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Indigent Health Care Top Issue On Commissioners' Agenda Also Approved: Inter-local Agreement With Cross Plains

Three agenda items on the Callahan County Commissioners' Court Open Meeting of April 26, 2004 covered Indigent Health Care issues.

Robert Baird of Indigent Healthcare Solutions presented a proposal to the Court, which he said would offer better management of county indigent care funds.

In USA Today, Baird read about the plight of Callahan and Eastland counties to meet indigent health care requirements, he said.

USA and other media sources reported at that time that both Callahan and Eastland counties had exhausted the amount budgeted for indigent health care until the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2004.

At the beginning of February, 2004, both counties decided to send a letter to healthcare providers advising them of possible difficulty in collecting for services.

Funding for indigent health care is a program implemented by the state of Texas.

It is a partially funded mandate with the idea that the county should help citizens who have no way to help themselves.

The county is required to expend 8% of its gross tax levy on indigent health care before the state reimburses at a rate of 90-10.

Counties assist only in areas where there is no hospital district.

Residents qualifying for indigent health care are usually 18 or older, as children are generally covered under other programs. They must not be eligible for Medicare or Medicaid, or Social Security.

Indigent health care client's income must be "no more than 21% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and resource limits that are the same as in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program," states the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Robert Baird said that he had many years of experience in designing software for Texas county governments.

In October, 2001, he attended an Indigent Health Care conference, he said, which convinced him of a need in that area.

He founded his company shortly thereafter. Panola County was the first customer.

Now the company has 42 counties as customers, Baird said.

A presentation gave examples of how 17 lbs. of books, usually needed to manage and calculate indigent health care funds and costs, could be replaced by

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Baird Elementary Student Of The Week



Russell Hess - Mrs. Clyburn's 4th grade son of Michael and Sherry Buchanan

Early Voting
for Baird City, School Elections
started April 28, 2004.
Early Voting will last
through May 11 and will be held
at Baird City Hall from 8:00 - 5:00.

Admiral Cemetery Association Meeting Is May 1

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual membership meeting and workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 1st. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon. Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trees and bushes, and fill-in graves that have settled. The business meeting will include a financial report and an election to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Ralph Cummings.

The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas for the purpose of improving and main-

taining this historic site. The work of the association is funded by interest earned on a certificate of deposit and gifts and memorials offered by friends and family members. Low interest rates have drastically reduced the yield of the association's endowment over the past year. This has created a critical need for contributions if the present level of maintenance is to be continued in the months ahead.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird of may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, Texas 79504

Health, Human Services Hearing Friday, April 30 At ACU Hart Bldg., 3 to 8:30

HHSC will conduct 10 public hearings to accept public comment on the proposed rule to establish call centers and on the Commission's proposed model for eligibility determination.

The one for this area will be at Abilene Christian University Friday, April 30 from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

Written comments may be delivered in person at the hearing or delivered to HHSC headquarters until 5 p.m. May 16, 2004, to:

ATTENTION: Angie Nelson-Wernli, Health and Human Services Commission
4900 N. Lamar Blvd.,
Austin, TX. 78751

or mailed to P.O. Box 13247, Austin, TX 78711-3247

E-mail comments to: angie.nelson-wernli@hhsc.state.tx.us
fax to 512-424-6669.

HHSC plans to post a summary of comments received at the public hearings on the HHSC website.

What TSEU is asking of county/city/local officials:

1. Pass a resolution through your governing body, similar to the Travis County Commissioner's Resolution, but tailored to your county/city/area.

2. Send a copy of the resolution to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, HHSC

Executive Commissioner, as well as all of the state legislators in your area.

3. Do a press conference with the local press announcing the resolution and why the governing body passed it.

TSEU will assist in all ways possible to pass a resolution, and set up a press conference. Contact Caroline O'Connor, TSEU Legislative Director, with questions, (512) 448-4225.

Once passed, we ask you to send a copy of the signed resolution to all of your state legislators, as well as the following state officials:

Governor Rick Perry (512) 463-2000 Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711-2428

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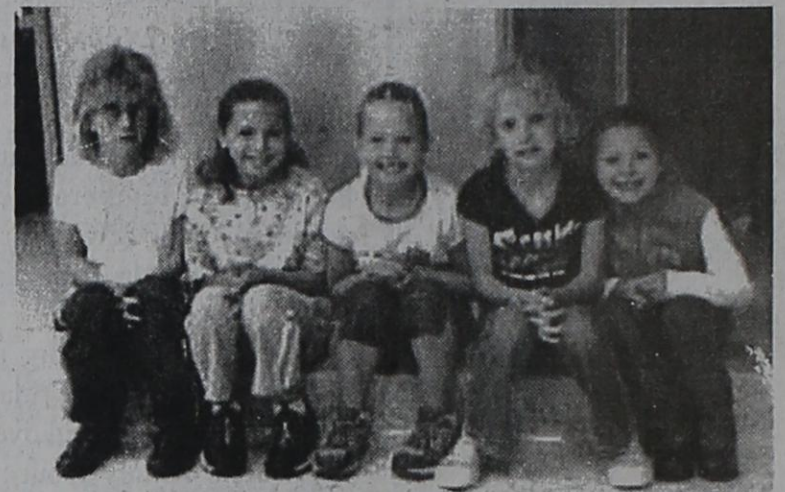
Rep. Jim Keffer P.O. Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768 (512) 463-0656

Transition Legislative Oversight Committee Members

**Texas Department of Health will hold the following
Immunization Clinics in Callahan County**
Monday, May 10th
Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th, 10-12
Wednesday, May 12th
Clyde Community Resource Center, 306 N. 1st, 10-12 & 1:30 - 3
Please bring child's Immunization Records
For more information call 325/754-4945

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Registration For Baird Kindergarten, New Students Is May 7

Registration for kindergarten students and any new students will be May 7th in the Baird School Cafetorium from 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be five years old on or before September 1, 2004. For all students, the parent must provide shot records, birth certificate, social security card and a photo ID of the person enrolling the child.

Please bring all of these items at the time of registration.

All kindergarten children starting this year must have the following immunizations to be able to start to school.

- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 4 or 5 doses of DTP, 1 after 4th birthday
- 3 doses of Polio, 1 after 4th birthday
- 2 doses of MMR, or both after 1st birthday
- 1 dose of Hib, after 1st birthday or series with booster dose after 1st birthday
- 1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox)

Committee Chair, Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth: (512) 463-0538, (817) 295-5158 P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768

Sen. Jane Nelson (512) 463-0112, (817) 295-5158 P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

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Notice

Persons wishing to comment to a live person on changes to the State Help Programs which would reduce the number of State Local Help offices from 381 to 162 are invited to express their views on this Hotline: 1-800-252-9600.

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April Showers Turn To Rain

April showers became heavy around Eastland, Callahan County and the whole area last Friday and Saturday.

After warnings all day Friday, April 23, intense rain moved into Abilene from the northwest by mid afternoon, flooding the usual streets and intersections.

By 10 p.m. that night Clyde and then Baird began to catch the drenching downpours.

Firemen, lawmen and their rescue vehicles were called out to drag cars out of

high water. Some water also went into homes and businesses.

Between 4 and 5 inches of rain fell in that vicinity. To the north, near Haskell and Throckmorton County, the clouds also dropped some hail and several small twisters. None of these did much damage.

Three things contributed to the rain - a warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico, a slow-moving norther dropping through the area, and an upper-level disturbance in Colorado.

The Colorado mountains and Northern New Mexico got a late, heavy snow out of the weather event. This should curb their forest fires this summer.

All this weather activity brought the temperatures down in the Big Country from the '80's on Thursday to the '50's Friday.

Rain kept on falling at Baird and Clyde on Friday night, but it also moved over to Eastland County about 11 a.m. The clouds opened up, dropping heavy rains during the night. Lightning flashed and thunder rolled.

By morning the whole county had two inches or more, with heavier totals in places.

The clouds broke away for awhile early Saturday morning, but rain resumed

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 57
Complaints - 63
DWLD - 1

Accidents

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

about the time of the Cisco Folklife Parade. Reportedly the participants carried on as planned, with some of the bands dripping water as they marched. Spectators came out to cheer them on.

The Folklife Festival also continued at the College, but things were a bit damp at times. But on Saturday afternoon the clouds broke away, and by Sunday the sun was shining brightly and the temperature rising. A large crowd came out to enjoy the

rest of the Festival.

Most places in Eastland County are reporting two inches or more of rain during the weekend. At the County Commissioners meeting Monday, April 26, the Commissioners voted to continue to leave off the Burn Ban, due to the good rains and lots of vegetation.

Commissioner (Pct. 4) Reggie Pittman reported even more rain toward Lake Cisco than in town. Cmm. Norman Christian (Pct. 2)

Thursday, April 29, 2004
Baird I. S. D.
Lunch Menu

Thursday, April 29

Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Crackers, Muffins, Mild

Friday, April 30

Gloria Dogs, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Rice Krispies, Milk

reported 1.4 in Ranger and more than 2 inches outside of town.

Later, Bill Powell, Superintendent of the Eastland County Water Supply District, reported that the Merriam Station had 2.3 inches.

A lot of the rain around Lake Leon must have soaked in, for the Lake showed only a small rise. The Lake is now three and one-half ft. below

the spillway, Powell said. The water depth is 1371.8 ft.

Powell said he is still looking for that hard rain that will fill the Lake - and he may get it sometime soon. For May is one of the rainiest months of the year, and it could bring rains that make those April showers look mighty small.

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

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April 15 Area Track Meet
April 30 Regional Track Meet

Obituaries

Chester Lee

Chester Lee, 86, died Wednesday Apr. 21, 2004 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral Service was at 11 AM Saturday Apr. 24, 2004 at the New Life Restoration Church with Rev. Scott Trammell officiating. Graveside service was at 2 PM Saturday Apr. 24, 2004 at the Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird, directed by Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home.

Chester Lee was born on July 12, 1917 in Baird, TX., to Benjamin Franklin Lee & Mary Esther Massey Lee. He married Evelyn Ruth Aston on Oct. 15, 1979 in

Breckenridge. He had been a truck driver for Mobil and was a U. S. Marine Corp Veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Lee of Breckenridge, 2 daughters, Clydean Heatley and her husband Mike of Breckenridge and Evelyne Miller and husband Jarrett of Ft. Worth, 2 sons, William Link and wife, Shirley of Waco and Sammie Wayne Aston and wife Patti of Abilene, one brother, Morris Lee and wife, Kay of Abilene., 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

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Plans For Merging Agencies Prompts Questions

By Polly Ross Hughes Houston Chronicle

October 22, 2003 AUSTIN- A fast track but massive plan to merge 12 state agencies into five and privatize services for the needy raises serious accountability questions, several Texans testified Tuesday.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission's draft plan, outlining in 98 pages the goals of the largest government reorganization in Texas history, will be replaced with a permanent plan the first week of November.

The merger of agencies serving the elderly, disabled, poor, children, mentally ill and mentally retarded is

expected to begin in January and be completed by next summer.

The transformation of how services are delivered, including how eligibility is determined, includes private companies running call centers.

Over five years, about 10,000 employees out of 50,000 in the agencies will no longer work for the state.

Yet, for all its references to "risk management," "outsourcing" and "business process re-engineering," even a member of the transition's oversight committee noted the plan's fuzzy nature.

"It's really a French Impressionist view of what we're going to do," said Kenn George, a Dallas businessman appointed to the committee.

"To me the key to success is not a book, a bunch of charts and a bunch of flow diagrams," he said. "It is, did we effect change for the good of folks at the bedside and for the taxpayer? That won't be known for years."

Several who testified asked why the plan dwells so much on the language of business and little on health and human services. They also said the plan leaves gaping holes in addressing serious concerns.

"Accountability is one of my major concerns with this whole reorganization," said Charles Shedd, an employee of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, an agency that

will be split apart.

He said private companies, which recently passed legislation suggests could eventually run a state school for the mentally retarded or a state mental hospital, often claim their records are exempt from the government open records laws.

"How will we know how our tax dollars are being spent?" Shedd asked, saying the drafted plan doesn't answer that question. "There is a real concern a lot of citizens of Texas have when you talk about giving public dollars to private companies."

Joe Alexandre, the mayor of Raymondville in South Texas, said he's worried about more than the closing of the local Department of Human Services, with the advent of a privately run call center deciding who's eligible for services.

"What kind of Band-Aid will this be for us?" he asked. "How can you justify to the poor and elderly of the cut in services you will be making with such a decision?"

Others said they'd like to take Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins at his word that the plan will save money with more efficiency and improve services for the needy.

Several questioned the speed at which change is moving, noting that the draft plan was just released to the public late Thursday, giving the public little time to evaluate it.

"We have very serious concerns that this project, the most massive restructuring of crucial health and human services programs in Texas' history, is seen as just one more corporate merger," said Arthur Valdez of San Antonio.

He said featured speakers at the oversight committee's meetings are corporate managers rather than human services professionals, and the draft plan refers to "the enterprise" at least 66 times.

Committee member Noe Fernandez, owner of a textile company said he wants everyone to be clear that his job is to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost.

"My job is not to save, preserve or protect, the job security of state employees. Nor is my job to save, protect or preserve the financial welfare of private companies," he said.

Annual Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic Is May 6

Texas Cooperative Extension's 26th Annual "Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic" is set for May in the Brown County Youth Fair Home Economics Building located on Hwy 377 South. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The formal program starts at 9 a.m. One (1) Beef Quality Assurance hour will be given to certified BQA producers.

The Cow/Calf Clinic is designed for anyone with an interest in beef cattle production. Each year we strive to put together a practical program that's of real use to the cattle producer. This year is no exception. With cattle prices as good as they are, our goal is to share ideas in stock handling and health procedures that will help producers maximize their profits.

Top livestock experts will be addressing stockmanship, herd health and cattle vaccines. We'll also be taking a look at the latest on agricultural property tax rules and discussing cattle working tasks that pay off. Commercial exhibitors have always been a big part of this clinic and we are expecting a good representation this year as well.

Registration is \$5 per person at the door. The fee covers a catered lunch. To pre-register, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325)854-1518. Submitted by Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent.

2004 Xeriscape Lecture Series

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Abilene Public Library, May 11, 2004, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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Baird First Baptist Church Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the First Baptist Church, 240 Race Street Baird, Texas

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574
April 28, 2004 - AWANA Club 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Prayer meeting, continue study of 1 Cor. 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary.

April 29, 2004 - Dennis Byrum, minister of music, at First Baptist Church will be part of "Gospel Abilene", great Southern Gospel. Ridgemont Baptist Church 4857 Buffalo Gap Rd 7:00 p.m.

May 2, 2004 - Beth Moore Study for women "Fresh Visions from the Book of Revelations: 4:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

May 5, 2004 - AWANA Club award ceremony and recognition time, 6:30 p.m. if you have been involved in any of the AWANA activities this is a time to be there and see what the Children have accomplished in a very short

time.
May 6, 2004 - National Day of Prayer, Be in prayer for our Nation and our Leaders

May 9, 2004 - Mother's Day

Nursing Home Service 3:30 p.m. be a blessing to the ones in the facility and you will be Blessed in return

Prayer meeting 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

No Beth Moore Study this p.m.


May 10, 2004 - Ladies Mission Study 6:00 p.m.

May 11, 2004 - Ladies Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m. every lady in the community is invited

May 11, 2004 - Senior Adult Day at Big Country Baptist Assembly - Lueders with Dr. Larry McGraw, Clay Jacobs and other. Registration 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. please contact church if interested

May 12, 2004 - Grades 1-6 camp registration due. The camps are for several different times throughout the summer at Lueders. Please contact church office.

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Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs was the keynote speaker and addressed the graduates.

"After many weeks of intense training, today marks a very important day for the new troopers. It represents the fulfillment of their dream to take on the critically important role of keeping Texas safe," Combs said. "I com-

mend these outstanding Texans on their achievement and salute their dedication to public safety."

The troopers, including eight women, began the six-month training academy in October. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter-terrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received extensive use of force, communication skills,

firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness training.

"Today, Texans are entrusting you with their safety and protection. The job you accept is filled with demanding but rewarding responsibilities," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "You will serve on the front line of the war against crime in Texas, and we expect you to make us proud."

In about three weeks, the troopers will move to their new duty stations.

They will spend the first six months in on-the-job training with a senior trooper.

DPS is already accepting applications for the next trooper academy in October. Interested applicants can call the toll-free line, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), or visit the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us <<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>>, for more information.

Read The Classifieds

Scranton Musical Saturday

The musical will be Saturday, May 1 at the community center. The kitchen opens at 5:30, Marie Starr will be hostess and always serves something good. The music begins at 6:00 with Mark Ray as

Scranton Meeting May 4

There will be a short community association meeting on Tuesday, May 4 to finalize plans for the homecoming meal/musical. It will follow the Cemetery Association meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM

QUOTES

"Committee - a group of men who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done." - Fred Allen

"Shakespeare is so tiring. You never get a chance to sit down unless you're a king." - Josephine Hull

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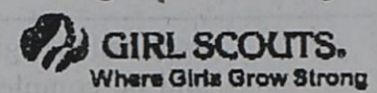
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Morton Valley Past And Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Friday night the rains fell and we received almost 1 1/2 inches at my house. I am so thankful for every bit of the rain. I hope you also got a good watering for your lawn and garden. Saturday brought cooler temperature and a day of rain off and on for bake sales, garage sales and even Folk Life Festival. Sunday turned into a beautiful spring day with opportunity for working outside and doing chores that had gone undone.

My eyes behold an alligator turtle for the very first time and boy was that guy ugly. He had a tail that looked like an alligator, he had little spikes growing under his mouth and he had claws that were very agile and angry. He was snapping at everything that even got close to him. He even snapped at the horse. He did an unusual thing when we put the water hose on him. He would open his mouth and catch the water and then shut it to swallow the water. He was an interesting object to observe for a while but I personally was glad when he was taken off my property. If you happen to run across one please use caution especially with little children.

The emergency crew was once again in our area as there was another wreck

just to our west. I have not found out the details of this yet. Hopefully no one was badly injured. This highway is really not taken as seriously as it should be. I am here to tell you that not matter what time of the day or night you look a out the window, there is traffic. Please if you travel this Highway 112, be very alert. There are many dangers such as speeding cars and all types of animals that can cause an accident.

Harmony had a good service with a message by James Teel, a children sermon by Wanda Skinner on giving back to the Lord, a special by Trish and Lyndell using an old favorite hymn. The day was one of beauty. We had some of our people back after they had been out of town visiting. A special thanks to all who helped with the bake sale on Saturday, even those who took home some goodies for their family. We do still have plenty of cook books for sale and they can be picked up at the Eastland Telegram office. Thank you H. V. for allowing us to place them there.

Have a wonderful week and see how many people you can help have a better week.

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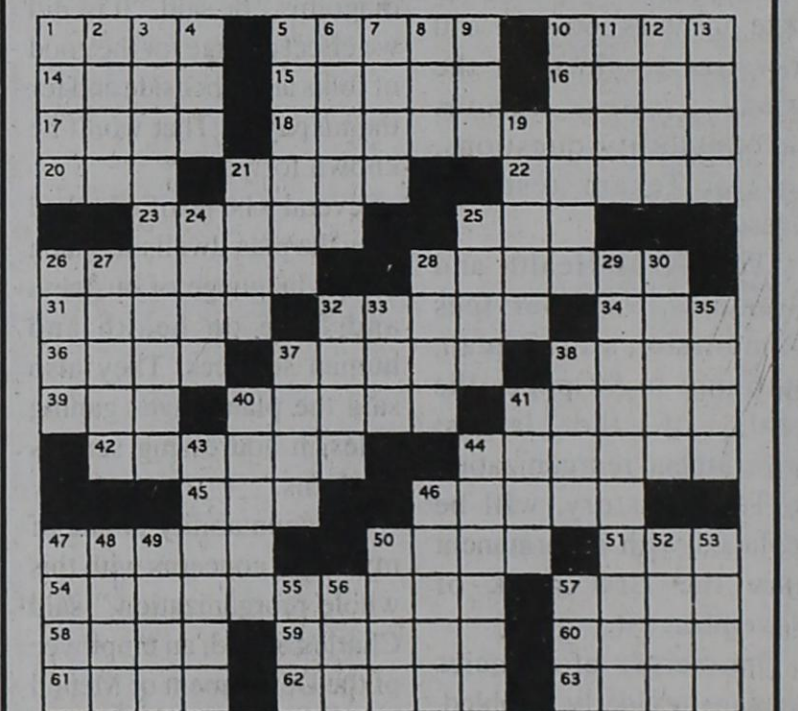
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Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Meeting

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TXU Announces First Phase Of Restructuring

TXU Corp. (NYSE: TXU) today announced a series of transactions totaling approximately \$8 billion: the sale of TXU Australia, the sale of TXU Fuel, its intent to sell TXU Gas and the repurchase of TXU Energy's Exchangeable Preferred Membership Interests. Additionally, TXU announced expected 2004 results of its 4+4 business improvement program. TXU should realize value and reduced risks from these transactions and initiatives, including an enhanced earnings outlook, reduced debt level, reduced debt to total capital and increased interest coverage ratio.

Based on the strong first quarter and assuming the successful completion of these transactions, TXU estimates that operational earnings for full year 2004 will range from \$2.45 to \$2.55 per share, up from prior guidance of \$2.15 per share. Income from continuing operations is projected to be \$1.74 to \$1.84 per share of common stock. TXU also announced today that first quarter 2004 operational earnings, scheduled for release on May 6, are expected to be at least \$0.60 per diluted share. Income from continuing operations for the first quarter is expected to be \$0.59 per share of common stock.

C. John Wilder, TXU's Chief Executive Officer said, "Today's announcements represent a good first step to unlock value and reduce risks. We look forward to describing our entire plan during the May 18th Investor Conference."

Highlights:
Sale of TXU Australia and TXU Fuel Company.

Intent to sell TXU Gas Company.
Repurchase of 100% of TXU Energy's Exchangeable Preferred Membership Interests for \$1.84 billion, eliminating \$750 million of 9% securities and 57.1 million diluted common shares outstanding.

Estimated reduction of total debt of \$5.8 billion, representing a 42% decrease by year end.

Guidance for income from continuing operations for 2004 is \$1.74 to \$1.84 per share of common stock. Guidance for 2004 operational earnings increased to \$2.45 to \$2.55 per share.

Income from continuing operations is expected to be \$0.59 per share of common stock for the first quarter of 2004. The company expects first quarter 2004 operational earnings of at least \$0.60 per share, exceeding previous guidance of \$0.45 per share.

Remember To Renew Your Subscription



FAMILY MEMBERS attended the Cisco Folklife Festival last weekend. Shown above are Jane Crowder of Cisco (left) with her daughter, Cathy Barber; granddaughter, Jessica Ing and great granddaughters, Ty Ing, and Madison (Maddie) Gray. Cathy, formerly of Cisco, her daughter and granddaughters live in South Lake, near Dallas.

'Men In Black' Coming To Carbon 4-H Club Meeting

Carbon 4-H Club Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 5:30pm in the First Christian Church Annex building.

This will be a very exciting meeting as The Men in Black will be our program. Spreading the idea of having manners is their quest. These students have recently presented this program at state FCCLA competition placing 2nd. The Men in Black are from the FCCLA program at Eastland High School under

the direction of Ann Lowrie. Recently Mrs. Lowrie has received two prestigious awards. She was named outstanding Home Economics Teacher for the state of Texas and Outstanding Alumni of Tarleton State University.

A full sit-down meal will be served to all adults and members.

Members who desire to run for an officer position are reminded to turn in a nomination form by Friday, April 30th to Mrs. Keith.

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The Kokomo Homecoming and the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1. The Cemetery Association meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting. Otherwise, it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center. If you have an interest in the cemeteries at Kokomo, or just want to come and visit with friends and neighbors you are invited to attend. Bring your favorite food and plan to go to the Kokomo Community Center following the Cemetery meeting to spread lunch and continue the visiting and fellowship.

A revival began at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, April 25 and will continue through Wednesday night, April 28. Bro. Ron Bostic, pastor of the Olden Baptist Church is the evangelist and Daryl Hirst is directing the music with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ. If you haven't attended you have really missed a blessing from the wonderful messages from God's word and the beautiful music.

Daryl Hirst rendered the special music on Sunday morning and Daryl and Brenda Thomas rendered the special music on Sunday night. Daryl and Brenda presented the music at the beginning of the service on Tuesday night, and then Billy Joe Dennis, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen and Woodrow Browning presented special music during the service. There has been lots of good congregational singing too.

Bro. Bostic's wife, Susie and a grandson accompanied him to Kokomo. There have been many visitors and we

appreciate each one. I will not attempt to list them as I might omit someone. They have come from Olden, Corinth, Cisco, Carbon, Gorman and Eastland.

During the Sunday morning service, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Charles Little who celebrated his birthday on Monday. Following the Sunday morning service, lunch was enjoyed in the fellowship hall.

Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo and Verna Lee Little attended the 55th Wedding Anniversary reception for their cousins, Joylene and Bill Hicks on Saturday, April 17 at the Hicks home in Ranger. An aunt, Mrs. Willie Mae Cozart and a cousin, Lindell Ray Garrett of Eastland was also among the large crowd that attended the reception.

Jerry and Lavell Hallmark and granddaughter, Heagan Braddock of San Angelo and Craig and Becky Ethington of Sterling City visited in Eastland with Amy, Shane, Taner and Rylee Shott and attended Taner's little league ball game. They also visited with Jerry's mother, Commie Hallmark.

Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay spent Friday night and Saturday with their grandparents, Gene and Kay Snider. Rachel Snider spent Saturday with them.

Shorty Treadway of Ranger, Ken and Mary Rogers of Eastland and Arl and Margie Lasater of Carbon visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday night and enjoyed games of "Train".

We got good rains in the community on Friday night and Saturday. I heard reports from 1.5 up to 2.8 inches throughout the community. It was wonderful.

Dr. Sandra Hazelip To Speak On 'The Heart Truth And Its Red Dress Symbol'

By Kay Crum

Have you seen any women wearing Red Dress pins? I thought I would tell you a little about it if you have not heard. "The Heart Truth" and its "Red Dress" symbol is a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease, sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Red Dress symbol was introduced during American Heart Month at Fashion Week in February 2003. "What's a red dress got to do with it? A simple Red Dress works as a visual red alert to get the message heard loud and clear: Heart Disease

Doesn't Care What You Wear. It's the #1 Killer of Women".

Heart disease, which includes coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, angina, and other heart conditions, is the number one cause of death for women in American.

Ten Commandments for a Healthy Heart

1. Know your risk factors for heart disease.
2. Talk to your doctor about reducing your risk of heart disease.
3. Have your blood pressure checked regularly.
4. Know your cholesterol numbers.
5. Have your blood sugar level checked for diabetes.

Men's Rally May 15th

There will be a men's fellowship and rally at Lone Cedar Country Club on Saturday, May 15th. There will be hamburgers and drinks served starting at 6 p.m., following by praise and worship. The featured speaker will be Tommy Maxwell, former All American at Texas A&M and NFL player. Tommy played for the Baltimore Colts (Superbowl winners over Dallas in 1970), the Oakland Raiders and Houston Oilers. Tommy is the founder and president of Coaches Outreach--a ministry to high school coaches that involves weekly bible studies, special seminars for coaches, and other Christ centered activities designed especially for coaches. There will be no charge for the meal or the evening activities. An

offering will be taken in support of this wonderful ministry. There is also a golf scramble scheduled for 1:00 at Lone Cedar. This will be a fund raise for Coaches Outreach with all proceeds going to fund summer retreats for coaches and their wives. The cost is \$45.00 per man, to include 18 holes and cart. There will be three man teams with prizes for the first three teams. Players will be rated A thru D and an attempt will be made to make the teams as equal as possible. This should be a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. All men and boys are invited to the evening activities. If you wish to participate in the golf, please call Lone Cedar at (254) 647-3613, Sam Harris at 653-2364/653-2363, or Glen Swift at 629-1537.



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8. Get regular physical activity. (At least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most or all days of the week.)

9. Aim for a health weight.

10. Know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the importance of seeking medical help immediately.

Please join us Tuesday, May 4 from 7-8 p.m. to hear Dr. Hazelip talk with us about ways to protect and take care of our hearts. Come get your free Red Dress Pin.

For more information go to: www.healthtruth.gov or

visit us on our website at: www.eastlandmemorial.com

Oakland Cemetery Meeting May 1st

The Oakland Cemetery annual meeting is at hand. They will meet on May the 1st at the Cemetery beginning at 10:00 in the morning.

They need everyone to be in attendance as they need to elect some officers and they need all the people to be there to help with your input and ideas. Its all important to the organization.

Thank you for your support and presence.

Opal Burton
Secretary
Oakland Cemetery of
Comanche Co.

District Clerk's Office Processing Passport Applications

Eastland County District Clerk Loretta Key announces her office is now processing passport application. New and renewal passport applications may be submitted in the District Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse. Applications will be accepted between 8:00 and 4:00 Monday through

Friday. Anyone interested in obtaining a passport will need to bring picture identification, an original (or certified copy) birth certificate, and two identical passport photos. Mrs. Key and her staff have all attended training provided by the Houston Passport Agency and are looking forward to providing this service.

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Students Featured In Whitely Program

Carl and Helen Whitely had a very good musical program Sunday afternoon at the Folk Life Festival at the Cisco Junior College grounds.

Among the performers were some very cute children who are students of the Whitelys. They were playing violins and guitars.

They were, Cord Lewis, age 5, of Cisco, violin; Toni Reeves, age 8 of Cisco, violin; Derrick Schaefer, age 10, Cisco, guitar; Logan Lewis, age 10, Cisco, guitar; and Caleb Gulley, Eastland, guitar.

Cord and Logan Lewis are brothers.

Carl Whitely says that most of these children can be heard each month at the

Putnam musicals, which he manages. These musicals are held the first Friday night of each month.

The Whitely's Band was backed up at the Folk Life Festival by area favorites Raymond Hart of Ranger, John Hulm of Olden, and Chris Reeves, guitarist of Cisco.



Cord Lewis of Cisco



Toni Reeves of Cisco



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Relay For Life Thank You

From everything I've heard the Relay For Life of Eastland County was a great success. And we want to send a big thank you to all my teams for their hard work on putting it together and making it what it was. We want to thank Eastland High School for allowing us to use their track field. We also want to thank Edwards Funeral Home, EBBA Iron, Eastland Drug, Walmart, Dr. Simpson of Eastland, Dr. Webb of Ranger and Texas Barber Shop of Gorman for your sponsorship. Also Birdsong Peanut, Shirley's Air Conditioning for your donations to our fact signs. Thank you to Allegro Mobility, Express Medical Supply and the Eastland Hospital for use of the wheelchairs, to Tractor Supply, Auto Zone, Chicken Express, Sonic, McDonalds for your gifts to the Relay as prizes.

A big thank you to Eastland Telegram and Gorman Progress for all the help and advertising you gave us. To everyone that gave donations to the teams. We really appreciated the help that you gave us. But most of all I want to thank the survivors for being there with us. I know that next year will be bigger and better and I'm looking forward to being able to be there with each and everyone of you.

Valerie Hampton and Michelle Byrd
American Cancer Society Volunteers

Timely Tips by Kate Worth

EASTER LEF TOVERS - If your Easter jelly beans have gotten hard, you can put them in the microwave set on HIGH for 10 seconds. It does the trick. However, only do a handful at a time, since once they cool, they get hard again. Patty M.

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Kim Pence

Jennifer Rasco, long time Eastland Co. resident, will

also be conducting dramas with the Mountain Top Youth each month. Each Sunday p.m. service will deliver an impacting message to the youth and adults attending reflecting Biblical and societal issues we face today. Mountain Top Church is an Inter-denominational Worship Center located at 600 E. 8th Cisco, Tx. Services for Sunday morning begin at 10:30 a.m. Youth and children have their own praise and worship service geared toward their various ages and energy! Sunday p.m. services start at 6:00 p.m. Come early for a front seat experience! For more information please call 254-442-4479 or 254-442-2673. We look forward to hosting you and your family!

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Final applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

BUM PHILLIPS THANKS TEACHERS

I felt faint! Did I show up at the right time? Was I at the right place?

Speaking to lots of groups over the years, I've given little thought to printed programs. Recently, though, I quickly opened one and confirmed that I was indeed the scheduled keynote speaker. O. A. (Bum) Phillips, long-time coaching icon remembered for his "Luv Ya Blue" years with the Houston Oilers, was already seated on the platform. The Texas Retired Teachers Association's opening annual session in Corpus Christi was about to begin.

My assigned seat was next to his. Pleasantries were exchanged, and I mustered the courage to ask him why he was there. "I heard retired teachers were having a meeting, and I wanted to come bring them a 'thank-you' for all their hard work," the coaching legend and former educator answered. "They told me to come on, and here I am."

TRTA President Tom Pritchard introduced Coach Phillips. Bum ambled to the lectern, and in about 90 seconds, held the audience spellbound. He offered heartfelt thanks for teaching "OUR children, MY children."

"I've been around people that I really, really respect," he continued. "Astronauts, professional football people, owners-really big-time people-but there is no one I respect more than y'all. All I want to do is speak for all the parents and other people in the State of Texas that don't have the opportunity to tell you how much we enjoyed you and appreciate you. Thank y'all."

With a wave of his hat, he found wife Debbie in the crowd, and they drove back to the ranch. They'd been gone from home for just six hours, and they knew before they left that work undone would still be there when they got back. And being

Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show To Be Held June 4-6

You may put entries into the Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show scheduled for June 4-6, 2004 at the Abilene Civic Center.

The Abilene Quilters Guild are accepting entries and would love to have quilters in the region share their creations.

If anyone is interested, entry forms are available for pick up at Hancock Fabrics, Alton's, Singer Sewing Center or Patchwork Garden or by calling L. Calame at (325) 554-7533.

Deadline for the entries are May 14, 2004 and a \$1 entry fee for each quilt is required. All sizes of quilts, wearable art and antique quilts will be accepted.

We encourage youth who are learning to quilt with adult assistance to also enter their quilts.

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past 80 years of age is no excuse.

During those few minutes, it was clear to me how he inspired two teams all the way to the Super Bowl. He's the best at making folks feel good about themselves. The retirees, with worries about health costs and other issues, perked right up.*

Bum greased the skids for me! The teachers were so revved up from applauding him, they would have felt entertained if I had read from the phone book.

Phillips, who finished high school in 1941, has stood for what's right for a spell. After one year in college, he enlisted in the Marines. Wounded in the Pacific, he came home after the war to pursue an education degree at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he lettered two years in football. Then came 13 years of high school coaching, six in the college ranks and 17 in the

pros (the last five with the New Orleans Saints).

Integrity, humility, optimism and encouragement continue to mark a man who hasn't coached in 20 years, but still has "champion" written all over him. He's not bad at passing out compliments, either. Remember what he said about Miami Coach Don Shula? "He can take hiss'en and beat your'n, and he can take your'n and beat hiss'en."

John McClain, Houston Chronicle sportswriter, said that at the recent induction of Elvin Bethea into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Bum and Debbie drove up to Waco for the party. "When he walked in, you'd have thought it was the Pope the way people reacted," McClain said. Bum apologized for not being at Bethea's induction to the Pro Hall in Canton, OH, adding, "I don't fly much any more because my feet get swole up, and I can't get my boots off."

When I e-mailed Bum, Debbie responded. He

doesn't touch a computer. I offered to let them proof my column, but the answer was, "Nah, it'll be fine. We'll be on the road this weekend working with Mike Barber (a former Oiler) and his prison ministry." Bum helps out regularly, talking to the prisoners, often sitting down with them to play dominoes. ("I'm proudest of him for the prison ministry work," Debbie said.) Looks like Barber has himself TWO "free agents" in his circle of volunteers.

The road to Phillips' ranch is hot with traffic. Former players and others visit often, sometimes riding around the spread in Bum's old '95 ranch truck before bibbing up for a big barbecue. On life's pathway, this icon never crossed a bridge he didn't save. He treats friendships the same way.

Yep, down deep, he's a teacher. He's glad he was, and so are some 60,000 retired teachers who either heard him "say thanks," or

will hear about it second-hand.

Bum was busy signing his name on whatever was put in front of him. I handed him an autographed copy of my book, and out of habit, he started to sign it. Laughing, I told him the book was a gift, warning that if he ever put it down, he wouldn't pick it up. His life is his autograph and those gripping 90-seconds in Corpus Christi provided the exclamation point.

His quote still brings smiles. "If Earl Campbell ain't at the head of the class, it don't take long to call the

Thursday, April 29, 2004 roll." And that's the way I feel about a class guy nicknamed "Bum" by a little sister who couldn't pronounce "Oail Andrew."

*We said the Pledge of Allegiance twice, including "under God" both times..

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8th Annual Bar-B-Que Brisket Dinner At Olden Fire Department

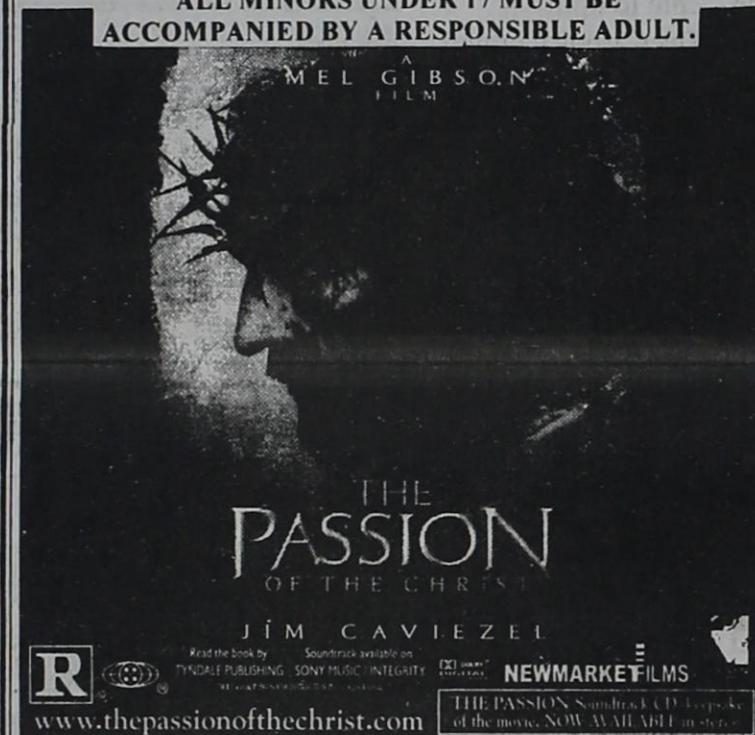
The 8th annual Bar-B-Que Brisket Dinner at the Olden Volunteer Fire Department will be Saturday, May 8, 2004 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Olden Fire Department in Olden, Texas. Sliced brisket, potato salad, beans, trimmings. Carry out plates

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Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

We had a good day quilting on Tuesday, nearly all our members were there.

Sandy Hutton couldn't be there because she had gone to be with her son in Georgia. We worked on Lessie's "Wedding Ring" and May's "Lone Star" tops.

Lessie's will come out of the frame this Tuesday.

There was a Pioneer Cemetery meeting on Monday evening. One of the main things covered was the setting of the work day at the cemetery. It will be on May 22. I will be reminding everyone each week until that date. We have always had a great turn out and are expecting one again this year. It is always done the week before we have our Memorial Day gathering. There will be more about this, but you can mark your calendars for the work day and the Memorial Day Service.

Jim and Dusty Chesshir came to the farm on Thursday evening last week. They were working on a well at Trent and decided they were closer to Cross Plains than to Odessa. Jim had time every evening with the days longer to plow. He put out fertilizer for two afternoons then planted sunflowers. He finished planting Sunday afternoon. Charlene sure enjoyed having them. Dusty mowed and ran the weeder. Then went to town and worked some for his mom. He doesn't come very often, and Charlene enjoyed him too! Charlene and Christy made a trip to Abilene on Monday. Visited the Coopers. Stewart is having a hard time getting over the broken vertebra in his back.

Lessie Baum brought some of the doll clothes that she makes for us to see.

We all enjoyed them! She makes them to sell. They were so cute and very modern. They were for the Barbie dolls.

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore attended the Olden Musical on Friday night.

Great music! They went Saturday to the Bible study at the 206 mission in Cross Plains. Monday Frankie attended the St. Joe Baptist church of DeLeon's

Cross Timers Asso. meeting with Jay and Ernestine, Laquita Rankin.

They enjoyed the music, supper and great preaching!

Sandy Hutton is in Savannah, Ga. to be with her and JD's son, Jamie. Jamie has been very ill for several days. He is now in PCU. They don't know what is the cause for his illness.

Friday, Cowan and Laverne Hutton's friend from Perry, Okla. Delorios Pulluem spent the day with them. They were surprised Sunday morning to see friends at church from Caddo, Okla., Orgel and Hateine Millagan. They had lunch together and a great visit remembering past good times. Delorios

Pulluem, the Millgagns, and the Hutton's all did mission work together.

Monday, Laverne visited her daughter, Wanetta.

Earlene had a wonderful birthday. Jessica cooked a good dinner and made a banana nut cake with pecans on top making a "77". (Earlene, that can't be right!) Dee Ann and Andrew Chisolm and son Cameron came and Jack Stultz, all from Brownwood making her a nice birthday. They had to do a lot of walking around after dinner! Earlene was given a lawnmower for her birthday! Gotta go to work now!

This did not get in last week's paper!

Friday the 9th, Randy Bullard was up from Houston. As usual he prepared a delicious meal of fried shrimp and fish that he had caught, a tasty spinach salad, and a fresh black berry cobbler. Randy's wife, Lynn, sent some "Puppy Chow" she had made. Sandy cooked a pot of beans and Pam brought

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RANGER'S 14th ANNUAL OLD TIME COUNTRY FESTIVAL

June 5, 2004

New Excitement Scheduled This Year
"Kid's Events"
"Old West Show"

Saturday, June 5, Ranger Historical Society will present the 14th annual Old Time Country Festival in the City of Ranger.

All the excitement and activities will be held on the potato salad

They all gathered at J.D. and Sandy's house for the fish fry.

On Saturday, the 10th, the Hutton's gathered at Danny and Trish house for a hamburger cook out and an Easter egg hunt for the children. There were 27 in attendance.

Cowan and Laverne's daughter, Wanetta, ate dinner with them Tuesday at noon.

Then Wanetta and Laverne drove around the country side enjoying the beautiful spring flowers. They also visited Laverne's sister, Betty, and brother, Bob, at Clyde before coming home. So that's why Laverne wasn't at quilting on Tuesday afternoon! (Laverne that is about the best reason for not being there—visiting family)

We had some wonderful rain this passed week. Everyone is very Thankful for it. We are having a beautiful spring!

Word of wisdom: If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what her gives.

Robert South

Society's Heritage Center grounds, 1505 Loop 254 west just 1500 feet from Interstate Highway 20 Exit 349 to Ranger.

Festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the smell of breakfast cooking on open fires. The Cowboy Breakfast consists of sausage, bacon, coffee and orange juice, all for just \$5.00.

The entire day will be filled with fun for all ages - concession, kids games, face painting, drawings, an Old West shoot-out, and a grand ol' "Country Western Musical." Musicians from all ar-

reas are eligible to sign up and participate.

John Hullum will be in charge of sign-up for the musical. Country western musicians and singers wishing to participate are requested to contact John at 254-653-2641.

Tickets are available for drawings for a swing from Wal Mart, an Entry Door from Higginbotham and an electric scooter from an anonymous donor. As in years before everyone's favorite "Your Choice" drawing table will be set up and tickets available all day until, the 3:30 p.m. drawing

Thursday, April 29, 2004 time, and the Society's Ranger Souvenirs will be available for sale. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded for the planned kids games. Another event will be face painting. A complete schedule is being worked on for all games and their times, and will be announced in a future news release.

You surely don't want to miss the "Old West Shoot-out" performed by Texas Gunslingers. This group will capture an audience of all ages and following their performance they will give a short program on "Gun Safety."

Any group or individual wishing to volunteer and help with the festival, is asked to call the Society, 254-647-5353 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any and all volunteers are sincerely appreciated.

Writers Club Picnic Is Set In Cisco May 4

The Cisco Writers Club will conclude the spring session with a picnic at the Lela Latch Lloyd Museum on Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Weather permitting, the picnic will be held in the park on the east side of the Museum. In case of rain, the gathering will be inside. Please bring favorite "finger foods".

All interested people are invited, and don't forget to bring along some writing you are working on. Manuscripts will be read during the program following the meal.

After this meeting the Club will dismiss for the summer, then resume meetings in September, 2004.

The annual contest is planned from June 1 - August

1, and manuscripts will be judged in August.

Dr. Duane Hale, Club President, will open the program at the picnic.

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Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

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Obituaries

Lora Frances Root Mann

RANGER- Lora Frances Root Mann, 94 of Ranger and formerly of Mineral Wells, Texas died Sunday, April 25, 2004 at a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Strawn, Texas with Rev. Michael Orsini officiating. Burial followed in Woodlawn Park Cemetery in Mineral Wells, Texas under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn, Texas.

Mrs. Mann was born on November 13, 1909 in Clarksville, Texas to Joseph Frederick Pinson and Martha Ella Rosson. Lora married

Chester Root on November 29, 1931 and he preceded her in death of May 17, 1973. She later married Jesse Mann on February 14, 1978 and he preceded her in death on August 12, 1999. She lived in Mineral Wells for several working at Camp Wolters as a clerk, and then she moved to Euless and later to Ranger in 1999, where she stayed until her death. Mrs. Mann was a Baptist.

Mrs. Mann is survived by a sister Margaret Reynolds of Terrell, Tx, brothers-in-law J. F. Mann and wife Leota of Stephenville, Tx., and W. R. "Shorty" Mann of Ranger, Tx., and several nieces and nephews.

Catrina Edwards

EASTLAND- Katrina Edwards, 17, passed away Monday, April 26, 2004 in Cook Childrens Hospital in Fort Worth.

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Now 25 years later—as we celebrate NAMI's Silver Anniversary, we must also do as our Founders did—boldly confront the immense challenges of the future. **We must renew our determination to wage a crusade on all fronts to change America's mental health care system and to eradicate the pervasive stigma that causes such public apathy to our issues.**

During that first national meeting of NAMI, those families turned these two negative emotions into something overwhelmingly positive, a fierce determination to change things. They knew that they needed to raise money—and lots of it—to build a national organization and lay a solid foundation for their newly named National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

As we all know, they were very successful. Now, looking towards the future, we *must* continue building on our Founders' success. And

like our Founders, we *must* raise money to help build on that solid foundation started years ago. That's why I am writing to you today to ask for a generous donation to NAMI.

Although our scientific knowledge of how to treat people with brain disorders has vastly increased in the past 25 years, daunting problems remain. Today, 45% of our growing homeless population and more than 60% of incarcerated adolescents are mentally ill. And one-third of our nation's citizens with mental illness do not receive any treatment whatsoever.

So, let's face it. In the words of the President's New Freedom Commission Report, issued last summer, our nation's mental health treatment system is "in shambles". Moreover, with huge deficits in both federal and states' budgets, it doesn't look as if there will be any change soon—*unless we act now!*

We need your help.

We ask that each and every one of you dig deeply into your pockets to make a special contribution to The NAMI Silver Anniversary Fund. Help us pave the way for NAMI's future by placing your silver brick on the NAMI 25th Anniversary Celebratory Wall. All names

of donors contributing \$25 or more to this Fund will be proudly displayed on our web site giving wall, in our magazine, The Advocate, and at our Convention next September.

Is it too much to hope that this wall will run the entire length of the convention hall? *And that it will list every single person whom has ever benefited from or loved NAMI?*

Finally, let me remind you of the prophetic words of one of NAMI's most beloved Founders, Agnes Hatfield, who said in her Keynote Address at that first national NAMI meeting in Wisconsin, **"We have the vision, we have the will and the energy and...we will not turn back."**

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Thank you for your special Silver Anniversary contribution to NAMI. With your support, we promise you that we too will **NOT** turn back.

With best regards,
Margaret Stout
President

NAMI National Board of Directors

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CJC Wrangler Belle Auditions May 2

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group will be recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$1,600.00 to \$2,000.00 per year. During the upcoming year the Wrangler Belles and Band will travel to California and perform at Disneyland. This experience would be a great opportunity for all the young women and men in the Big Country area.

The CJC dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The small, friendly campus provides a family atmosphere that the girls

truly miss as they depart for large universities, for beginning a career, or for pursuing their personal educational goals.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self-esteem. Any young woman that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College (254) 442-5140 to confirm an appointment for the audition. Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition at another time.

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Proceedings (En Banc)
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'The Passion' of Christ Coming To Majestic

As requested by members of the public, "The Passion (Suffering) Of Christ" is coming to the Majestic Theatre in Eastland.

The first showing will be Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m., and curtain time will be at the same time nightly through Monday, May 3.

Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults-only at \$5.50.

The film is rated R for scenes of graphic violence and torture. Most critics say this picture is not for children.

A powerful and controversial picture, the film depicts the crucifixion of Christ and its implication upon the society of that time - and of all time.

Individual reactions to the movie vary widely. They probably depend on the experiences of each movie-goer. What you take into the Theater will have an effect on what you take out.

Mel Gibson, producer, spent millions of his own money and undoubtedly put his heart and soul into the venture. The movie has become a block-buster, and his money is being returned. Much of the effect of this movie comes from Mel Gibson's painstaking attention to detail. Gibson, a fundamentalist Roman Catholic, has based his

picture on the Biblical account. Reportedly he was also inspired by a book called "The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

He set out to make the film as authentic as possible. He shot it in Italy, and used mostly foreign actors.

Jim Caviezel's portrayal of Christ is central to the picture and a study in contrasts. He is probably the first screen Messiah to capture both the attributes of man and God in one Person.

Also in the picture is Monica Bellucci, Claudia Gerini, Hristo Jivkov (Pilate) and a multitude of others who make up the cast.

Satan slinks about in the picture, attempting to cause even more trouble - as usual. Undoubtedly what shocks in the picture is the grim portrayal of brutality - of flesh being torn apart. Crucifixions were probably commonplace in the Roman Empire, but in the modern world they are rare indeed. There are other ways of torture, however.

None can doubt that the 12-hr. passion of Christ was a crucial moment for mankind, however. There He paid the "wages of sin" for His own creation, and offered humans a chance for a better life.

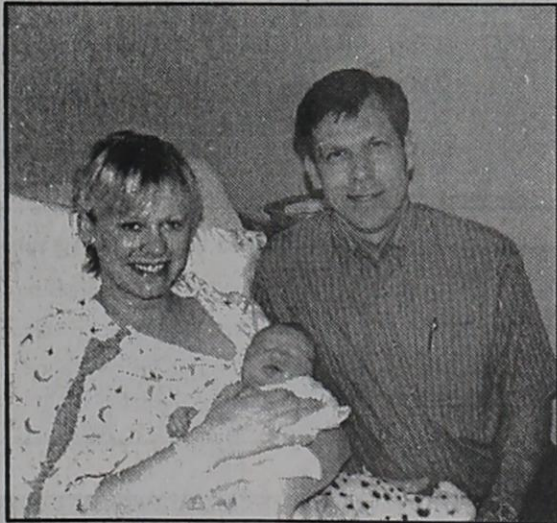
Some may see that message beyond the pain and suffering depicted in the movie.

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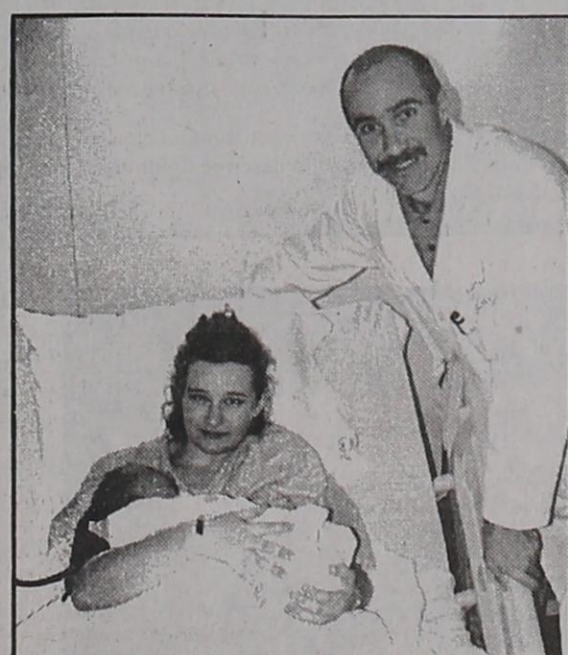
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Dr. Charles "Tuck" Smith, Family Practice/OB



Dr. Smith is a 1991 graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical School. He recently moved to Eastland in June with his wife, 3 sons and 1 daughter. He has been doing Delivery and C-Sections for 10 years. Dr. Smith enjoys his family and sports.

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Cogburn Benefit May 4th

Everyone is invited to a benefit honoring Crystal Koonce Cogburn, who is currently undergoing extensive treatment for cancer. Crystal, and her husband, Toby Cogburn, along with their two small sons, Zack and Tyler, live near Desdemona. Crystal is the daughter of Tina Koonce, and Ricky Koonce, and the granddaughter of Moody and Hazel Koonce. Crystal and Toby both attended DeLeon High

School. The BBQ dinner and auction will take place on May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Desdemona Community Center. Take-out orders will be available.

Anyone unable to attend the benefit for Crystal may send or give donations to Eddie and Linda Lindley, P.O. Box 65, Desdemona, TX 76445. Your thoughtfulness and compassion will be deeply appreciated by the family.

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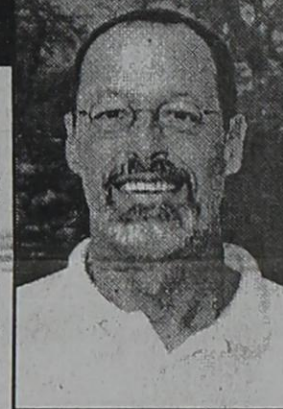
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Thunderstorms...

Thunderstorms affect relatively small areas when compared with hurricanes and winter storms. Despite their small size, ALL thunderstorms are dangerous! The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and

lasts an average of 30 minutes. Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the United States, about 10 percent are classified as severe.

1,800 thunderstorms occur at any moment around the world. That's 16 million a year!

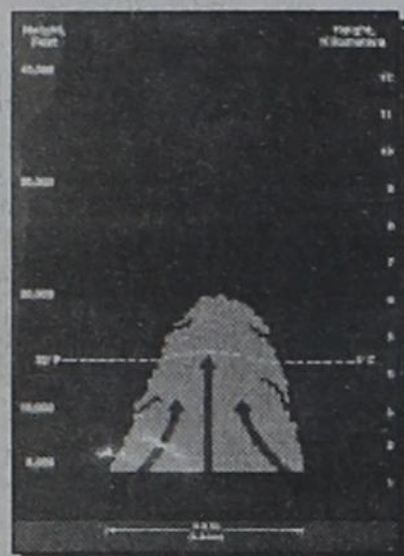
What Are Thunderstorms? What Causes Them?

■ 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:

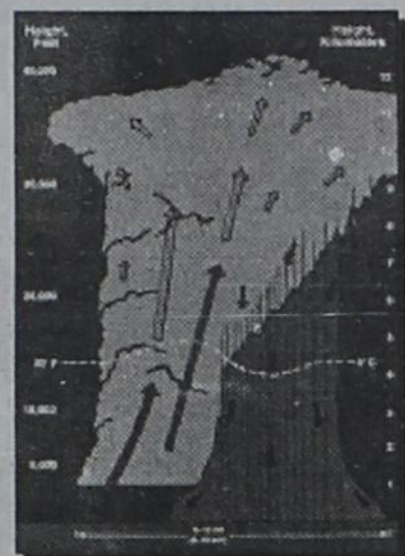
- Moisture – to form clouds and rain.
- Unstable air – warm air that can rise rapidly.
- Lift – cold or warm fronts, sea breezes, mountains, or the sun's heat are capable of lifting air to help form thunderstorms.

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.



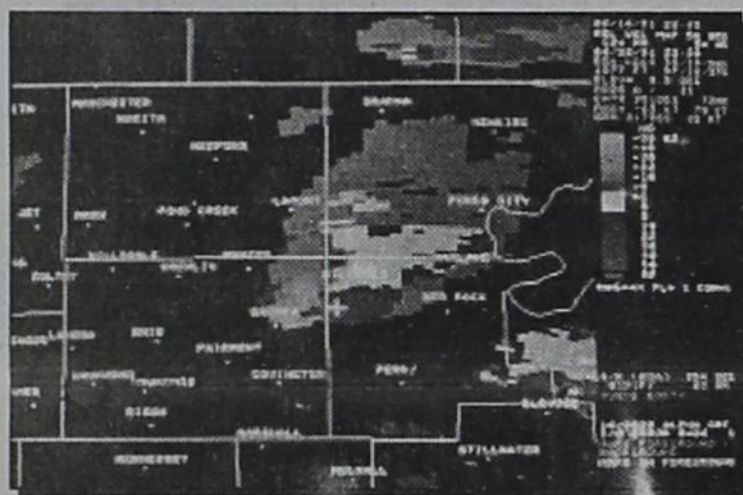
Dissipating Stage

- 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

rotation within the storm where red colors (winds moving away from the radar) and green (winds blowing toward the radar) are close together. The photograph at below right shows a violent tornado in northern Oklahoma at the same time the radar image was taken.



Tornado Myths and Truths

- MYTH:** Areas near lakes, rivers, and mountains are safe from tornadoes.
- TRUTH:** No place is safe from tornadoes. A tornado near Yellowstone National Park left a path of destruction up and down a 10,000 foot mountain.
- 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.

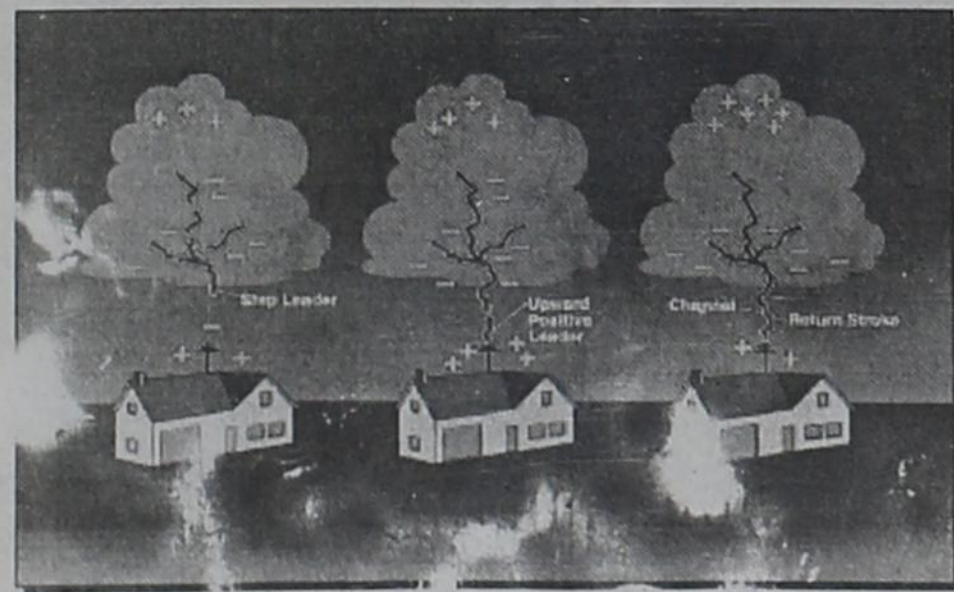
Frequently asked questions about tornadoes can be found on the Internet at www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/index.html.

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.



Johnny Aulry

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 thunder.
- 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 statistical 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 accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes which form over warm water. They can move onshore and cause damage to coastal areas.

When and Where Tornadoes Occur

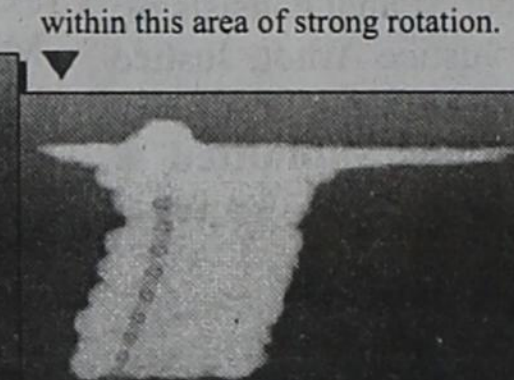
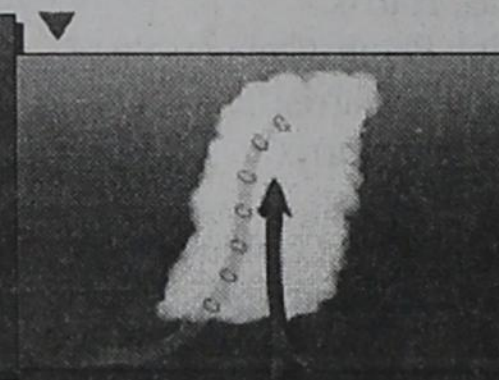
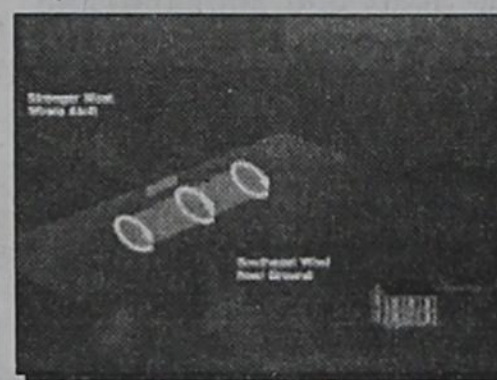
- Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year.
- Tornadoes have occurred in every state, but they are most frequent east of the Rocky Mountains during the spring and summer months.
- In the southern states, peak tornado occurrence is March through May, while peak months in the northern states are during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

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
- Winds less than 110 mph



Charles Doewell III

Strong Tornadoes

- 11% of all tornadoes
- Nearly 30% of all tornado deaths
- May last 20 minutes or longer
- Winds 110-205 mph



Mary Hurley

Violent Tornadoes

- Less than 1% of all tornadoes
- 70% of all tornado deaths
- Lifetime can exceed 1 hour
- Winds greater than 205 mph



Peter Willing

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

- ✓ boating
- ✓ swimming
- ✓ golfing
- ✓ bike riding
- ✓ standing under a tree
- ✓ riding on a lawnmower
- ✓ talking 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 thunder storms 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.

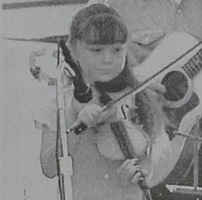
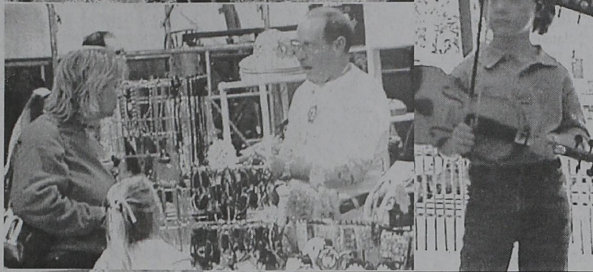


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30/30 Lightning Safety Rule

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 thunder.

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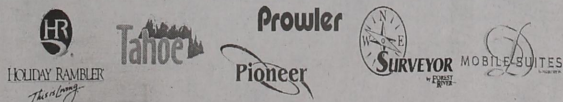
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CALLAHAN COUNTY BAIRD STAR

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Commissioners

the company's software program.

Key to the program were client, bill, and administration management sections.

Client eligibility factors, and spending caps were readily accessible with Client Management, Baird demonstrated.

The county could also observe if the client's SS# or phone number was being used by others.

Among other things, Baird demonstrated how Bill Management would help the county to quickly see if the proper amount of prescriptions had been paid, and bill obligations met.

It also showed if bills arrived within a proper amount of time (95 days).

The program contains 250,000 drug codes, and indicated changes in pricing.

Baird described it as having a good behind-the-scenes check.

With Administrative Management, the county can set up a cap on indigent health care spending, and can always see how much has been spent against the 8% required.

"You can see 'As of this second we have spent'," Baird said.

Callahan County would pay no money up front for the program, he continued, and the prices would be locked in.

Baird calculated a price per month of \$1,055.00 for Callahan County.

The price included \$945.00 per month for 1st concurrent user, \$100 for Drug Codes, and \$10 for CTPC codes.

Installation of all needed equipment and software, as well as training could begin in Early June, Baird added.

He emphasized that Callahan County would not pay until the new FY budget on Oct. 1, 2004, which would actually give the county 16 months of service for the cost of 12.

Other features of the program were a non performance clause stating that problems had to be fixed within 30 days, a 2 yr. contract, which would, however, be reviewed by the county with each FY budget.

The program is HIPAA compliant.

The Commissioners ask several questions concerning cost reduction in indigent health care management in counties already implementing the program.

Judge Corn ask if the program would reduce liability issues.

The Commissioners agreed that they couldn't see how the county would go wrong with the program.

"When you see the whole program, it looks even better," Judge Corn commented.

Also present at the meeting was Cami Robinson, Callahan County's indigent health coordinator.

Ms. Robinson, who would be the primary user of the program, said she was very impressed.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Hicks, and passed unanimously.

The Commissioners also approved the Callahan County Indigent Health Care Privacy Policy Document Control & Security Procedures.

The document states that "Callahan County Indigent Health Care agrees to uphold the privacy of potential eligible clientele within the limitations set forth in the Texas Department of Health guidelines."

Other security measures may be implemented as deemed necessary by the Callahan County Indigent Health Care Coordinator, Callahan County Commissioner's Court or the Texas Department of Health.

The document further states that the Indigent Health Care Office is locked at all times, and cannot be gained access without keyed entry when a member of the staff is not present, and that Client files are secured with the locked office.

Other key points listed in the document include: All originals are filed in the Callahan County Indigent Health Care office, computer software is utilized by the Indigent Health Care staff only, and not accessible to any other personnel.

Medical and personal information is not released without prior consent of client.

Medical and personal information, however, may be released to officials outlined in Sec. 3 of the 'County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook'.

All documents are retained for no more than 7 years, at which time they are shredded for confidentiality compliance.

All departments that have contact with Callahan County Indigent Health Care

billings and/or client information must sign and uphold the "Callahan County Indigent Health Care Privacy Policy Agreement."

The Commissioners further approved getting participation statements from providers for Indigent Health Care, effective September 1, 2004.

The providers agree to participate with the Callahan County Indigent Health Care program, and to bill only 'Medically Necessary' services, and to accept the Texas Department of Health approved billing rates as full and final payment for services rendered.

They further agree to notify, in writing, the Indigent Health Care Coordinator if they choose to change their participation status.

Through this measure, it would be easier to see which providers could be used for indigent health care, Cami Robinson noted.

These providers would be on a list, she said.

In other matters, an interlocal agreement between the City of Cross Plains and Callahan county was approved by the Court.

The agreement pertained to joint ownership of a 10,000 gallon emulsion tank for the purpose of street improvement and repairs.

"Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 791.000, Interlocal Cooperation Act, The City of Cross Plains and Callahan County Precinct #4 to maximize the capability of both organizations and to better serve the Citizens of Callahan County and the City of Cross Plains enter into this Interlocal Agreement," states the agreement.

Section 1. - Authorized Agents states that the City Administrator, and the Precinct #4 Commissioner are authorized to share in the use

of the tank.

Precinct #4 agrees to purchase the tank in it's entirety and to pay for all transportation fees.

The City of Cross Plains agrees to provide a place for installation, to purchase a pump, a meter, a propane tank and heater, and to provide any other necessary equipment to plumb the tank for use.

The City of Cross Plains also agrees to pay the utilities for a period of 10 years.

Commissioner Charles Grider, Precinct #4, said that the agreement made "good sense."

The Annual report for the Callahan County Child Welfare Board - agenda item IV - could not be approved by the Commissioners at the April 26, 2004 meeting. The presenter was unable to attend.

The minutes of previous meetings were signed with no additions or corrections, and the payment of approved bills was passed.

There were no Public Comments presented to the Court.

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