



Guy Kirby Montgomery

CH: Today is April 9, 2007. This is Cindy Higgins. I am interviewing Guy Kirby Montgomery. Guy Kirby, could you tell me what one of your earliest memories of Eudora was?

GM: I would have to say the CPA picnic, a long, long time ago. I just really liked all the lights. It seemed like it was packed full of people. Now that I have gotten older, it is still awesome but not as crazy as it was. When I was in the parade, I think I always rode my bike to get a free ticket to get free ticket to any ride I desired. The snow cones were pretty bomb, too.

CH: What was one of your favorites rides down there?

GM: Personally I liked the parachute ride that no longer exists. But the fan favorite is the Zipper but it makes me and my brother kind of sick.

CH: What happens when you are on the Zipper?

GM: The Zipper is, you get into a cage and you are kinda on this big spindle thing that kinda throws you around and you do lots of 360s in a cage when you are holding a few bars. I don't really trust it.

CH: When you were growing up, did you ever go to any places in downtown Eudora and what do you remember seeing?

GM: When I was growing up, we used to always go to the Salvage Outlet. It was a pretty cool place where you could get deals on food downtown. Also, the post office to get mail and stamps. The hardware store was always a good place to go to. I always bought my dad birthday presents there. It is no longer downtown but it was cool when it was.

CH: Do you remember when they used to have the animals in the fences at the meat plant?

GM: No.



CH: When you were growing up, what were some places you used to go to play with your friends?

GM: I always liked to go play basketball at the old middle school, now the vo-tech center. And go to Nottingham. I am a little too big for the playground equipment there. They had lots of really cool stuff. Like a spider jungle gym. And the basketball courts' goals were always a little bit smaller than normal, so you could dunk on them. Had a nice little feel with the fields around it so there would be baseball games and pickup football games organized by Kenny Banta.

CH: Did you ever go play over in Kerr Field, and, if so what did you do?

GM: I actually live next to Kerr Field and in Kerr Field anything could happen. There were football games organized there and baseball games about every day of the summer. My friends and I used to hit golf balls out there until we got in trouble by the school.

CH: What do you remember doing at the swimming pool?

GM: At the swimming pool, there were two things you could do. You could play games in the normal pool like Marco Pool and run around and try to dunk your friends. There were people like Rodney Spillman who were diving board aficionados who would just hang out by the diving board and do tricks all day and try to pick up on girls. There were people who would tan all day like Nolan Smith who would just lay next to the pool and get mad at whoever splashed him.

CH: Okay, did you ever go down by the river or creeks when you were growing up, and, if so, what did you do?

GM: I was always hanging out by the Wakarusa River but never did anything because my parents didn't like me to go down there. It's a shifty river that you can't really trust. I like it, though, and my friends were always big fans of fishing in the little Wakkie and any creeks around. They liked the ponds. I forgot what they were called.

CH: What kind of fish did they catch?

GM: They caught lots of bass and catfish. I don't know. They were really into it.

CH: How about the creeks? Did you ever do anything in the creeks or go and catch anything there?

GM: I actually was hanging out by Captain Creek a little bit. I actually went there in middle school a few times to look at rock formations with Dan Kuhlman, the science teacher. Later on, we built a shack by Captain Creek down by the Neis' farm. In that creek we seined a bunch for crawdads, little fish, and we even found a little baby snapping turtle. It's pretty crazy.

CH: When you were at school, what did you like about recess? What did you do at elementary school?

GM: Recess—four square was a big deal. I really liked four square. For awhile, I played a lot of tag in my younger years. Tag and four square. As I got older, I kinda progressed to basketball, before and after school when I was in middle school.

CH: What were some moves on the four square court?

GM: In the four square court, you could see anywhere from cherry bombs to baby throws by Emily Gloschen. I was the king of the spinner, a move where you spin the ball and it hits once in the square and spins out of bounds, making it impossible for the opponent to combat your move.

GM: Everyone knows that Simple Simon's is the best deal on cheese sticks and pizza buffet. It's downtown. It's new. Well, not really new, but not as long as everyone else. Gambinos recently moved out to C&S and they have really bomb calzones and thin crust pizza. My friend Nolan works there. Sonic is good for drinks; Dairy Queen. Sonic not good for food; Dairy Queen not good for drinks. They are both pretty expensive. I don't go there as much. And Cutters has really good meat and waffle fries. And, you can go there and play pool, which has better pool than Gambinos because Gambinos is always missing pool balls. I have only been to Cecil Monday's a few times and it smells like cigarettes. If that is your bag, go for it. Jasmynes has great crab rangoons. I have only been there once with my grandparents. I would like to go there more often. It is pretty popular at Nolan Smith's household; they are big Jasmine heads.

CH: What about the tea house?

GM: The teahouse is amazing. It has the best homemade cheesecake in the Douglas County area and you get to get dressed up and have exquisite tea.

CH: What about Annabelle's?

GM: Annabelle's is Annabelle's. You can go hang out with the city workers there. I used to go there Friday mornings before football games. I can't say much about Annabelle's. It's not my bag.

CH: Wrap it up here with Casey's and Kwik Shop.

GM: Casey's is awesome. They are my favorite place to go. Anything like late at night and get some candy. I get my gas there because it's close to the road I take it out to get out of town. They have the best pizza than Gambino's and Simple Simon's combined. Like the cheese they put on there and the love you get from the people who work there. I usually go there on a daily basis when I am home to get my mom pop. Kwik Shop, it is pretty busy all the time. I have known some people who worked there and they kinda liked it. My friends go there and buy cigars. That's about it.

CH: Okay, thank you very much. That concludes our interview.