

Use Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week to prepare

The annual Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week safety campaign is coming up in March. National Weather Service (NWS) offices in cooperation with emergency management officials have designated the week of March 3-7 as Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week. This week also coincides with National Severe Storm Preparedness Week, a nationwide severe storm awareness campaign. An information packet containing interesting and educational facts regarding severe storms can be found on www.weather.gov/goodland in the Top News of the Day section.

During that week, severe storm and safety information will be posted on the web and Facebook pages. The highlight of the week is the tornado drill, when NWS offices serving the state issue a test Tornado Warning. The test warning this year will take place Tuesday, March 4 at 1:30 pm CST and will air on all radio and television broadcast stations as well as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.

Everyone is encouraged to treat the test warning as if it were an actual emergency and review preparedness procedures. Municipalities throughout the state are encouraged to

sound their tornado sirens, and school officials are encouraged to send students to their designated tornado shelter and provide a review of safety information.

Storm spotter training classes in the tri-state area will begin March 3, and wrap up on March 28. Classes are open to people of all ages with an interest in learning more about High Plains' storms, weather safety, or storm spotting. Classes are free and there are no prerequisites. One class will be held in each county on a weekday evening between 6:30 and 8:45 pm. Topics will include an update on Wireless Emergency Alerts, Impact-Based Warnings, thunderstorm organization and evolution, clouds associated with thunderstorms and their meaning for spotters, thunderstorm hazards, safety, severe weather elements to report and how to report. Elementary and high school science teachers, you might consider giving your students extra credit for attending a class.

There will be a spotter class in St. Francis on March 12 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria.

For more information, please contact via email: david.l.floyd@noaa.gov or via phone: 785-899-6412.



COOKS DISHING UP plates for the Ladies Nite Out are: Rod Klepper, Larry Shults and Loren White.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Community Club has Ladies Night Out

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Ladies Night Out, presented by the Community Club on Monday evening, was a relaxing and entertaining evening for the ladies who attended. Rod Klepper, with his crew of men who did the cooking, was ready to start serving directly at 6 p.m., with Pastor Tom Bailey giving the blessing. Close to 75 adults enjoyed the meal of cinnamon swirl French toast, with blueberry, blackberry, and strawberry compote, and slices

of ham, coffee, and the choice of grape or strawberry drink, that was served by the men in attendance. McCarty Farms donated creamy yogurt made by Dannon specifically with McCarty Farms Dairy milk for dessert. Pink petal nut cups were on the tables, filled with Skittles and Starbursts. Tony Rodriguez played dinner music on the piano while everyone was eating.

Dalton Enfield, a high school student from Atwood, entertained everyone with his card magic

after the meal was finished. He has been studying and practicing these card tricks for four years. Many hours have been spent in perfecting them, and he had the crowd spellbound for a brief performance.

He drew members of audience into the act for a few of them. The first was with Willy Martinez, who selected a three of spades from the deck, and then shuffled them mixing the card into the deck. Mr. Enfield then fanned them out, with the three of spades in the center facing outward. Asking for volunteers from the audience, Cindy Burr, Don Wright, Dana Wright, and Ray Martinez helped with his hearts act. Using Don Wright's cell phone, he blew up a balloon, and gave his phone back to him inside the deflated

balloon.

Mark your calendars for the next Community Club meeting which will be the emergency building fund raiser on March 22. The fire department, sheriff's department, and emergency medical technicians will all provide something for entertainment, and the meal will be a free-will offering.

School Menu

March 10 - 13

Monday

Breakfast: Pumpkin chocolate chip square, boiled egg, fruit juice, fruit cup, cereal, and milk
Lunch: Chicken wrap, Spanish rice, steamed carrots, taco bar, garden spinach salad, grapes, peaches, and milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, fruit cup, fruit juice, cereal, and milk
Lunch: Corn dog, nacho cheese with chips, California blend, cottage cheese, romaine and tomato salad, pineapple chunks,

pears, and milk

Wednesday

Kindergarten lunch favorites
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage links, fruit cup, fruit juice, toast, and milk

Lunch: Sloppy joe on bun, macaroni and cheese, dirt pudding, garden spinach salad, fresh strawberries, mandarin oranges, and milk

Thursday

No school - Spring Break
Menu Subject to Changes

Honor Roll

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