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Board Approves Intercom System For Schools

The Board of Trustees of Bovina ISD met in regular session on Thursday, July 6, 2000. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with all members present except Jamerson, Beauchamp and Anderson.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction--June 12 meeting item G needs to have a \$ mark.

After an open forum was held, Whitten moved to approve payment of the vouchers, motion passed. Beauchamp arrived at 7:20 p.m.

A financial report was given and the Board presented an award of appreciation to Bob Owen for serving as interim superintendent.

The following discussion items were considered:

A. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the proposed salary schedule for teacher aides, Coffey seconded, motion passed. Jamerson arrived at 7:45 p.m.

B. Coffey made a motion to approve a bid from Educational Computers and Electronics for an intercom system, including the Home Economics cottage, for \$18,229.29. Jamerson seconded. Motion passed 4/2 with Beauchamp and Whitten voting against.

C. Whitten made a motion to approve student accident and athletic insurance bid from Southwest Special Risk Insurance for \$8,000. Beauchamp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the proposed teacher appraisal

calendar for 2000-2001. Kerby seconded, motion passed.

E. Coffey made a motion to approve the 2000-2001 Student Handbook. Beauchamp seconded, motion passed.

F. Jamerson made a motion to approve the 2000-2001 Student Code of Conduct. Coffey seconded, motion passed.

G. Kerby made a motion to approve the proposed Acceptable Use Policy for the district electronic communications system. Beauchamp seconded, motion passed.

Superintendent Michael Downes' report included discussion of the 25% library fund supplement; financial accountability rating system; school prayer update; Region 16 board election results; and an employee insurance update.

No action was taken at this meeting on consideration of personnel. Whitten moved to adjourn, seconded by Kerby.



HOT WORK...The football stands were a hot place to work last Tuesday as temperatures reaches 98. Kevin Eschberger, left, and Stan Miller were finalizing construction in spite of the heat. Eschberger is the new ag teacher at BHS.



CHARLIE needs an air conditioner. Charlie Teague was busy last Tuesday in the 98 degree heat mowing the football field and school grounds. We're sure the hat helped a little.

Ex-Navy Man Escaped Death on the High Seas

BY RON CARR

At 3 a.m. on June 3, 1969, in the South China Sea, the Australian aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne, collided with the American destroyer USS Frank Evans, slicing the Evans in half.

The front half of the USS Evans sank, taking 74 American sailors to their

death.

Joe Bob Mann of Friona was on the half that didn't sink.

The two vessels were a part of a fleet of 40 ships from six countries on maneuvers in the South China Sea off the coast of Vietnam. The destroyer Evans was assigned as plane guard escort to the aircraft carrier, standing by in case of downed pilots taking off or landing on the Melbourne. The Australian aircraft were fully fueled and armed, a point that would later be important to the families of the dead US sailors.

Military hearings determined that the USS Evans made an inexplicable turn to the right across the path of the much larger Melbourne. The turn was too late for the carrier to avoid the collision, hitting the Evans mid-ship. The captain of the American ship was not on the bridge. He was asleep in his cabin.

So was Machinist Mate-Fireman Apprentice Joe Bob Mann, a 19-year-old Friona boy who was barely into his fifth month in the U. S. Navy and third month aboard the Evans.

When Joe Bob crawled into his bunk that night, little did he realize that only six days later he would be back in Friona, Texas and have a chance meeting with a Mulshoe girl that would eventually become Mrs. Mann.

The USS Evans, under the command of Lt. (jg) Ronald Ramsey, was 1,000 yards ahead of the Melbourne, off its port side. The Evans swung right across the path of the carrier, headed back down toward the Melbourne on its

starboard side, then turned right again into the path of the carrier.

Throughout the maneuver, the Melbourne tried to warn Evans that it was getting too close and to turn away.

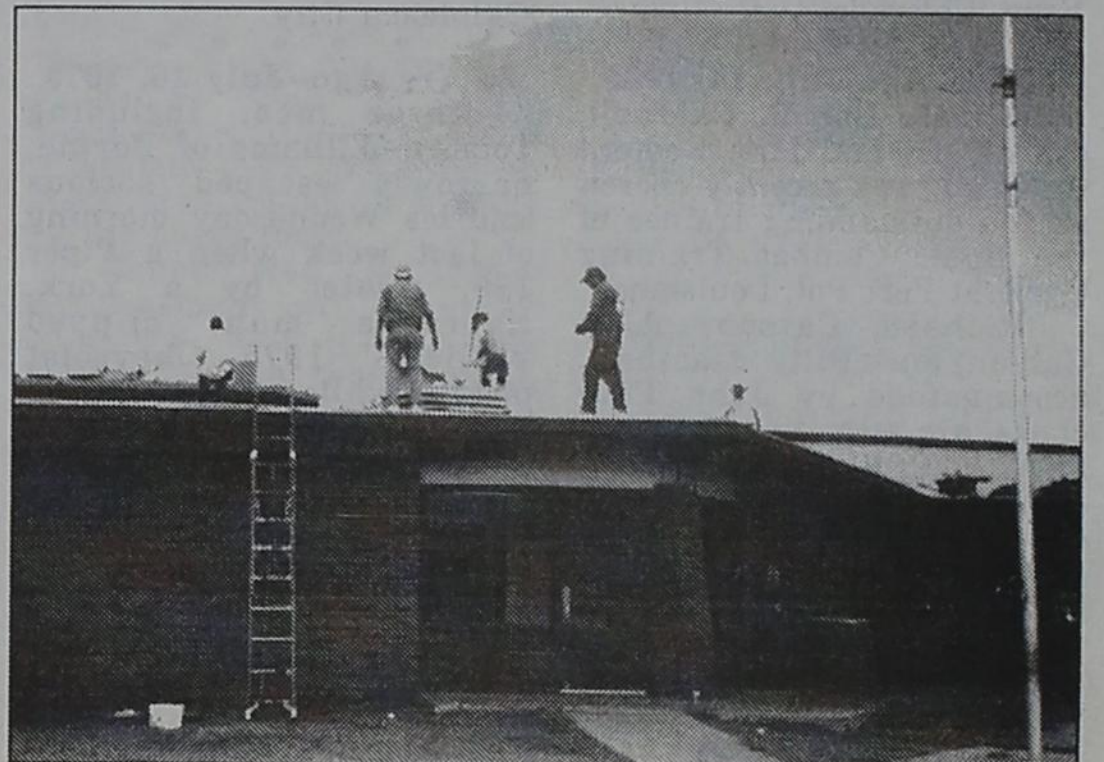
The destroyer Evans rolled over under the impact of the larger carrier. According to the book, "In The Wake" which chronicled the event and the subsequent military hearings, "The grinding of steel ripping relentlessly through steel was accompanied by the angry roar of escaping steam erupting into a violent explosion. Steam and smoke, grey and black, burst forth in huge billowing clouds engulfing both ships in thick, heavy choking fog. Through it all came the screams. Men shouting for help."

The book, written by Jo Stevenson, wife of the captain of the Melbourne, continued: "Death came unannounced to the sleeping ship. Everything not tied down was crashing around the decks. Everything heaved to starboard. All seamen recalled flying into the bulkhead, or gun mount, or wall, then flying back down to the floor."

Joe Bob's remembrance of the collision pretty well follows the above description. "I was asleep," he says, "and was thrown against the wall then hit the floor. I thought we had run aground."

Orders were shouted to get up on deck. Joe Bob and his mates scrambled through the debris and confusion to the aft (rear) deck still unaware that the front half of the ship was missing and had sank almost immediately.

Other sailors had been



WORKMEN are also braving the heat and humidity this summer to put new roofs on the school buildings. These are on the roof of the Ridgelea building on Wednesday, one of the "cooler" days this week with temperatures only in the upper 80s.

Geries Takes Over Sheriff's Job Effective August 15

At a Monday meeting, county commissioners decided to appoint incumbent sheriff Randy Geries to fill the vacant sheriff's job effective August 15.

Friona Police Chief Geries will be taking over the department 4 1/2 months early. Since he was unopposed in the November elections, Geries was set to become sheriff effective January 1, 2001.

However, the sudden resignation and departure of Sheriff Walt Yerger a couple of weeks ago prompted the

commissioners to negotiate an earlier arrival for Geries.

County Judge Bonnie Clayton said the commissioners would officially appoint Geries at their August 14 meeting and he would assume the sheriff duties on August 15.

In Friona, city manager Paula Wilson said that the city council plans to appoint and promote Friona Police Lt. Scott Given to the post of police chief. The final decision will be made at the August 7 city council meeting.



ALL-STARS WIN...The 9 & 10 year-old Mustang League all-stars won first place in the all-star tournament held in Friona July 6-8. Brett Anderson of Bovina was on the All-Star team. The team beat Dimmitt 14-0 for the championship. All-Star players and coaches are; front, l-r, Ricardo Monreal, Andrew Diaz, Gerald Padilla, Cassidy Gilliam, Jared Boyd, and Megan Hoon. Back, l-r, Brett Anderson, Eric North, Alex Gurley, Trent Hudson, Sawyer Reed and Aaron Hand. Coaches are, l-r, Thomas Reed, Danny Hand and Robin Baize.

Campbell Electric Expands Business

Campbell Electric Company of Friona is announcing the expansion of its business.

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(See Campbell Electric's advertisement on Page 6)

MORE AMERICANS than ever before are now into tracing their family history, better known as genealogy. It is one of the fastest growing hobbies, second only to photography, thanks to the internet. Computer research has made it fairly easy for us to find our place in history, our own little niche in time.

You can't get back four generations without finding someone in your family who fought in the Civil War. No one has a family tree where everyone was Confederate or everyone was Union. Some factions of your family will have served on one side and some on the other.

At this point in your research, you'll want to refresh your memory of history by reading up on events that took place between 1861 and 1865. There have been thousands of books written about the Civil War, the Southern Rebellion, the Yankee Invasion, The War Between The States, or whatever you choose to call it. The library can find something for you on just about anything connected to the war. There are even several monthly magazines and about a jillion web sites on the net devoted to it.

You may be surprised to learn that the Civil War was not mostly about slavery, since that's all we hear about today. It was mostly about states' rights, control of territory, resources, tariffs, taxes and plunder. There were crooked politicians, not everyone was a hero, and most of the poverty-stricken barefooted young farm boys who were called into service had no idea why they were going away to war. They placed their "X" on a piece of paper and their families got about \$25 to send their boys off with which-ever faction happened to come along that day. They never owned a pair of shoes, much less a slave.

Hollywood has romanticized the wealthy, handsome, well-educated plantation owners heading off with the regiment to protect their homes and their southern way of life. Ask me. I'll tell you about Curtis, our 16-year-old uncle who went with a company of Union soldiers and died as a POW in Andersonville, Georgia. Or about his 18-year-old brother, Absalom, who headed off with his cousins to join the Confederate forces and was never seen or heard from again.

Or about their 20-year-old brother who had just lost his young wife in childbirth, gave the baby to his parents to raise, headed off to war and was killed in the first battle he fought in. Or about their oldest brother, 32-year-old William, who was conscripted by the Confederates but was then sent home because he had TB, only to be discovered by the Union side and pressed into building sewing machines for the manufacture of Union uniforms. You could say this guy served on BOTH sides.

Needless to say, I am most disappointed in our country's leaders who have buckled under the pressure of special interest groups to remove the Confederate flag and commemorative plaques from various public buildings. These things are a part of our country's history. You can take down those flags, destroy all the statues of Confederate generals and go to every cemetery in this country and chisel the CSA off the gravestones of every soldier who died in the Confederacy, and burn all the books on this subject. It still won't change the fact that 138 years ago the Civil War was fought on two sides.

We should have learned that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Race-based groups continue to divide us all by enforcing the multi-cultural separatism of Afro-Americans, Asian-Americans, Mexican-Americans, etc. If we are "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" then we should all work toward being just Americans with no hyphen in between.

The negative subculture of victimization only encourages participation in gangs, drugs and crime. Could we all accept the fact that a sad part of our history happened a very long time ago, learn from it, and go on to encourage today's young people of all colors to study, work hard, and grow together? Look to the future and don't repeat the mistakes of the past.

"MY TURN"

by Carol Ellis



REUNION...Joe Bob Mann, in his original Navy uniform, visits with the captain of the Melbourne, Steve Stevenson, during a reunion and memorial service in Australia, June, 1999.



Out Here

By RON CARR

"Show Me The....Ketchup?"

I don't eat ketchup. The only time I do use it is when I eat fries. I actually prefer mustard or gravy for fry-dippin' but gravy doesn't come in those little plastic packets.

My kids, Zach and Megan, are spending the rest of the summer with me. They are 11 and 9 and ketchup is one of their four major food groups, along with pizza, Captain Crunch, and fish sticks.

Kids like Megan are the reason that McDonald's stopped leaving those little ketchup packets out where you could help yourself. She likes to have one packet of ketchup for every two fries.

When I buy their ration of ketchup I just look at the price and buy the biggest and cheapest bottle. That is I used to do it that way until Zach and Megan got old enough to become ketchup gourmets.

Last week in the ketchup aisle, Zach proclaimed Del Monte ketchup as being too dark. "Dad," he shouted for all to hear, "that is too dark. It's not red enough. Doesn't even look like ketchup."

A lady in jellies a few feet away smiled and shrugged. We put the large squeeze bottle of Heinz ketchup in the basket, taking care not to damage the pizza Lunchables.

Ketchup seems to be more of a guy thing. Especially as kids grow into adults, girls seem to lose their addiction to ketchup as they mature. Men seldom mature so as men grow from boyhood, they just seem to find more uses for ketchup.

Over the years I have known guys that even use ketchup at breakfast. They would spread it on their eggs, sausage, bacon, omelettes and sop their toast or biscuits in it.

I once went to dinner with a friend at a nice steakhouse in Dallas. It was a borderline fancy place, not the kind of restaurant that has those red plastic squeeze bottles on the table.

When his 10-oz. New York strip arrived, a \$19.95 piece of fine meat, he waved the waiter over.

"You got any ketchup?" He looked at my buddy like

he was on a weekend pass from the looney bin. He managed to find a bottle of ketchup but I swear he wasn't too kind when he slammed it down on the table.

Well, my tablemate proceeded to cover that entire gorgeous hunk of beef with ketchup. He was slapping on the bottom of the bottle, moving it in an arc up and down the length and breadth of the plate. He ruined a \$19.95 piece of meat heaven with 50 cents worth of "tomato catsup."

The squeeze-bottle generation doesn't appreciate ketchup like we did either. In the prime of my ketchup childhood, they had not thought up squeeze bottles. We got thick sauce in a bottle about the size of a Coke bottle.

Take the top off a new bottle and your fries would be cold and hard before you coaxed the first drop of ketchup onto the plate. If you were lucky, it would flow slowly once it finally started moving. Bad luck was when half the bottle suddenly rushed out in a split second and your momma would scream, "You don't need that much ketchup!"

I always wanted to say, "So what do you want me to do, put it back in the bottle?" Course momma would have slapped my jaws harder than I had slapped the ketchup bottle if I had ever smarted off like that.

I started thinking about ketchup this week when I read that the H. J. Heinz Co. is about to market green ketchup. They say the green will taste just like the red stuff. Then why do it, you say, if they taste the same?

Well, Heinz market share in the ketchup industry dropped to 43 percent in the



SUMMERFIELD 1936.....Gathering for lunch were, seated, l-r, Louise (Suttle) Streun of Hereford; Aline (Coker) Turner, Friona; Shirley Ruth (Thomas) Foreman, Amarillo. Standing, l-r, Frances (Young) Euler, Friona; and Helen (Oglesby) Caraway, Dawn. ron carr photo

Summerfield Seventh Grade Has Annual Get-Together

They gathered for lunch as they do sometimes. At least once a year they try to eat together.

The 1936 seventh grade graduates of Summerfield school met at Prairie Acres Nursing Home on Saturday, July 8. One of their schoolmates, Aline Turner, is a resident there so the Prairie Acres staff served them lunch in the board room.

There was a flower arrangement on the table and the five ladies were dressed up in their Sunday finest even though it was only Saturday. A tape recorder captured their laughter and stories of the many days gone by.

They came from Amarillo, Dawn, Hereford and Friona to sit and chat and eat a bite. And to remember the graduation from the 7th grade in Summerfield during a time when the schools had only 11 grades.

The next year, 1937, they had to ride buses over miserable roads to attend school in Hereford.

They said that during a recent lunch together, their

7th grade teacher even attended.

The girls of Summerfield elementary are Frances Euler of Friona; Aline Turner, Prairie Acres; Shirley Ruth Foreman, Amarillo; Louise Streun, Hereford; and Helen Caraway, Dawn.

The old schoolhouse from Summerfield was eventually moved to the Euler farm and used for a barn. Frances says it is still there today.

One of the reasons they like to visit me is because I don't know much about cooking. They know daddy is not going to sit them down to broccoli casserole with mashed potatoes and pork chop gravy every night.

Fish sticks are one of my specialties. Spreading those little slivers of frozen fish out just right on my oven pan is a real art. Boiled eggs with Ritz Crackers is another of my menu variations.

I've also found a modern delicacy called "mini-dogs". You can buy them 36 to a sack at the Wal-Mart frozen food aisle. They are small corn dogs without that messy stick to put up with.

On our first trip to the grocery store after the kids come to visit, I buy a bottle of ketchup. On the first day after they go home to Wichita Falls, I throw the ketchup bottle away.

Who knows, runny green ketchup fights might replace shaving cream fights at the next city park celebration.

So far Zach and Megan have turned up their noses to green ketchup. But if Ren and Stempy or that dog on Blue's Clues ever recommends it, I'll be the single dad with the green EZ-Squirt bottle in my shopping cart.

See you in condiments.

R. Stones Have New Baby Girl

Randy and Doreen Stone of Bovina are the parents of a new baby girl, Meagan Marie, born Sunday, July 9 at Baptist/ St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Meagan Marie weighed nine pounds and half an ounce and was twenty-one and one half inches long.

Grandparents are Jessie and Alice Stone of Bovina and Tony and Mary Duran of Friona.

Her great-grandfather is Louis Stone of DeKalb, Texas.

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Three 4-H Youngsters Attend Texas Roundup

The 54th annual Texas Roundup was held recently on the campus of Texas A&M University, June 12-16, with more than 1,500 volunteers and more than 2,000 4-H members taking part in the event.

Participants took part in public speaking and judging contests, leadership development programs, educational rallies and community service efforts. New stuffed animals were collected by the participants to support the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and the Dallas Children's Hospital.

The Texas 4-H Foundation, in coordination with 32 donors from across the state, recognized 4-H youth with more than \$1 million in college scholarships. The Texas 4-H program currently has more than 997,000 members enrolled.

"The Texas 4-H program began in 1908 with the founding of the Boy's Corn

Club," said Gayle Hall, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H and youth development specialist. "Later in 1912, the Girls Tomato Club was formed and then later combined into the 4-H we know today."

Parmer County was well represented with Clint Patterson receiving a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship. In the method demonstration competition, Jade Mahaney placed sixth in consumer education and life skills. Devin Goettsch placed seventh in meat science.

Co. Entries Do Well At Horse Show

The 2000 District 2 4-H Horse Show was held June 26 at the South Plains Fairgrounds in Lubbock. 4-H'ers from across District 2, which includes twenty counties, competed for the opportunity to advance to state competition the end of July in Abilene.

Competition throughout the day included performance classes as well as timed events. Parmer County placed fourth in the overall county competition.

Representing Parmer County were Ashley Hartzog, Tray Thorn and Triston Thorn.

Individual placings were as follows:

Ashley Hartzog--first, grade gelding; thirteenth, western pleasure; tenth, western horsemanship; fourth, western riding.

Tray Thorn--second, registered mares five and over; tenth, western pleasure; eleventh, western horsemanship.

Triston Thorn--third, registered mares five and over; eleventh, western pleasure; ninth, western horsemanship.

Good luck to all 4-H'ers competing at the State Horse Show.



CLINT PATTERSON C. Patterson Receives Scholarship

Clint Patterson, son of Gary and Cindy Patterson of Farwell, received a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.

A member of the Farwell 4-H Club ten years, Clint received the Gold Star Award, "I Dare You" Award, was named Parmer County's outstanding 4-H member two years and was the recipient of the Billy Roberts Scholarship Award.

His 4-H projects have included swine, sheep, beef, leadership and citizenship.

A senior at Farwell High School, he has received the Counselor's Award, Advanced Math Award and Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

He will attend Abilene Christian University where he will major in biology and pursue a career in research and education.

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WHEREFORE HAST THOU STOLEN AWAY AND CARRIED OFF MY OWN DAUGHTERS AS IF THEY WERE CAPTIVES OF THE SWORD?

WHY DIDST THOU NOT TELL ME OF THY GOING THAT I MIGHT HAVE KISSED MY DAUGHTERS AND MY GRANDSON'S GOOD BYE AND SENT THEE OFF IN HONOR WITH MIRTH AND SONGS ON THE HARP?

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I LONGED TO BE IN THE LAND OF MY FATHER AND I WAS AFRAID THAT IF I WENT THOU WOULDST NOT ALLOW ME TO TAKE THY DAUGHTERS AND MY SONS WITH ME!

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Mr. and Mrs. Jason Kerby

Nikki Page, Jason Kerby Exchange Wedding Vows

Nikki Jo Page of Aspermont and Jason Kyle Kerby of Bovina exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 3 at 3 p.m.

The ceremony was performed in the Central Baptist Church of Aspermont by Rev. Lawrence Ballow.

Parents of the couple are Norman and Belinda Page of Aspermont and Al, Jr. and Susan Kerby of Bovina. Grandparents are Clara Walker of Aspermont, the late James Woods, the late Roxie Beasley, Charlene Treider of Muleshoe, the late Roy Lee Farley and Al and Jeanne Kerby of Bovina.

Karmony Drum of Snyder, pianist, accompanied vocalist Jackie Bingham of Aspermont as he sang "Butterfly Kisses" and Paul Page of Rule, brother of the bride, as he sang "I Do."

As the bride was escorted to the altar by her father, the groom sang "More Than Anything." She was attired in a formal length wedding gown of white satin and tulle. The bodice featured spaghetti straps and was accented with beads and ribbon. The skirt and train were satin, with the veil trimmed in satin.

She carried a bouquet consisting of a dozen white roses. Following bridal tradition, for something old and borrowed, the bride wore a gold wedding ring belonging to the groom's great-grandmother. Her heart shaped diamond necklace, a gift from her mother, was new and she wore a blue garter.

Brooke McDowell of Aspermont, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor. Jennifer Page of Rule, sister-in-law of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Graham of Aspermont and Laurie Kerley of Snyder.

The attendants wore long mint dresses with satin

bodices and chiffon skirts. They carried bouquets of pastel flowers.

Kayle Tate of Aspermont was the flower girl. She wore a white dress.

Luke Steelman of Bovina was the best man. Groomsmen were Tyson Kerby and Josh Kerby of Bovina, brothers of the groom, and Jay Louder of Rule. Clay Tarter of Llano, cousin of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Serving as ushers were Kirk Page, brother of the bride, and Brandon McDowell, cousin of the bride, both of Aspermont. Dillon Gallman of Muleshoe, cousin of the groom, lit the candles.

Erin Gallman of Muleshoe, cousin of the groom, and Lauren Hahn of Aspermont greeted guests.

The reception was held at the Aspermont Community Center.

The three tiered white wedding cake was decorated with white icing and pastel flowers. The groom's chocolate cake was decorated with a golfer, golf cart and a putting green.

Servers were Erin Gallman and Brenna Farley of Muleshoe and Shelly Madrid of Roswell, New Mexico, all cousins of the groom, and Lauren Hahn and Andrea Herrera, both of Aspermont.

The couple is residing at 10621 East 66th S #340, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A graduate of Aspermont High School, the bride attended Western Texas College at Snyder. She will continue her education at Tulsa Community College where she is majoring in radiology.

Kerby is a graduate of Bovina High School and Western Texas College. He is employed by Cedar Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.



Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-238-1146
When you have news items

Luis Serna had surgery Wednesday this week at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock to clear an artery in his neck. He had a stroke in February and has been trying to recover from its effects.

Serna's daughter, Olga Camara, of Fall River, Mass., has been in Bovina helping her mom, Selia, with her dad. Olga said her dad is doing good and doctors say he has a healthy heart and is expected to really benefit from the surgery.

Sandra and James Clayton's daughter and her family, Joanna and Shaun Windle and kids Shauni, 7, and Jordan, 3, moved to Arlington from Clovis recently. Joanna has a teaching job at an elementary school there and will start in the fall. Sandra said she and James helped them move and will sure miss them.

Friends say former Bovinans Dick and Pernie Free are doing well in their new home in Bakersfield, California. The couple moved from Bovina in April to live with their only daughter and son-in-law, Cherry and Pete Meade. The Frees also have two granddaughters and some great-grandchildren in the same area.

The Frees grew-up in Bovina and moved to Dumas for about 40 years. They returned to Bovina and lived here for about six years before moving to California. Sandra Clayton keeps in touch with the couple and said they were more sad about moving from Bovina after only being here six years then they were about leaving Dumas after 40 years. Well, we miss ya'll too!

Joe and Laverne Black had company last week. Her daughter and son-in-law, Bettie Mae and Charles Hartman, who are missionaries, from Memphis, Tenn., were in town for a few days. Also in Bovina were Laverne's son and his family, Joe Don and Sharon Stevens of Canyon and their daughters, Andrea and Jennifer.

Joe's granddaughter, Amy Mirshemi, 12, of San Antonio, has been with the

Leadership Camp Held

District 2 4-H Leadership Camp was held June 6-8 in Levelland at South Plains College.

4-H'ers, ages 10-12 years from across the South Plains attended this exciting fun filled camp. Youths attending from Parmer County were Dan Patterson, Alicia Wauson, Sarah Herington and County Extension Agent Cody G. Hill.

couple for three weeks. Laverne said they really enjoy her while she's here and miss her after she returns home.

Pat and Pat Kunselman and Scooter and Jim Russell have a new great-grandson, Conner Don Coleman. His parents are Gina and Cody Coleman of Amarillo.

Little Conner was born July 7 at 12:20 p.m. at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital. He weighed six pounds, thirteen ounces and was nineteen and one half inches long. His grandparents are John and Tami Kunselman of Spearman. His great-great grandma is Doris Wilson of Clovis.

Several Bovina folks spent time at Eagle Nest, New Mexico last week at Dick and Mary Evelyn Steelman's place. Gene and Vi Hutto stayed a few days.

The Steelmans' children and their families were there too. They are Sharon and Donnie Terry and kids Briana, Dava and Kayla; Jeff and Kristy Steelman and son Scott; and Leah and Bryan Mason and daughters Ashton, Malie and Brynna.

The family fished, played games and enjoyed the area.

Kay and Radford Venable had company for a long weekend. Her parents, Roy and Deloris Stone of Plano and her brother and family, Roy Lee and Cherrie Stone and daughters Kaley, Aubrey and Lindsey were all in Bovina.

Kay's dad was head football coach in Bovina from 1964 until 1969. Her brother, who just moved to Huntsville from Plano, will be the head football coach at a high school there.

Friends report that Corey and Misty Kirkpatrick of Flower Mound, Texas, are the new parents of a baby girl, Taylor Layne, born Monday, July 10 at 7:50 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces and was twenty and one half inches long.

Taylor's grandparents are Daryl and Karen Kirkpatrick of Bovina and Rowene Stewart of Lubbock and Ricky Stewart. Her great-grandmother is Lily Behrendsen of Clovis.

Last week *The Blade*

wrongly identified a picture of Pat Read as Patt Turner in one of our 4th of July pictures. As far as I know, Patt Turner is now living in Amarillo and was not spotted at the parade; however, Pat Read, who is my neighbor, was spotted at the parade (*we'll just blame the mistake on Ron Carr*).

My family has had its share of sickness this week. My mother, Wanda Norris, had a heart attack last Saturday night. By press time she will have had a heart valve replaced and a bi-pass completed. The surgery was 8 a.m. Thursday.

My father, Richard Norris, is suffering from the final stages of the lung disease "COPD". Hospice and my mother normally look after him but with Mom in the hospital, hospice and other family members have been helping him. He had further complications this week but should stabilize and start feeling some better soon.

Ty and I will be in Odessa for the next few days checking on both my parents and helping my sister Ruby handle things.

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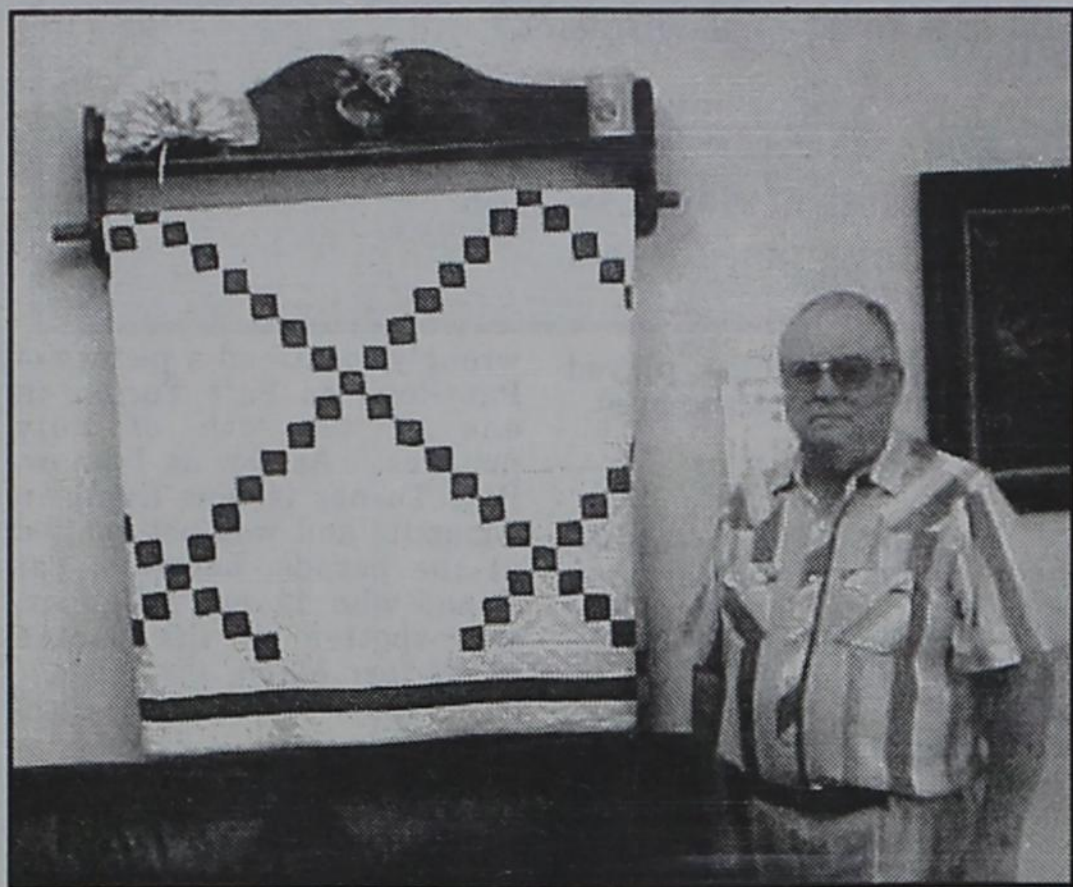
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Quilt Display At Prairie Acres



QUILTS ON DISPLAY at Prairie Acres provided by the Rectors. At right is a quilt pieced by Velma Jones and given to the Rectors at their wedding shower 50-years ago and they had it machine quilted. Velma Jones is now a resident at Prairie Acres. At left, Lloyd Rector is shown with a red and white quilt top pieced by his grandmother, Ethel Griffith, when she was 80, and hand-quilted by his Aunt Nina Rector when she was 85. The quilt is 40-years-old.

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Lou Ella Morrison Submits Life Story For Publication

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Lou Ella Morrison.

By Lou Ella Morrison

Lou Ella Hall was born to David C. Hall and Rosie T. Fondren on November 7, 1919 in Lesley, Texas in Hall County. I was the second of three girls born to this union: Lauriella, Lou Ella and Dorothy. Lauriella passed away a year ago December. So there is just me and Dorothy left from this union.

My father was married once before. I had three half-sisters and three half-brothers, all of whom are dead.

We lived on a farm at Lesley and all of us kids had to help with the farm work. I had to do all the plowing with a team of mules. When the crops were ready, we had to gather them and we would also attend school and that made it hard for us to get our grades but we managed with the Lord's help.

One morning my mother was helping my brothers hook up to the team to plow. One of the mules got spooked and started jumping and jerking, killing my mother. She was only 33 years old. The doctors, not having the knowledge as they do now, didn't know what to do for her but watch her die.

I finished school in 1939 and left home. I moved to Memphis and started working in the hospital. I worked there six years.

In May of 1945, I went into the medical corps of the U.S. Army. I took my training in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was sent to El Paso hospital for my duty. El Paso was the burn center, so I took care of a lot of burn patients. I was discharged in June of 1949.

I married Charley Morrison on March 30, 1957 in Amarillo. We moved to Dumas where he worked at the American Zinc plant until it closed in 1971. I worked at the drug store snack bar. I was very active in church. My favorite song is "One Day At

A Time."

Our daughter, Rose Marie, was born on September 24, 1958. In 1962, we adopted our other daughter, Peggy Jean, when she was eighteen months old.

We moved to Friona after the zinc plant closed and Charley went to work for Missouri Beef which is now known as Excel. He worked for them until he retired in 1989.

Both girls graduated from Friona High School, Marie in 1977 and Peggy in 1979. Marie is married to Robert Saiz and has two sons: Charley, who will be a senior this year, and Phillip, who will be in the sixth grade. Both kids are involved in sports, so I go watch them every chance I get. I really enjoy football best of all. They reside in Friona. Marie works at Prairie Acres.

Peggy is married to John Schmidt and lives in Wymore, Nebraska. She has one son, A.J., who is 4-1/2 years old. We do not see Peggy and her family since they live so far away.

While living in Friona, I have worked for Mr. McGlothlin when he had the Drive-Inn, worked for Ed White at the laundry in town



LOU ELLA MORRISON

but mostly I was a housewife. I was also a school crossing guard until I became very ill and now my son-in-law, Robert Saiz, took my place on the crossing on Main Street.

In June of 1999, I was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre, which is a virus that affects the nerve endings of the spinal cord. I have hardly any feeling in my hands and feet. I stayed at home until I came to Prairie Acres in March 2000. I like it here very much.

Public Hearing Set July 21 For Health Care Concerns

Rural community representatives, health care providers and citizens will have an opportunity to comment on rural health care issues and concerns at a public hearing slated July 21 in Hereford. All comments expressed at the hearing will be considered for possible inclusion in an upcoming report to the Governor and the 77th Legislature.

The full report, due out in January 2001, will be written and published by the sponsor of the hearing, the Texas State Office of Rural Health, the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. The center is responsible for providing feedback to the legislature through its biennial report to the legislature, which serves as a guide for addressing rural health care needs.

The focus of the hearing

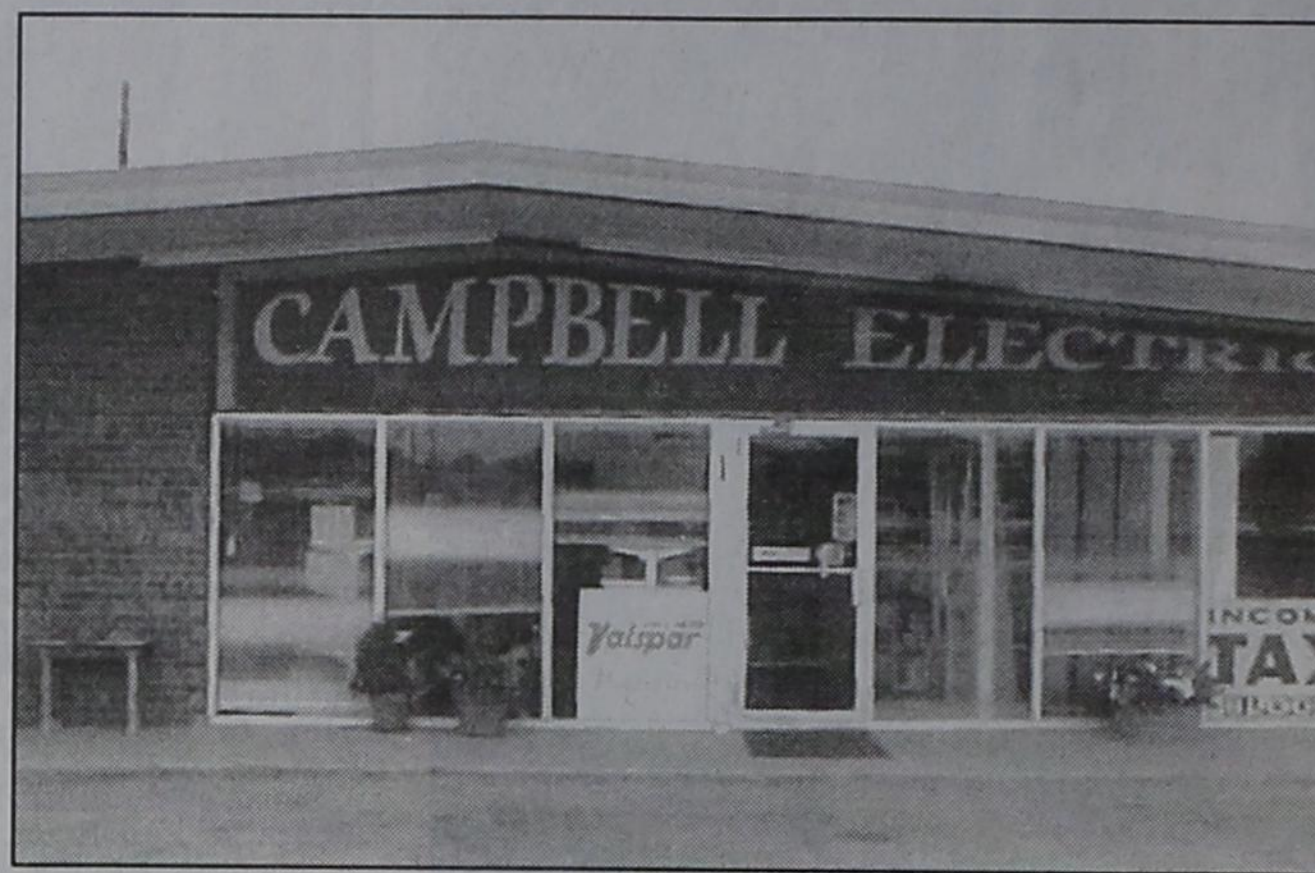
includes the following subjects: (1) the mission, goals and objectives of how the center can work to assist rural communities in meeting rural health care needs; (2) ways for the state to effectively and creatively address the unmet health care needs of rural communities; and (3) ways to coordinate the administration and delivery of rural health care service with federal, state and local public and private programs that provide similar services.

"These hearings are a tremendous opportunity for rural Texans to be active participants in the planning process for their health care future. Everyone is invited to express their views and suggestions," explained Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, executive director of the center.

The hearing is set for Friday, July 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the City of Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C in Hereford. For more information contact Nora Cox Taylor at the center at (512)479-8891, toll-free (877)TEX-CRHI (839-2744), or email the center at crhi@crhi.state.tx.us.

Anyone who wishes to testify may sign up at the hearing site to do so. Written testimony may also be submitted to: Center for Rural Health Initiatives, P.O. Drawer 1708, Austin, Texas, 78767-1708.

Established in 1989, the center provides leadership in encouraging innovative responses to rural health care needs. The center advocates a number of programs and services designed to help rural health providers and communities proactively address the health care needs of rural Texans.



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Lazbuddie Schools Five Year Reunion July 29-30

Every five years, Lazbuddie School has an all-school reunion. The reunion has been planned for July 29 and 30.

Graduates, ex-students, teachers, board members and families who have resided in the community attend. The first school in the community was at the "Star Ranch" in 1907. A lot of changes and history has transpired since then.

"Plan to attend, visit and renew old friendships," a spokesperson commented.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SATURDAY, JULY 29

8 a.m.-golfers scramble, Muleshoe Country Club, limit 60; \$35 fee includes golf fee, cart fee, lunch at club and

souvenir towel. Contact Jerry Don Glover, (806)965-2162 by July 15.

10 a.m.--registration at school.

12 noon--lunch, catered by the 2001 senior class, concession style.

3 p.m.--assembly, recognitions and awards.

Evening--individual groups and class gatherings.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

11 a.m.--registration at school.

11:30 a.m.--begin serving lunch, all you can eat catered by Riversmith's of Lubbock.

Lunch fee is \$10 for adults, \$4.50 children. Contact Donna Glover at (806)965-2162 for reservations.

Afternoon--visit as long as you wish.