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Bulletins**
By
Bill Ellis



A TORNADO CAN be a humbling experience, to which many of our Friona neighbors can no doubt attest.

While there was massive damage inflicted by the June 2 tornado, virtually everyone we have come into contact with since the storm agrees it could have been considerably worse, both from a property loss standpoint, and in loss of lives or more serious injuries.

The main funnel cloud was bearing down on the center of Friona, and if the Friona Wheat Growers elevator had not deflected it, most probably, it would have demolished everything on Main Street, as well as taking out a huge section of the residential district.

True, the change of direction for the funnel caused tremendous damage to businesses and residences in the area south of the railroad, and then to Hi-Pro Feeds (if in fact all of this damage was done by the same funnel). But the main force of the storm was diverted to a much less populous area than that to which it was first pointed.

As a newsman, we have photographed tornado damage all the way from Lazbuddie (including the 1970 storm that killed Mrs. Alton Morris) to Hereford's 1974 tornado and those that struck Vernon and Wichita Falls in 1979.

But none of these did any more damage than the one that struck our community two weeks ago. The F-4 winds, designated by Amarillo meteorologists, translates as winds with a force of 260 miles per hour. This is more than twice the velocity of storms which are rated as hurricanes.

When we emerged from our basement following the storm, and saw the trail of concrete blocks from the garage that was exploded by the storm on Highway 60 and Virginia, and saw the trail it left across our yard, we again were humbled.

Yes, we had a roof ruined. But if that little "finger" of a tornado had been a few yards further northwest it could have taken out our entire neighborhood.

When our children were small, we always heeded the tornado warnings, and went to a neighborhood shelter. In recent years, we've been fortunate to have a basement and have had the opportunity to host several "neighborhood gatherings" when our area was threatened.

Luckily, Ye Editor was watching Steve McCauley, Channel 4 weatherman. We have been very impressed by this young man since he came upon the scene in Amarillo, and he proved his mettle on June 2.

For those of you who may have missed it, McCauley cautioned the residents of Friona from the beginning of his weathercast at 6 p.m. Then, at the end of the news, he came back on with a more stern warning. "This cloud approaching Friona has some definite characteristics of a tornado, and you folks in Friona should probably take shelter," McCauley warned, while showing the radar. That was enough for this ole amateur weatherman.

The following week, McCauley explained that he had recorded a total of 16 "positive" lightning strikes from the cloud approaching Friona. "When you have a cluster of lightning strikes in a storm to this degree, you almost always have a tornado," McCauley explained.

Another local family was also watching Channel 4 that night. The Joe Mendoza family, which includes two or three sons and their families, all went to the parents' cellar before the funnel cloud struck. We heard that there were 35 people in the Mendoza cellar. Most of these families had their homes destroyed. But they escaped with their lives. Joe Mendoza had the cellar dug about a year ago, after one of our threatening storms.

The Mendozas are definite believers in storm cellars. And they'll probably be watching Channel 4 the next time the weather is threatening.

Bovina ISD Takes Part In Food Service Program

Bovina Independent School District will participate in a Summer Food Service Program through the Texas Department of Human Services in July.

The program will run concurrently with the Summer School Program from July 3-28. Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria at 500 Halsell, Bovina.

The Summer Food Service Program provides free meals to all children, age 18 and younger. Adults will be charged \$2.25. No proof of income, registration or

meal tickets are required.

Those eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Dept. of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



ETHEL JOHNSON

Ethel Johnson was a Christmas baby, born Ethel Ashby on December 25, 1907, in Beaver County near Guymon, Oklahoma.

She lived in Rocky, Oklahoma, until she was 16 years-old and graduated from high school at Clinton, Oklahoma, in 1926.

On December 23, 1929, she married Levi James Johnson and the couple moved to the Bovina area in February, 1930. They lived in Oklahoma Lane where they farmed crops and operated a dairy farm.

When they got irrigation, they sold the dairy, and continued to farm.

Levi James Johnson died April 30, 1985. Ethel and Levi lived in the same house throughout the years, but as she observed, they added on to it as the family and the farm grew.

Ethel continued to live on the farm until three years ago when she moved into Bovina. One of her grandsons, Charles, lives there now.

The Johnson's had two children. Billy Johnson of Bovina and Betty Rose Lowrie of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

She has five grandchildren: Scott Johnson, Charles Johnson and Charlotte McCormick of Bovina and Jimmy Don Lowrie and Jeannie Pickett, both of Midwest City.

She also has nine great grandchildren

Her hobbies include watching football, basketball, and baseball. When her health permits, she attends Texas Tech football games with son Billy, a Texas Tech graduate.

In addition, she crochet's while watching the sports on television. Her speciality is crocheting coat hangers, and she has given away many as gifts over the years.

Ethel is active in Bovina

Blood Drive In Bovina

In order to keep a safe, reliable blood supply for the Panhandle, Bovina, along with Coffee Memorial Blood Center, invites you to participate in the "Commitment to Caring" program. Attend the blood drive and give blood on Monday, June 19th, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Ambulance Center.

This is your opportunity to help the community by being a volunteer blood donor. The success depends on your participation.

Remember, if you don't give, who will? Give Blood, Get Cookies.

Senior Citizens, which meets once a month for dinner on the last Wednesday of each month. Ethel serves as reporter for the Bovina Senior Citizens and has been active for many years in the Church of Christ where she has taught bible class and Vacation Bible School for pre-school children.

Daughter Betty Rose compiled a Family Favorites Cookbook for members of the Johnson family. Mrs. Johnson shared a pie crust and custard pie recipe with Bovina Blade readers.

Pie Crust Recipe
(Makes one large pie and two 9" crusts)

2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup shortening
1 tsp salt
1 egg—slightly beaten
1 tsp vinegar
1/4 cup ice water
Mix flour, salt, and shortening real good.

Mix egg and vinegar. Add water.
Pour over the flour and mix together. Roll out for pie crust.

Custard Pie
(for one pie shell)
4 eggs—slightly beaten
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp nutmeg
2 1/2 cups scalded milk
Blend eggs, sugar, salt, and
flavoring

Stir in hot milk
Bake 25-30 minutes at 425, then 15 minutes at 325. Then it is ready to eat.

4th Of July Celebration

The 4th of July is coming up. The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is planning a double elimination volleyball tournament.

There will be a \$20 entry fee and prizes will be awarded for the first two places in both the women's and men's division.

Entry forms can be picked up at First Bank and returned there or mailed to Bovina Chamber of Commerce, Box 418.

Festivities will kick off about 4:00 p.m. The Chamber will have a hot dog and hamburger booth and a Coke wagon.

If your group would like to have a booth, let Jeff, Sherry, or Belinda at the bank know to avoid duplications.

There will be fireworks at dark. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us in celebrating Independence Day.



Carr Joins Staff Of Star/Blade

Ron Carr has joined the staff of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade as news writer and in advertising sales.

He and his family moved to Friona recently from Tulsa, Oklahoma where they had resided for the past six years. Previously, Carr had owned and operated a travel agency in Dallas for over twenty years.

During his many years in the travel industry, he wrote articles for the travel trade, as well as training manuals, travel brochures, and newsletters.

The family's move to Friona was prompted because Carr's mother and stepfather, Hannah and Harry Lookingbill live here, as does his brother, Rick Carr.

Joining Carr are wife, Cindy, and children Zachary, 6, and Megan, 4.

Carr said, "Although I grew up in the small town of Hillsboro, Texas, I spent most of my career in large cities like Dallas, Washington D.C., and Tulsa. I wanted Zachary and Megan to grow up in a smaller town atmosphere, and to be near their grandparents and aunt and uncle."

"We look forward to being an active part of the community and I am especially glad to be the newest staff member here at the Friona Star and Bovina Blade newspapers."



CARR FAMILY--Ron Carr is the new staff member at the Friona Star/Bovina Blade offices. He is shown here with his family; wife Cindy, daughter Megan and son Zachary. Carr will be covering news and advertising for the two newspapers.

Bovina Church Sets VBS

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church is planned for Wednesday through Saturday, July 5-8. The VBS sessions are scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Then on Saturday, July 8, there will be a morning session from 9 a.m. until noon and an evening session from 5-8 p.m.

There will be VBS classes for all children, pre-school through fifth grade. This year, Youth Bible School is also planned for young people in middle school (grades six, seven and eight) as well as for high school youth. Bruce Beets will direct the Youth Bible School.

The Vacation Bible School theme this year is "Windows On The World." The age group curriculum is as follows: older pre-school (four and five year olds), "God's Plan for Jesus"; younger children (first and second graders), "Jesus Helps Me"; middle children (third and fourth grades), "Jesus Is My Guide"; older children (fifth grade), "Jesus, Master and Teacher"; and youth (middle and high school), "Improving Conditions."

Richard Grisham, pastor and VBS director, encourages all local children and youth to plan to attend Vacation Bible School. Two trailers will pick up the children about 5 p.m. starting July 5. Parents are invited to the family night program and picnic on Saturday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

Three Vets Worked Hard To Save Injured Animals

BY CAROL ELLIS

After the Friona Star came out last week, several people asked local veterinarian, Dr. Gary Cash, if he had ever seen cows fly. "No, but I've seen quite a bit of what happens to them after they've landed," he replied. The Friona Veterinary Clinic was acting as "an animal trauma center" for several days following last week's tornado.

"Physically, the animals around Friona fared a lot worse in the June 2nd tornado, than did the humans," according to the vet. He said he, personally, can account for ten large animals that were either killed outright or had to be put away after the disaster struck. He says there are probably some others he doesn't know about.

The FFA boys brought out a generator to the vet clinic on Friday night after the tornado. This allowed the clinic to operate a few lights, plus Coleman lanterns were used in some of the examining rooms.

The two other Parmer County veterinarians, Dr. Dale Schueler of Rhea, and Dr. Bret Whitten of Bovina, gathered at Dr. Cash's Friona Clinic to do what they could to help the injured animals which were being brought in from all around the Friona area.

The three vets and about 30 volunteer helpers worked on the animals in semi-darkness until about two o'clock Saturday morning. Gary said he was

certainly grateful for all the help and the way everyone just pitched in to do whatever was needed to give the animals some relief.

Cash noted that the worst injuries were seen on animals which were located south of town, such as broken legs and severe lacerations. Animals north of town were pretty bruised up from the large hail that hit there.

South of town, Paul J. Smith had a horse that was killed and Yolanda Mendoza's horse had to be destroyed. Hicks Harris, brother of Hollis Harris, from Aqua Dulce, near Corpus Christi, had brought a horse up to be in the Clovis rodeo. He was keeping it at Hollis' pen located south of town and the animal ended up being pretty badly injured. Dr. Cash believes this may have been the horse that was seen flying through the air.

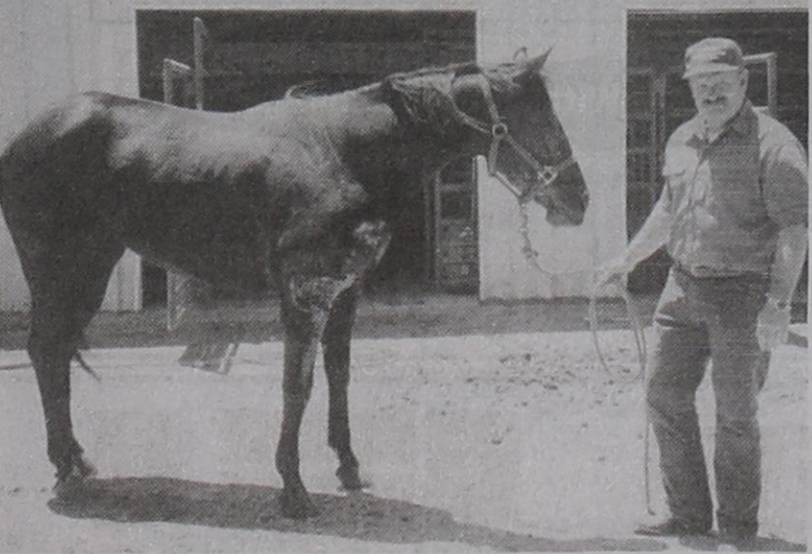
He said one of the oddest things that happened to the smaller animals was the poisoning of Ken Jeter's little Boston terrier. The Jeter well house had blown away and the dog ended up getting into some rat poison which had been in the well-house. You wouldn't think about a pet being poisoned as a result of a tornado. Cathy Spencer's labrador had a pretty bad head injury from large hailstones. Both these animals survived, with a little help from caring humans.

Ever since the disaster struck Friona, Dr. Cash and his assistant, Randa Allen Copley, have been running what amounts to a clearing-house for lost animals.

Fences are down all over town and dogs are running around everywhere, totally bewildered about where they belong. Cash notes that they've had a lot of calls from people who have either lost or found someone's pet.

The Friona Veterinary Clinic came through with only some damage to the exercise pen fence. This is pretty surprising since the clinic is located only two blocks west of the Hi-Pro Feed mill which was all but demolished in the tornado.

Electricity was off at the clinic for almost 24 hours. Gary says he feels better about paying the electric bill now after seeing how hard the SPS crew worked to get electricity restored following the tornado. When he saw all the downed power lines, he thought it would be four or five days before they could get everything repaired and service restored to the town.



INJURED HORSE---Dr. Gary Cash is shown with a horse that almost lost its leg in the tornado last week. Cash says he would have hated to have to destroy this pretty little mare. "She may not be a good saddle horse anymore, but she'll be a good breeding mare one of these days," Cash noted.

Tornado Issue Has Been Reprinted

The Friona Star special tornado issue which was published last week was a popular item and sold out early in the week. The issue was reprinted on Wednesday and is once again on sale for \$1.00. The 12-page souvenir pictorial booklet is available at the Friona Star office, at Bi-Wize Health Mart, Headquarters Restaurant and Brandin' Iron Restaurant in Friona. In Bovina it is available at the Bovina Blade office (open Monday and Tuesday) and the Line Camp Restaurant.

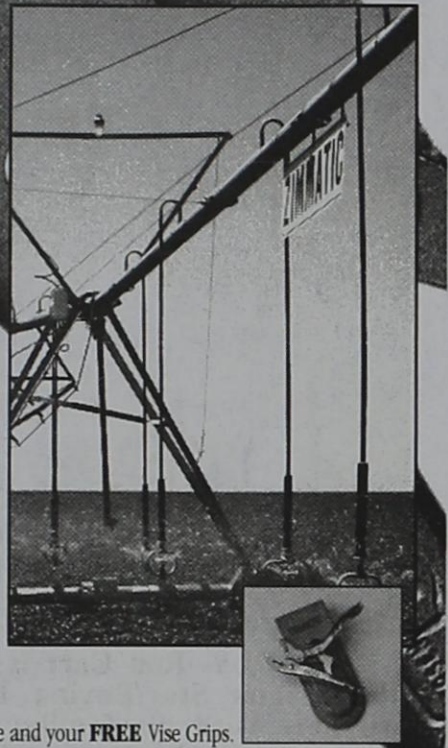
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Rika Bermea Places First

Rika Michelle Bermea was the first place winner in her category for the Miss Clovis Beauty Pageant held April 29 in Clovis.

She was presented a crown and trophy. Her parents are David and Beth Bermea and she has one brother, Joseph.

Rika's grandparents are Anthony and Judy Ramon and Macario and Ignacia Bermea.

Darla Stormes To Be Honored

Darla Stormes will be honored with a bridal shower Saturday, June 24 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the First Bank Community Room.

Hostesses are Scooter Russell, Susan Renner, Alice Stone, Susan Hughes, Donna Mitchell, Susan Kerby, Carlene Jones, Barbara Charles, Arla Waters, Karen Kirkpatrick, Debra Beauchamp, Judy Hodnett, Dottie Neal, Frances Willard, Tammy Willard and Carolyn Beauchamp.

Selections are available at Floral Expressions in Bovina.

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Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

30 Yrs. Ago--June 16, 1965

Work is scheduled to begin this week on a new \$100,000 bank building for Bovina. Bob Estes, president of First National Bank of Bovina, announced this week that the contract for construction of the new building has been let to Robert Boston of Amarillo.

Funeral services for Rev. Clarence Howard, 60, a former pastor of Bovina Pentecostal Holiness Church, were conducted Wednesday of last week in Amarillo. He died in an Amarillo hospital Sunday, June 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton observed their silver wedding anniversary Sunday in their home south of Bovina.

25 Yrs. Ago--June 17, 1970

The first load of 1970 wheat was delivered to the elevator ten days before the first load of 1969 and was termed "real good grain."

Miss Linda Rejino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Rejino of Bovina, was presented three letter awards in physical education at Marymount College for competition during the 1969-70 school year.

Suzanne Wilson and Candy Wilson left Bovina, Sunday, for a month's tour of Europe. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wilson, respectively, of Bovina. Both are May graduates of Bovina High School.

20 Yrs. Ago--June 18, 1975

Over 200 attended the first Father's Day dinner here Sunday at Bovina Schools Cafeteria. The beef dinner was sponsored by Bovina CowBelles with Mrs. Vernon Estes serving as chairman of the project.

Kenneth Cary, manager of Bovina Pump Co., was named Father of the Year. He was presented a roast of beef, donated by Bovina Supermarket, and a copper replica of the CowBelle bell insignia.

Miss Linda Marcom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marcom, performed at the annual Honors Recital of the Catuogno Plano

School of Lubbock on May 25.

15 Yrs. Ago--June 25, 1980

Larry Scott received the bonus check from Sherley Grain for the first load of wheat harvested.

Re-investing \$50,000 of county money from the general fund, and approval of payment of the county's Workman's Compensation insurance highlighted the regular meeting of the Parmer County Commissioners.

Funeral rites were held for Malinda Schlenker, 92, pioneer resident of the Rhea community.

Cotton production from 25 High Plains counties came to 2,750,000 bales of 480 pounds net weight, according to figures released.

Patsy Nance, who is employed as the Bovina school tax assessor, will assume duties July 1 as the chief appraiser for the new Parmer County Tax Appraisal Board.

The Bovina area was sweltering under the season's first heat wave and the temperature hit the 100-degree mark and then some.

10 Yrs. Ago--June 26, 1985

Manuel Fyrias, 26, was killed in a car-train accident and also injured was a fourteen-year-old passenger.

Kathy Rundell graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in physical education and earned a teaching certificate in the fields of physical education and biology.

Stacy Whitecotton and Teresa McCormick were listed on the president's and dean's honor rolls at Texas Tech University.

Jesus Gonzales arrived in West Germany to begin his Army duty.

A fish fry was held at the Church of Christ with 150 people attending. The fish were provided by B.L. and Teen Marshall.

5 Yrs. Ago--June 23, 1990

Diana Lumbra, a former Bovina resident, is on trial in Kansas following the death of her four-year-old son, Jose. Authorities are also investigating the deaths of her five other children and a

cousin's child.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1990, Dr. Paul Spring officially retired from his practice at Parmer County Community Hospital, ending a 42-year career as a staff member of the Friona medical facility.

Mike McCallum sent an article into the *Texas Fisherman* magazine and the article was published. Mike was notified after the article came out in the May issue of the magazine and sent a check.

Judy Hodnett of Bovina is among the 434 Eastern New Mexico University students named to the 1990 spring semester Dean's Honor Roll.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending May 5, 1995, County Clerk's Office, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, David Rocha, Celso Medrano, E/70 ft. Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 15, Bovina

WD, Billy Gene Zachary, Richard Bermea Construction, Lots 5 thru 12, Blk. 62, Friona

WD, Kenneth J. Ware, L & C J. Waltham, all of Lots 6-16, Blk. 3, OT Farwell

WD, John E. Bingham, Michael Cris Ingram, Lot 45 and W 25.0 ft. Lot 46, Blk. 2, Western Add., Friona

WD, Eric Vance Rushing, Clarence Martin, Inc., a 2.167 acre tract out of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T3S;R3E

WD, Anna Mae Shepherd, Leon Shepherd, NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of Sec. 6, T5S;R4E

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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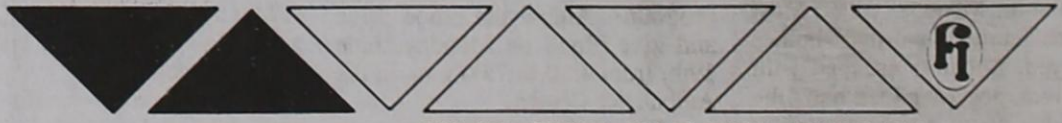
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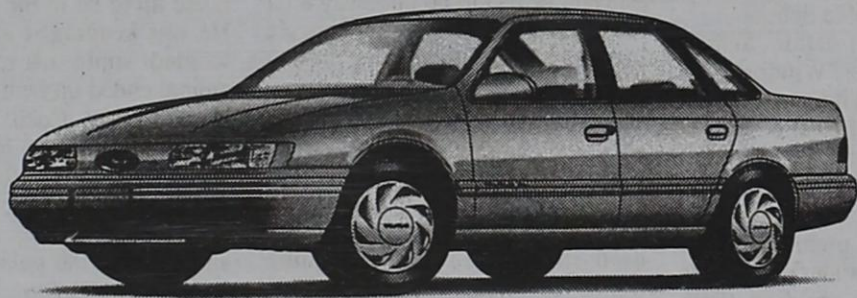
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Parmer County Food Stamp Use Increases

Information obtained through the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture shows that the number of persons receiving food stamps in Parmer County increased from 1,224 in July of 1992 to 1,289 in January of 1994 or by 5.3 per cent. This same source showed that the number of persons receiving food stamps in Texas had increased during this period from 2,440,576 to 2,647,310 or by 8.5 per cent.

During this same period, the number of food stamp recipients nationally had increased from 25.7 million persons in July of 1992 to 26.8 million persons by January of 1994. This represents a 4.4 increase on the national level.

Changes in the Food Stamp program are considered important because many experts feel that these mirror larger changes in the general economic climate. The reasons for this are fairly simple. More Americans use the Food Stamp program than any other means or income tested program. A significant number of persons are eligible for at least some food stamp assistance when they are not eligible for other means tested assistance.

An overall increase in the number of persons using food stamps during what is considered a period of economic recovery is highly significant. It indicates that a substantial number of people are having difficulty obtaining employment in good economic times.

It should be kept in mind that a large number of people who are eligible to receive food stamps do not. Most experts agree that if everyone who was eligible for food stamp assistance did receive it, the number of recipients would probably increase sharply.

An increase in food stamp recipients almost always indicates that household income has declined enough to either make more people eligible for food stamps or enough to make more people who were already eligible for food stamps feel that they have to receive them.

The Department of Agriculture regularly obtains and collates data from regional and local offices that directly administer the Food Stamp program to provide an annual report

detailing national and local food stamp usage. Preliminary information that will go into this report indicates that there have been some changes in the food stamp program over the period.

While the number of food stamp recipients in Parmer County increased over the period, it increased more proportionately than food stamp usage had increased nationally. At the same time, this data would indicate that approximately 12.3 per cent of the population of Parmer County received food stamps in January of 1993 compared to approximately 9.5 per cent of the national population. Some 13.8 per cent of the population of Texas received food stamps in January of 1993.

The total value of food stamps issued to residents of Parmer County increased from \$72,865 in July of 1992 to \$73,451 in January of 1994 or by 0.8 per cent.

Nationally, the value of food stamps issued during the month of January, 1993 was \$1.827 billion or 4.7 per cent more than the \$1.745 billion value of the food stamps issued during the month of July, 1992. The value of food stamps issued in Texas had increased by 6.3 per cent from \$174,564,130 in July of 1992 to \$185,640,809 by January of 1994.

As noted, the Food Stamp program is a means or income based program. If the average value of food stamp assistance has increased, it is likely that incomes of food stamp recipients has generally declined. If the average value of food stamp assistance has declined, it is likely that incomes of food stamp recipients has generally increased.

The average value of food stamp assistance per person in Parmer County was \$56.98 in January of 1993 down from \$59.53 in July of 1992 or by 4.3 per cent.

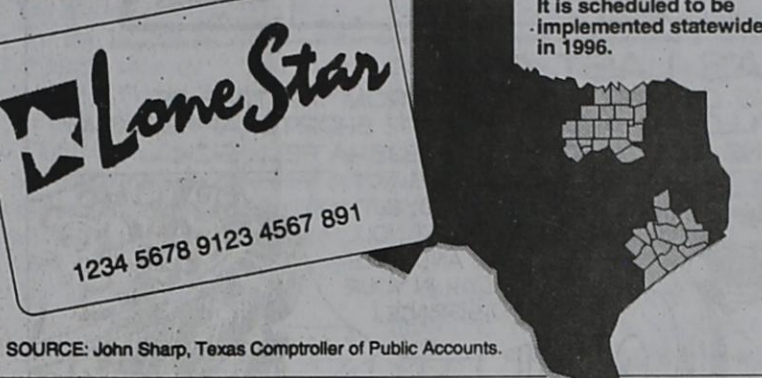
Comparatively, the average value of food stamp assistance per person nationally had increased very slightly by 0.3 per cent from \$67.90 in July of 1992 to \$68.12 in January of 1993.

In Texas, the average value of food stamp assistance per person had declined from \$71.53 in July of 1992 to \$70.12 by January of 1994 or by 2.0 per cent over the period.

Card cuts back on food stamp fraud

Grocers report that food sales increased \$4.5 million in the Houston area with the introduction of the Lone Star card—a 'credit card' sized plastic card that replaces food stamps. Sales jumped because food stamps, which are paper coupons, were being traded illegally for non-food items. Unlike food stamps, the card—which will be available in 32 Metroplex and Gulf Coast counties June 1—cannot be trafficked illegally, and requires a personal identification number to purchase grocery items.

The Lone Star card will be used in these Texas counties as of June 1. It is scheduled to be implemented statewide in 1996.



SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

C. Padilla Is Buried June 12

Funeral services for Carlos D. Padilla, 57, of Friona, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with Father Ed Sweeney officiating.

Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 at the church.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Padilla died Monday, June 12, 1995 at Parmer County Community Hospital. He was born September 23, 1937 in Bernal, New Mexico.

He had lived in Friona the past 18 years moving here from California. He was a laborer working in the construction business and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Carlos Padilla, Jr. and David Dimas, both of Friona; his mother, Leontina Padilla of Friona; seven brothers, Juan Padilla, Toddy Padilla, Sr., Daniel Padilla, Jr. and Raymond Padilla, all of Friona, Lorenzo Padilla of Levelland, Salvador Padilla of Earth, Texas and Sebastian Padilla of San Antonio; four sisters, Rita Padilla and Veve Zamora, both of Earth, Veronica Espinosa and Frances Anes, both of Dimmitt.

Two grandchildren also survive.

J. Gonzales Is Buried

Services for Jose Salvador Gonzales, 86, of Friona, were held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church here, Friday, June 9, 1995 at 2 p.m. Father Ed Sweeney conducted the services.

Rosary was conducted at 6 p.m. Thursday, at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home, who handled the arrangements.

Mr. Gonzales died Wednesday, June 7 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Born July 31, 1908 in Alamo, New Mexico, he had lived in Friona since June of 1990 moving here from Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He was a retired sheep herder and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Joe Saiz of Friona; six nieces, Julia Sisneros and Frances Chavez, both of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Cecelia Steelman of Clovis, New Mexico, Connie Todd of Hereford, Linda Flores of Lubbock and Frances Huckins of Friona; eight nephews, Roy Gonzales of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Robert Saiz and Daniel Saiz, both of Friona, Frank Saiz of Plainview, Nick Saiz and George Saiz, both of Marble Falls, Jessie Saiz of Canyon and Gilbert Saiz of Amarillo.

Twenty-nine great nieces and nephews also survive.

Pallbearers were Pete Valero, Jr., Gilbert Saiz, Jessie Saiz, Daniel Saiz, Robert Saiz, Gilde Flores III, Sam Saiz and Allen Huckins.

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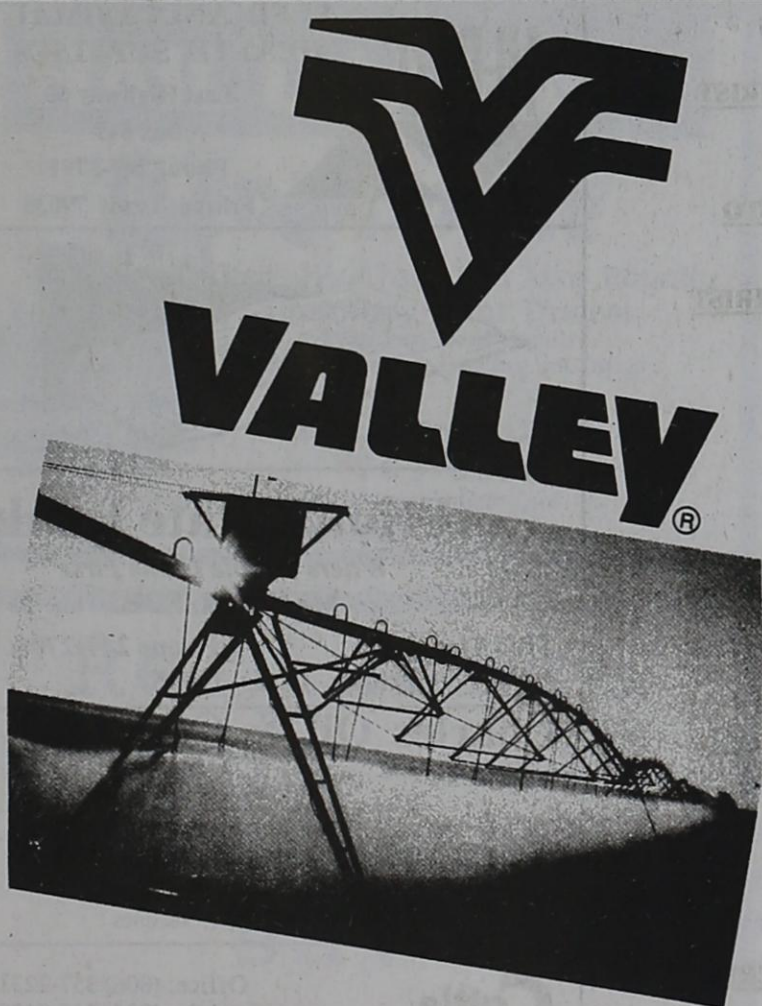
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Looking Up!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

My father cast a long shadow. By that, I mean he greatly influenced my life. Although he passed away four years ago, I still feel greatly his presence and sway over my life. Much of who I am today I can directly attribute to my Dad!

Great men always cast long shadows. As fathers and grandfathers, we know our children walk in the shadow of our influence. Therefore, we must be sure the shadow we cast is not too dark and heavy, i.e., shaded by evil in thoughts, words and actions. A dark shadow will cause our sons and daughters to stumble and lose their way.

On the other hand, we Dads and Grandpas must be sure our shadow is not so light that it is invisible because we are never there for our kids, never around when they need us. Absentee fathers plague our society today.



HUNTER BLACK, son of Joe and Kim Black, celebrated his second birthday with a party at McDonald's in Clovis on June 9. Guests at the party were his brothers, Trent and Brandon, and other relatives and friends. Those present were Ryan and Ross McClaran; Micah Morgan; McKenzie Mayfield; Kyle, Jordan, Derrick and Jessica Jamerson; Kelli and Marti Mayfield and his grandmother, Sue McClaran.

The type and intensity of the shadow we throw over our families has a lasting effect. The consequences may even be eternal.

For example, it is made apparent in Scripture that fathers to a great degree "make or break" their sons. In 1 Kings 15:3, the Bible says of Abijah, King of Judah, "He committed all the sins his father had done before him..."

By his position as King, Abijah in turn, directed a whole nation away from God. God would not have blessed Abijah at all, except that the powerful force of his great-grandfather, King David of Israel, far outweighed and overshadowed the lesser intensity of his father Rehoboam's influence.

Now look at the next Bible book, 2 Kings 15:3, which is several generations later. Azariah became King of Judah at age sixteen, and "he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done." This young man had not only the distant heritage of great King David to look back to, but he also had his immediate father as a spiritual force who impacted his life for good!

Yes, every generation has its influence for years to come. Thankfully, God is gracious. When He gave the Ten Commandments, the Lord said that the sins of a father would impact the children for three to four generations.

But, He would bless and show His mercy to the families of fathers who loved Him even to a thousand generations! Indeed, God is good and does not allow the bad paternal influences to go on unchecked forever! (See Exodus 20:4-6).

"Like father, like son!" So the saying goes. I know I am casting a shadow over the lives of my children. I hope and pray it is good. I am learning that the length and intensity of it depends directly on my own relationship and standing before the Son!

My sons and daughter, I know, will not be exactly like me--they need to be their own person. Yet, some future Father's Day, I want them to be able to look back over the years of their lives and bless God that they had me for their Daddy!



Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

The stormy weather is perhaps over for awhile but the stories are still being shared. You can purchase the Friona Star's special edition in the Blade office or at the Line Camp Cafe, for \$1.00.

Several people worked hard to take pictures and gather information so you will have quite a keepsake for years to come, and talk about the "big one" that hit Friona.

Linda Marshall and her daughter and grandson, Libby and Corbin Holman left June 2 to attend the 54th Estes family reunion held at Brownwood, Texas with about one hundred family members attending.

They drove to Abilene and stayed at the Kiva Inn where they had a good time swimming and practicing their putting. They had supper at Joe Allen's and everyone agreed they were the best steaks ever! Linda and Libby highly recommend Joe Allen's in Abilene.

After eating, they went to the mall and looked around. On June 3, they went to Brownwood where they met Linda's daughter and her husband, Nita and Jason Liefester at the Comfort Inn. Linda's parents, Vernon and Ellen Estes of Las Vegas, Nevada, flew to Brownwood and arrived at 1:30p.m. Again, the family members enjoyed swimming and visiting until it was time to go to Coleman to the picnic with all the Estes clan.

Vernon and Ellen had all three of their daughters at the reunion this year plus three granddaughters and two great grandsons. Sunday, the Estes clan had a meal of Underwood's barbecue at the Comfort Inn and spent time visiting.

April and Angela Draper, daughters of Bill and Donna Beth Draper are in Bovina visiting their grandparents, Edwin and Esta Lee Lide. I had a nice visit with April, who is now fourteen years old and we remembered April was perhaps the smallest baby we had ever seen when she only weighed two pounds, fifteen ounces when she

was born. She said she liked being in the country near Bovina and liked it so much better than Albuquerque where she lives.

She said they had had fun playing volleyball at church and swimming at the Sorleys. They will have spent a couple of weeks before returning to Albuquerque.

Brenda Griggs entered the Methodist Hospital a week ago Thursday and was released on Monday of this week. Her daughter, Donna, said she had had a blood clot that went to her brain but that she was going to recover. At first it affected her speech but that was getting better each day.

Hattie Turner spent several days in the Friona Hospital suffering from complications and was released on Monday then taken back to the hospital Monday evening by ambulance.

Josh Willard, thirteen-year-old son of Dennis and Tammy Willard, suffered injuries while turning flips on the trampoline. He completely knocked out his four front teeth and had to have twenty-five to thirty stitches below his bottom lip. His grandmother said when it was over, Josh said, "It sure would have been a good flip."

Susan Hughes underwent surgery for the removal of kidney stones at the Clovis Hospital on Monday. Her husband, Kevin, said she is getting along fine and may be released Wednesday.

Evelyn Joyce Vineyard of Glenrose, Texas spent ten days in Bovina visiting with her brothers, Dickie and Eddie Gayle Steelman and their families. Evelyn Joyce had her grandson, Tim Biser, with her. He also lives at Glenrose and his parents are Tim and Becky Biser.

Dick and Pernie Free have had a housefull of company in recent weeks. Pernie's brothers, Glen Blalock from Evermore, Texas and Bob and his wife Mary from

Springtown. Dick's brother has also been here and they are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Free and their friends Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Parrish, all of Denver, Colorado.

This week the Free's daughter Cherry Meads of Bakersfield, California has been with them visiting.

Flossie Rhinehart returned home Sunday from spending a month at Glenrock, Wyoming with her daughter and family. Her daughter, Sandra and her granddaughter Kenda came to Bovina and took her home with them.

While there, she attended high school graduation ceremonies of her great granddaughter, Summer, on May 14. The young girl is now working at Casper, Wyoming and will begin college in the fall.

She also visited with her sister, Zelma Jones in Salt Lake City and also four of her five daughters and one son.

Congratulations to Stan and Darlene Miller on the birth of another daughter, Heather Danielle, born June 2. The couple has another daughter, Hannah, who is four years old. Also congratulations to Bovina grandparents, Billy and Suezy Smith and Jim and Joy Melton. Great grandparents are Herman and Edna Estes of Coleman.

Our sympathies to Marilyn Rains, whose brother passed away. He was Jack Fletcher, 67, of Spring, Texas. He was survived by his wife and three daughters, and two brothers, Jimmy of Spring and Jerry of Wickenburg, Arizona.

Wayne and Sue McClaran attended Sue's parents fiftieth

wedding anniversary celebration. She has two sisters, Jan Gattis of Heaston, Kansas and Carol Kaufman of Plainview. The three girls and their families met in Lubbock with their parents, Deryl and Velma Tapp of Plainview, and spent time at motels there.

The group had a family portrait made then had dinner at the 50-Yard Line restaurant. There were twenty five present and they had such a good time, Sue said.

I will be quitting work at the Blade and next week will be my last. I have worked almost twenty-one years and written "Scoops" for the past seventeen years with the exception of about a year when Linda Marshall wrote "Linda's Lines." It's been fun and I've had a great bunch to work with at the Friona Star. I will miss working and love all of you.

Scooter

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