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Good News In Bovina For The Past Years!

Board Approves Intercom System For Schools

Bovina ISD met in regular Kerby seconded, motion session on Thursday, July 6, passed. 2000. The meeting was called 2000. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with all to approve the 2000-2001 members present except Student Handbook. Beau-Jamerson, Beauchamp and champ seconded, motion Anderson.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction--June 12 meeting item G Conduct. Coffey seconded, 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

A financial report was to Bob Owen for serving as

items were considered:

motion to approve the proposed salary schedule for teacher aides, Coffey seconded, motion passed. Jamerson of personnel. Whitten moved arrived at 7:45 p.m.

B. Coffey made a motion Kerby. 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 BY RON CARR motion to approve student accident and athletic 1969, in the South China insurance bid from Southwest Sea, the Australian aircraft Special Risk Insurance for carrier HMAS Melbourne, \$8,000. Beauchamp seconded collided with the American the motion and it passed destroyer USS Frank Evans, unanimously.

D. Beauchamp made a

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 farily 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.

Carol

Ellis

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

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

Hollywood has romanticized the wealthy, handsome, welleducated 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 commemoritive 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

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.

The Board of Trustees of calendar for 2000-2001.

passed.

F. Jamerson made a motion to approve the 2000-2001 Student Code of 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 given and the Board presen-ted an award of appreciation discussion of the 25% library fund supplement; financial accountability rating system; interim superintendent. accountability rating system;
The following discussion school prayer update; Region 16 board election results; and A. Beauchamp made a an employee insurance update.

to adjourn, seconded by



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

Ex-Navy Man Escaped Death on the High Seas

At 3 a.m. on June 3, slicing the Evans in half.

The front half of the USS motion to approve the Evans sank, taking 74 proposed teacher appraisal American sailors to their

was on the half that didn't

death.

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 important to the families of the dead US sailors.

Military hearings deter-mined 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

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 Muleshoe girl that would eventually become Mrs.

The USS Evans, under the command of Lt. (jg) Ronald Ramsey, was 1,000 vards 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 it's

starboard side, then turned Joe Bob Mann of Friona right again into the path of the carrier.

Throughout The two vessels were a 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 military hearings, grinding of steel ripping relentlessly through steel was point that would later be 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

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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.



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.



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

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, I-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.

ampbell Electric **Expands Business**

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

The expansion includes a large selection of Valspar paint, stain, and supplies. We have also added Stanley hardware and a limited inventory of building supplies.

In addition, Campbells now have a full line of varnishes

"Our goal is to better serve our community. We would appreciate your input and suggestions. We will do our best to stock items you need. If we don't have what you need, we will do our best to get it for you," said Holly and Danny Campbell, owners.

"We have strived to employ a dependable and knowledgeable team to serve you and meet your needs," they

added. (See Campbell Electric's advertisement on Page 6)

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago--July 13, 1955 Bovina Outsiders' pitcher, Robert Read, gave up only four hits Sunday, but Bovina lost to Friona's Irrigation Belt League team 2-1.

Friday night, July 15th, at 8:30 is the time and date set by the City Commission for the mass meeting of the town concerning the question of a sewer system for Bovina.

40 Yrs Ago--July 13, 1960 Duane Rea, outstanding Bovina FFA member, was notified this week that his American Farmer application has been approved by the state commision and will be sent to national competition. Lightning apparently

traveled down a television antenna and started a fire in the Boyd Gilreath home in during a rm Friday Bovina thunderstorm afternoon. Gilreath estimated damage at from \$2500 to

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cook and children visited in the home of her father, Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Bonds, recently. Mrs. Cook is a former resident of Bovina and now resides at Vona, Colorado.

35 Yrs Ago-July 14, 1965 Private Don R. Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell, was recently chosen as the outstanding trainee of the Basic Combat Training Cycle at Fort Pol, Louisiana.

Richard Carson, Alan Carson and Billy Marshall, accompanied by John Paul Jones, are attending the state FFA Convention this week in Houston. Marshall will be one of 785 members in the state who will receive the Williams pickup which was Lone Star Farmer award parked near the spraying

Friona Navy Man Recalls

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thrown, or jumped, into the water and were trying to swim away from the undertow caused when the damaged section sank. Quick rescue action by the Australian carrier's personnel rescued all the Americans who wound up in the water with helicopters and lifeboats. They tied the aft section

of the Evans to the Melbourne so the remaining Evans sailors could come aboard. Joe Bob says, "They had scrambling nets thrown over the side. We climbed up the rope net into a doorway on the side of the carrier. I didn't know the front half of our ship had sunk until that point."

The Australians swept through the Evans to make sure that all the American sailors had been rescued. Then they cut the damaged hulk loose, fearing it too may sink and further damage the Melbourne.

But the remains of the Evans did not sink. It was later towed to Subic Bay, Phillipines, where it was in his own private practice. inspected, photographed, He is a 1967 graduate of catalogued, then towed out to Friona High School. He joined Phillipines, where it was sea and sunk.

Of the 74 American seamen who were killed in the accident, only one body was ever recovered. The 73 others remain entombed in the wreckage, which sank in about 4,500 feet of water.

Prohibition on family members serving on the same ship in the U.S. Navy had been lifted.

Chief Gunnersmate Larry Reilly and his son were both stationed on the USS Evans. The son, Lawrence John Reilly, Jr., boilermaker 3rd class, usually worked in the aft engine room. Just prior to the collision, an experienced man was needed in the forward engine room. Young Reilly was assigned forward. He did not survive.

Three brothers from Nebraska, Gary, Gregory and Kelly Sage, were also serving on the Evans. The sons of Eunice and Ernest Sage were 22, 21, and 19 at the time of their deaths.

At naval hearings in Subic Bay, Captain Steve Stevenson was ultimately demoted by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).

Lt. Ramsey, in command of the Evans at the time, plead guilty to several violations, was reprimanded and set back 1,000 files on the promotion list. It didn't matter much since Lt. Ramsey had planned to leave the Navy anyway after

during the convention.

Final arrangements for payments of the new fire station-warehouse were made at a regular meeting of Bovina's city council last week. At a called meeting later in the week, the council considered purchasing a patrol car to be used for city police work. No decision was reached.

30 Yrs Ago--July 15, 1970 Bovina Implement Co., one of the oldest and most established businesses in Parmer County, is closing. Bedford Caldwell, ownermanager of the Massey-Ferguson farm implement dealership, announced this week that the business would be closed the last week in July.

Galley Alley Art Center, Bovina's newest business venture, held its formal opening Sunday afternoon. Approximately 75 persons from Bovina and surrounding towns registered at the opening. Guests registered from Clovis, Friona, Farwell, Bovina, Tucumcari, Ft. Worth, Lubbock and Oklahoma City.

25 Yrs Ago--July 16, 1975 Three men, including Tommy Williams of Bovina, narrowly escaped serious injuries Wednesday morning of last week when a Piper 180, piloted by a York, Nebraska man, clipped Williams' 1975 Chevrolet pickup while attempting to take off from the Agri-Sprayers runway west of Bovina. The fuel tank on the left wing of the plane hit

Near-Death Experience...

serving his sea time.

At 10:30 a.m. the morning of June 3, less than eight hours after the collision, the surviving American sailors were transferred to an American aircraft carrier, the USS Kearsarge. Joe Bob said they were

taken to Subic Bay to recoup and be reassigned. They were all allowed to compose telegrams to notify their families they were okay, then were flown to Long Beach, California and allowed to go home for one month leave. He arrived in Friona on

June 9, one day after his 20th birthday. With a laugh, he recalls being asleep at his parents his first morning home when someone knocked on the door.

It was a delivery person bringing the telegram he had sent from Subic Bay telling his folks he was okay.

Joe Bob Mann was born June 8, 1949 in Friona to Joe and Christeene Mann. He claims to be the first baby delivered by Dr. Paul Spring

the Navy January 13, 1969, and was sent to San Diego, California, for training.
The 19-year-old sailor was

assigned to the USS Evans and met the destroyer in Pearl Harbor on March 19,

During his unexpected leave back home in Friona, Joe Bob and some friends were sitting around one night on the parking lot of Houser's Grocery on Main Street (now Bi-Wize Drug location).

A girl from Muleshoe, Dale Bleeker, had come to Friona to visit her friend Paula Gibson. Paula and Dale joined the chat session at Houser's, the first time she met Joe Bob Mann.

He soon shipped out to Charleston, South Carolina, and was assigned to the USS Everglades, a destroyer tender on which he served 13

months. During another leave, Joe Bob and Dale happened to meet again. Dale says she didn't really remember him much since it was over a year after their first meeting.

They were married June 11, 1971 in Muleshoe. Their son, Robert Michael, was born March 5, 1972 in South Carolina where Joe Bob was still stationed. His last assignment in the Navy was aboard the USS Yellowstone, another destroyer tender.

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firm's office at the northern

end of the runway. Tammy Christian was crowned "Miss Bovina" for 1975 Friday night before a crowd of 100 people in Ridgelea School cafeteria. The local beauty pageant was sponsored by Bovina's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Tambra Rogers was named first runner-up and Dian Roming was named second runner-up in the pageant.

20 Yrs Ago--July 16, 1980 Two Bovina people, Furne and Jay Harris, were injured as a result of an auto accident this past Tuesday, July 8. They were both transported to Lubbock General Hospital ambulance. Mr. Harris was treated for cuts and bruises then released. Mrs. Harris, critically injured, suffered from several broken ribs, a broken nose and numerous abrasions, was placed in the intensive care unit. The couples' vehicle was hit about 3 miles east of Shallowater on U.S. Highway 84 by a man from Anton, who was charged later with a DWI.

15 Yrs Ago--July 17, 1985 Southwestern Public Service (SPS) recently put into commercial service a power plant generation unit that can meet the electricity needs of 225,000 people. The coal-fueled, 561,000 kilowatt unit, located at SPS' Tolk Station near Muleshoe, was brought into service June 30,

10 Yrs Ago--July 14, 1990 Construction of the longawaited four-lane facility on U.S. Highway 60 through Bids should be sent to BOVINA conference Tuesday morning at Friona's City Council Meeting Room. The projected starting date for the project is July 23, 1990. The contract calls for 520 working days.

Jeff Neals Have A Boy

Jeff and Katie Neal of Bovina are the parents of a baby boy born June 23 at 7:39 p.m. in Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital.

Named Daniel Clayton, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, six and threefourths ounces and was twenty and one-fourth inches

long. He has an older sister, Hannah, three and one-half years old.

Grandparents are Kirk and Bonnie Daniel of Tulia and Clayton and Kay Neal of Lorenzo, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Katherine Neill and Billy Ray Daniel, both of Tulia. Lurene Daniel of Tulia is the child's great-great-grandmother.

Ex-Bovina Mayor Dies In Oregon

William Austin "Bill" Calhoun of Florence Oregon, passed away June 9, 2000, at the age of 82. His father, Stephen Austin Calhoun, was the first mayor of Bovina.

Calhoun was born August 6, 1917 in Gilmer. He married his wife Letha on August 28, 1937, in Fort Sumner, N.M.

A retired carpenter, Calhoun had worked on several dams in Oregon, California and Arizona during his career. After his retirement, he owned the "Grand Avenue Laundry" in Oroville, California for 15 years. He moved to Oregon in 1994. His interests included woodworking and sports.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Steven and Dora Calhoun, and two grandchildren, Gary and William Manion.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Heather V. Calhoun; a son Dean Calhoun and wife Sybil of Florence; daughters Gwen Manion and husband Gordon of Santa Maria, California and Linda Shortridge and husband Larry of Gulfport, Mississippi. Five grandchildren and six

great-grandchildren also survive.

Classified Advertising

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F&B-2tc-7/7-7/14

GARAGE SALE....July 14-15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Lots of women's and children's clothes, dresses, jeans, shoes, jewelry, watches, 2 sets of 15" pickup tires, several bikes and much, much more. Come by 700 B-1tc-7/14 Avenue K, Bovina.

Bovina I.S.D. is now accepting applications for an elementary music teacher. Applications can be picked up from Darlene Miller in the administration building or by calling 806-238-1336. Resumes may be sent to Darla Sealey, elementary principal, at P.O. Box 70, Bovina, Texas, 79009. Deadline for accepting applications will be July 21, 2000.

B-1tc-7/14

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bovina ISD is accepting bids for milk and for fuel and oil for the 1985, for about \$287 million, 2000-2001 school year. Interested on schedule and under bidders should contact Michael Downes at (806) 238-1336. The last date to submit bids is July 21,

Parmer County was detailed ISD, P.O. Box 70, Bovina, TX a pre-construction 79009. Bovina ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

B-2tc-7/7-7/14

WANT TO BUY older model Case or International tractor 100-140 hp and 4 row shredder. Call

FOR SALE

Mike, 238-1146. F&B-tfnc-6/30

bedroom, 2 bath house with garage near school. Lots of storage and built-ins. 302 7th Street, Bovina. Call Jim Russell, 238-1543. F&B-tfnc-7/14

FOR SALE....1995 Suburban navy/tan; leather interior; \$16,500. Call 250-2210.

F&B-tfnc-6/9

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 16-22, 2000. Jul 16 Sandy Guest Jul 17 Jeri Been

Jul 18 Tony Castaneda,

Jul 19 Connie Garza, Padyn Hughes
Jul 21 Darla Stormes, Kevin Koelzer

Jul 22 Bud Venable, Julie Grisham, Vanessa Garcia

For changes or corrections, or to add a name to our birthday list call 238-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

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Special thanks to our local and county law enforcement officers, the D.P.S. officers, our local E.M.S. and fire department for their quick response at the time of our plane crash. We thank God for our pilot's protection. Special thanks to those who came by or called with words of 🛞 encouragement. Your friendship and prayers helped us get N through this difficult time. Gaylon & Shelby Rhodes

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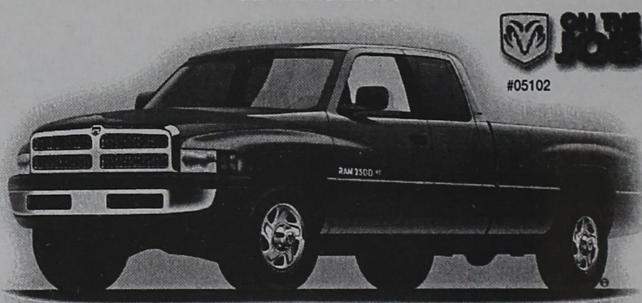
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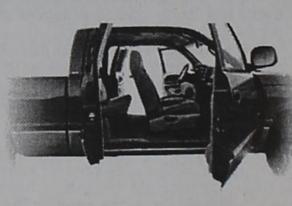
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By RON CARR

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> 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.

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 specialities. 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 with a friend at a nice sack at the Wal-Mart frozen steakhouse in Dallas. It was food aisle. They are small a borderline fancy place, not corn dogs without that messy stick to put up with.

come to visit, I buy a bottle strip arrived, a \$19.95 piece of ketchup. On the first day after they go home to Wishit Falls, I throw the ketchup bottle away.

The only time I do use it of ketchup I just look at the from the looney bin. He than half of all ketchup in price and buy the biggest managed to find a bottle of the U.S. so Heinz will be and cheapest bottle. That is I ketchup but I swear he advertising green ketchup on used to do it that way until wasn't too kind when he MTV and other kid channels. fry-dippin' but gravy doesn't used to do it that way until wasn't too killed when the come in those little plastic zach and Megan got old slammed it down on the packets.

Zach and Megan got old slammed it down on the enough to become ketchup well, my tablemate

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

I once went to dinner the kind of restaurant that has those red plastic squeezee

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

When I buy their ration he was on a weekend pass late 1990s. Kids eat more

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?" 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

Green ketchup, the color of money, will be sold in a new thin-stream squeeze bottle. To me that means they are going to be selling runny green stuff and trying to convince kids that it is ketchup.

Heinz says it will be so thin you can draw with it. Squirt a face right on your patty. Play tic-tac-toe on a napkin. The more you squirt, the more you buy and the more they make.

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 Course momma would have of Bovina are the parents of a slapped my jaws harder than new baby girl, Meagan I had slapped the ketchup 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,

school in Hereford.

They said that during a recent lunch together, their



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 7th grade teacher even as they do sometimes. At attended. 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 it is still there today. 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.

they had to ride buses over miserable roads to attend

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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

Three 4-H Youngsters Attend Texas Roundup

The 54th annual Texas Club," said Gayle Hall, Texas andup was held recently on Agricultural Extension Service 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

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

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.

as follows:

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

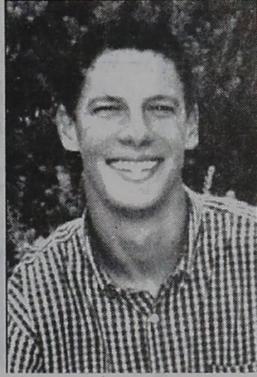
Tray Thorn--second, registered mares five and over; tenth, western pleasure; eleventh, western horsemanship.

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.

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 com-petition, Jade Mahaney placed sixth in consumer education and life skills. Devin Goettsch placed seventh in meat science.



CLINT PATTERSON C. Patterson Receives Scholarship

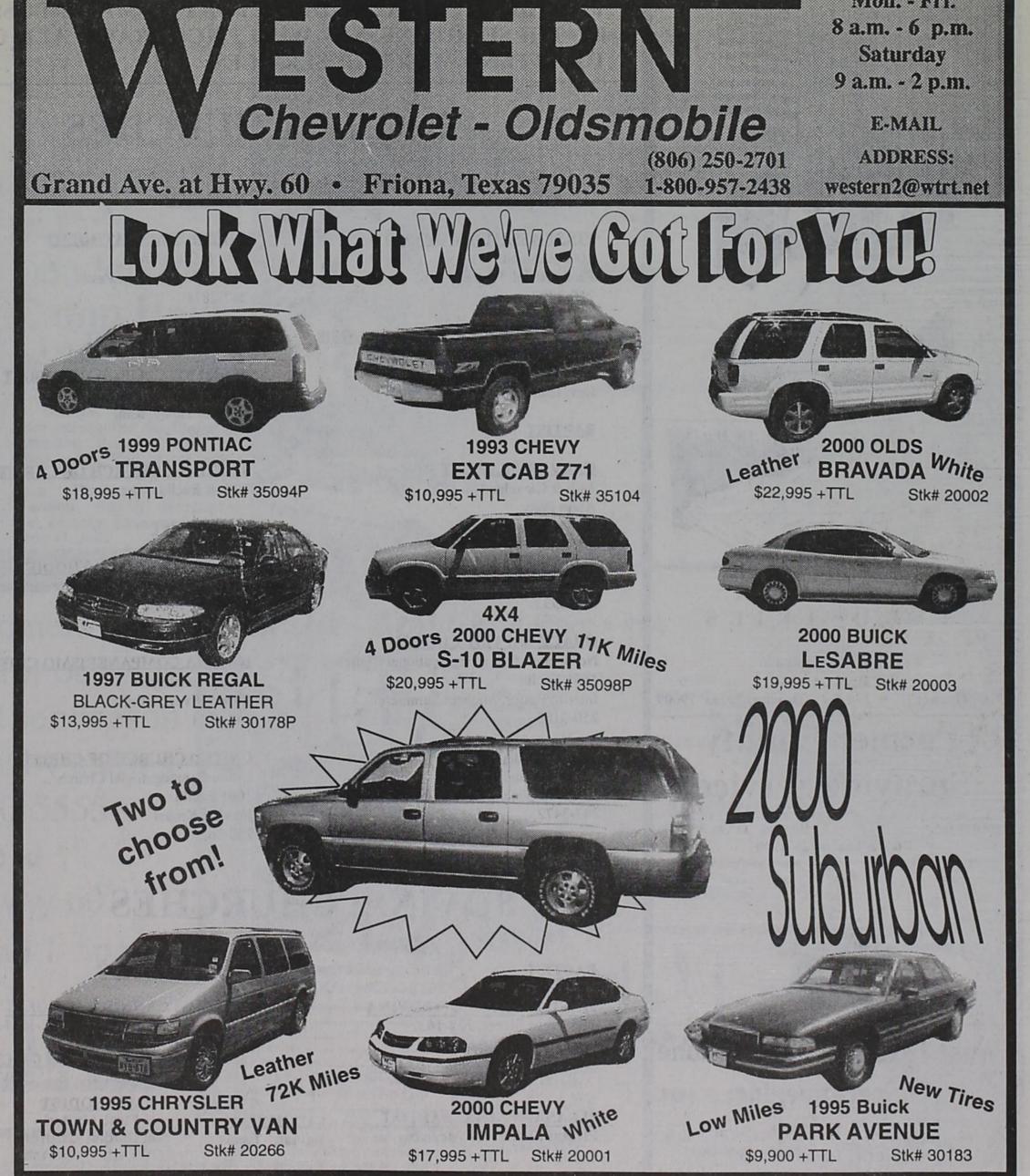
Clint Patterson, son of Gary and Cindy Patterson of Farwell, received a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.

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

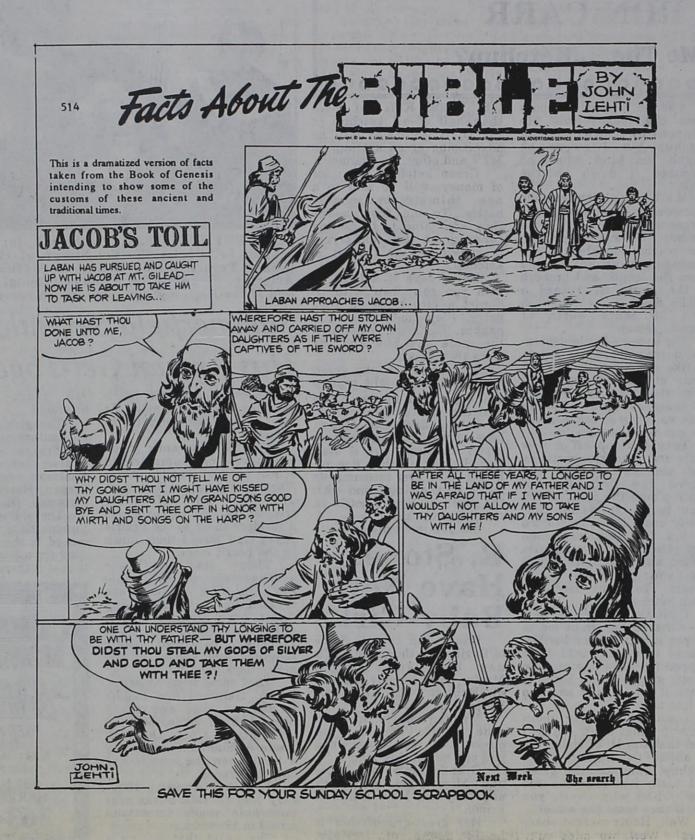
His 4-H projects have included swine, sheep, beef, leadership and citizenship.

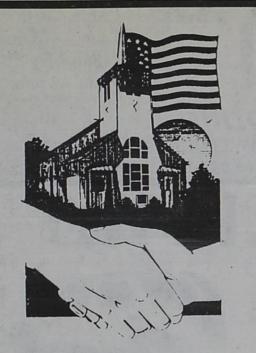
A senior at Farwell High School, he has received the Counselor's Award, Advanced Math Award and Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

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



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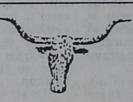
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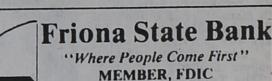




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Bridesmai



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Kerby

Nikki Page, Jason Kerby Exchange Wedding Vows

Asperment and Jason Kyle They carried bouquets of Kerby of Bovina exchanged pastel flowers. wedding vows Saturday, June 3 at 3 p.m.

Blade

The ceremony was a white dress. performed in the Central Rev. Lawrence Ballow.

Norman and Belinda Page of Grandparents are Clara groom, was the ring bearer.
Walker of Aspermont, the late James Woods, the late Roxie Beasley, Charlene bride, and Brandon Treider of Muleshoe, the late McDowell, cousin of the bride, said they were more sad Roy Lee Farley and Al and

vocalist Jackie Bingham of Shoe, con Asperment as he sang Lauren Butterfly Kisses" and Paul Page of Rule, brother of the bride, as he sang "I Do."

As the bride was escorted Center.

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 hadise featured another:

The three tiered white wedding cake was decorated with a grown of white satin and tulle. The bodice featured spaghetti straps and was accented with beads and ribbon. The skirt the veil trimmed in satin.

roses. Following bridal tradition, for something old and borrowed, the bride wore a gold wedding ring belonging to the groom's great-grand-mother. Her heart shaped diamond necklace, a gift from

Asperment, cousin of the continue her education at bride, served as maid of Tulsa Community College honor. Jennifer Page of Rule, where she is majoring in sister-in-law of the bride, radiology. served as matron of honor. Kerby is a graduate of Bridesmaids were Jessica Bovina High School and Graham of Asperment and Western Texas College. He is

Nikki Jo Page of bodices and chiffon skirts.

was the flower girl. She wore

Baptist Church of Asperment was the best man. Groomsmen were Tyson Kerby and Parents of the couple are Josh Kerby of Bovina, brothers of the groom, and Asperment and Al, Jr. and Jay Louder of Rule. Clay Susan Kerby of Bovina. Tarter of Llano, cousin of the

both of Asperment. Dillon Gallman of Muleshoe, cousin Jeanne Kerby of Bovina.

Karmony Drum of of the groom, lit the candles.

Erin Gallman of Mule-

shoe, cousin of the groom, and years. Well, we miss ya'll greeted guests greeted guests. The reception was held at

the Asperment Community

golfer, golf cart and a putting

Servers were Erin and train were satin, with Gallman and Brenna Farley of Muleshoe and Shelly She carried a bouquet Madrid of Roswell, New consisting of a dozen white 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 Asperment her mother, was new and she wore a blue garter.

Brooke McDowell of College at Snyder. She will

Laurie Kerley of Snyder.

The attendants wore long mint dresses with satin Arrow, Oklahoma.



BY BECKY

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his neck. He had a stroke in February and has been trying to recover from its

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 July 7 at 12:20 p.m. at expected to really benefit Baptist/St. Anthony's from the surgery. Hospital. He weighed six 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 Spearman. His great-great 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

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 Kayle Tate of Asperment with their only daughter and son-in-law, Cherry and Pete Meade. The Frees also have Luke Steelman of Bovina 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 about moving from Bovina after only being here six years then they were about

Joe and Laverne Black had company last week. Her daughter and son-in-law, Bettie Mae and Charles Hartman, who missionaries, from Memphis, Tenn., were in town for a few says. 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 ir Levelland at South Plains

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

Luis Serna had surgery couple for three weeks. Wednesday this week at Laverne said they really Covenant Hospital in enjoy her while she's here and Lubbock to clear an artery in miss her after she returns

> 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 pounds, thirteen ounces and was nineteen and one half inches long. grandparents are John and Tami Kunselman grandma is Doris Wilson of

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 and Kristy Steelman and son grandmother is Scott; and Leah and Bryan Behrendsen of Clovis. 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. 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 Several Bovina folks spent 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 too. They are Sharon and of Bovina and Rowene Donnie Terry and kids Stewart of Lubbock and Briana, Dava and Kayla; Jeff Ricky Stewart. Her great-

Last week The Blade handle things.

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 neighber, 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

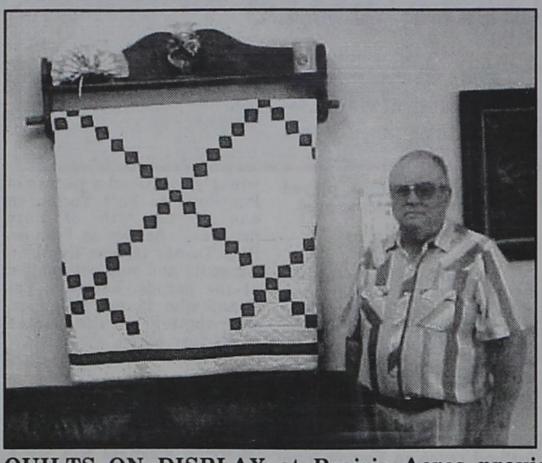


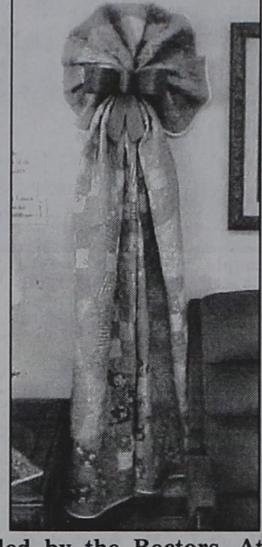
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Quilt Display At Prairie Acres





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.

Lou Ella Morrison Submits Life Story For Publication

Every month a resident of A Time. Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her Marie, was born on life's history to be submitted September 24, 1958. In in the home's newsletter, "The 1962, we adopted our other Prairie Times," and for daughter, Peggy Jean, when printing in this issue. This she was eighteen months old. 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 halfsisters 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 Mor-rison 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

Our daughter, Rose

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

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

White at the laundry in town very much.



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 While living in Friona, I any feeling in my hands and have worked for Mr. feet. I stayed at home until I McGlothlin when he had the Drive-Inn, worked for Ed March 2000. I like it here

Public Hearing Set July 21 For Health Care Concerns

sentatives, 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

Rural community repre- 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.

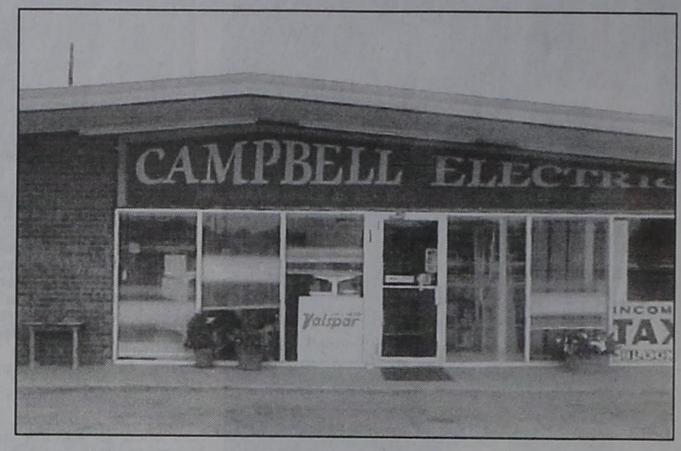
"These hearings are a tremendous opportunity for rural Texans to be active participants in the planning process for their health care future. Everyone is invited to express their views and suggestions," explained Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, executive director of the center.

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, tollfree (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

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school reunion. The reunion has been planned for July 29 and 30.

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"Plan to attend, visit and school, 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 you wish.

Every five years, souvenir towel. Contact Jerry Lazbuddie School has an all- Don Glover, (806)965-2162 by July 15. 10 a.m.--registration at

> 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

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-

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