


Weather  
Corner



**Tonight:** Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

**Monday through Thursday:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Lows in the mid 40s.

Record High today 90° (1974)  
Record Low today 22° (1942)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Thursday	87°
Low Thursday	58°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.92
Year to date	15.09
Below normal	2.25 inches

Weather report provided by Kansas State University Research-Extension Center in Colby.

For current temperatures and forecast check the *Colby Free Press* web site at [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com)

# Flatlander Fall Festival kicked off today

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The annual Flatlander Fall Festival in Goodland kicked off today with the golf tournament, and tonight is the first night of car races at the Sherman County Speedway with more activities Saturday and Sunday.

Brent Wood, Flatlander committee co-chairman, said all of Main and some of the side streets will be blocked off for the big show on Saturday that will fill the street from Eighth Street to 17th, and the car show on Sunday will fill Main from 12th to 14th.

He said city bleachers will be set up on east 11th for the talent and scruffy dog show on Saturday morning.

He said the Picnic in the Park and talent show finals and entertainment will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Chambers Park, which is one block west of Main at 13th.

Wood said the Flatlander committee will have a beer garden this year that will be open from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. inside at 1008 Main Ave.

The Carnegie Arts Council plans to have activities out in front of the arts center. He said the plan is to use sidewalk chalk to make a mural out in the brick street on 12th to bring kids and people down to the arts center.

He said the arts center is planning to have horse carriage rides available on Saturday.

The Flatlander Fall Festival kicked off today with an 18-hole golf tournament at 10 a.m. at Sugar Hills Golf Club and this afternoon 5:30 p.m. the Sherman County Speedway will hold the first night of stock car races. Brick Top Cruisers Car Show will be open registration on this evening at Central Elementary School and have a hamburger feed for the early arrivals.

The Main Street Mile on Saturday will close Main Ave. from Eighth to 17th Street, and Wood said the vendors, shows and events should fill the street.

The street festival begins at 10

a.m. and will include vendors, food booths and games for both adults and kids. The vendors will be from 12th north to Ninth in between the Bike Show and Car Club Show. Included will be games and booths from various departments of the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

There will be games and fun for all ages plus lots of good food and drinks.

At 12th the Frontier Ag Flatlander Chili Cook-off will be featuring a variety of chili and the judges will be tasting each to determine a winner. This is the second year for the chili cook-off, and donations from those who want to taste samples will be accepted for the Goodland school literacy program.

The Brick Top Cruisers Cars

Club Show begins at 10 a.m. with registration opening earlier at Central Elementary School at 13th and Main. The car show will run through 4 p.m. The car show will have a Shine and Show on Sunday morning with the awarding of prizes by noon.

The Northwest Kansas Bike Show will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday between Eighth and 10th with registration in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The bikers will present games at 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Bankwest, and will finish the evening with a dinner at the VFW where the awards will be presented.

The bikers and possibly some car show people will parade down and back up Main at 8 p.m.

The annual KLOE and North-

west Kansas Animal Shelter Scruffy Dog Contest will be at 11 a.m. at the grandstand on West 11th.

From noon to 4 p.m. the grandstand will be the scene for the Flatlander Talent Contest with live music and entertainment.

The second night of stock car races begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Speedway.

Sunday the Brick Top Cruisers will begin the Shine and Show about 9 a.m.

The Northwest Kansas Bike Show will host a poker run beginning about 8 a.m. on Sunday.

At 11 a.m. the Picnic in the Park begins at Chambers Park, and live music and vendors will be open from noon to 4 p.m.

## FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center (NKEC) staff serving young children with special needs will be assisting the USD 315 School District with the early childhood screening to be held October 7th at United Methodist Church in Colby. Appointments can be made by contacting Amy Hutfles R.N. at Colby Elementary School. ph. # 785-460-5111 or 785-460-5100.

Parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are encouraged to take advantage of this developmental screening. The screening will be done by professionals who know how children grow and learn. Five areas will be screened:

- 1. How well your child talks (communication development)
- 2. How well your child feels (health), sees, hears, and moves
- 3. How well your child learns (cognitive development)
- 4. How well your child gets along with others (social and emotional development)
- 5. How well your child does things independently (adaptive development)

You will be asked for permission to screen your child. You may look at any information or comments written about your child. Screenings will be offered in other local schools at a later date, however, children from other districts are welcome to attend this screening if parents so desire. If you have a concern now please contact your local school district or Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center Early Childhood Services at 785-672-3125 ext.115 and a screening will be provided within 30-days of your request.

## Attorney General unveils identify theft repair kit

In an effort to assist Kansans faced with identity theft, Attorney General Steve Six created the Kansas Identity Theft Repair Kit.

It is an educational brochure aimed at preventing and repairing damage caused by identity thieves.

“Identity theft is crippling to its victims, both financially and emotionally,” Six said. “This repair kit gives consumers prevention tips, as well as a road map for minimizing damage to their identity and credit.”

The Identity Theft Repair Kit offers consumers who are victims a step-by-step guide to repairing their credit. It reviews a consumer’s rights and liability under Kansas and federal laws and offers tips for protecting personal information in the future.

“It is always important to educate consumers about fraudulent schemes and provide them with the tools needed to combat fraud,” Six said. “Once a citizen is victimized, we must do everything we can to help Kansans recover from identity theft and repair their credit history and identity.”

The brochure describes the signs of identity theft and provides tips to combat fraud.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States Six said. It occurs when someone steals personal information and uses it to commit financial fraud or other crimes. Personal information includes someone’s name, address, driver’s license number, Social Security number, mother’s maiden name, birth date, bank account, credit card, or Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Since taking office, Six has focused on improving consumer

protections in Kansas and increase consumer education.If a Kansan believes they are the victim of identity theft, they should immediately contact their local police department to file a police report. This will document the crime and help in the recovery process. Kansans should contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division online at [www.ksag.org](http://www.ksag.org) or by phone at 1(800) 432-2310.

## Ladies Golf winners

Winnters of Tuesday Ladies’ Golf for Sept. 16 were Audrey Hines and Susan Wark, first, and Anita Beckerman and Suzanne Schielke, second. The game was least putts.

Thirteen players signed in to play a modified scotch game.

In the first flight, there was a tie for first between Janet Harper and Mary Lou Jones and Hines and Wark. In the second flight, first went to Barb Highland and Leta Lee and second to Highland and Wanda Brown. (Thanks to Barb for playing double so that everyone would have a partner!)

The game for Aug. 26 was going to be a two-lady scramble.

## Colby bridge winners named

Meadow Lake Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, Sept. 23 include:

- Joy Davis, first;
- Kevan Taylor, second;
- Mary Kersenbrock, third;
- Betty Sloan, fourth;
- Mary Molstad, fifth and
- Marge Roulier, sixth.

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**443-9208 (12:30 pm - 4 pm)**

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**City of Colby Police Special Law Enforcement Fund**

Brewster Grocery	\$ 2,300.00
Boy Scout Troop #140	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$3,300.00</u>

**TCCF Directors Fund**

At the Better Home & Living Show drawing winner, Rex Storer, Selden, chose **Big Brothers, Big Sisters** to receive the **\$200.00** donation.




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**Thomas County Attorney Special Law Enforcement Fund:**

Pioneer Memorial Library	\$ 600.00
Hawkeye Wrestling Camp	\$ 500.00
Am. Youth Soccer Organization	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
	<u>\$1,350.00</u>



Pioneer Memorial Library Summer Program

**“Forever Betterment”**

TCCF awarded \$8,666.29 in grants for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2008 to improve the lives of Thomas County citizens.