

# ❖ CITY HALL NEWSLINE ❖

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March 1, 2008

## Harvey County Kid Fest

Saturday, March 29  
 10 am - 1 pm

Sunset Elementary School  
 619 Boyd, Newton

Free Admission

### Fun, Information & Activities

For Families with Children Birth - 8

- Free Books!!
- Parenting Information
- Car Seat Checks
- Development Screenings
- Dental Screen/Fluoride Varnish
- Fire Department/Smoke Tunnel

### Entertainment

### Food

For more information

Call 1-866-284-6510 (toll free)



## COMING EVENTS

Daylight Saving Time  
 Begins March 9

Annual Statewide Tornado  
 Drill  
 March 11

City Offices Closed  
 Good Friday, March 21

Easter Egg Hunt  
 March 22

Harvey County Kid Fest  
 March 29

LIEAP Applications Due  
 March 31

Annual Cemetery Cleanup  
 Begins April 7

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 10 - 14, 2008

**The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Tuesday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m.,** with a backup date of Thursday, March 13. Take advantage of this drill by testing your readiness.

2007 was another record-breaking year for tornadoes in the state of Kansas. A total of 137 tornadoes occurred in the state and resulted in 14 fatalities, 82 injuries and millions of dollars in damage to homes, property and infrastructure. The 2007 total surpasses the previous record of 135 tornadoes set in 2005. In addition, numerous severe thunderstorms caused millions of dollars in damage to property and crops by producing damaging winds and large hail. Flooding and flash flooding was widespread in Kansas this year and caused millions of dollars in damage to private property and infrastructure.

Kansans live with the threat of severe weather year round. Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week is a great time to prepare for severe weather. Families should practice their severe weather safety plan at home, work, school or other public locations that they frequent. They should develop a safety plan for times when they are participating in outdoor recreation activities, sporting events, or working outdoors. Each Kansan should know where to go should severe weather strike their location.

All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio is like having your personal tornado siren in your home. Kansans are encouraged to purchase a weather radio and have it programmed to their county and/or surrounding counties to receive severe weather warnings and information directly from the National Weather Service. Now is a great time to replace the back-up battery in your NOAA Weather Radio so that you get severe weather information even if the power goes out.

February, March and May of 2007 set new records for the number of tornadoes in each of those months. The EF5 tornado which struck Greensburg on May 4th was the first (E)F5 tornado in the country since May 3, 1999. One other violent tornado affected Kansas on February 28th. Ten strong tornadoes occurred in 2007, with 125 weak tornadoes.

All information in this article was provided by the National Weather Service. Their website:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/> is a great source for weather information and teaching resources.

A brochure to help with preparation for disasters is available from the clerk's office at City Hall.



Set your  
 clocks  
 ahead  
 1 hour

Daylight Saving Time  
 begins March 9

### 2007 Kansas Tornado Facts

Tornadoes	137	80 above the 1950 - 2007 average of 57
Deaths	14	
Injuries	82	
Longest Track	34 miles	Sherman - Cheyenne Counties, March 28
Strongest	EF5	Greensburg, May 4
Most in a county	11	Stafford
Days of occurrence	22	
Most in one day	36	May 5
Most in one month	77	June
Record Months	February (9)	March (26)
		May (77)
First tornado of the year	Feb. 23	Meade County
Last touch-down of year	Sept. 28	Gove County

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 22

10 am

Scout Park

0 - 10 years old

Sponsored by Halstead Lions Club



### STORM SHELTER

The cafeteria in the basement at Valley Hope is a designated tornado shelter for Halstead residents. Residents should use the main entrance on the north. The door will be unlocked by Valley Hope employees in the event of a tornado warning.



### WEDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE

Membership Prices for April 2008 - April 2009

	Individual	Spouse	Add'l Child
<b>Lump Sum</b>	\$350	\$135	\$30
<b>Payment Plan</b>			
April	\$125	\$50	\$10
May	\$125	\$50	\$10
June	\$125	\$50	\$10



Payment by  
 Visa or MasterCard  
 accepted.

Green Fees will be charged if monthly payments are not made.

LAST MONTH TO PURCHASE 2008 10-PLAY PUNCH CARDS

1 - \$75      2 - \$140

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2008

### Halstead Public Library

Has State And Federal Tax Forms Available.



Mon. - 10:00 am - 5:30 pm    Thur. - 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
 Tue. - 10:00 am - 9:00 pm    Fri. - 10:00 am - 5:30 pm  
 Wed. - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm    Sat. - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Closed Sundays and Holidays

### REMINDER.....

### LIEAP APPLICATION

DEADLINE MARCH 31

Applications for assistance with energy costs through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program should be turned in at the SRS office in South Hutchinson. Applications are available locally at Halstead Child Care Center, Halstead Head Start, The Neighbor's Store and City Hall.

### Cemetery Cleanup Policy

With Spring upon us, the cemetery cleanup policy is as follows:



- ◇ In order to mow the cemetery prior to the Memorial Day holiday, annual cemetery cleanup shall take place during the first week of April. During such time, all faded flowers and non-permanent containers and decorations will be removed.
- ◇ Additionally, ten days after Memorial Day, the cemetery will need to be cleaned in order to do summer mowing.
- ◇ Decorations in permanent vases will not need to be removed.



Blood Pressure Check At the Library  
 Every Tuesday, 1 - 2 PM

March 2008



STORYTIME At the Library  
 every Thursday at 9:30 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10 City Council 7 pm	11 Statewide Tornado Drill 1:30 pm	12	13 Golf Board Meeting 7:00 am, 240 Main	14 Recycle	15
16	17 UTILITY BILLS DUE BY 10:00 AM Planning & Zoning 7 pm	18	19	20	21 City Offices Closed for Good Friday	22 Easter Egg Hunt 10 am Scout Park 
23	24 City Council 7 pm	25	26	27	28 Recycle	29 HARVEY COUNTY KID FEST 10 AM TO 1 PM
30	31 LIEAP APPLICATION DEADLINE					