

# Family Living



Grant Taylor and Mary Megan Cox

## Taylor, Cox wed in Santa Fe

Mary Megan Cox of Hobbs and Grant Taylor of Artesia, exchanged vows March 14 in Santa Fe.

The bride is the daughter of Sandra and Wallace Cox. Grandparents of the bride are Wallace "Spud" Cox of Hobbs and the late Ruby Prebble Cox and Faye Crooks, both of Copperas Cove, Texas, and the late Ray Crooks.

The bridegroom is the son of Mary Kay and Randy McCollum. His grandmothers are Eletha McCollum, of Oklahoma City, and the late Mabel Moreau, of Artesia.

Megan is a 1999 graduate of Hobbs High School. She graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences. She received her master's degree in agricultural education at Texas Tech University in 2005. She is the nutrition program manager of Rio Arriba County's Women, Infants and Children clinic in Española.

Grant is a 1999 graduate of Artesia High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications and a Master of Business Administration degree, both from New Mexico State University. He is the field director for Think New Mexico, a non-profit think tank in Santa Fe.

The Honorable Mark Basham officiated the double-ring ceremony. The bride and groom will celebrate their recent marriage with friends and family in Hobbs on May 19.

## School Menus

### Artesia Schools

April 23-27  
**Monday**

**Breakfast:** Waffle stick, cereal, juice, choice of milk.  
**Lunch:** Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce and tomato, peach cobbler, choice of milk.

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, cereal, juice, choice of milk.  
**Lunch:** Breaded beef patty, country gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate/vanilla pudding, choice of milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.  
**Lunch:** Macaroni and beef, bread stick, California blend, apple crisp, choice of milk.

**Thursday**

**Breakfast:** Biscuit and sausage, cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.  
**Lunch:** Pop corn chicken, baked fries, tossed salad and dressing, tropical mixed fruit, choice of milk.

**Friday**

**Breakfast:** Nutri grain bar (strawberry), cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.  
**Lunch:** Green enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, strawberry short cake, choice of milk.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Breakfast is served at all schools except Artesia High School. All menus are subject to change.)*

### Head Start

April 23-26  
**Monday**

**Breakfast:** Waffles, applesauce, milk.  
**Lunch:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges, bread, milk.

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast:** Toast w/egg patties, apricots, milk.  
**Lunch:** Fish sticks, corn, salad, peaches, bread, milk.

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast:** Cream of Wheat, cheese sticks, bananas, milk.  
**Lunch:** Ham, yams, peas, pineapple, chocolate milk.

**Thursday**

**Breakfast:** Cold cereal, Go-Gurts, apple, milk.  
**Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad w/dressing, Capri vegetables, pears, garlic bread, milk.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Menus are subject to change due to deliveries and availability.)*



## New Arrivals

### Jimenez

Candace Jimenez is proud to announce the birth of a daughter Areanna Sky Jimenez on April 7, 2007. She weighed 5 pounds, 14.6 ounces and measured 19 inches. She has a sister, Jocelyn Geneva Frazee Jimenez, age 6. Maternal grandparents are Rhonda Sumpkins of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Ricky Jimenez of Artesia. Great-grandparent is Esther Frazee of Artesia.

### Parks

Shauna Reynolds and Jimmy Parks are proud to announce the birth of a son Travis Allen Parks on April 13, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He has two brothers Dalton Andrew Parks, age 8, and Caleb Alexander Parks, age 7.

## Children Youth and Families Department adoptive child of the week

**My Name is Kayla D.**  
**I am:** 13 years old  
**I am in:** 7th grade

**My favorite things to do:** Arts and crafts activities and I am very creative.

**My favorite foods:** chicken fingers from Dairy Queen.

She also likes cooking New Mexican food at home with her foster mom.

Kayla is a 13-year-old, beautiful child who can be very social and outgoing.

When motivated she is active and enjoys various activities.

Kayla is quite articulate and likes to write in her journal. She very much enjoys arts and crafts activities and is very creative.

It is important to Kayla that she receives much attention from her caregiver and needs to be reassured how much she means to her parent and is loved.

Rules and consistency are a

critical part of the home and family that will adopt Kayla..

Kayla loves pets and hopes to have animals in her forever family. Kayla needs a strong parent that is able to give her lots of attention and love. At this time it is felt Kayla would



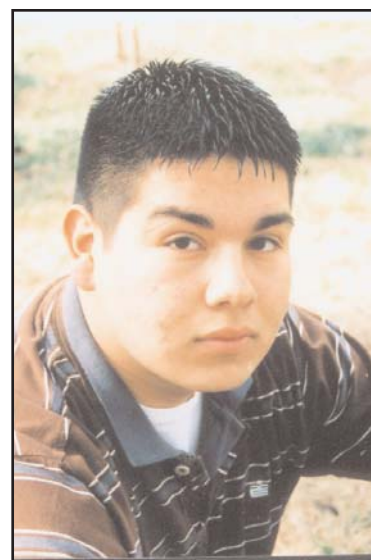
do best in a single mom home with pets or a very strong two-parent home that can provide consistent boundaries and firm structure until Kayla feels like she really belongs.

Kayla came into custody due to a history of neglect and multiple placements with relatives in her birth family.

She is eligible for a subsidy and purchase of service.

At this time due to Kayla's special needs, we are seeking only adoptive families that reside in New Mexico. RM

## Artesia Downtown Junior Lions



Joel L. Aguirre

Joel L. Aguirre has been selected at the Artesia Downtown Junior Lion for May. He is the son of Hugo and Mary Helen Aguirre.

His high school activities include band and National Honor Society. Honors received are Who's Who Among American High School Students and National Society of High School Scholars.

He enjoys hanging out with friends and listening to music.

He plans to attend University of New Mexico to study pre-medicine. He ultimately wants to become a pediatrician.

as Artesia Downtown Junior Lion for the month of April.

He is the son of Donald and Jonella Greeten.

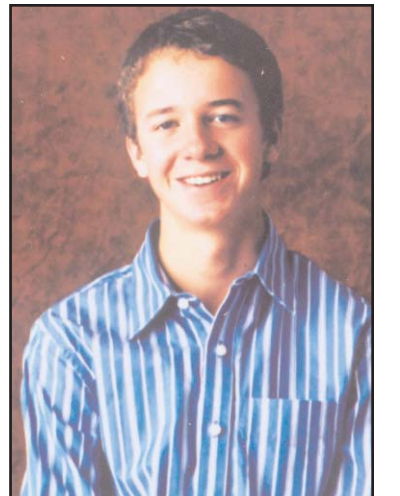
His activities are soccer, BPA, National Honor Society and student council.

Honors are National Honor Society member.

His hobbies are hanging out with friends, playing guitar, soccer and snowboarding.

He plans to attend UNM to study biology.

Afterward he wants to go to graduate school and become an optometrist.



Josh Greeten

Jerad Thomas was selected as the Artesia Downtown Junior Lion for April.

He is the son of Shari and Ken Thomas.

His activities include varsity basketball and national qualifier for Business Professionals of America.

He has been an employee of Deans Inc. since age 13.

Honors are in trigonometry, biology II, government, National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Hobbies are playing basketball, listening to music and sleeping.

He plans to attend West Texas A&M University to study business or computer sciences.



Meghan Green

Meghan Green has been selected as Artesia Downtown Junior Lion for April.

She is the daughter of Gandra and Harold Green.

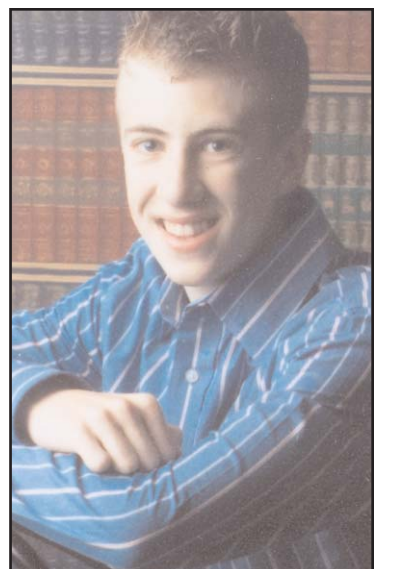
Her activities include cheer-leading, BPA, student council, honor society and Lions.

Honors are Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Society of High School Scholars and Highest Honors.

Her hobbies are hanging out with all her friends and going to the lake.

She plans to attend Texas A and M or Texas Tech to study sports and exercise science. She plans to go to college, graduate, have a successful career and eventually get married.

Josh Greeten has been chosen



Jerad Thomas

Britney Carpenter was selected as the Artesia Downtown Junior Lion for May.

She is the daughter of Jill and Dean Carpenter.

Her organizations are Artesia Bulldog and Dance Coalition.

Hobbies are animals and dancing.

She plans to attend college at ENMU-R or in Carlsbad.

She would like to study wildlife biology or mammology.

Other plans for the future are to get a good job, get married, have kids and own her own wildlife preserve.



Britney Carpenter

## Healthy start: Get your kid to walk

NAPSA—Getting your kids to walk or bike to school is a healthy idea. Especially when

battle the obesity epidemic that is threatening the health of many children. But only one in three kids in grades 9 through 12 gets the minimum suggested amount of exercise, which is 20 minutes, three times a week. Fewer physical education classes and recess periods, and more time in front of television and computer screens, are reducing the time kids are active.

Fewer children being driven to school can also mean a big reduction in traffic; up to 20 percent of the morning rush hour in many communities is actually the "school rush."

For tips on what parents can do to fight obesity and keep their kids healthy, visit the Active Living Resource Center at [activelivingresources.org/](http://activelivingresources.org/)



you consider that, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, one in six children ages 6 to 19 is overweight, an increase of 45 percent in the past 15 years.

Exercise is a fitting way to

**April 27 -- National Arbor Day**  
J. Sterling Morton, the originator of the Arbor Day idea, was among the many pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854. With the decided lack of trees on the Nebraskan plains, Morton made it his cause to plant trees, not just for beautification but also to preserve the soil. He encouraged civic organizations to join in the effort, proclaiming the first Arbor Day in 1872. Today, the most common date for observances is the last Friday in April, although many states celebrate it whenever conditions there are best for planting trees.

