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Born and raised in East Texas, Debbie made the trek westward in 1992 after graduating from Sam Houston State University with a bachelor's degree in History and English with a teaching certification where she taught at Abilene High School for the next 15 years. In 1998, Debbie was named a Teacher of the Year from the Abilene Independent School District. Upon her family's move to San Angelo in 2004, she taught English at Central High School and was awarded the Rotary Club Teacher of the Year award. Debbie took the position of Marketing Director at the *Standard-Times* five years ago after serving in a fundraising capacity at Angelo State University. She is part of the senior leadership team at the paper, develops and implements numerous events including the 20 Under 40 program, works closely with partners and non-profits, and represents the Standard-Times in the community at various functions. Debbie has one daughter, a junior at Central High School, and is patiently waiting for the Dallas Cowboys to have a winning season again.