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# Mayor of Eulesse Visits Oakwood Terrace

Earlier this month, Mayor Mary Lib Saleh of Eulesse visited Oakwood Terrace Elementary to talk with students about how city government affects their lives.

Students Receive New Basketballs from Adopter Diane Jones of Back in Motion Family Chiropractic (back row right corner) stopped by Bedford Heights Elementary during a recent PE class to donate 21 new basketballs. Dr. Michael Ganschow and staff held a "March Madness" event and collected the basketballs from their patients. Dr. Ganschow's office is located in Hurst and is a member of the district's Adopt-A-School program

## Bedford Jr. High Donates 60 Bags of Clothes

On May 12th, Bedford Junior High participated in a clothing drive to benefit the HEB Clothes Closet. The school's first clothing drive was a huge success! We filled two trucks with over 60 very large bags of



clothing. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes unloaded the bags out of the cars in front of the school. PTA also helped sponsor the event. Every car that brought a donation was offered a donut.

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## District Finalist for HEB Excellence in Education

**H**EB ISD is one of four large school districts that are finalists for the H-E-B grocery store chain's Excellence in Education Awards. The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards were created to celebrate and recognize the contributions of public school professionals whose leadership and dedication inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards is the largest monetary recognition program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation. H-E-B awards more than \$500,000 in

cash prizes to deserving teachers, principals and school districts.

In December 2008, the HEB ISD applied for the large district award.

After filling out the 14-page application, which provided data about student performance, continuous improvement, and finances, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gene Buinger received a letter in February, stating that the district was one of four state finalists in the large district category.

A six-member panel visited the district for half a day in early March.

They requested a visit to two secondary schools.

They visited LD Bell High School and Central Junior High School.

Their video crew shot footage of both schools and footage of Spanish Immersion at Bedford

Heights Elementary School. The panel held a working lunch with school administrators, school board members, community members,

and a student representative from Trinity High School. Lunch was provided by the Technical Education Center's

Culinary Arts students.

The other three state finalists are Lamar Consolidated ISD, near Houston; Harlandale ISD, near San Antonio; and Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, in the Rio Grande Valley. They also received a visit from the judges' panel.

The winner of the large district award will be announced at a banquet in Austin June 14. The winning school district will receive \$100,000.

To read about this awards program, visit <http://www.heb.com/education/>

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# Simmons Senior Center - Trips

All trips are limited seating and ticket availability, payable upon sign up! Walk-in registration is designated below for each month. Registration times are from 8-10 a.m. for Euless Residents and Simmons Center members. Non-residents pay a \$5 non-resident fee plus trip cost. For more information, please call Diane at 817-685-1670.

- June 12 Texas Sculpture Gardens & International Art 9 a.m.
- June 19 John F. Kennedy Memorial & the Sixth Floor Museum \$12.50 9:30a.m.
- July 31 Frontiers of Flight Museum \$6 9:30a.m.
- August 14 Gainsville-Kinnes Jewelry Museum & Morton Museum of Cooke County 9:30a.m.

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**MADIE**

Calico Medium Young  
Female Cat

**Pet ID: 011177**

Please call the shelter for more details.

817-685-1594

Please refer to my shelter ID# when contacting the Eules Shelter.

I'm a sweet little calico that was given up with another kitty when my owner couldn't take care of us anymore. My friend has found a new home but I'm still here.

My owner was good enough to leave information saying that I'm good with kids and that I'm an indoor cat. Please come and give me a good home, please. I think I deserve one.

**Eules Animal Services  
1517 Westpark Way  
Eules, TX 76040  
(817)685-1594**

*\*pets shown may already be adopted, but there are plenty of animals who have not and need a caring & loving home.*

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# Midway Pool Recreation Center

300 Midway Dr W  
Due to mechanical issues, the opening of Midway Pool will be delayed until mid-June. Thank you for your patience while this is being repaired. We will keep you posted on the progress. South Eules and Wilshire pools will be open May 23 - May 25, and May 30 - May 31. Both pools will open for the season on Wednesday, June 3. Midway Pool Programs Moving to South Eules Pool: All aquatics programs, including swim lessons and morning water aerobics classes, will be moved to South Eules Pool, 600

S. Main, behind South Eules Elementary. Classes will return to Midway Pool once the pool is ready to reopen. The following special events will also be moved to South Eules Pool: The Swimming Lessons Evaluation on Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Little Splash Storytime on June 5 and June 12 from noon to 1 p.m. Please continue to visit [www.eules.org](http://www.eules.org) for updates or call the Midway Recreation Center at (817) 685-1666 or Different Strokes Swim School at (817) 649-SWIM for more information.

## Little Splash Story

Little Splash Story Time  
Every Friday in June  
Noon - 1 p.m.  
June 5 and 12  
South Eules Pool  
600 S. Main St.  
June 19 and 26  
Midway Pool  
300 Midway Dr W  
Enjoy a great short story as you relax under the bright Texas sun. Afterwards, kids will have a 30 minute free swim in one of our great aquatic facilities. It's a great way for kids to learn about reading and swimming all at the same time. Free for parents and children ages 3 - 10 years old. Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

## Out of School KidsFest

Wednesday, June 3  
Noon - 3 p.m.  
Midway Recreation Center  
300 Midway Dr W  
Woo hoo!! It's the last day of school!! All H.E.B. School students are dismissed at noon, so bring out the kids and let them play off some of that new found summer energy. We will have great information about how to keep your family active through out the summer. Kids can play in bounce houses, watch great entertainment and play plenty of interactive games. Free to the public. Due to mechanical problems the Midway Pool will not be opened during KidsFest.

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## Keeping you up to date on monthly topics with personal articles from your local leadership



Mayor Saleh  
Eules

EULESS

Nature's beauty continues to thrive, and the parks across our community are lush and green and ready for recreation.

Start your summer off right with a day of fun! Come and enjoy the Out-of-School KidFest at Midway Recreation Center on Wednesday, June 3, from Noon – 3:00 p.m. Kids can play in bounce houses, watch great entertainment and play plenty of interactive games. We will have information about how to keep your family active throughout the summer. Free to all!

Our Eules Summer Adventure Camp is a weekly day camp featuring field trips, swimming, sports, arts and crafts, team building, and more. You may sign your child up for the whole summer or just a week.

PACS Partners is a new opportunity for our pre-teens to gain valuable life experiences needed for future employment or for college applications as they learn work and volunteer skills by actively participating in various projects related to Parks and Recreation. They will meet every Wednesday this summer from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Call 817-685-1666 for more information.

Our Summer Reading Club theme is Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas! Along with our awesome reading program, we will have weekly story times, craft times, and puppet shows. And every month the Eules Public Library hosts an afternoon for "Let's Talk About Books". Friends gather and discuss books of interest and occasionally have a guest speaker to lead the group.

The new I-HOP Restaurant, Sears Appliance Store and Freddy's Frozen Custard have recently enjoyed a Chamber of Commerce grand opening. All three businesses are located in the Shops at Vineyard Village south of Glade Road on SH 121. That area has become a thriving shopping center with several small shops, large businesses, and a variety of restaurants.

The new Quick Trip gasoline and shopping center has opened on Westpark Way and SH 183. That makes three Quick Trips in Eules, and their headquarters will soon be finished in North Eules.

There are lots of good things happening in Eules, so come and see and have a fun and safe summer!

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# DID YOU KNOW ?

## *Eules - Our History, Our Past*



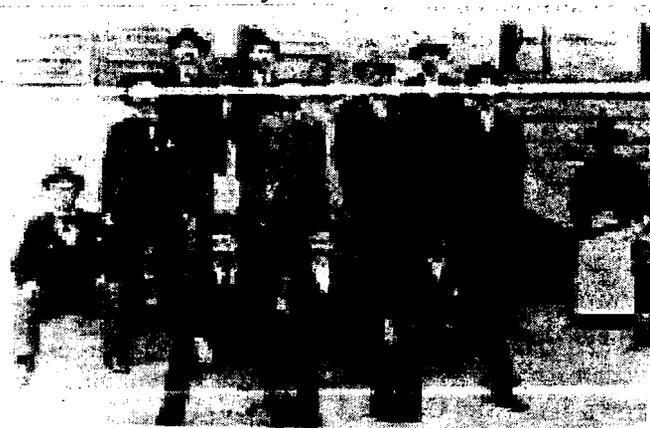
**E**lisha Adam and Julia Trigg Eules

In March 1879, Elisha Adam and Judy Trigg Eules purchased a tract of land south of Bear Creek and built a new home and a cotton gin in the area of present day Main Street and Eules Junior High School. In April 1879, Eules petitioned the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to create a road from Bedford, about three miles west of his land, to the Dallas County line at Bear Creek. He requested that the road pass by the "Grange Hall," which was now on his property. The court ordered the road established and appointed a jury, including Eules, to lay it out. The Grange Hall on the Eules property served as the location for a com-

munity school, probably sponsored by the local grange. The Grange Hall was torn down in the early 1900's after much use. After his settlement there, the community thrived and local farmers decided to honor the popular young man whose arrival and whose gin seemed to coincide with the end of the hard times. They named their community for him.

Photograph Date: 1893 circa / In 1893 Adam Eules was elected sheriff of Tarrant County. In this picture, on the steps of the new courthouse, Sheriff Eules is second from right in the middle row. His son is first from right in the middle row. Adam Eules continued farming until he was again lured into politics. In 1892 he defeated three contenders in a

landslide election for county sheriff, and was re-elected in 1894. Eules moved to Fort Worth when he was elected and was the first sheriff to occupy an office in the newly constructed county courthouse. After two terms, health problems persuaded Eules to retire from law enforcement and politics. Shortly afterward in 1911 a stroke claimed his life, and he was buried in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery.



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Windmill at Heritage  
Park.

Eules has since grown from a population of 25 in 1915 to a population of over 54,000 in 2008.

As Eules continues to grow, City officials strive to preserve its historical significance by restoring the Fuller House (first brick house in Eules) as the City's Museum, restoring the Himes Log House (Log cabin dating from the 1850's) and the McCormick Barn (made from lumber from Camp Bowie after WWI).

All three buildings were faithfully restored and are now located at beautiful Heritage Park.

Free tours of Heritage Park are on the second Saturday of every month from 1 - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups can be arranged on a different day depending on staff availability. Heritage Park is located at 203 Cullum Drive, Eules, 76040. For more information on the City Museum and tours, please email or call 817-685-1649.

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## Spirent Federal Expands GPS/GNSS Service Support Center

*Eules, Texas, Office Doubled in Size to Better Serve Customers*

YORBA LINDA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Spirent Federal Systems announced today the expansion of its customer support facility in Eules, Texas. The new addition comprises an enlarged workspace, and additional meeting and office areas. The Texas facility expansion is the second planned initiative to enhance service support for customers; the first took place in 2008 with the purchase of new diagnostic equipment. Spirent Federal remains the only U.S. company in the industry to have a dedicated service support center.

Spirent Federal provides industry-leading GPS/GNSS test equipment and associated support and professional services throughout North and South America. The expanded facility will be used to help Spirent Federal more effectively achieve its three-pronged approach to customer support:

- Ensure customers' GPS/GNSS simulation systems are always kept current with the latest software and firmware upgrades
- Offer prompt support for technical questions via phone, email, or on-line service website
- Provide efficient, priority repair services when needed to keep downtime and disruptions to a minimum

Jim Holderle, director of engineering at Spirent Federal, who directly oversees the service support center, commented, "Spirent simulators have been deployed in the field since the beginning of GPS simulation. Our support resources and the expertise that we've accumulated over years of experience allow us to offer a caliber of customer support that is unmatched in the industry."

At the expanded support center Grand Opening in Eules, Ellen Hall, president of Spirent Federal, said, "In our most recent customer survey, our service support was ranked very highly. Our goal is to continue to keep our customers happy by helping them overcome any resource gaps they may have and achieve objectives as quickly and efficiently as possible."

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# Chain's simple menu is more than good enough

By TERESA GUBBINS  
 Special to the Star-Telegram

Mooyah Burgers & Fries is exactly what it sounds like. A 2-year-old mini chain based in Plano, Mooyah offers six variations on the burger, plus fries, grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs and shakes.

Mooyah is not your typical fast-food burger place, though. It cooks meal to order, and strives for a more gourmet approach to ingredients. The potatoes for the fries are hand-cut. The beef is not frozen, and the shakes are made from real ice cream.

Mooyah was founded by a couple of restaurant veterans, including Rich Hicks, who founded Tin Star, the Dallas-Fort Worth chain. Mooyah has about a dozen branches, including this outlet

## Mooyah Burgers & Fries

2720 Texas 121, #600  
 Euless  
 817-571-7575  
 www.mooyah.com

**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

**Cuisine:** Burgers

**Essentials:** Smoke-free, wheelchair-accessible, major credit cards accepted

**Good to know:** Fries are good for sharing.

**Entree cost:** \$10

**Recommended for:** Burger buffs

along the 121 corridor in Euless.

Like the other Mooyahs, the Euless branch has an eye-catching red-and-white color scheme, with sacks of potatoes forming an aisle that leads customers to the

counter. You place your order, and when it's ready, the counter staff calls your number and hands you your paper bag.

The burgers came wrapped in heat-enclosing foil paper, which kept the burger hot and steamed the bun. Fries, served in a tall cup, were a little bit crispy, a little bit moist. A small order for \$2.39 was described as serving 1-2.

A regular Mooyah burger was \$4.39, but that came with two hamburger patties; you can also get a junior version with one patty. The burgers themselves were slightly thin and not overly flavorful, but that doesn't matter, because the big thing at Mooyah is the toppings: lettuce, tomato, pickles, grilled onions, sautéed mushrooms and more. The idea is to pile on the toppings until you

can barely pick up the burger.

A turkey burger (\$4.99) sprinkled with cracked black pepper was surprisingly good and convincing as a burger stand-in, even if the texture was a bit rubbery. The veggie burger (\$4.99), made from black beans and corn, had a distinct Southwestern personality, with plenty of cumin to ramp up the flavor. The hot dog (\$2.79) was a hit, as it was sliced down the middle and grilled, then placed flat on the bun.

They don't do dessert — just milkshakes (\$2.99), in the classic flavors of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. That's plenty.

**dine out!**

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Mooyah burger with hand-cut fries

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## OBITUARIES

### Geri McGrail



**KELLER** — Geri Daychak McGrail, 62, left this earth to be with her Lord and Savior and parents Thursday, June 4, 2009, with her family by her side.

**FUNERAL MASS:** 1 p.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2016 Willis Lane, Keller. Visitation: The family will receive friends 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at 600 Promontory Drive, Keller.

**MEMORIALS:** Donations may be made in Geri's honor to the American Diabetes Association, 800-342-2383.

Geri was born Jan. 17, 1947, in McKeesport, Pa. She was a longtime member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and a former member of the Keller Parks and Recreation Board. Geri will be greatly missed by many lifelong friends and neighbors.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents, Eleanor Daychak, Stephen and Margaret Daychak.

The family wishes to thank the Keller fire and police departments and the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff of Baylor Grapevine, and especially longtime friends Dr. Mary Van Hal and Dr. Richard J. Feingold.

**SURVIVORS:** Her loving husband and best friend of 42 years, Pat McGrail; children, Lisa Solitario (Anthony), Patrick McGrail (Sheri) and Ryan McGrail, all of Keller; granddaughters, Alyssa Solitario and Lauren McGrail; and sister, Marsha Daychak of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lucas Funeral Home  
 Keller, 817-753-6800

View and sign guestbook at  
[www.star-telegram.com/obituaries](http://www.star-telegram.com/obituaries)

Pat McGrail is the  
 Mayor of Keller.

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## **NORTHEAST CLICK**

School's out ... time for fun: Start the summer with a

bang at KidsFest at the Midway Recreation Center, 300 W. Midway Drive in Eules, from noon to 3 p.m. June 3. Faye Beaulieu of United Way says parents will be happy to let the kids burn off summer energy in the bounce houses, on the obstacle course or even in the dunking booth. Working behind the scenes are Kay Miller and Wendie Lunsford, who announce that face painting, interactive games and important information on healthy living at the exhibits will round out the event. Free admission, so the price is right. Call 817-685-1666 for information.

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## WEATHER

# Spring storm sweeps area, damaging structures

Several fires are blamed on lightning from the storm, which caused outages and air travel delays and canceled a Rangers game.

By MITCH MITCHELL mitchmitchell@star-telegram.com

A violent spring storm slammed the region Wednesday night, knocking out power, damaging structures and possibly causing fires, officials said.

A 12-year-old girl was rescued from swift-flowing waters in a creek in Garland.

Oncor Electric Delivery reported more than 260,000 customers without power Wednesday night, said Megan Wright, a spokeswoman.

For more than an hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., strong

wind gusts of 60 to 80 mph and hail were reported in northern Tarrant and southern Denton counties, and emergency warning sirens wailed as the storm system moved rapidly east. A storm tracker spotted a possible tornado moving east about 40 mph near Trophy Club about 7 p.m., said Jason Dunn, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Storm spotters and Doppler radar later observed a tornado near Plano, he said.

Damage assessment crews would move out at first light to determine the storm's severity, Dunn said.

Some flights arriving at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport were delayed more than two hours by the storms.

The Texas Rangers game against the Toronto Blue Jays was canceled after about two hours. Most fans at the game took cover under stadium overhangs or in concession areas along the lower level. The rain was so heavy that the centerfield fence wasn't visible from the press box.

## Lightning blamed

In Fort Worth, 911 call-takers received seven reports of fires that callers attributed to lightning, said Lt. Kent Worley, a Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman.

One fire was at a commercial building in the 1100 block of North Sylvania Avenue, Worley said. The others were residential fires. They were in the 10300 block of Vintage Drive; the 1800 block of Marlene Drive; the 3800 block of Buckhorn Place; the 4500 block of East Loop 820; at

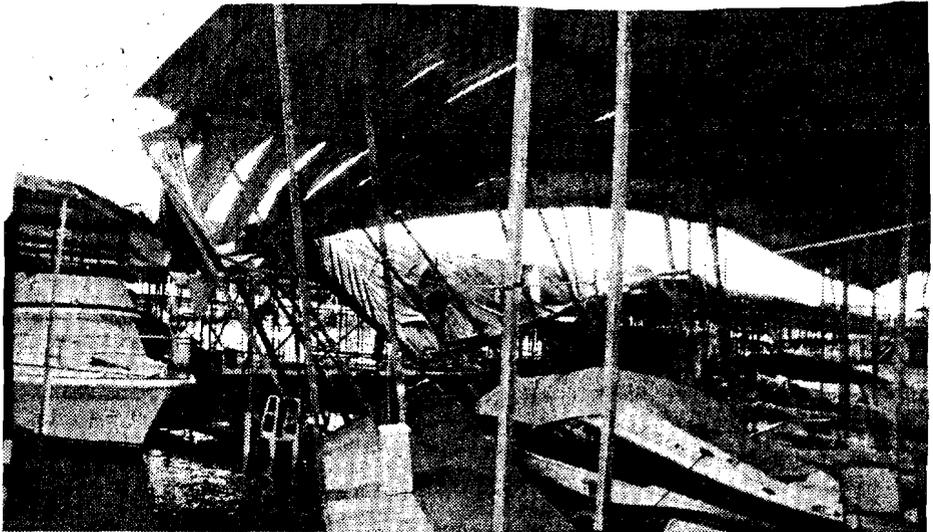
Wilbarger Street and Martin Luther King Freeway; and at Shadydell Drive and Boat Club Road.

In Euless, high winds damaged two apartment complexes. About two dozen people were displaced at Saddle Creek Apartments in the 300 block of Industrial Boulevard and the Bear Creek Apartment complex in the 600 block of Del Paso Street, said Emily Getzschman, an American Red Cross spokeswoman.

In Arlington, a fire at the Chatham Creek Apartments in the 2500 block of Thomason Circle displaced eight people, Getzschman said. Red Cross workers met with the displaced families and individuals to make sure their needs were met, Getzschman said.

This article includes material from The Associated Press.

MITCH MITCHELL, 817-390-7752



High winds damaged the Eagle Mountain Marina on Wednesday. SPECIAL TO THE STAR-TELEGRAM BY ROBERT AYALA

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## Reporting

Katherine Blake

FORT WORTH (CBS 11 News) —



Some residents in Euless are dealing with a double dilemma: flooding and raw sewage overflow. They say it happens whenever there's a big storm and the smell has them kicking up a stink.

"It's not fun. It's not fun," said Laurie Bickerstaff. She and her family say every time it rains, they plug their noses and pray.

This is why they worry. When big storms hit the area, the sewage system often backs up and spills out into their home.

"Everything just starts gurgling up from the drains," said Alex Bickerstaff. "It just keeps rising and rising and rising," added his mother, Laurie.

Thursday, two of the family's bathrooms were covered with contaminated water that spread into part of the master bedroom and a closet. "It got underneath the carpet and its sewage, so there's not really any way you can just clean it out," explained Alex.

Debbie McGee got hit with a double whammy today. Not only did her toilets overflow, so did the creek behind her house. Everything in her backyard was flooded with storm water, including her husband's work shed and the family's pool.

"Well everything was kind of floating," said McGee. "The pool is mud. It'll take three days to try to pump and clean and pump and clean."

Five homeowners along Eastcliff Street have gone to the city council asking for help. Assistant City Manager Laretta Getchell said Euless is in the midst of a project to improve drainage issues. That won't fix the sewage problems though.

Getchell believes those are caused by insufficient sewage lines downstream that are owned by the Trinity River Authority.

She's hoping those lines will eventually be expanded. In the meantime, Euless has offered affected homeowners a device that can divert sewage back up into their yards instead of their homes.

Getchell said the city offered to clean the homes that were flooded Thursday, but all of the homeowners refused the help. The Bickerstaffs deny that claim. They say they would never turn down that kind of help.

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## ALERT SYSTEMS

# Sign up for weather warnings on cities' Web sites

**The county is testing a new warning system that it may roll out in a few weeks.**

By **ELIZABETH ZAVALA**  
zavala@star-telegram.com

As severe thunderstorms approached Fort Worth on Wednesday night, sirens blared, but it's likely not everyone could hear them.

To get the word out to those who don't hear outdoor warnings or radio or television broadcasts, a number of Tarrant County cities are offering systems that will alert residents by phone, text messaging and e-mail to bad weather. Residents can sign up for the free alerts on their city's Web site.

At least a dozen Tarrant County cities offer some sort of free emergency notification system. Mansfield was among the first in Tarrant County to sign on to the CodeRED Weather Warning System in February 2008. The city pays \$5,000 a year for the service.

Tom Legler, Mansfield emergency management coordinator, said the system is accurate



### Online exclusive

Find a list of local entities with notification systems at [star-telegram.com/extras](http://star-telegram.com/extras)

because it gets its information from the National Weather Service. "It provides automated calls to people who sign up for it for severe storms, flash floods and tornadoes," he said. "Mansfield has to be included in the warnings. If it doesn't affect us, there's no phone call."

Several Texas cities subscribe to the standard CodeRED, which they control for general information like road closures and water leaks, but at least half of the participating cities are incorporating the weather warning side, said David DiGiacomo, vice president of Emergency Communications Network of Florida, the parent company of CodeRED.

"We break it down to the exact coordinates of the storm," he said, pointing out that this reduces the possibility of false warnings. "A weather radio might go off several times, but when you get the call, 9 times out of 10, you are

in harm's way and in trouble."

The notification systems are relatively new, put in place within the past 12 to 18 months, said Melissa Patterson, Tarrant County Emergency Management coordinator.

She said Tarrant County is testing a system called Send Word Now with its 4,500 employees. Officials hope to roll it out within a few weeks and link to other area warning systems.

"We started moving that way countywide because we have areas that aren't covered by outdoor systems," Patterson said Thursday.

She said the system would allow employees to receive information 10 different ways, utilizing voicemail for land lines and cellphones, e-mail addresses and text messaging.

Patterson also pointed out the electronic methods of spreading information work especially well for the county because many of the county buildings are historic and cannot have sirens or alarms placed on their walls.

ELIZABETH ZAVALA, 817-390-7418

## Go online

Several Tarrant County cities offer emergency notification systems to their residents to let them know of potential emergencies. To sign up, go to your city's Web site and click on the appropriate service. Here are some programs being used:

### Citizen Notification Service

Arlington

### CodeRED

Benbrook, Colleyville, Grapevine, Haltom City, Hurst, Lake Worth, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Southlake, Watauga

### Reverse 911

Fort Worth

### Wireless Emergency Notification System

Eules

Sources: North Central Texas Council of Governments, Star-Telegram research

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# RAIN GAUGE

Star-Telegram rain reporters tracked rainfall for the 24 hours that ended at 7 p.m. Thursday. The official total for the day, as recorded at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, was 3.60 inches.

**Aledo**

Gigi Moore .....1.70"

**Arlington (north)**

Don Hase .....4.74"

Tommie Williams .....4.30"

Bud Yinger .....5.40"

**Arlington (east)**

Jim McAlister .....4.50"

**Arlington (west)**

Diane Gatzke .....3.30"

**Arlington (south)**

David Elmore .....1.93"

**Arlington (southwest)**

James Carroll .....3.00"

Peter Stankosky .....3.05"

**Azle**

Roy Stone .....4.12"

**Bedford**

Howard Stevens .....6.50"

Mark Vozar .....6.22"

**Benbrook**

Al Kriel .....1.85"

**Briar Oaks**

Gary Rockers .....0.42"

**Burleson**

Bob Stewart .....0.96"

**Colleyville**

Debra Minea .....4.77"

**Crestwood**

James Stallings .....3.15"

**Crowley**

Mary L. Walls .....1.30"

**Eagle Mountain Lake**

Henry Roberts .....5.50"

**Eastern Hills**

Isabel Cary .....4.76"

**Eules**

M.C. Counts .....6.10"

**Forest Hill**

Sonny Norrell .....1.60"

**Granbury**

Buddy Almy .....0.20"

**Grapevine**

Bonnie McHugh .....4.50"

**Haltom City**

Harry DuBois .....4.00"

Frank McCaslin .....3.90"

**Haslet**

Don Buchanan .....4.00"

**Hurst**

Rebecca Atwell .....5.60"

Leslie McLeod .....5.50"

**Keller**

Charles Bruce .....4.87"

**Lost Creek**

Cecil Eppers .....1.93"

**Mansfield**

John Ward .....1.67"

**Meadowbrook**

Conce Martinez .....3.12"

**North Richland Hills**

Steven Cooper .....3.82"

Fred Hochreiter .....5.98"

Ralph O. Williams .....5.60"

Walt Zaleski .....4.55"

**Pantego**

Patsy Seeton .....3.50"

**Richland Hills**

Jolene Franklin .....5.10"

**Ridglea**

Bob Barry .....2.44"

Pat Gordon .....2.10"

**Riverside**

Leonard Paul .....4.18"

**River Oaks**

Howard Bittle .....2.50"

**Roanoke**

Alan Arthur .....2.95"

**Saginaw**

Keith McDaniel .....5.50"

**Sansom Park**

Alma Moore .....4.00"

**Southlake**

Gary Monigold .....3.50"

**Springtown**

Joe Samson .....4.85"

**Stephenville**

Roger Russell .....0.18"

**Summerfields**

Charicia Bullard .....6.50"

**TCU area**

Gerald Wall .....2.69"

**Western Hills (north)**

Gordon Seyfried .....1.90"

**White Settlement**

Harold Holcomb .....1.33"

**Willow Park**

Rupert Brown .....0.68"

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## About 180,000 Oncor customers lacked electricity Thursday evening; lightning sparks blazes across Tarrant County

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Still reeling from Wednesday night's thunderstorms, North Texas was hammered by another round Thursday that knocked out power to thousands more residents and businesses, caused flash flooding and hampered cleanup.

Lightning sparked fires in Fort Worth, Hurst, Keller and Westlake and destroyed a house on Park Drive in unincorporated Tarrant County, where firefighters scrambled to lay lines from water tank trucks because of the lack of hydrants.

No serious injuries were reported.

About 180,000 customers of Oncor



### Online extras

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Electric Delivery remained without power at 8 p.m. Thursday, spokeswoman Megan Wright said. During the day, power was restored to about 200,000 customers, she said.

Between 1 a.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, 2.7 inches of rain fell at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, a record for the day. The rainfall put the area at an above-average level for the year. The previous record was 1.19 inches in 1945.

At Eagle Mountain Marina, the storm trapped a man and eight teenagers in a docked boat, marina manager Kitty Wade said. She and a dock hand climbed over mangled wood to get to them, but no one was injured.

"The kids were pretty shaken-up," Wade said. "It all happened so fast."

Wade said the sky over Eagle Mountain Lake had turned "pitch black" about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday before what appeared to be "a black funnel cloud" descended on the area.

"I looked outside and saw a dock get lifted off the ground," she said. "Then the roof started getting peeled off the marina. It was very loud."

The marina remained closed Thursday as crews tried — between rounds of rain — to survey the "millions of dollars" in damage to the roof, docks and boats, Wade said.

The power was still out and, because some of the boats have electric pumping systems, there was fear that some could take too much water and sink.

"We're sort of racing against time here," she said.

### Floodwaters

With the rain came flooding. Emergency crews across Tarrant County responded to high-water-rescue calls, including more than 11 in Fort Worth.

But most were resolved within minutes, and floodwaters quickly receded, authorities said.

In south Hurst, a creek flooded several homes up to a foot deep inside. Water spilling over Big Bear Creek's banks prompted authorities in Keller to close Bear Creek Parkway between Cindy Court

and Anita Avenue.

Haltom City evacuated a Girl Scout camp about 12:30 p.m. Thursday on the east side of Fossil Creek near Glenview Drive as a precaution.

In Watauga, the city distributed sandbags to residents at their request, public works director Johnnie Reagan said.

Keller Fire Chief Dan Gaumont said firefighters provided a man on oxygen with a portable generator after his electricity went out.

And if the raucous thunder didn't wake residents early Thursday, their home security systems might have. Irving-based Brinks Home Security reported a 25 percent increase in alarms overnight, a spike that a company spokesman attributed mostly to strong winds rattling windows.

### Flights canceled

At Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, hundreds of flights were canceled while others were delayed for several hours.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines and its regional carrier, American Eagle, canceled 368 flights Thursday morning. That is almost half its daily flights out of D/FW, airline spokesman Tim Smith said.

And although the skies were relatively clear in the afternoon, not all the passengers whose flights were canceled in the morning were able to reach their destinations Thursday.

"You will have passengers not able to get out until tomorrow or the next day," airport spokesman David Magana said. "It makes for a very difficult situation."

### Apartments damaged

In Arlington, lightning sparked a fire at the Chatham

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Antonio Pena, left, who works at Shadow Creek Apartments in Euless, cleans up roofing that was blown off during the thunderstorms Wednesday night.

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Creek Apartments in the 2500 block of Thomason Circle, displacing about a dozen families.

Jermeyer Floyd said he didn't think much about crashing thunder Wednesday evening until a neighbor pounded on his door to say the roof was on fire.

"It must have taken a while for it to get going good, but when that wind hit it, all you could see was a large glow," Floyd said.

Flames did not reach the unit where Floyd, his wife and their two sons lived, but overnight rain soaked into the ceiling, making it unsafe to enter. On Thursday morning, the couple watched as workers cleared fallen brick and gutters, disturbed that they were not allowed to retrieve their belongings.

"It's a little frustrating, but I realize that anything lost can be replaced," Floyd said. "The most important thing is that no one was hurt."

Strong winds peeled back

roofs at the Bear Creek and Shadow Creek apartments in Euless, exposing residents to the elements.

At the Bear Creek Apartments, Juanita Kelly ducked under yellow Fire Department tape blocking her door Thursday morning to try to salvage furniture. Carpet inside Kelly's ground-floor apartment was soaked Wednesday night when water leaked through the light fixtures from the damaged unit above. Red Cross officials gave her a \$50 debit card and blankets, and she spent Wednesday night on the floor in a vacant apartment in the neighboring Shadow Creek Apartments.

"Tonight, I don't know where I am going to sleep," she said.

Robert A. Wallace and wife Jasmine Crae had recently moved from a ground-floor apartment in Bear Creek to a top-floor unit in Shadow Creek after a neighbor's bathtub overflowed and ruined many of their possessions.

When the roof blew off Wednesday night, water damaged most of the rest of their belongings.

"This is our second flood in 30 days," Wallace said. "I'm hungry and exhausted."

#### Lake levels

The storms Thursday morning brought the area into the "above average" rainfall level for the year, but that likely won't greatly affect lake levels for the Tarrant Regional Water District, which depends more on rain in its watershed to the west of the Metroplex.

So far, lake levels are relatively steady. Rainfall between Bridgeport and Eagle Mountain lakes would have a greater impact on those lake levels, officials said.

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