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# BAIRD BEARS

# Sports, Sports, Sports

March 17-19 - V. Baseball - San Saba Tournament

March 18 - JH Track, Field - Goldthwaite

March 19 - HS Track, Field - Eula March 21 - V. Baseball - \* Eula - Here - 4:30 p.m.

March 21 - Golf - Mineral Wells, Holiday Hill

Country Club - Boys/Girls

March 21 - JH Track, Field - May

March 24 - Tennis - Jim Ned Tournament

March 24 - HS Track, Field - May

March 25 - V. Baseball - \* Cross Plains - T - 11:00

March 28 - V. Baseball - \* Ranger - H - 4:30 p.m.

# Hamburger Cook Out At Bears vs Eula Game

Come out on Monday, March 21 to watch the Bears Vs. Eula starting at 4:30 in Baird. You can support the baseball team and Project Graduation at the same time. The parents will be cooking hamburgers out at the ballpark. There will be other concessions for sale also. Your support for these kids is greatly appreciated.

# **Pecan Care Seminar** To Be Held March 24

A seminar for pecan pro- Office Conference room, loproduction from their pecan Baird. trees are invited to attend a Thursday, March 24, beginning at 1:00 pm at the 854-1518. Callahan County Extension

ducers and homeowners in- cated on the 2nd floor of the terested in getting the best County Court House in

For more information, pecan care seminar on contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325)

# **County Commissioners Approve Land Purchase**

Callahan County Com- get, she said, but added that missioners approved a land purchase, reviewed and signed minutes of previous meetings, and discussed and meeting.

The approval of library funding, on the March 14 agenda, was moved to the March 28 meeting.

The purchase of a lot located next to the Precinct #4 barn was approved unanimously by the Court.

The motion was made by Commissioner Grider, and seconded by Commissioner Holland.

Doris Grider, Commissioner of Precinct # 4 explained that the lot was needed for storage of materials. She had spoken to the present owner, who said he would sell it for \$10,000.

The money was not bud-

she had been informed it could be taken from the County saving's fund.

Her husband, the late Compaid approved bills at their missioner Charlie Grider, had March 14, 2005 open court considered buying the lot at one time, but the owner had wanted \$12,000 at that time, she said.

> The owner was presently cleaning the lot, Commissioner Grider added.

Commissioners Tommy Holland, Harold Hicks and Doris Grider, and presiding Judge Roger Corn were present at the meeting.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer was absent.

Also present were Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer and Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court.

Margaret Hetrick of the Callahan County Baird Star was present.

geted in the Precinct #4 bud-March 18, 2005 is the dealine to apply for the 2005

EQIP program in Callahan County. Producers can receive an incentive payment equal to 50% of the approved cost for completion on these practices on approved contracts.

Applications for the 2005 program year must be filed with the NRCS office prior to the March 18th deadline If you have questions or want to make an application call (325) 854-1049 ext. 3 to make an appointment.

#### Plans To Close Health **And Human Services** Offices Would Hurt Counties, TSEU Says

According to the Texas State Employees Union (TSEU), plans were made last year by the state Health and Human Services Commission to close most of its local offices and replace them in 2005 with only three remote call centers.

Legislators recently filed two bills - HB 1338 and HB 1674 — which would give lawmakers a chance to reconsider this plan, they say.

"The sponsors of HB 1338 and HB 1674 hope to slow down this plan until its impact on local communities can be fully understood. When state leaders understand this impact, we think they'll keep these offices open," said Mike Gross, vice-president of the Texas State Employees Union.

TSEU is leading the campaign to keep local offices

Closure of local state of-Continued Inside .... Please See Closures



Praising God through music was what brought this group together. The praise team "Adoration" from Broadview Baptist Church of Lubbock, originated in the fall of 2001. The group consists of 8 members that come from a variety of ages and occupations. The leader of the group, Roy Martin, has been the Minister of Music at Broadview Baptist Church for the past 10 years.

Adoration has been a consistent part of worship at Broadview from the time they were brought together. Outside of their normal worship time they have been asked to perform at retirement homes and at the local Wayland Baptist University Campus in Lubbock. Each member of the group is very involved in other activities at Broadview; from children's choir, youth, college, and teaching adult classes.

On April 10, 6:00 pm the ADORATION Praise and Worship Team from Lubbock will perform at the First Baptist Church in Baird. Everyone in the community is invited to attend!

# Celebrities Among Us



Area Rodeo Champion Robert (Booger Red) Nixon will be honored Friday at Texas Cattle Exchange in Olden near Eastland with a 75th Birthday Party. Nixon is well known to rodeo'ers in Caliahan County. Please see story inside ......

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price. These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, Texas. This year's selection include Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Bluecat, Crappie, Goldfish, and Koi. Fish orders will be taken until May 2nd of until supplies run out. The fish will be delivered to Baird on May 12th, 2005. For information call NRCS in Baird at (325) 854-1349

## JO TURNER REPORTED TO BE DOING WELL **FOLLOWING** SURGERY

At press time Wednesday Jo Turner, newspaper advertising director on medical leave, was reported to be doing satisfactorily following by-pass heart surgery Thursday at Memorial Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

Surgeons and family report that "the surgery went better and faster than expected and that she is doing well."

A medical fund has been established in Jo's name at First American Bank in Eastland.

# As Jesus Walked **Ministry Invites** To Play Day

A.J.W.M. As Jesus Walked Ministries would like to invite every one to our first Play Day for 2005.

It will be this Saturday on March 19th starting at 10:00 AM.

will There Barrels, Poles, Flags. All kids play day events, team roping and team penning.

No entry fee for play day except to attend Church services held at the arena.

The arena is located in Clyde, Texas at the corner of Southwest & Sunset, Look forward to seeing you there.

For more info call Robert Winter at 325-660-1316 or Sam Stone at 325-893-3388.

# Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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Call 254-643-1088.

For Sale: George Strait dress western shirts. 2 pockets, long staple cotton, \$34.99 at Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains, TX.

For Sale: 21 ft. gooseneck cattle trailer \$2,000; trailer \$600.

B11

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The Rising Star Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of our community through education, economic development and the establishment of a full service community center. Our goal for this auction is to raise funding to be used towards completing the renovation of Higginbotham's Community Center.

Auction will be conducted at the Higginbotham Community Center in downtown Rising Star. Consignments from the general public of most miscellaneous merchandise will be accepted on a standard auction format from the general public. There have been two separate estates consigned to this auction both include household contents and shop contents. Some of the early arrivals being sold at absolute auction with no reserves include the following:

Furniture: including like new Bassett sleeper sofa; glass top breakfast table; several bookcases; assorted end tables and etc.; corner what not shelf; school desk; (2) recliners; top of the line 1940's O'Keefe and Merritt gas range; another like new sleeper sofa; computer station; vintage wicker end table; wood porch swing; (2) patio tables with chairs; pine desk; several floor lamps and more.

wood porch swing, (2) patio tables with chairs, pine desk, several vice lamps and more.

Major appliances (all will be plugged in and demonstrated the day of the sale): Frigidaire 25.6 cu. ft. side by side refrigerator/freezer; Hotpoint electric dryer; Maytag H.D. washer; matching Kenmore H.D. washer and electric dryer; matching Whirlpool H.D. washer and electric dryer; Sears Coldspot refrigerator; Whirlpool roll around dishwasher; trash compactor; several microwave ovens; lots of electric fans; Emerson VCR; several good color TVs including Sanyo and more.

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Lots of tools of all variety: Dunlop combination belt sander/jigsaw with Craftsman electric drive motor; hand tools of all sort; yard tools; air tanks; ladders; wheelbarrows; gas powered Weed Eater and much more.

Collectibles: vintage western hats; antique convex glass picture frame; 1940's RCA console radio/phonograph; a number of small items; petrified wood pile; book collection and more. (More collectibles will be discovered as we get an opportunity to further sort the estate goods.)

Miscellaneous: more than 10 gas heaters including Dearborn (most were disconnected from the houses by Toundation members); kitchen goods; lots of what nots and much, much more.

For the bargain hunters: more than 100 box and contents (most from estates); 20+ tables full of all manor of household and shop goods to be sold as "choice" tables. Bring your trailer cause you gonna need it.

Consignments will be accepted on a daily basis up to and including the day before the auction and many interesting and usable unadvertised items will be in this auction. Almost everything in this auction will be sold at absolute auction.

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For additional information contact Rising Star Foundation
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# D. P. S. Report

03-06-05 to 03-12-05

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Fugitive Arrest - 4

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110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills, 1 field dove, duck, quail, \$995/ac. 117 acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oak trees, 3 fields, 3 ponds, hill top

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property, \$23,000. 2 BR 1 bath frame, recently deled, extra cabinets in dining area, CH/A, deck, garage, fenced backyard, re 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, vinyl siding, double carport with attached storage, fenced backyard, reduced to \$25,000.

3 BR, 1 bath home, separate DR in LR, large pecan trees, \$33,000. kitchen, woodburning heater ome, 6 ceiling fans, inside and 2 BR, 1 bath home, could be outside recently repainted and carpet replaced, oversized yard, \$35,000 4 BR, 2 bath, Ig. rooms, lots of character, separate DR, fenced yard, Ig. corn

property, reduced to \$34,000. 3 BR, 1 bath home has been recently repainted & floor covering replaced, also has CH//a, 5 ceiling fans, carport with storage, fenced back yard, \$36,000.

2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, reduced

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storage bldg., large oak trees, reduced to 200.2

2 BR Home, WBFP, nice view of lake to 200.2

sprinkler system, dock or 100.2 sprinkler system, deck and boat ut Beautiful 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, CH/A, WDFP, shop, storage bldg., large landscaped yard, tall oak trees, boat dock, great view of lake from DR, LR, den and master BR,

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# Meet The Author In **Cross Plains March 22**

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library are pleased to invite you to "Meet the Author," Helen Kleburg Groves, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Mrs. Grove's book, Bob and Helen Kleburg of King Ranch, offers a unique personal memoir of growing up on a ranch that has become a part of Texas history, tradition, and legend.

The only child of Bob and Helen Kleburg, Mrs. Groves was raised on the King Ranch and has been active in the ranching industry all her life, including being a lifetime vice president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, raising Santa Gertrudis and crossbred cattle, and breeding and racing Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses, primarily of the King Ranch AQHA registered strains. Now she gives us a personal look at life on the much-storied ranch. This intimate and compelling book chronicles not only the history of the ranch, but also the life of the Kleburgs, the first family of cattle ranching. From the development of the Santa Gertrudis cattle breed, to the Triple Crown winning thoroughbred, Assault, Bob and Helen Kleburg changed the face of the ranching industry.

The book offers 200 neverbefore-released photographs, many by Helen Kleburg-herself, as well as by her close friend and fellow photographer, Tony Frissell. This lavishly illustrated portrait shows us the ranch work and includes accounts of the famous hospitality of the Kleburgs, extended not only to celebrities and dignitaries, but also to the loyal ranch hands first brought to King Ranch by Captain King. We also get a great look at the Texas brush country hunting for which the ranch is still famous. The memoirs of "Helenita" open the door to the romanche of Southwest cattle ranching as well as the grit, the glory, thr triumphs, and the heartbreaks of the inner-workings of King Ranch in Texas and its ranches around the world.

In writing the book, Mrs. Groves was ably assisted by Bill Benson who worked with her to arehive her parents' papers, records, and photographs. Mr. Benson is the director of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan, Oklahoma, and a

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former director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation and Cattleman's Museum in Fort Worth. His past work includes documenting the story of the 6666 and Triangle ranches in The Burnett Ranching Empire, and the Waggoner Ranch history in A Texas Legend.

Please join us Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m., at the Community Center to hear Mrs. Groves tell her wonderful stories. Light refreshments will be served after her presentation, and books will be available for purchase. Mrs. Groves will be very pleased to visit with you and sign the books for you. You may call the Cross Plains Public Library at 254-725-7722 for more information or directions to the Community Center.

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# What Ever Happened To Nicknames?

By J.B. Johnston Carbon, Tx

Back when I attended school almost half of the kids had nicknames. Most of which I never knew the origin. Did you ever wonder where the word nickname came from? I haven't a clue. My Webster's doesn't give the answer. I thought maybe it was from shortening the name of Nicolas to Nick but who knows.

Anyway, in our school we had several Sonny's or Sons and Buds but no Bubbas. Can you believe that? No bubbas. We had not yet arrived. We had a Bub though. We did have a Tadpole, a Punkin, a Taterbug, a Dopey, a Baldy, a Peavine, a Pluto, a Squirrel, a Tugboat, a Rooster, a Slick, a Peawee, a Butch, and several others that after 50 years have

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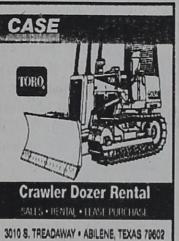
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slipped my mind. That is assuming that I still have one. This list doesn't include the ones called by their initials or the Bills for William the Dick for Richards, Jims for James,

It was many years later that I knew for sure the real names of these kids. Most after they left home and entered the real world used their given names. I still call some of them by their nickname as does most everyone that knew them in their younger years. Baldy just doesn't look like a Riley nor does Bud look like a Frank. Tadpole doesn't look like a Wade nor does Squirrel look like an Alfred. I imagine that the only time some of these people hear their nickname used is when they return home for homecoming. The ones still living there are for the most part still known by their nickname.



(325) 692-5253

# Dinner For Two At Valentino's Drawing

A dinner for two at Valentino's in Eastland drawing will be held April

In case you are wondering. No, I never had a nickname. Although my first name is James I was not ever called by Jim. My family was too poor to afford such a luxury. I was just plain James. They say that ignorance is bliss but sometimes poverty can be

1st. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and all money raised will equally be divided between the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Tammy Bernard Cancer Fund. Thank you for your support!

If you wish to purchase a ticket contact Jeanette at 254-631-3062. Winning ticket will be drawn on April 1st.

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good	.\$5750
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paint	.\$5750
96 Ford F350 Crew Cab, 351 V8, 5 sp., looks, runs, drives good	.\$3450
97 Ford F350 Crew Cab, 351 V8, auto., runs, looks, good	.\$3950

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Eastland, Texas Proceedings (En Banc) March 10, 2005

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Delilah Washburn, Joel Herman Gilbertson v. War- Jimenez, Larry Monroe, and den James Duke et al, Tay- Commander Jimmie Dorsett lor. Appellant's pro se motion of Post VFW Post 4136 for extension of time to file cordially invites you to attend the ever first annual Veterans Motions Submitted & Benefit Seminar, on Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 at Pierro Leroi Jackson v. Post VFW # 4136, Eastland Texas at 10:00 A.M. till 2:00

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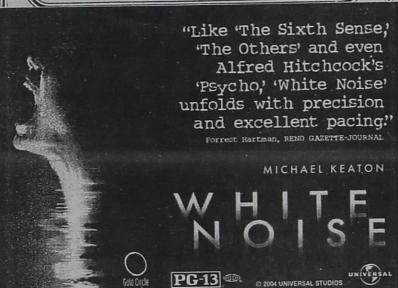
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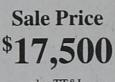
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# **Booger Red**

# Local Champion Rodeo'er To Be Honored Friday

Booger Red Nixon--All Around Cowboy

Too often we don't know that there are true celebrities living right around the cor-

If you know anything about Cowboys at all, you must know of Robert (Booger Red) Nixon.

He is the Real Thing, with a career that sounds almost like, well, like maybe a western movie script.

And on Friday, March 18th, he is going to be treated to the sort of credit he so richly deserves. He'll be the guest of honor at his 75th Birthday Party and at a very place where he will feel very much at home, Texas Cattle Exchange at Olden.

Born at Woodsen in 1930, Booger Red now lives at Morton Valley, and there's probably going to be some old friends with equally well known names helping him mark the special day.

Booger entered his first rodeo at age 11 and won second place. He was hooked. He rode home from Jacksboro with Byrel Hittson, another important rodeo name, who later taught young Nixon important tips around rodeoing. He made him practice in all kinds of weather, in snow and sleet. Probably the most important thing he taught him was to take care of his body.

Rodeo'ers often stretch the truth when telling about their exploits; Booger Red has never had to. He's won too many buckles and many saddles to count, and not just a little cash, but his big championships are the things that dreams are made of.

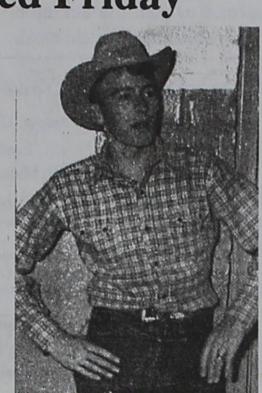
At the tender age of 16, he was champion bareback rider at the famous Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, defeating adult cowboys, but his really big moment came three years later after many local rides, winning some, losing some.

It was in 1949 that he attended the first annual National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) at Hallettsville, and became the very first Texas State Champion Bareback and All Around Cowboy honor. It gained him a \$150 check and a scholarship to Sul Ross University. His average on four calves was 65.7 seconds.

In his first Professional Rodeo Circuit Association (where the big boys compete) competition at Big Spring he was a champion bareback rider and was featured in Seventeen and Dale Evans comic book magazines.

best - Jim Shoulders, and Casey Tibbs to name two.

The wins kept coming: rider (son Bobby wins 3rd



champion bareback at the Buck Steiner Rodeo in Goldwaite; champion bareback at Gatesville, Big Spring and Levelland all in 1950.

From 1951 to 1954 Nixon served in the Air Force which recognized his rare talents and flew him to rodeos across the U.S. including the big one at Madison Square Garden and Boston Garden among others. He was champion bareback rider at Denton, Sherman and Weatherford, champion wild horse stampede at Cheyenne Frontier Days, champion roping and bareback at Gainesville.

Booger married Catherine Sue Cooper, daughter of W. H. Cooper, a local rancher and granddaughter of T. L. Cooper, Eastland County Treasurer in 1953. They had four children, Bobby, Sheri, Timmy and Kyle.

Quite a record:

1952-Texas Bareback Amateur of the Year

1953-Wins \$2500 in 28 days in NYC riding 60 times (43 wild horses, 8 bareback & 9 calf roping) while earning only \$1,500/yr in the Air

1954-Champion GI Roper at Stamford

1956-Champion Bareback (Steiner Rodeo at Mineral Wells)

1961-Champion Steer wrestling, Bareback & Saddle bronc and 2nd in calf roping (Mesquite, TX Ro-

1962-63-Champion Bareback Rider at Dallas Sales Convention (Neal Gay Stock Rodeo) in 1962 and 1963

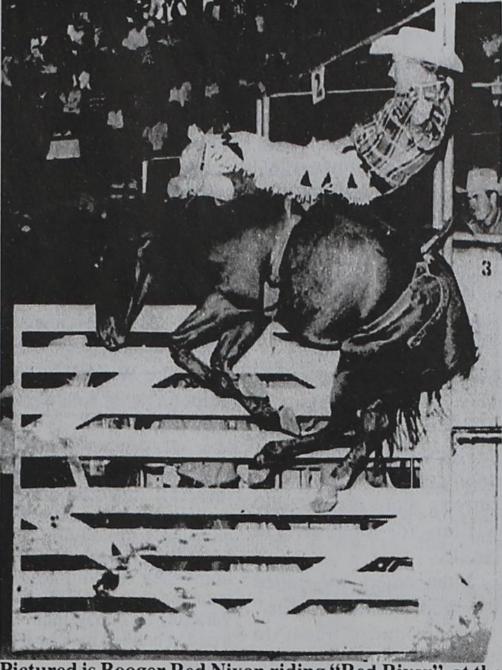
1963-Champion Roping, Pole Bending and Reining at Rotan, TX Paint Horse Show

1964-Booger wins inaugural World Paint Horse Roping in Hutchinson, KS (11/ 64) on "Kings Lady Ann"

1964-66-"Q Ton Eagle" trained by Booger wins World Champion Paint Horse all three years

1969-Champion bareback, Kennedale

1974-Champion All Around Cowboy (Bareback, Booger bucked with the Calf Roping & Saddle Bronc) at Belton (Steiner Rodeo), Champion bareback



Pictured is Booger Red Nixon riding "Red River" at the 1963 Steiner Rodeo in Waco, one of his favorite shots, and was used in a Resistol hat commercial.



Larry Mahan, Dean Smith and Booger Red Nixon



Airman Nixon

place in his first pro rodeo) at Big Spring Steiner Rodeo 1998-Appears with Chuck Norris and Dean Smith in Walker Texas Ranger

Today- Raises Black Brangus cattle sired by Steiner at his ranch in Eastland, TX

One of the few cowboys winning PRCA points in all Tive major events: bareback riding, calf roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding. Over the years Booger helped many new cowboys follow in his footsteps including his son Bobby, Guy Hawkins and his son Pete, and Bode Zietz.

He has been a coach to local high school rodeo wouldbes.



Booger with Ben Bogan



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Auction will be conducted at the Rising Star rodeo grounds rain or shine. Consignments from the general public of farm equipment and related items will be accepted on a standard auction format.

Some of the early arrivals in the absolute auction group include the following: 8N Ford tractor in good working condition; Imco 5' tandem (looks unused); 6' box blade (looks unused); 5' linco spredder in good condition; 2 row cultivator; Imco 6' tandem 3 pt. 30' grubber; John Deere 4 bottom mold board with gage wheel; 9' 9 shank chisel; 8' 9 shank chisel; 12' triple deck Bush Hog shredder; pair of 4' x 10' pipe stands; 12' balier bucket; new 10' fiberglass and aluminum feed trough; Ferguson 12' spring harrow; 6' stalk cutter; Brillion 5' seeder; 8' 3 pt. boom; 12' stock trailer for restoration; (2) hay fork for front end loaders; 14' Lilliston rolling cultivator complete with all attachments in good condition; Burch 4 row planter; 7' 2 row cultivator; Imco 7' tandem; Long brand 10' tandem; 7' Ferguson spring chisel; like new Tractor Supply 6' harrow; Tractor Supply 6' yard rake; (2) 10' liquid feeders (cow lick); round bale hay buggy; pickup 5th wheel hookup complete and much more.

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Miscellaneous: including antique horse drawn equipment; poultry supplies; tools and just about everything else you can imagine.

Auctioneers notes: The extremely wet weather we have all recently experienced has delayed the arrival of much of the committed equipment to this sale. However, it will not prevent the arrival of this merchandise. The Rising Star Foundation has scheduled hauls from Baird, Oplin and Cross Plains among others. Customer hauled equipment is scheduled to arrive all week long leading up to the auction. Buyers need to be aware that there will be lots of unadvertised merchandise in this auction. Email us at rsac@eastland.net for an online photo album that will be updated daily including Friday night prior to the auction on Saturday.

day.

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# 三、 The Idle American Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Is Sausage Coming Up Short?

The issue hasn't risen to the level for congressional intervention or sunk low enough-yet-to be much more than muttering fodder for the state legislature. It won't make television or get much space beyond the weekly newspaper where the "brouhaha-in-the-making" originated-yet.

Jeannette Karlik, whose Thanks for Listening column appears in the West (TX) News, didn't "rush right in where angels fear to tred." But, at mid-column recently, she ambled into an allegation that could elevate from a spark to four-alarm carnage in short order. Remember, just one lantern kicked by one cow started Chicago's biggest fire....

In but four column inches, she took on all five bakeries in town. Her beef is that they're using way too little meat in way too much dough in their kolaches. This "sausage gate" won't compare to Watergate, but criticizing all the bakers in a town dubbed by the legislature as the "Kolache Capital of Texas" seems like skating where ice is thinnest.

heresy, such a bold charge-printed right after details of the Penelope Community's fried chicken dinner-could be viewed as a jab at the big bold letters screamed. pride of community and heritage. And it comes from a person born and raised in this tiny Czech community on I-35, two records and six radio commercials from Waco....

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Before I say more than I know about kolaches, I'd best lift some quotes from the column. Herself from a family that makes sausage, she considered her mom to be a champion kolache-baker. She remembers biting into them and "getting a mouthful of sausage and bread right off the bat."

She added, "We have all of these wonderful bakeries here in West and thanks to them we have become known as the kolache capital of Texas. But I do believe each and every one of them puts the smallest piece of sausage in the biggest piece of dough. The other day I ate one and it took me two bites of bread before I got to the sausage and then it was only a half of a portion of sausage.... I am not alone in my complaint here. I hear this from quite a few people.... My thinking is to reduce the bread and add more sausage...."

What do I know? Some say "to-ma-to" and some say "to-mott-toe;" pizza lovers slug it out over thin vs. thick crust, and so it goes. Some questions are better unasked, and some arguments are better checked at the door.

In another town, a Though well short of visitor-perhaps seeking only to make conversationasked a local about the sign on the water tower. "Home of the Fighting Tigers," the

> "Weren't your teams winless last year?" he asked. "Listen up, buddy, and

listen good," the hometowner answered. "They're our teams, our town, our water tower and our mascots, and we'll call

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Makes sense. Kolaches are like watermelons. Some are better than others, but I've rarely had a bad one. And the mere thought of getting off the super slab in West for a moment of diet-cheating is for immediate salivation to kick in....

Kolache-baking competition is featured at the three-day celebration of Czech heritage every Labor Day weekend. Begun in 1975 by forward-thinking progressives like Wendel Montgomery, "West Fest" attracts more than 40,000 visitors for food, art and

Montgomery was called the "godfather of kolaches." He introduced them to Texans with the state's first Czech bakery in 1952 (50 cents a dozen then, 85 cents each now). He promised the best fresh-baked kolaches for a half-century and even used a secret ingredient in the dough during hot summer months to maintain the quality....

So intent was he to continue a rich baking tradition begun by his mother-in-law, he took up baking himself. This was A-OK with his wife, Georgia, who at age 87, still owns the Village Bakery, but still

without a hankering to bake.

With chemistry and pharmacology degrees from the University of Oklahoma, he was "Mr. West"-baker, pharmacist, "unofficial" veterinarian and community

He died in 2003, the same year Georgia had a stroke. They were married for 63 years-she in full harness with him-except for the baking. At age 87, she still drops in at the bakery, where she's sure Wendel's secret recipe is being followed to the letter ....

If you visit "West Fest" this fall and see people wearing hog suits and carrying signs saying "Eat More Fruit Kolaches," you'll know they're trying to shift attention to less controversial varieties. If one of them has a pad in hand, it may be Mrs. Karlik!

We are told that nearly half of us are no less related than eighth cousins. In West, well over half of the 2,500 citizens are Czech folks who are related to each other.

Come "fest time," they are all kinfolks, pitching in to throw one of the state's best parties. Gentlemen (and "Heat yo' Ladies): ovens!"...

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His column appears weekly in some 125 newspapers in several states. Website: www.speakerdoc.com He invites comments and questions by phone, 817-447-3872, or by e-mail; newbury@speakerdoc.com

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69. Latin for "being." 70. Growl viciously. 71. Made of elm.

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Ann \_, advice columnist.
Genus of small rodents. 6. Put a stake into the pot.
7. \_ Davis, Sybil in Far from Heaven. Style of printing types. 8. Style of printing types.
9. \_\_preview.
10. Apex.
11. 1990s muppet-like comedy.
12. Member of the Quechuan peoples of Peru.
13. Ross \_, Hotel writer.
18. Jane \_, Charlotte Bronte novel.
24. Not fresh.
26. Large North American deer.
28. \_ Jones, a host on The View.
30. The \_ Maxwell Story.
31. Large casks.
32. \_ to \_, story of salesman Bill Porter. Porter.
33. 2001 Asia album.
34. Sediment scooped from river bottoms.
36. Seventeen, Elijah Wood film.
37. Causes pain.
38. Jai alai basket.
41. \_\_\_, 2002 Sheryl Crow album.
45. Prize recipient.
47. Light yellow liquid used in 49. Lane, U.S. singer-actress.
51. Ms. Oberon's.
52. Repeat of a TV show episode.
53. Brazilian ballroom dance of African origin. 55. 1996 Fiona Apple album.

Down
1. Industrial diamonds.

56. Huge; vast. 57. Reginald \_, Frank Crawley in 58. \_ Holmelund Minarik, Little

Bear series creator.
59. Portuguese money of account.
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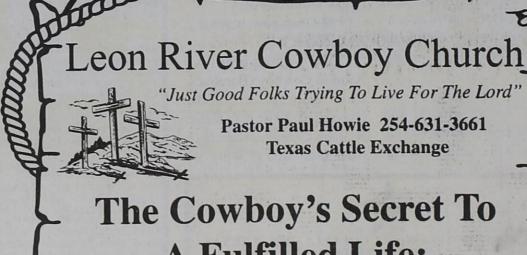
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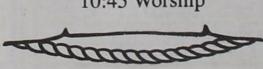
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# Guest Slot

Easter 2005 LENTEN SEASON By Hazel Stone 1444 Pagewood Ave. Odessa, TX 79761

An art class I took during my Master's courses taught me a great appreciation of some of the early artists. Such an artist was Peter Paul Rubens, a Flemish painter, who lived during the fifteenth century (1577-1640). He was gifted with us will deny ourselves almost tireless energy.

One of Rubens paintings, The Adoration of the Kings, hangs in the Louve, Paris, now. It is a large canvas and he painted with vivid colors, fluent brushstrokes and great balance.

Rubens painted the wise men who traveled from distant lands and are now thought to represent the races of men. Balthazar, the youngest, stands in the center of this painting and is often dark-skinned. Caspar and Melchior, in the painting, are kneeling before Jesus as the babe plays with the pieces of gold Caspar is offering.

As we gaze on this beautiful painting our thoughts go to the adult years of Jesus when there were no kings to attend Him. Jesus does not care about wealth, riches or honors. He looks on the heart of a person. No kings are mentioned as being present when He died on the cross or rose from the dead.

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Lenten season in different ways. Through the centuries, some church groups have emphasized the Lenten season. Through the Lenten season some will deny themselves meat something they particularly like. Some will give up certain activities and devote more time to devotional reading, meditation and prayer. Perhaps too many of SOMETHING rather than deny OURSELVES in order to follow Christ.

Lent can be just a period of time or it can be a season of clearer spiritual insight.

What does the cross represent? We sing that it is the emblem of suffering and shame. Christ suffered all on the cross for us, but the cross could not hold Him. The cross is now the emblem of hope and peace for a lost and dying world.

There are people who wish to see the cross and place where their burdens can be dropped, where honest thinking can be forgotten and hard work can be given up. The cross is really a challenge. The cross offers comfort, but it also offers a challenge.

It has been told by one eyewitness of the sinking of the Titanic that an old lady who had missed her own boat station ran up to one of the last lifeboats which was about to push off and pleaded to be taken aboard. The boat was already overfull. The man in charge said he dare not take her. Then a young man, as casually as if he were giving up a seat of a bus, said, "Have my seat, madam," and jumped back to the sinking ship and helped her down. He stayed on the doomedvessel as the lifeboat pushed away. He never stopped to think of how much he was giving. Only by his death could the old lady be saved.

concerning a passenger train that one night was making its regular run toward London. It had rained all day. With the coming of night, a dense fog had settled over the countryside. Suddenly the engineer saw ahead a black figure frantically waving its arms. He applied the brakes. The train screeched to a halt. A conductor investigated and found that a railway bridge and collapsed in a swollen

A search was made for the one who had saved the lives of all the passengers, but nowhere could any person be found. Then the engineer upon examining the headlight, came upon a strange sight- a large moth, with wings outstretched, lay dead upon that light. Its shadow had given the warning.

This incident of the moth may be likened to Christ's love for mankind. It has been likened to Jesus Christ, who has saved the lives of countless thousands down through the centuries.

When we think of brining life out of death we think of a place in Germany called Teufelsburg which means "the devil's mountain". This place was created after W.W. II when the people of Berlin created it from twenty million cubic meters of rubble from their bombedout city. Actually, on the threshold of Easter we can see the resurrection as a hinge of history and also as a key to the future.

Early in the Christian church there grew up a custom which later became part of the Easter service of the Greek Orthodox Church. It was for the church to be in total darkness in the early hours of Easter Sunday except for a large candle. representing Christ, The candle burned on the altar and worshipers came to church with candles and lit them at the large candle burning on the altar. When the church was ablaze with

flaming candles the priest called out to the church full of people: "Christ is risen" and the congregation replied: "Yea, Christ is risen indeed."

The return of Easter serves to remind us, and all Christians, that our Lord is risen, living, and glorified Savior. We can well exclaim: "Christ is risen indeed!"

Christ's resurrection and own personal immortality through His redemptive power are the basic facts of our Christian faith. Moreover, there is a close, vital relationship between the deity of Jesus and His resurrection. Christ's revelation of God to mankind as given in the New

Testament has its whole message founded upon the fact of the deity of Jesus. His resurrection is the triumphant proof of His teachings, and the expression of His own

If the message of Easter is not good for all days, then it is not good for any. It follows that if Easter means the same things all year round then "the power of the resurrection" means that we, too, have the promise of a rich life with Christ beyond the grave.

Through this Lenten period may we as Christ's followers be joined in casting our nets into the calm and refreshing depths of God's redemptive love.

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# **Obituary**

#### Clifford W. Curtis

Cliff was born December 27, 1925 in Clyde, TX to Albert Vernon Curtis Sr. and Nell Tate Curtis. He has lived in Callahan County most of his life. He was a truck driver for O. D. Brown Trucking and J. A. Trowbridge Trucking Co. In 1959 he went into the cattle hauling business for himself. He was employed by Hanner Chevrolet for the last 20 years. He married Lucy Bibb in Baird, TX in October of 1947 and they were married from 1947 until 1977.

Survivors include: son Guy Curtis of Indianola Miss., daughter Deborah Whitehead of Point, TX, grandchildren Guy Samuel Curtis of Dallas, TX., Lena Whitehead of Point, TX, sister in law Helen Curtis of Baird, TX, a number of nieces and nephews including Glenda Guffey of Las Vegas, NV and Gene Guffey of Seminole, TX.

Pallbearers were: H. L. Williams, Mark Hanner, Gerald Jennings, Charlie Greenway, Ron English, Johnny Brazell, Vernon Willingham, and Manuel Olivas.

# Obituary

#### **Bob Shults**

Bob Shults was born the only child of Cecil and Ruby Shults on January 29, 1922 in Rising Star, Texas. He graduated from Rising Star High School in 1939 and received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from Texas A&M University in 1943.

Bob began his working career with the U.S. Conservation Service in Palo Pinto County in 1944 where he met Lela Mary Abernathy. After marrying in 1945, they moved to Baird, Texas where Bob was appointed as the Callahan County Agent. Bob and Lela Mary remained devoted to each other for the next 60 years.

In 1946, Bob left his position as the County Agent to join his father in a partnership to sell and service John Deere farm implements. Their partnership lasted until the death of his father in 1972 and his mother in 1973.

Bob and Lela Mary raised a set of twins, Bill and Mari, and were actively involved in many school and community activities. As the children went about the business of seeking their own way in the world, it became apparent that they did not share their father Os passion for the implement business. Bob sold the business in 1975 to devote

more time to the business of the family's large farm.

Bob and Lela Mary were blessed with three grandchildren in the early 1970's. A grandson Kristopher, his sister Krystal, and another granddaughter Staci. These "young'uns" gave them a great deal of joy and they filled many days just enjoying the growing family.

As time passed, Bob became interested in real estate and sold it for several years. Later, he became a broker and finally retired to build their dream house. Bob and Lela Mary assisted in the design to ensure that it was built to "grow old in", right down to the wide doorways and the elevaor. They quietly lived their lives on their beloved farm, taking particular joy in the Springtime. When the bluebonnets bloom around the house, they rival any in the State of Texas.

Bob's love and devotion to his family and friends were shared with all in the close little community of Rising Star. He truly loved people and enjoyed lending them a helping hand whenever he could.

Bob's health began to fail as his congestive heart failure progressed. His activities became very limited but he just made the necessary adjustments and faced life with a joke and a smile. He never complained as he truly loved life.

The love he shared with his family and friends was never more apparent than during this last week. While in the hospital for what we all thought to be a routine visit, we were faced with the news that his only kidney was progressively failing.

His family and some of his dearest friends began to plan for his return to the home and the land he loved, to live out his few remaining days. Surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and several close friends, he was attended to day and night. While his devoted wife Lela Mary held his hand, Bob peacefully left this world. One of his frequent sayings was, "It's another beautiful day in Texas," and indeed he left us on ONE of those most beautiful days.

Bob Shults, 83, of Rising Star, Texas died Saturday, March 12, 2005 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Lela Mary Shults of Rising Star; son, Bill Shults of Rising Star; daughter, Mari Tolbert of Lancaster, TX; 3 grandchildren, Stacie Shults, Kristopher Wheat, Krystal Wheat; 5 greatgrandchildren, Robert Wheat, Kristen Wheat, Joseph Tolbert, Tatum Love, Tyler Wylie.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel, Dick Williams officiated. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star was in charge.

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tice 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service -7:00 P.M

Wednesday, March 16 -Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16 -Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm (Study on the book of James)

Sunday, March 20 - Morning worship Boy Scout Recognition Sunday

Sunday, March 20 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall - Ladies Bible Study

Sunday, March 20 - See service times listed above -COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!!!

Monday, March 21 at 7:00

pm. Add LIFE presented by the BGGT - Church leaders need to be present for this important presentation - for more information call the office.

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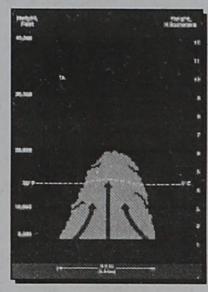
- The National Weather Service considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least 3/4-inch in diameter, winds of 58 mph or stronger, or a tornado.
- Every Thunderstorm Needs:

Moisture - to form clouds and rain.

Unstable air - warm air that can rise rapidly.

Lift - cold or warm fronts, sea breezes, mountains, or the sun's heat are capable of lifting air to help form thunderstorms.

# Life Cycle of a Thunderstorm



#### **Developing Stage**

- Towering cumulus cloud indicates rising air.
- Usually little if any rain during this stage.
- Lasts about 10 minutes.
- Occasional lightning.



Mature Stage

- Most likely time for hail, heavy rain, frequent lightning, strong winds, and tornadoes.
- Storm occasionally has a black or dark green appearance.
- Lasts an average of 10 to 20 minutes but may last much longer in some storms.



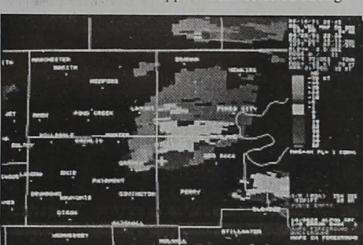
Dissipating Stage

- Rainfall decreases in intensity.
- Can still produce a burst of strong winds.
- Lightning remains a danger.

# Weather Radar Watches the Sky

The National Weather Service has strategically located Doppler radars across the country that can detect air movement toward or away from a radar. Early detection of increasing rotation aloft within a thunderstorm can allow life-saving warnings to be issued before the tornado forms. In the figure below left, Weather Service Doppler radar detected strong

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MYTH: The low pressure with a tornado causes buildings to "explode" as the tornado passes overhead. TRUTH: Violent winds and debris slamming into buildings cause most structural damage.

MYTH: Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and

minimize damage. TRUTH: Leave the windows alone. The most important action is to immediately go to a safe shelter.

MYTH: If you are driving and a tornado is sighted, you should turn and drive at right angles to the storm. **TRUTH:** The best thing to do is to seek the best available shelter. Many people are injured or killed when remaining in their vehicles.

MYTH: People caught in the open should seek shelter under highway overpasses.

TRUTH: Take shelter in a sturdy reinforced building if at all possible. Overpasses, ditches, and culverts may provide limited protection from a tornado, but your risk will be greatly reduced by moving inside a strong building.

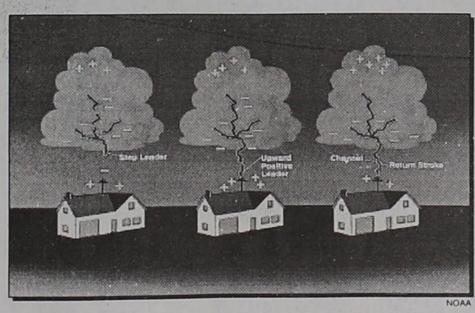
> Frequently asked questions about tornadoes can be found on the Internet at www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/index.html.

# Lightning...

# **How Lightning Forms**

Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged areas. Rising and descending air within a thunderstorm separates these positive and negative charges. Water and ice particles also affect charge distribution.

A cloud-to-ground lightning strike begins as an invisible channel of electrically charged air moving from the cloud toward the ground. When one channel nears an object on the ground, a powerful surge of electricity from the ground moves upward to the clouds and produces the visible lightning strike.





# **Lightning Facts**

- Lightning causes an average of 80 fatalities and 300 injuries each year.
- Lightning occurs in all thunderstorms; each year lightning strikes the Earth 20 million times.
- The energy from one lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months.
- Most lightning fatalities and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
- Lightning can occur from cloud-to-cloud, within a cloud, cloud-to-ground, or cloud-to-air.
- Many fires in the western United States and Alaska are started by lightning
- The air near a lightning strike is heated to 50,000°F hotter than the surface of the sun! The rapid heating and cooling of the air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in thunder.

# How far away is the Thunderstorm?

- Count the number of seconds between a flash of lightning and the next clap of thurder.
- Divide this number by 5 to determine the distance to the lightning in miles.

# Tornadoes...

Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world, they are found most frequently in the United States. In an average year, 1,200 tornadoes cause 70 fatalities and 1,500 injuries nationwide. You can find statistic information on tornadoes at www.spc.noaa.gov.

#### Tornado Facts

- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground.
- Tornadoes may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms within the funnel. The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed is 30 mph but may vary from nearly stationary to 70 mph.
- The strongest tornadoes have rotating winds of
- more than 250 mph. ■ Tornadoes can accompage tropical storms and
- Waterspouts are tornadoes which form over warm water. They can more onshore and

hurricanes as they move onto land.

cause damage to coastai areas.

#### When and Where Tornadoes Occur

- Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year.
- Tornadoes have occurred in every state, but they are most frequent east of the Rocky Mountains during the spring and summer months.
- In the southern states, peak tornado occurrence is March through May, while peak months in the northern states are during the late spring and summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 and 9 p.m. but can happen at any time.



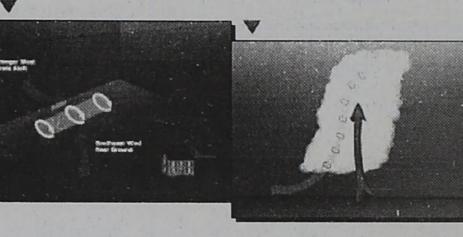
Greg Stumpf

#### **How Tornadoes Form**

Before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere.

Rising air within the thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal to vertical.

An area of rotation, 2-6 miles wide, now extends through much of the storm. Most tornadoes form within this area of strong rotation.



# Tornadoes Take Many Shapes and Sizes

# Weak Tornadoes

- 88% of all tornadoes
- Less than 5% of tornado deaths
- Lifetime 1 10+ minutes



- Strong Tornadoes ■ 11% of all tornadoes
- Nearly 30% of all tornado deaths
- May last 20 minutes or longer
- **W**inds 110-205 mph

#### **Violent Tornadoes** Less than 1% of all tornadoes 1 70% of all tornado deaths

- Lifetime can exceed 1 hour
- Winds greater than 205 mph



# In recent years, people have been killed by lightning while:

- ✓ boating
- ✓ swimming
- ✓ golfing ✓ bike riding
- ✓ standing under a tree
- riding on a lawnmower
- ralking on the telephone
- ✓ loading a truck
- riding a horse ✓ playing soccer
- fishing in a boat ✓ mountain climbing

# **Lightning Myths and Truths**

MYTH: If it is not raining, then there is no danger from lightning.

TRUTH: Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. This is especially true in the western United States where thunderstorms sometimes produce very little rain.

MYTH: The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning. TRUTH: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

MYTH: People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should not be touched. TRUTH: Lightning-strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information on CPR and first aid classes:

MYTH: "Heat lightning" occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat. TRUTH: "Heat lightning" is a term used to describe lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard.



30/30 Lightning Safety Rule Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thurder.



Closures fices will dramatically re-

duce state resources allocated to local communities and could force local governments to provide services that the state now pays for.

"People go to these offices to apply for services, like Medicaid, food stamps, and long-term care for the elderly," Gross said. "If they close, people will have to rely on a distant call-center operator for help. A lot of people will fall through the cracks and local governments will have to pick up the pieces without assistance from the state."

The elderly, the disabled, those with communications problems, and those who need the most help completing the state's complicated application for services will be hurt most, TSEU states.

In addition, the impact of state office closures on local economies could be severe. The disposable income for employees who staff these offices amounts to about \$126.6 million annually, most of which is spent at local businesses. In many rural communities state jobs are among the few that have health, pension, and other benefits. Closures could result in as many as 6000 lost jobs throughout the state.

The lost revenue would come on top of about \$4.6 billion that local communities have lost as a result of cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid enacted in 2003.

Local elected and business leaders, community groups, and many others have expressed alarm at the

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state's plan to close its local offices. Ninety-three county commissioners courts, including Callahan County, passed resolutions against closures and cuts to state healthcare programs. Nine cities, three local chambers of commerce, two public health districts, and two regional councils of government passed similar resolutions, TSEU says.

The commission announced in February that it selected Accenture a company based in Bermuda, to operate the proposed call centers. But if either HB 1338 or HB 1674 passes, the implementation of call cer. ters could be put on hold. "We're asking people to contact their legislators to urge them to support HB 1338 and HB 1674," said Gross. "By acting together, we can save our local offices and make sure they continue to serve our communities."

TSEU has outlined possible ways Callahan County

would be affected by the closure of local state health and human services offices. They include: Payroll - Callahan County has 1 state health and human services office that employs 4 people whose yearly payroll amounts to \$74,200. State and Federal Funds - These workers help local residents obtain medical care, care for the elderly and disabled, food stamps and a number of other services. State and federal funds pay for these services. These funds are spent and circulate locally. For example, money from Medicaid is spent at local doctors' offices and pharmacies. Food stamps are spent at local grocery stores.

Based on statistics from various sources, TSEU states that Callahan County has on an average: 1,215 residents receiving food stamps worth \$1,079,030 in federal and state dollars a year; 1,482 resident receiving health care coverage through Medicaid worth \$3,025,500 in federal

Thursday, March 17, 2005 and state dollars a year; 230 children receiving health care coverage through the state's Children's Health Insurance Program worth \$244,300 in Tederal and state dollars a year; 185 residents receiving cash coverage state's the through Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) worth \$244,300 in federal and state dollars a year; 185 residents receiving cash assistance through Temporary Aid for Needy Families worth \$192,456 in federal and state dollars a year. TSEU states that Callahan County receives about \$4,541,300 an-

Closing local health and human service offices will deprive residents of the opportunity to get face-to-face assistance from health and human services professionals, making it more difficult to get these services, TSEU says, adding that if only 10 percent fewer residents are unable to obtain these services, federal and state collars flowing in Callahan County will be reduced by \$454,130.

nually in federal and state

funds for these services.

For more information, contact Will Rogers or Caroline O'Connor at wrogers@cwatseu.org or coconnor@cwatseu.org.

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# **Lunch Menu**

# March

Wednesday, March 16 Burritos, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Cobbler, Milk Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day Salisbury Steak, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Rolls, Milk Friday, March 18 Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Pickles, Cookies, Milk

Monday, March 21 Enchiladas, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Ice Box Pie, Milk

Tuesday, March 22 Corn Dogs, French Fries, Pork-N-Beans, Fruit, Milk Wednesday, March 23 Turkey & Dressing, Mash Potatoes, Rolls, Cranberry

Sauce, Milk Thursday, March 24 Sack Lunch

Friday, March 25 **Good Friday** 

BUY ONE GET ONE

Monday, March 28 Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Brownies, Milk

Tuesday, March 29 Chicken Fajitas, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Cobbler, Milk



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Girling Healthcare Staff, pictured above, continue to serve the community with excellent healthcare and community assistance. Call or come by the office for more information regarding home health

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COMBO NO. 6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.29
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