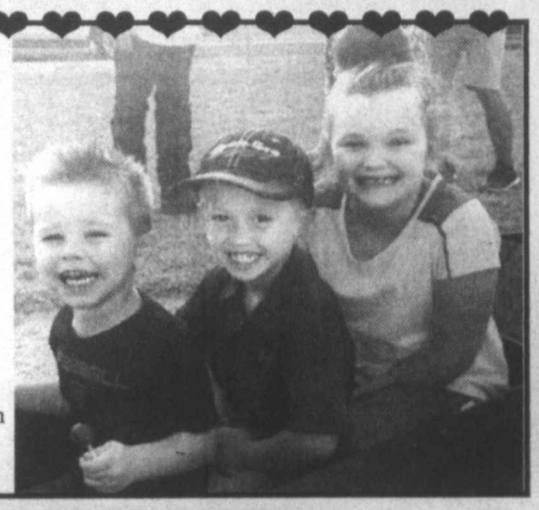
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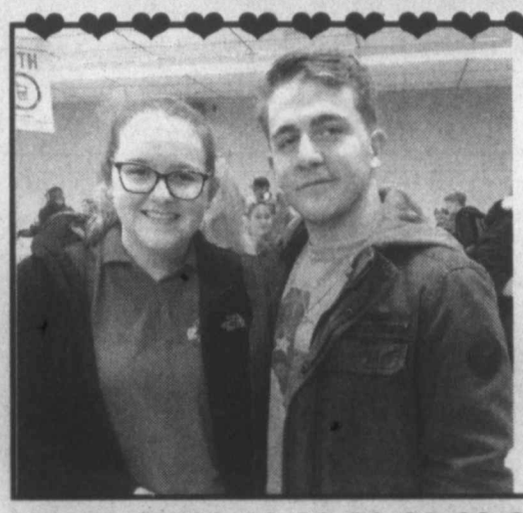
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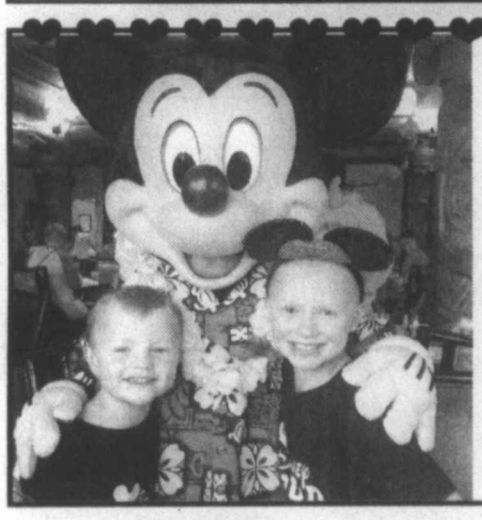
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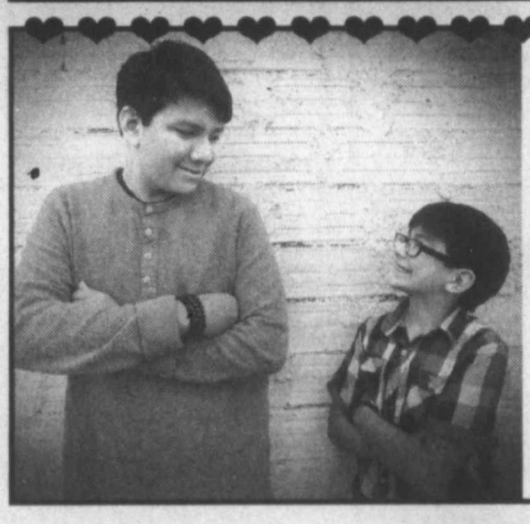
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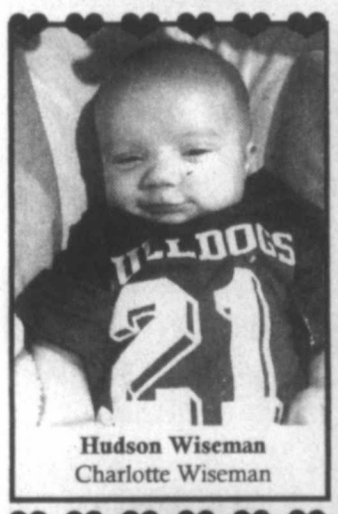
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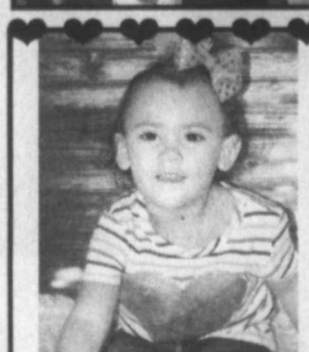
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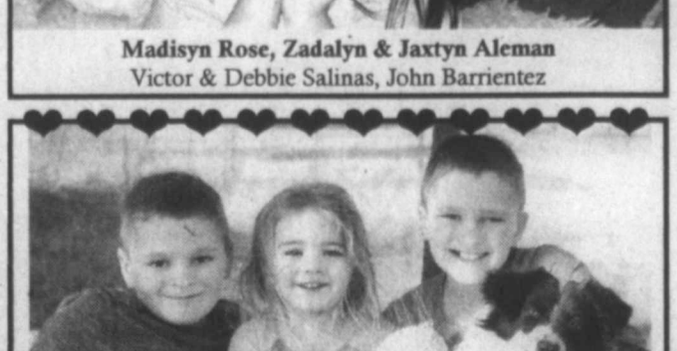
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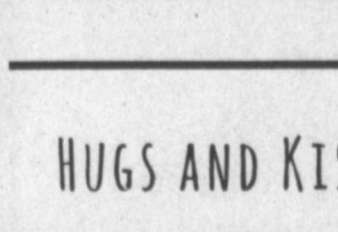
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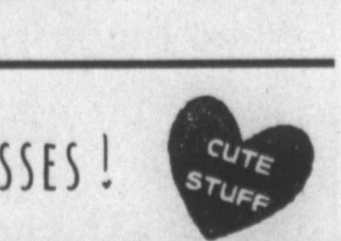
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Show your community some love this Valentine's Day

By Quint Studer, author of Building A Vibrant Community: How Citizen-Powered Change Is Reshaping America

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, 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.

And 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.

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