

First Quarter 2023 Photo Contest

News



MELISSA FEDERSPILL| UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Ana Rodriguez (left) and Gloria Cazares, mothers of Robb Elementary School mass shooting victims Maite Yuleana Rodriguez and Jacklyn “Jackie” J. Cazares, walk past school district Superintendent Hal Harrell’s supporters, who lined both sides of Bohme Street. The crowds gathered Oct. 10, outside of the Benson Educational Complex where the district’s board of trustees were meeting. (Context from accompanying story: Hundreds of supporters offered school district superintendent Hal Harrell a hero’s welcome Monday, an act that insulted many grieving families, who say the rally is an example of the schism between those fighting for accountability and residents unaffected by the May 24, 2022, fatal mass shooting. The rally was organized in the hours after Harrell announced his retirement amid renewed controversy over the school district’s handling of the tragedy and its aftermath.) (Oct. 13, 2022)



LONNIE HINTON | THE VIENNA (ILLINOIS) TIMES & GOREVILLE GAZETTE

A REAL CROWD PLEASER — The 2022 Johnson County Fall Festival, held Friday and Saturday in Vienna was deemed a success. The festival was hosted by The City of Vienna. The Vienna High School Pep Club float, pictured above, appeared to be the crowd favorite in the Saturday morning ‘Military Proud’ parade. The float was a reenactment of the flag raising at Iwo Jima. Iwo Jima is an island in the western Pacific Ocean, 760 miles south of Tokyo. During World War II, it was a heavily fortified site of a Japanese airbase, and its attack and capture in 1944-45 was one of the most severe US campaigns. It was returned to Japan in 1968. See additional photos of the parade and festivities at the City Park on pages 6-9 of this issue.



DENNIS WADE | BEEVILLE (TEXAS) BEE-PICAYUNE

National Night Out was held all over the region and state last week and the city of Portland had a large crowd enjoy mingling with law enforcement and city officials. Cheyenna Grotte, Portland's animal control officer, holds Tucker, a 3-month-old pup that is adoptable and adorable. Call 361-777-4444 to inquire about Tucker or any other animal.



DON SEABROOK | THE WENATCHEE (WASHINGTON) WORLD

Wenatchee police officer Brian Hewitt, shot in the leg, runs for cover near the Living Hope Community Church on the corner of Chelan and Palouse Streets Saturday morning, May 7, 2022. He and two other officers discharged their weapons, killing Alexander J. White, 36, East Wenatchee, in the altercation who police say was shooting at the church.





ANDY BROSIG | HOBBS (NEW MEXICO) NEWS-SUN

Lorenzo Velasquez, Lea County Emergency Manager, extinguishes hot spots Friday on a grassfire off Maddox Road southwest of Monument. So far this season, more than 195 wildfires have burned about 34,000 acres across the county, Velasquez told the News-Sun. (June 11, 2022)



MARK CRADDOCK | WORLD JOURNAL NEWSPAPER, WALSENBURG, COLORADO

A delegate to the Huerfano County Democratic Party county caucus sums up the message of the day, as a heated procedural debate roils in the background. (March 10, 2022)



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

GIVING BACK — The Grinch, sponsored by Sly's Family Bar & Grill, selects items to donate to the Antelope County Food Pantry at Clearwater Market, Thursday.



ANGIE ROBERTSON | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

IN SMOKE • Trees and brush burns, Sunday, near the Holt and Knox county line. Fourteen volunteer fire departments responded to the blaze, which stretched from west of Verdigre to northwest of Page. Nebraska Forestry Service employees, based in Valentine, monitored the area Monday. (March 24, 2022)



JODY SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

HEY, LOOK DAD, I MADE IT • After clearing 5' 1" in the high jump, Thursday, and qualifying for this week's state track meet, Bailey Ahlers breaks the news to her dad, Tony. Bobcat Coach Shannon Schumacher said he called Ahlers. "I said that Bailey had something to tell him. So they talked for a few minutes. It was a great moment for them."



ERIN SCHWAGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

A-LURE-ING AQUATICS • Poppin' Penelope shows Peter Brunette how an anglerfish's light can lure prey. The duo, from Balloon Animals Adventure, presented the first program in the Clearwater Public Library's summer reading program, June 1, at the Clearwater American Legion.



FAITH KING | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

CLAWFUL GOOD TIME • Aurelia Mlnarik (left) shares information about her cat, Arlo, with judge Nancy Woeppel during Monday's 4-H/FFA cat show, at the Antelope County Fair, in Neligh. 4-H exhibitors checked in static exhibits Tuesday and Wednesday and all livestock were in place Wednesday afternoon. Shows begin again Thursday and continue throughout the weekend. (August 4, 2022)



TAMMY BEARINGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

SIDESHOW • (l-r): Maniacal Max, played by Olga Mendoza, greets Monique, a student, who wishes she could disappear from high school, during Saturday's production of "Freak." The Summerland one-act will take the stage Sunday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m. (November 24, 2022.)



COY FERRELL | FAUQUIER TIMES, WARRENTON, VIRGINIA

Warrenton Mayor Carter Nevill speaks with voters Nov. 8 outside the Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility, one of five polling places for the closely contested mayoral election. (Nov. 9, 2022)



MARK DAVIS | POWELL (WYOMING) TRIBUNE

BLAZE CLAIMS TRACTOR - Firefighter Chris Schuler hoses down a tractor that caught fire in a field on Road 18, near Lane 14 southwest of Powell. The piece of equipment was destroyed in the fire, being fully engulfed in flames around 3:30 p.m. Friday, when the department was summoned to the scene. The Powell Volunteer Fire Department has been kept busy in recent weeks, including a number of field fires that have burned out of control. (April 7, 2022)



LEE HARRISON | PORT ARANSAS (TEXAS) SOUTH JETTY

Port Aransas first responders carry Albert Moreno away from the wreckage of his vehicle as a medical helicopter lands on State Highway 361 to take him to a Corpus Christi hospital on Thursday, June 16. Moreno, who was severely injured, is a Corpus Christi resident who works as an auto mechanic in Port Aransas. Moreno was driving a pickup truck north on the highway when the two-vehicle accident happened. The other driver, Collin Cassel, 37, of Ingleside, was killed. Police said Cassel's southbound Chevrolet Blazer crossed the center line and struck Moreno's truck, head-on. (June 23, 2022)



KERMIT CONSTANTINE | REPUBLIC-TIMES, WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Pictured, Waterloo firefighters battle the flames during a Tuesday morning blaze that damaged the business complex at 411 Park Street.



BRANDEN NALL | LEADER-TELEGRAM, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Crews and Community Members work to clean up Emery Street on Thursday after high winds and severe storms made their way through late Wednesday. (DECEMBER 16, 2021)

Features



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Alohalani Cayaban, 9, a volunteer with the Lei of Aloha for World Peace Hawaiian ambassador group, performs during a ceremony meant to honor and bless the victims of the Robb Elementary School shooting. The young volunteer and her mother, Crystal Cayaban, also visited the memorial at the school. They and other members traveled from Hawaii to Uvalde for the ceremony, which began at 10 a.m. on June 4.



BRENT MAZE | NEWTON (MISSISSIPPI) COUNTY APPEAL

An attendee of the Newton Loose Caboose Festival enjoys a ride at the Midway Carnival during the 19th annual festival on Saturday, April 9, 2022, in Newton, Miss. (April 13, 2022)



CAITLIN WALKER | RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES, MEEKER, COLORADO

FEAR THE WURST: The second annual Oktoberfest was all fun and games ... except maybe for the participants of the hot sausage eating contest. Above, Skye Forsythe dishes out another round of currywurst. (Oct. 27, 2022)



LORI FREEZE | STONE COUNTY LEADER, MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS

Addison Caston participates in poultry showmanship at the Stone County Fair Aug. 31. See additional fair coverage inside. (Sept. 7, 2022)



DON SEABROOK | THE WENATCHEE (WASHINGTON) WORLD

Fourth-graders from Washington Elementary School look down on other students from a skylight - through a circling salmon mobile - at the new Discovery Center at Rocky Reach Dam during the River of Power field trip Thursday, May 26, 2022. Students from the Wenatchee School District have been studying hydroelectric power this week culminating with a field trip to the dam. Published June 2, 2022.



ANDY BROSIG | HOBBS (NEW MEXICO) NEWS-SUN

St. Helena Parochial School pre-kindergartener Adelina Ryan, 3, receives ashes from a lay minister at St. Helena Catholic Church Ash Wednesday Mass in Hobbs. Ash Wednesday marks the annual start of the Lenten season, leading up to Easter, April 17 this year.



ANDY SHARP | WILLIAMSON COUNTY SUN, GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

Main Street's surface was shining with a coating of precipitation after the conclusion of the Lighting of the Square Friday, November 25. A rainy night was no impediment for Georgetown families embracing the holiday spirit.





GERI UGOLINI-CRADDOCK | WORLD JOURNAL NEWSPAPER, WALSENBURG, COLORADO

Waylon Capps peers over a sea of Jack o' Lanterns ready for judging at a Halloween pumpkin-carving contest in Walsenburg. (Oct. 27, 2022)



MARK CRADDOCK | WORLD JOURNAL NEWSPAPER, WALSENBURG, COLORADO

Peakview School second graders Roman Liddle and Jesse Ninahualpa share a book during reading time in Sharona Whitley's classroom. (Dec. 1, 2022)



JEREMY COX | MCPHERSON COUNTY HERALD, LEOLA, SOUTH DAKOTA

Father Timothy Smith stands atop the altar of Leola's 106-year-old Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church to describe what the ongoing restoration and modernization of the building will entail as the project moves forward. Date of Publication: February 17, 2022



PHILIP NARDONE | NEW JERSEY HILLS MEDIA GROUP, BERNARDSVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Paul Gross, left, and Amy Ferry, right both from West Orange, dance together at the Morris Township Fire Department Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 1, 2022.



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

SANTA, BABY • Sophia Snider studies Santa Claus's face as he asks her what she would like for Christmas. The two met during Clearwater's old-fashioned Christmas celebration, Dec. 4, at the American Legion. Sophia is the daughter of Riley and Ashley Snider, of Clearwater. (Dec 9, 2021)



JODY SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

HUNTING SEASON • In the process of searching for eggs, Harper Thramer loses a shoe. She secured an egg and turned it in for a treat at the EYMC egg hunt, in Ewing. (April 21, 2022)



ERIN SCHWAGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

OH, HEY THERE • Rodeo clown, Ty Stewart, flirts with an audience member during Clearwater's 55th annual Big Rodeo. (June 30, 2022)



COURTNEY SOPER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

HOT DAYS AND COOL DRINKS • Rebekah Soper sips water from the slow trickling faucet at the Antelope County Fair.



FAITH KING | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

OFF TO THE RACES • Emily Ahlers hangs onto the reins as her horse rears during an event in the 4-H horse show in Neligh. (September 8, 2022)



COY FERRELL | FAUQUIER TIMES, WARRENTON, VIRGINIA

At the 63rd Fauquier Livestock Show and Sale on May 1, Laurel Marley helps her son, 9-year-old David, with his dress shirt before he enters the show ring as sister Bea looks on. It was David's first time raising and exhibiting an animal at the show and sale; he named his lamb "Miss Wool." (May 11, 2022)



MARK DAVIS | POWELL (WYOMING) TRIBUNE

THE PERFECT FOX - A Rocky Mountain red fox, a subspecies of the common predator found only in the Beartooth Mountains, carries a fresh rodent meal to a safe place to eat along the Beartooth Highway. The subspecies have a variation of coloration, larger paws and smaller ears than the typical red fox. There are 45 variations of the red fox around the world, some that are endangered. (September 29, 2022)



DAN PARKER | PORT ARANSAS (TEXAS) SOUTH JETTY

Playing some football on the beach in Port Aransas on Sunday, March 6, are, from right, Gary Winthorpe, Andres Benavides and Hunter Jacobs Jr. (partially obscured), all high school students from San Antonio. They were among the many who are expected to visit Port Aransas during Spring Break. (March 10, 2022)



COREY SAATHOFF | REPUBLIC-TIMES, WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Pictured, the Columbia High School cheerleading squad completes a synchronized jump during a routine on Main Street for the crowd watching Saturday's Columbia Days parade. See more photos on page 8A and by visiting online at republictimes.smugmug.com.



BRANDEN NALL | LEADER-TELEGRAM, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Haymarket Plaza and Pablo Center glow in concert with fireworks that filled the sky and lit up downtown on Friday night as part of the annual Eau Claire holiday festivities. (DECEMBER 5, 2022)



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Third baseman Clarissa Estrada attempts to tag out a Hondo baserunner, who made a head-first slide through the legs of Estrada into third base. The softball action took place April 28 during the third inning of the Uvalde-Hondo bi-district softball game. (May 1, 2022)



BRENT MAZE | NEWTON (MISSISSIPPI) COUNTY APPEAL

Lake's D'Nara Barton cries tears of joy as she receives a hug from a Lake fan after the Lady Hornets defeated Newton 50-45 on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, at Lake High School. The Lady Hornets advanced to the Class 2A Final Four in Jackson, Miss.



DON SEABROOK | THE WENATCHEE (WASHINGTON) WORLD

Local Velocity Swimming Club swimmer Benat Escure endures slipped goggles in his 12 and under, 200 meter race Friday, June 3, 2022. The Apple Capital Open kicked off Friday morning and will last through Sunday bringing 800 registered youth from all over the state of Washington. If Escure would have adjusted his goggles the rules say he would have been disqualified from the race.



AMY AHLERS | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

GOOD CALL • (l-r): Adyson Mlnarik jumps out of the way of an out-of-bounds hit as Hadley Cheatum signals the swing is wide during Monday's subdistrict volleyball match against North Central. (October 27, 2022)



ANDY BROSIG | HOBBS (NEW MEXICO) NEWS-SUN

Wide receiver Kaden Trevino (14) gets a hand on an Omar Argott pass during the first quarter against Centennial on Friday at Watson Memorial Stadium in Hobbs. The Eagles undefeated streak came to an end in the 27-20 loss to the visiting Hawks. (Oct. 9, 2022)



MARK CRADDOCK | WORLD JOURNAL NEWSPAPER, WALSENBURG, COLORADO

Rashaun MacNeil of Crowley County sails to a tourney record of 39 feet, 3.5 inches in the triple jump at the John Mall Invitational. (May 12, 2022)



GERI UGOLINI-CRADDOCK | WORLD JOURNAL NEWSPAPER, WALSENBURG, COLORADO

Bernard Espinoza looks up field after snagging a short pass. (Sept. 15, 2022)



AMY KERKMAN | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

INCOMING • Keegan Smith (right) grimaces as Alec Schindler throws the ball back into the court before it lands out of bounds. The duo scored 22 points in Summerland's 54-44 win, Friday, over Osmond. (January 27, 2022)



JODY SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

FLIP OUT • Members of Star-Spangled gymnastics recently performed at halftime of a Summerland basketball game. Belle Anson, of Ewing, flips in midair. (February 10, 2022)



FAITH KING | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

Bobcat youth wrestler Alan Arroyo proves that a dance can speak a thousand emotions. Arroyo reacts during a match, Thursday, against a member of the Elkhorn Valley youth wrestling team. (January 13, 2022)



LUANN SCHINDLER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

BEASTMODE • Gaven Gilsdorf, a Summerland senior, was named the Beastmode Warrior Mentality lifter, Saturday. (above): Gilsdorf completes a successful squat during Saturday's powerlifting competition. (April 14, 2022)



ERIN SCHWAGER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

SPILLS AND THRILLS • Carson Jones, of Neligh grimaces as a bronc lands on his leg during Friday night's competition at the Clearwater Rodeo.



COURTNEY SOPER | SUMMERLAND ADVOCATE-MESSENGER, CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA

UP AND AT 'EM • A bronc rider comes out of the saddle but holds on to complete a ride, while judge Mike Ferguson scores the ride.



MARK DAVIS | POWELL (WYOMING) TRIBUNE

STAYING IN THE GAME — Panther girls' basketball coach Chelsea Buher was part of an ejection free 2021-22 season for all PHS athletics.



DAN PARKER | PORT ARANSAS (TEXAS) SOUTH JETTY

Turning a tight corner, Jayden Terrell gets around a Woodsboro player during a game in Port Aransas on Tuesday, Jan. 4. (Note: Though not mentioned in the original cutline, Terrell was a Port Aransas High School player.) (January 13, 2022)



JOHN HOOSER | REPUBLIC-TIMES, WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Waterloo running back Evan Davis goes airborne for a touchdown Friday night at Civic Memorial. The Bulldogs won 40-0 to improve to 4-1 on the season. See more photos online at republictimes.smugmug.com



ED RUPING | THE CITIZEN OF MORRIS COUNTY, WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Mountain Lakes High School coaches Sean Maurizi and Jena Lee look as the scoreboard ticks off the seconds of Saturday's Group 1 championship game. Mountain Lakes defeated Point Pleasant Beach 5-1, to win the girls Group 1 Championship at Kean University.



GLENN CLARK | OBSERVER-TRIBUNE, MENDHAM, NEW JERSEY

Tim Larosa (12) and Sean Prince (10) of Mendham High School celebrate Prince's goal in Saturday's sectional championship game against Robbinsville. (Nov. 17, 2022)



BRANDEN NALL | LEADER-TELEGRAM, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Eau Claire North's Jonah Hanson (15) and the rest of the Huskies celebrate after Gabe Richardson hit a home run against Eau Claire Memorial on May 5 at Carson Park. (AUGUST 9, 2022)

