

❖ CITY HALL NEWSLINE ❖

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March 1, 2009

Harvey County Kid Fest

Saturday, March 28
 10 am - 1 pm

Sunset Elementary School
 619 Boyd, Newton

Free Admission!!

Fun, Information & Activities
 For Families with Children
 Birth to 8 Years

For more information call
 Janice Overman 316-284-6510
 Or Susan Lamb 316-284-6520



COMING EVENTS

**Daylight Saving Time
 Begins March 8**

**Annual Statewide
 Tornado Drill
 March 10**

**Harvey County Kid Fest
 March 28**

**LIEAP Applications Due
 March 31**

**Annual Cemetery
 Cleanup
 Begins April 13**

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 9 - 13, 2009

The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Tuesday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m., CDT, with a backup date of Thursday, March 12. Take advantage of this drill by testing your readiness.

2008 was another record-breaking year for tornadoes in the state of Kansas. A total of 187 tornadoes occurred in the state and resulted in 4 fatalities, 9 injuries and millions of dollars in damage to homes, property and infrastructure. The 2008 total surpasses the previous record of 141 tornadoes set in 2007. 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.

The 187 tornadoes reported in Kansas in 2008 broke the 2007 record of 141 tornadoes. Three of the past four years have set records for total number of tornadoes in the state. To put 2008 into perspective, the 187 tornadoes reported is just over three times the 1950 - 2008 average of 59. May was an especially active month with 127 tornadoes, a new record for any month in Kansas.

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.

2008 Kansas Tornado Facts

Tornadoes	187	128 above the 1950 - 2008 average of 59
Deaths	4	
Injuries	9	
Longest Track	55.2 miles	Jewell Cty, KS to Jefferson Cty, NE May 29
Strongest	EF4	Gove Cty, May 23 Riley Cty, June 11
Most in a county	12	Gove, Sheridan, Trego
Days of occurrence	25	Also called Tornado Days
Most in one day	70	May 23
Most in one month	127	May
Record Months		May (127)
First tornado of the year	March 2	Sumner Cty
Last touchdown of year	Nov. 10	Stanton Cty



**Set your
 clocks
 ahead
 1 hour**

**Daylight Saving Time
 begins March 8**

**THIS COUPON
GOOD FOR ONE
GREEN FEE FRIDAY
WITH PURCHASE OF
CART RENTAL**







Coupon valid
March 1, thru
March 31, 2009

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2009 10-Play Punch Cards
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Only 1 month remaining to purchase!
Playing Period: From Purchase - Dec. 31, 2010

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**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 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.



STORM SHELTER


The basement at Valley Hope is a designated tornado shelter for Halstead residents. Residents should enter from the south or west doors located near the Parish Center parking lot.



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

March 2009

 **STORYTIME At the Library**
every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 BURNSITE OPEN
8 	9 City Council - 7 PM	10 Statewide Tornado Drill 1:30 pm CDT	11	12 Golf Board Meeting 7:00 am, 240 Main	13 Recycle	14 BURNSITE OPEN
15	16 UTILITY DUE BILLS 10:00 AM	17	18	19	20	21 BURNSITE OPEN
22	23 City Council - 7 PM	24	25	26	27 Recycle	28 BURNSITE OPEN HARVEY COUNTY KID FEST
29	30	31 LIEAP Applications Due				