



## When Lightning Strikes

What you might not know about lightning...

- ◆ **All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous.** In the United States, in an average year, 400 people are struck by lightning; between 55 and 60 of those are killed.
- ◆ **Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall.** Many lightning deaths occur ahead of storms or after storms have seemingly passed.
- ◆ **If you can hear thunder, you are in danger.** Don't be fooled by blue skies. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat.
- ◆ **Lightning leaves many victims with permanent disabilities.** While a small percentage of lightning strike victims die, many survivors must learn to live with very serious lifelong pain and neurological disabilities.
- ◆ **What you should do if caught outside near a thunderstorm:**
  1. **Avoid open areas**– don't be the tallest object in the area.
  2. **Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers, or utility poles**– lightning tends to strike taller objects in the area.
  3. **Stay away from metal conductors such as wires and fences**– metal attracts lightning and can travel a long distance through it.

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## GOT SECURITY?

What would you do if someone stole your identity? Would you know how to report it? Would you know how to start the correction process to regain your identity?

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## FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...



My how time flies... and how time rains us out! This year we have had the record for the warmest winter, and now the most rain that I can remember getting. I'm sure that the farmers are happy that their crops are being watered, instead of the drought that we have been in.

The weather has played a bid role lately in the number of phone and DSL outages that we have had. With rain comes lightning; not our friend when it comes to grounding and shorts. We have had several late evenings and early mornings, but we try and accommodate everyone as quickly as possible. As a reminder, when your phone or DSL is out after hours— call the office and press 3, leave your information on the recording and we will get it repaired shortly. If you think you are just having technical issues with your DSL you can contact our 24/7 technical support at 866-264-7356. They will notify us if you are out of service, or if they are unable to fix your issue. So just because the office may be closed... it doesn't mean we won't be there to fix your issue... we just need to know about the problem first!

On Prairie Networks Satellite Internet— there have several outages due to the weather lately. Most of which has been a problem with ViaSat and the signal from the satellite in space. When in doubt, you can contact our 24/7 Technical Support line at 888-276-8118 to see if your are the only one having issues, of if that outage is regarding the entire region. They also contact us if they are unable to fix your problem, or if we need to send a technician out to see you.

We appreciate our customers' patience and cooperation to get through the outages as quickly as we possibly can. But if you ever have an issue and don't feel it is being handled properly, contact myself or my Office Manager, Amy Noah, and we'll get you taken care of.

As always, don't forget my door is always open, you can contact me at the office at 764-2578, or [danh@amtca.net](mailto:danh@amtca.net).

Sincerely,

*Daniel Hollembeak*

General Manager,  
Agate Mutual and Prairie Networks



### This Quarter's Giveaway Winners are:

[James & Barbara Manser](#)

Agate Mutual Telephone

[Stephen & Sharon Newsom](#)

Prairie Networks

If your name is listed above, contact our office at either

[719-764-2578](tel:719-764-2578) or [anoah@amtca.net](mailto:anoah@amtca.net) to claim your prize.

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## TREND MICRO SECURITY SOFTWARE

As of June 1, 2015 we are changing the brand of Anti-virus and computer products we sell. We are transitioning to Trend Micro™ to provide our customers with a great product at a great price.

With many months of research and testing the product out ourselves, we have determined that we like Trend Micro™, and its ease of use and reliability. Trend Micro™ offers anti-virus, malware, and phishing protection in one product, as well as other products such as Small Business Worry Free Protection, and cloud services. More information will be posted on our website as the month progresses.

Several people have asked why we made the transition, so here is why:

- Trend Micro™ ease of use, set it and forget it features, and they won the 2014 AV Test Award for Best Protection.
- Trend Micro™ offers a 30 day money back guarantee on all its products.
- Our company is not locked in on a price plan with the requirement to sell X number of licenses per month, therefore we can pass the savings on to our customers.

We hope you like Trend Micro™... because we do!



## PRAIRIE REALTY, LLC UPDATE

Can't believe it has been a year since we began our venture into the real estate market. Seems like it was just a couple of months ago that we started Prairie Realty, LLC.

Our Agent/ Broker Kristina Nowak, and Agent Holly Hollembeak are working hard to get listings, as well as finding homes for people.

In the past year the market has remained relatively unchanged, but in February of this year, Colorado prices rose 9.8 percent and became one of the fastest rates in the county, according to CoreLogic Home Price Index. So if your thinking of selling, now might be the time.

If you or anyone you know are in need of a realtor, remember us. We work on referrals

and if a property transaction is made, the one who referred us is given a stipend. So why wait, we are only a phone call way.





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## SHORT SHORTS

### Fifty Bucks Is Fifty Bucks



Buddy and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year, and every year Buddy would say, “Edna, I’d like to ride in that helicopter.” Edna would always reply, “I know Buddy, but fifty bucks is fifty bucks.”

This year Buddy and Edna went to the fair, and Buddy said, “Edna, I’m 85 years old. If I don’t ride in that helicopter I might never get another chance.” To this Edna replied, “Buddy that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks.”

The pilot overheard the couple and said, “Folks I’ll make you a deal. I’ll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet the entire ride and don’t say a word, I won’t charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it’s fifty dollars.”

Buddy and Edna agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Buddy and said, “By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn’t, I’m impressed!”

Buddy replied, “Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Edna fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!”

### The Swimming Pool

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.



## F U N F A C T S

Did you know...

- The longest main street in America, is 33 miles long , located in Island Park , Idaho.
- The shortest and steepest railroad is in Dubuque, Iowa: 60 degree incline, 296 feet.
- The first electric traffic lights were invented and installed in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Most of the country’s glass marbles are made around Parkersburg, West Virginia.
- The first parking meter was installed in OKC, Oklahoma in 1932.

