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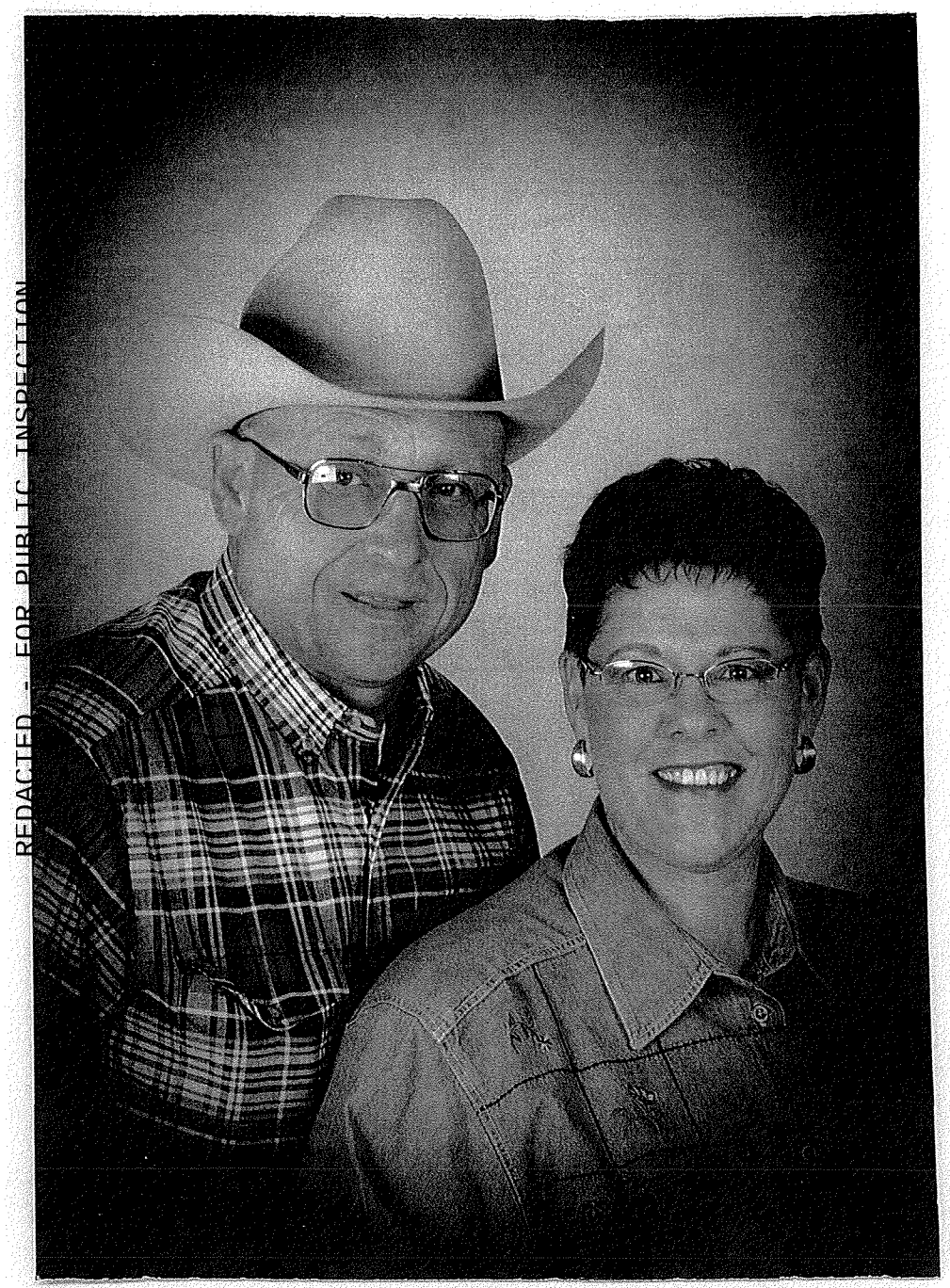

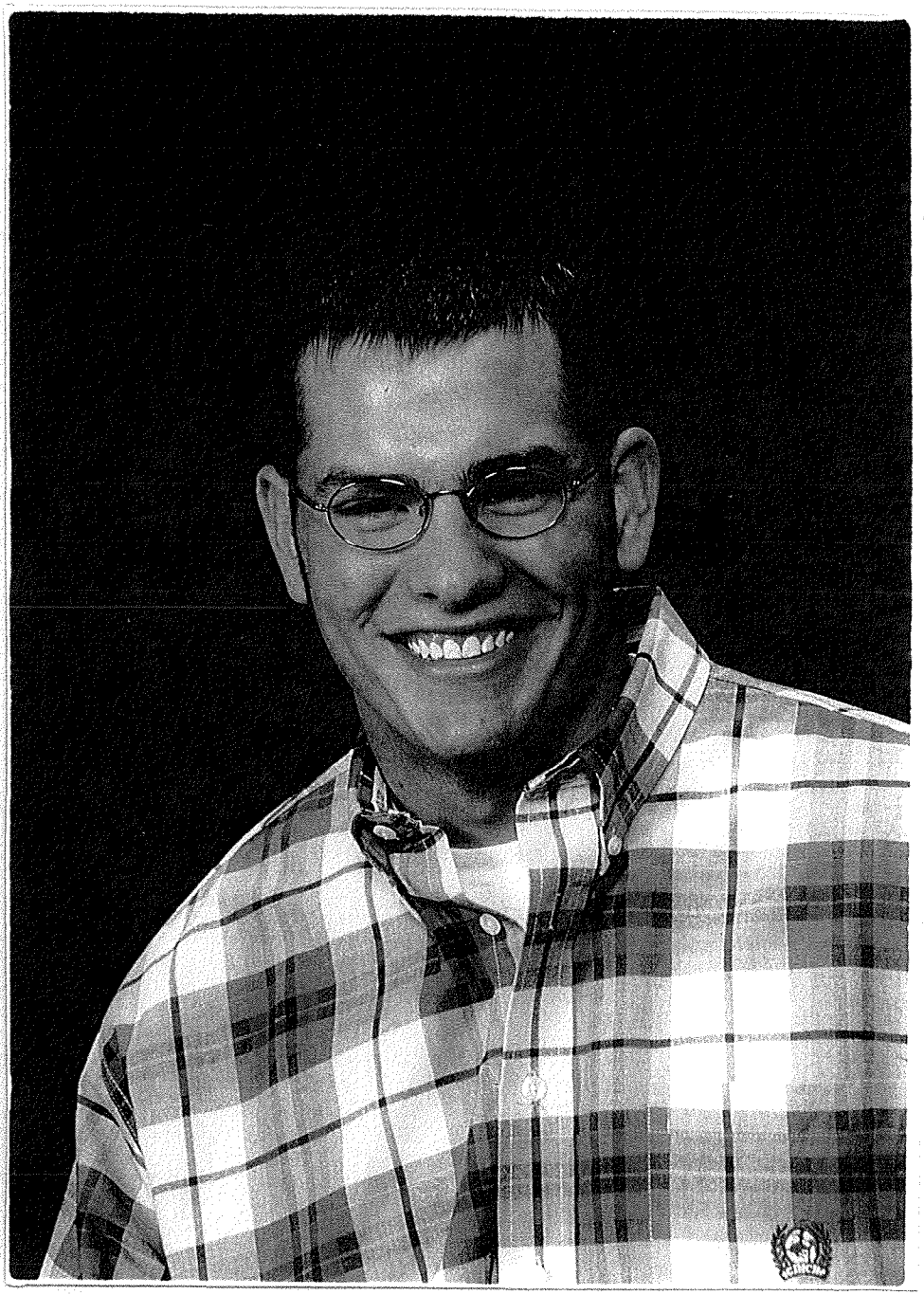

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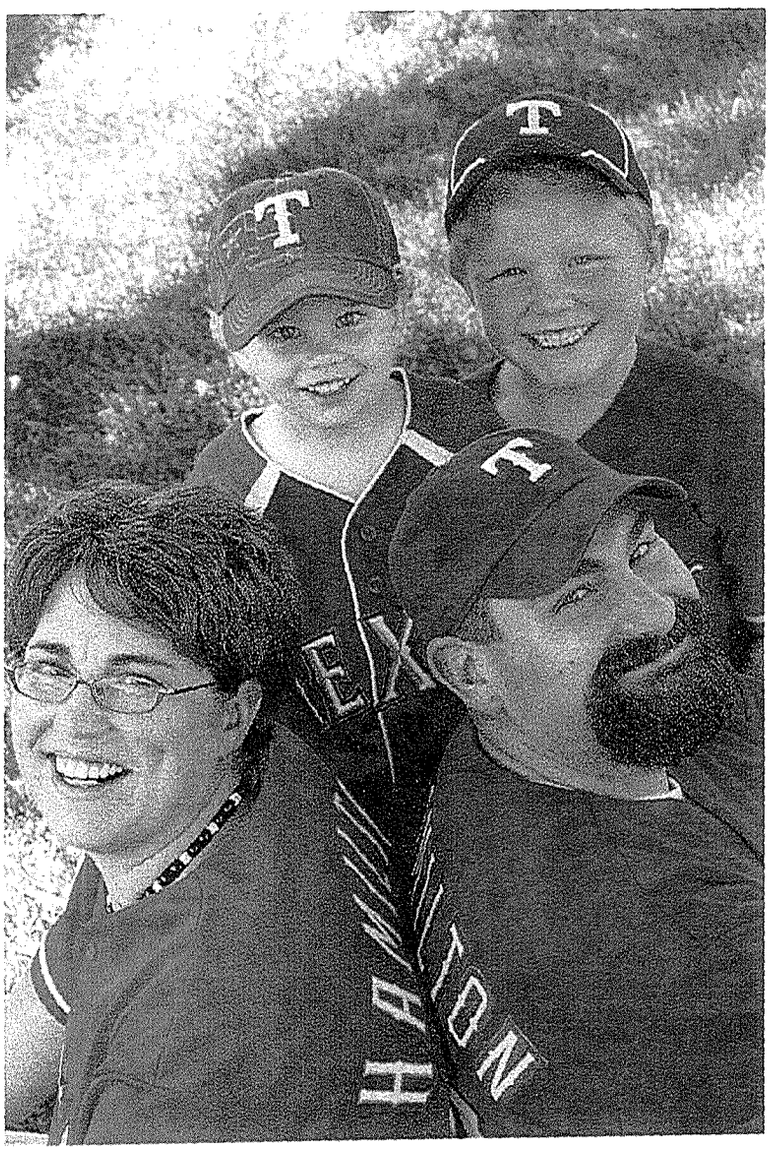

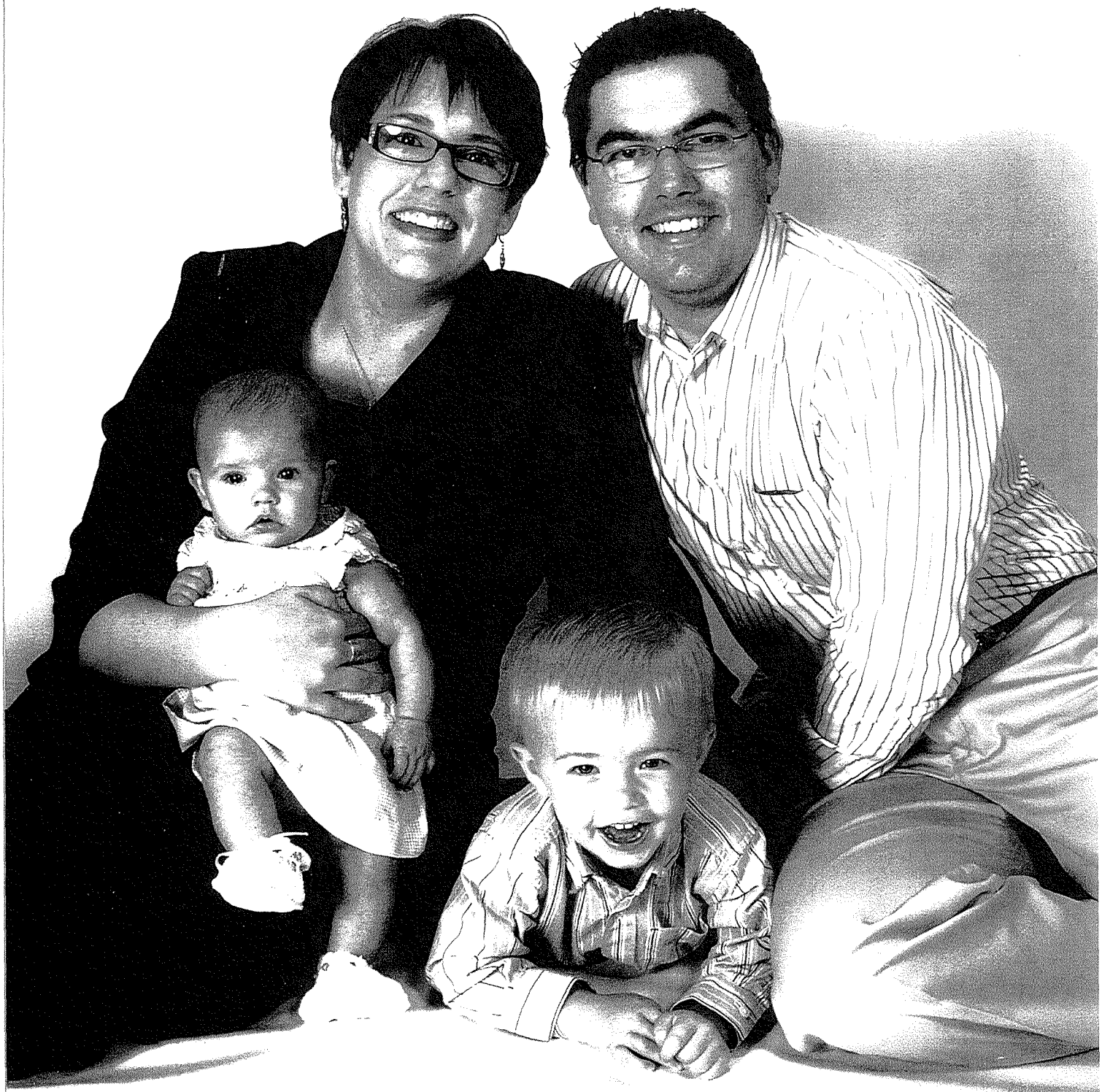

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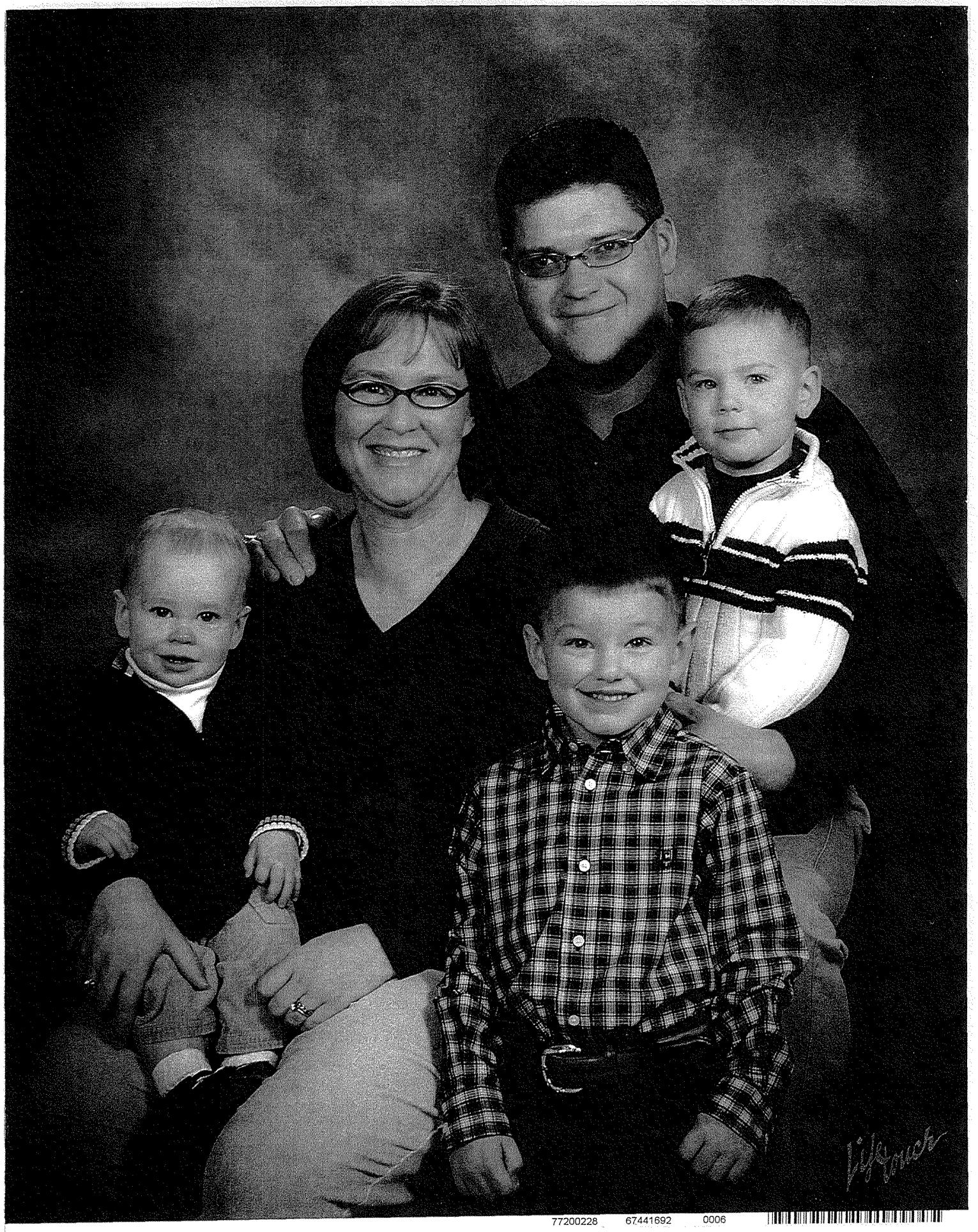
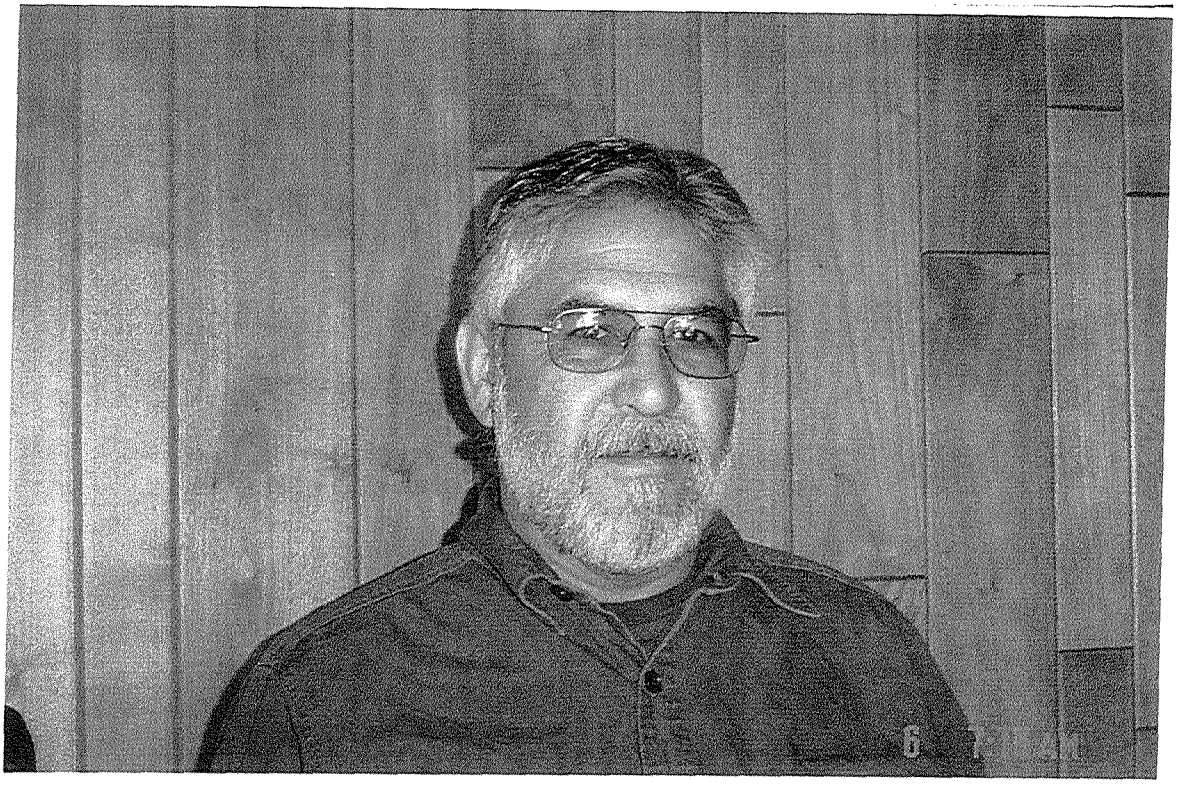


Tony Perez

COE Technician

Debbie and I have been married for 29 years and live in Tulia, Texas, population of 4967. We have one daughter, Shana (34), and two grandchildren, J. T. (14) and Josh (11). I have worked for Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., for 40 years, and Debbie is a self-employed barber of 30 years in the community. We enjoy living and raising our family in our hometown.

Please reconsider your outlined National Broadband plan. Up-to-date technology is as important in the rural communities as in the urban areas. We also have goals for the future of our families as those in the urban areas. My wife, Debbie, uses the internet to order supplies and inventory for her business saving a trip out-of-town, thus reducing business expense. Our daughter, Shana, was able to achieve her teaching degree online while she worked full-time to support her two sons. Our grandson, J. T., uses the internet to enable him to keep up with his education because of physical issues. He and others like him, who use the internet to keep up with their education while unable to be in the classroom, should have the same opportunities as those children in the urban areas.