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The Duran Family

John Duran was born in Las Animas, Colorado, on November 28, 1944.

John's parents are Joe and Delia Duran. Joe worked on the railroad, and Delia was a housewife, taking care of their seven children; Don, Emma, Joe, Anthony, Jerry, Rueben, and John.

John graduated from High School in 1965 in Johnson, KS. He later graduated with a Physical Education degree from Garden City Junior College.

John worked as a farm hand for 5-star Wheat Ranch, a milk truck driver for Gardiners Dairy, managed Dandy's Hamburger

joint, substitute and student taught at Garden City and Fort Hays State College, and worked for the Grant County Road Department.

John is currently a councilman on the Ulysses City Council, as well as a chaplain at Western Prairie Care Home, and is active at Oasis Church.

John Duran has two children. Dawn Oakes was born January 3, 1967. Dawn lives in Federal Way, Washington, with her husband, Courier Oakes. Dawn is an Administrative Specialist III. They have two daughters, Ashlee Oakes and Melissa McNally, who

are both nineteen years old. Shawn Johnson was born July 16, 1970. Shawn lives in Seattle, Washington, with her husband, Marshall Johnson. Shawn works in Officer Administration, and Marshall is a wireman. They have one child, Morgan Tafoya, who is 30 years old.

"The people in Ulysses are very friendly," John said, "It's a very caring community." John said he enjoys how the town is small enough that "you know everyone... or at least their faces." John has many memories of good people who kept the community, and the County,

safe. John met his wife Sandy at Dandy's Hamburger while they were attending school in Garden City. "She thought I was a cute manager," John said, "The rest has been wonderful." John and Sandy got married on June 4, 1966.

John loves to spend time camping and fishing with his family and friends. "Ulysses is a great town to raise a family and enjoy America's freedom."



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The Cavasos Family

Tony and Cathy Cavasos are familiar faces in the Ulysses community. Tony has been a Ulysses Police Officer and has served as the School Resource Officer for the past 21 years. Cathy began teaching in the Ulysses School system in 1984 and has taught second and third grade, and now is an ESL teacher.

Tony has had family in Ulysses for several generations. He stayed with his aunt Sally Rodriguez during the summer so that he could play baseball with his Ulysses cousins. Tony's parents, Tony Sr. and Virginia, moved the family from Texas to Ulysses in 1978. Tony Sr. worked for Ulysses Irrigation Pipe Company and did a variety of jobs through the years. Virginia was a contract laborer for Dekalb and area farmers rogeuing fields. They now live in Texas close to their daughters.

Besides Tony Jr., there are five other Cavasos

siblings. Danny lives in Aztec, New Mexico; Edward is in Garden City; Lydia Camarillo lives in Levelland, Texas; Amy Fuentes in Boerne, Texas; and Lisa Cavasos lives in Ulysses.

Tony Jr. graduated from Ulysses High school and received his diploma and certification through the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center at Hutchinson. He worked a number of jobs, including: day care center, Ulysses Irrigation, USD 214 maintenance and the police department. His favorite job is his current job as SRO. Tony enjoys the brotherhood he shares with his fellow officers and the relationships he has made with students over the years. He was named the Kansas SRO of the Year in 2008.

Cathy was born in Salina, Kansas to Marvin and Doris Gorrell. Her dad was a lifelong farmer while her mother was a bookkeeper for many

years. They are both deceased. Cathy has one sister, Pat Dickerson, who is retired in Ridgeway, Missouri. She has two brothers, Dave is retired in Brookville, Kansas and Mike is deceased.

Cathy graduated from Tescott High. She then attended Cloud County Community College and Kansas State University, receiving her Bachelor and Master's degrees in Education. Her first teaching job was in Ulysses and she plans to finish her career here. In 1992, Cathy was a semi-finalist for Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Tony and Cathy met while playing volleyball on a Sunday afternoon with a group of teacher friends. Mutual friends Dave Waldron and Dan Billinger were instrumental in getting Tony there. Later, they went to see "Delta Force" at The Movies.

Tony and Cathy were married on June 6, 1987 at Patterson Avenue Church

of God. They have lived in Ulysses for all of their married life. They have three children. They have also hosted four Rotary exchange students in their home. Guillaume was from Belgium; Andre and Kiko were from Brazil; and Pol from Spain. They have remained close with these students. In fact, Tony and Cathy plan to travel to Brazil for the wedding of Andre and Kiko's sister, Amanda to Chase Davis.

Vanessa Christophersen is the oldest of the Cavasos children. She is an xray technician and certified medical assistant at Spirit in Wichita. Vanessa has two children - Kieler is 20 and Alaina is 14.

Leo Cavasos is the next child. He lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado with his wife, Amerie. He is a roofer and she's a veterinarian. They have three beautiful, spoiled dogs.

The youngest is Jesse Cavasos who lives in Ulysses. He is employed by the grounds department of USD 214 and has blessed his parents with another perfect grand-

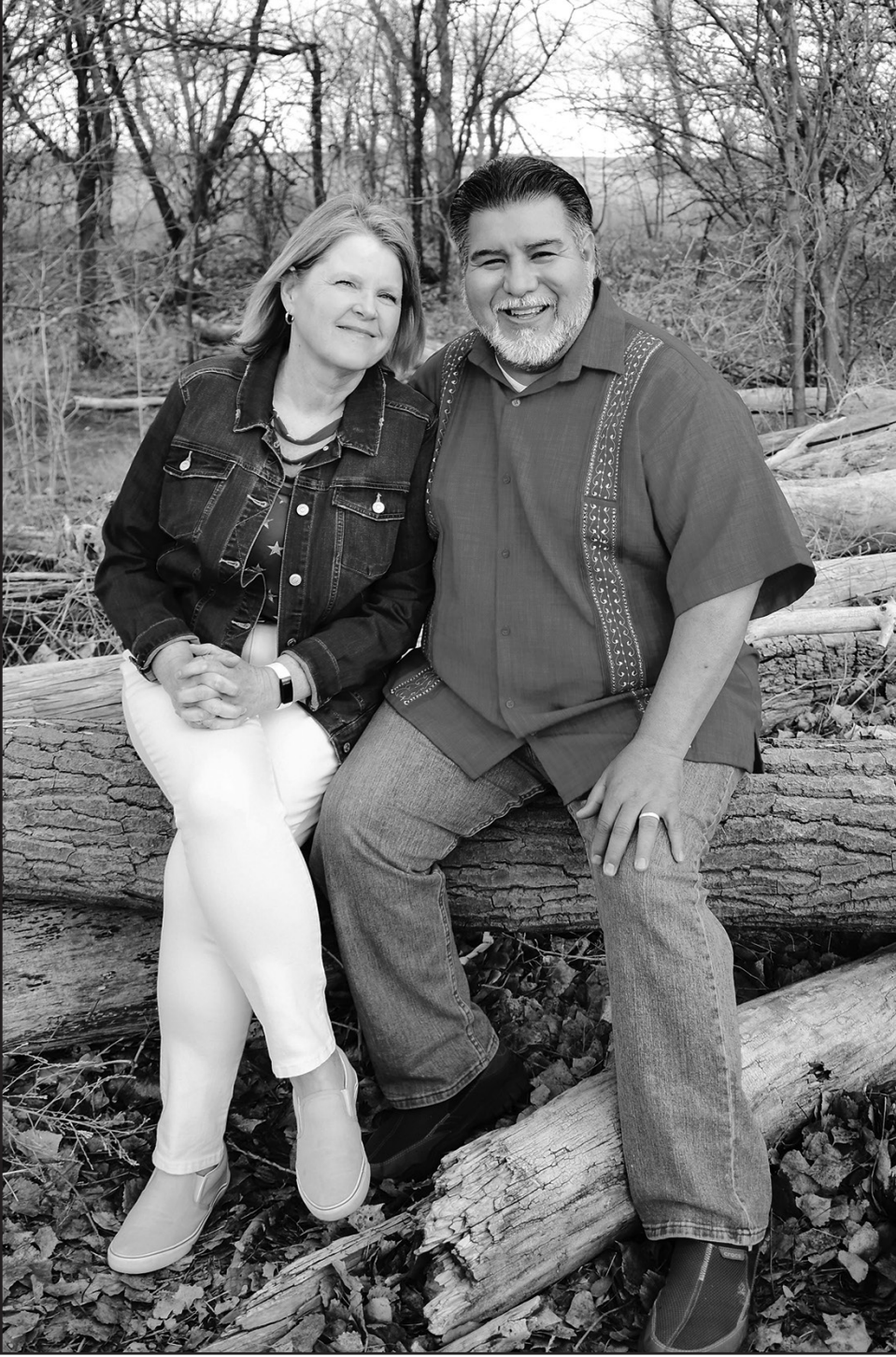
dog. The Cavasos' have been involved with their kids sports and activities through the years, including: swim team, t-ball, baseball, football, softball, soccer, 4-H, youth group, cross country and basketball. Tony has coached rec sports and both he and Cathy have helped with scouting. Both Jesse and Leo earned the Eagle Scout award. Tony has also served on the Grant County Fair Board, volunteered with the fire department, been a Youth Friend volunteer and a Rotary Club member.

Cathy has been involved with On the Rock Cafe, a ministry at Patterson Avenue Church of God and now New Beginnings Church since 1999. She teaches a Women's Bible study, helps with Bible Explorers and coached a losing, but fun soccer season a few years ago! She has fed cross country and baseball teams out of her kitchen and served on the Grant County Extension Council. She belongs to Beta Xi, the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for women educators,

and the Grant County Teacher's Association.

When asked if she had a fun story to share, Cathy said, "one year, we were getting ready to leave on vacation. We had our vacation cash ready to go and were going to pay bills before leaving town. The envelope with the vacation cash accidentally go dropped into the drop box at the post office. Fortunately, we were able to contact the assistant postmaster who met us and opened the box. That would never happen in a big city!"

Tony and Cathy love the Ulysses community. It is a great place to raise a family and there's always something to do. They enjoy their church activities and the relationships they have built. The support that their children enjoyed and experienced at the schools, through 4-H, scouting and church has been phenomenal. Cathy chose Ulysses over another town to teach in because Ulysses had a movie theater. But she (and her husband) have stayed for so many more reasons.



CAVASOS FAMILY — Cathy and Tony Cavasos.



CAVASOS FAMILY — Amerie and Leo Cavasos.



CAVASOS FAMILY — The kids and grandkids. L-R: Leo and Jesse Cavasos, Alaina, Kieler and Vanessa Christophersen.

The Kincaid Family



KINCAID FAMILY — Mykaylah, Dalton, Maci, Andrea, and Arya Kincaid.

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Kincaid was born on as a waitress in three daughters. Mykaylah was born on December 4th, 1990, in Johnson City, Kansas. Andrea Andrea worked and Dalton have as a waitress in three daughters. Mykaylah was born on December 4th, 1990, in Johnson City, Kansas.

Andrea and Dalton met in middle school at a track meet in Holcomb, Kansas. Dalton received an Associates degree in Information Technology from Purdue Global, as well as a Gunsmithing

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KINCAID FAMILY — Dalton and Andrea Kincaid.

in Liberal, Kansas. Maci is currently a 2nd grader at Hickok Elementary School. Maci is also a part of the Sunflower 4H club, where she is getting ready to show her animals for the first time. Most days, Maci can be found in her kitchen, where she is an avid baker. She is also quick-witted, and always has something funny to say.

Arya was born on April 25th, 2019, in Liberal, Kansas. Arya enjoys coloring, playing with her toys, watching Toy Story, and "driving both of her sisters crazy."

Both Andrea and Dalton's families have a long history in Grant County.

Dalton's paternal grandfather, Jack Kincaid, worked for Williams, and owned Shaker's Liquor. Jack

Shaker's Liquor. Jack married Janice on October 7th, 1967. Janice worked for Dr. Rham, and as an assistant for several attorneys in Grant County. Jack passed away in 2017 after a long battle with cancer.

Dalton's maternal grandfather, Dale Childers, worked for Williams, and for the City as a pipe-

line inspector. Dale married Lanna on September 5th, 1970. Lanna currently works for Restored by Grace.

Dalton's mother, Marla Bankes, ran a daycare in Ulysses for 25 years. Recently, Marla lives with Jason Bankes in Clarksville, Tennessee. Jason is opening his own business, Clarksville Tint and Protection.

Dalton's father, Chris Kincaid, lives in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, where he owns and operates his own barbecue restaurant, Trigger's BBQ. Chris served on the Grant County Fire Department for over 25 years, and retired as a Captain.

Dalton's father, Brad Lyons, works in Manhattan, Kansas, at a construction company.

Dalton's sister, Tylan Kincaid, works as a nurse in Kansas City, Kansas. Dalton's step-brother, Sheldon Bankes, works at Menasha Packaging in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Dalton's sister, Jaylan Bankes, is a 6th grader at Richview Middle School in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Andrea's paternal grandfather, Buddie

Neatherlin, worked in his own carpentry business, and worked at Borderline Well Services. Buddie married Susie on October 20th, 1956. Susie raised their children, and later began cleaning houses in Ulysses.

Andrea's father is Andy Neatherlin. Andy works for Scout Energy in Ulysses. Andrea's mother, Tina Brown (Moseler), is a restaurant manager in Amarillo, Texas.

Andrea's sister, Kayley Neatherlin, just finished her duty in the United States Marine Corps, and is currently doing lashes and nails in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Andrea's brother, Taylor Stuhlsatz, works as a security guard in Amarillo, Texas. Andrea's brother, Shelby Weber, went to work in roadside services after leaving the United States Military.

"We feel Ulysses is a great place to raise a family," the Kincaids said, "the small, tight knit, community provides a strong feeling of support while raising a family."



KINCAID FAMILY — Mykaylah, Arya, and Maci Kincaid.

The Kincaid Family



KINCAID FAMILY — Maci, Arya, and Mykaylah Kincaid



KINCAID FAMILY — Dalton and Andrea Kincaid.



KINCAID FAMILY — Maci and Mykaylah enjoying the beach.



KINCAID FAMILY — Mykaylah with her 4H animal.



KINCAID FAMILY — Arya posing for a picture.



KINCAID FAMILY — Arya enjoying the beach.



KINCAID FAMILY — Maci and Mykaylah ready to play softball.



KINCAID FAMILY — Maci dressed up and ready to bake!

The Bortz Family

Larry Bortz came to Ulysses in 1963 to work for Pioneer Telephone to install and operate the company's unit record equipment. As computer systems advanced, he operated the latest equipment and enjoyed programming for almost 40 years, retiring in 2003.

During those years and after retirement, Larry has been an active community member, supportive father and husband, and a busy guy!

He was born in Great Bend, Kansas to Harrold and Eleanor Bortz. He has two sisters, Jolene Turner and Marlene Albers and one brother, Dean Bortz.

Larry graduated from LaCrosse High school and Fort Hays State University and attended a six-month IBM school in Wichita.

Thelma was born in Vinita, Oklahoma to Paul and Dorothy Davis. She has one sister, Helen Finch who is retired and lives in Florida. Her father died when she was four and her mother remarried. They moved to Arkansas when Thelma was seven

and she graduated from West Fork High school. She received an associates of science degree from Seward County College in Liberal and also completed the four year Education for Ministry program. Thelma worked in the banking industry for 32 years at Peoples National Bank in Liberal, Southwest Kansas National Bank and Grant County Bank before retiring in 2006.

In 1984 while attending a seminar for widowed and divorced people, Larry met Thelma and they hit it off instantly. They realized that they shared the same ideals and hopes and dreams for their children, and as the saying goes, "the rest is history!" The couple were married on August 11, 1984 at Shelton Memorial Christian Church in Ulysses and began to build a life together.

Larry had three children from his first marriage and Thelma had two from hers. They have both been involved in a number of community activities, organizations

and groups. Together, they have been involved in Eastern Star for 37 years, served as Grant County Ambassadors and have been active in many different roles in their church, Shelton Memorial Christian. Currently, both are Elders, Larry is a Trustee and sings in the choir and Thelma serves as Financial Secretary. They both volunteer at Loaves & Fishes where Thelma is the treasurer.

Larry has been a member of the Jaycees, Rotary for 27 years and became a Paul Harris Fellow, the hospital auxiliary, served on the Home Products Dinner committee, and was on the Senior Center board, serving as chairman. He coached Little League baseball for 13 years, also coaching t-ball and major league. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts and delivered meals for the senior center. Larry currently takes people who do not drive to appointments and to run errands. He also enjoys golfing.

One of his favorite memories is being

involved with the Centennial celebration. The whole family took part.

Thelma has been just as busy as her husband, serving on the Grant County Scholarship Foundation and the Grant County Library board. She has been a member of Business and Professional Women and Financial Women International, Spring Fling committee and hospital auxiliary.

Thelma says that she and Larry enjoyed being Ambassadors together when the group rode the little wooden horses in the parades around Southwest Kansas. Other activities that the couple have enjoyed together include square dancing and attending the sporting events of their grandkids. They have a great-grandchild in Ulysses who will start kindergarten this year, so there are more school and sports events in their future!

Family is important to both Larry and Thelma and they enjoy spending as much time as possible

with their five children (3 spouses), 11 grandchildren (seven spouses), and eight great-grandchildren (with number nine on the way)! They have taken ski trips, gone to Grand Camp, and love spending holidays and birthdays together.

Kim Klein is married to Randy. She is the owner/operator of A Wild Hair in Ulysses. Her children are Hunter Wilson and Collin Wilson (married to Autumn).

Troy Bortz is employed at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. He is married to Alana and they have four children: Haylea (Ryan Rossi); Marissa (Jessie); Toby Bortz (Brylee); and Joelle Jones (Dwane).

Todd Brady is a mechanic in Crestview, Florida. He has one daughter, Cheyenne Brady.

Rhonda Brady works in the Grant County Appraiser's office. She has two daughters: Beth Ashby and Denise Rider (Seth).

Brad Bortz is an Architect with Burns &

McDonnell in Olathe. He is married to Jill and they have two children, Jamie and Aaron.

Larry and Thelma love to travel and have been to all the states except North and South Carolina. They have traveled to Europe three times. The first was an 18-day European tour; the second time was for a two-week summer school in religious studies in Oxford, England; and the third trip was to Ireland and Scotland.

According to Larry, Ulysses is a great community to raise children in. Ulysses offers good education, good recreation and good people! Thelma feels blessed to live in Grant County. She says, "we have had good jobs which allowed us to retire and enjoy life!"

While Larry and Thelma may be the first generation of their family in Grant County, they are not the last. They have already added two more generations and there are likely to be many more!



WEDDING DAY—Thelma and Larry Bortz on their wedding day - August 11, 1984.



FAMILY—A group shot of part of the family during a get-together in Ulysses.



ROYALS GAME—The Kleins and Wilsons pose for a picture at a Royals game. From l-r: Kim Klein, Collin Wilson, Autumn Wilson, Hunter Wilson and Randy Klein.



CHIEFS—Brad Bortz and wife Jill pose for a selfie with friends at a Kansas City Chiefs game.

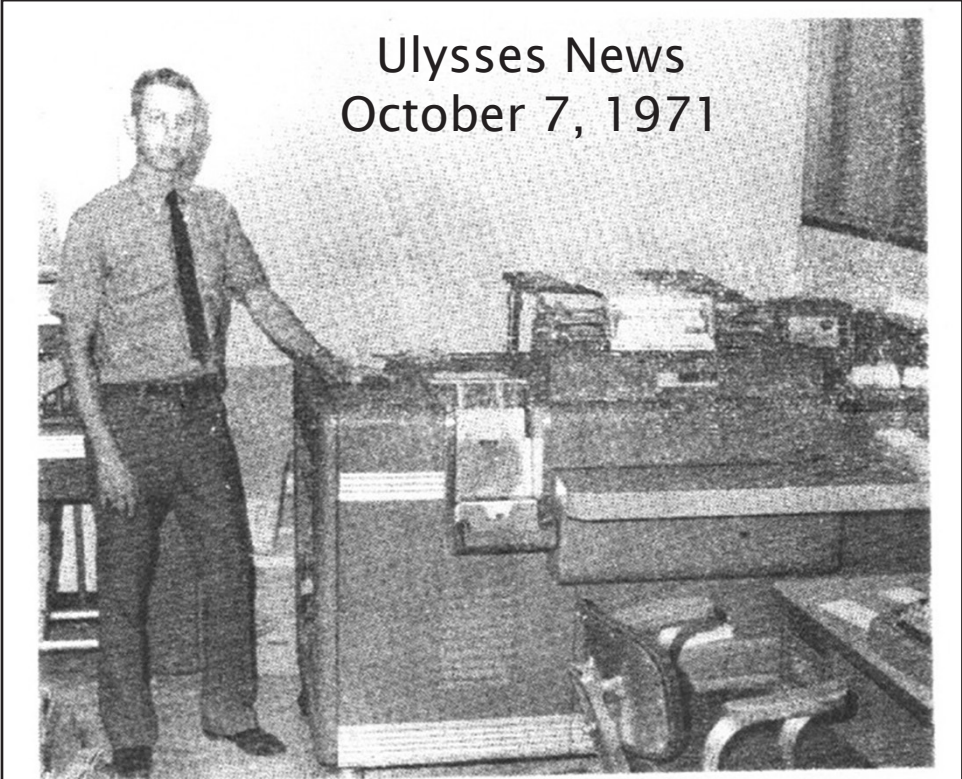
The Bortz Family



MOTHER & DAUGHTER—Jill Bortz with daughter Jamie.



ON THE ROAD—Are Larry and Thelma “catching a cab” during one of their trips together?



Larry Bortz, accountant for Pioneer Telephone association is shown with his IBM accounting system which he will exchange for a computer system.



FAMILY—Cheyenne and Todd Brady.



GRANDKIDS—Troy and Alana Bortz are shown with their grandkids. They will soon have seven!



HAPPY COUPLE—Larry and Thelma Bortz have been married for almost 38 years and feel very blessed to have a wonderful family and life together.

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