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## Cross-country flight buzzes over motorcycle races



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Colby was the right place and it was the right time to get a military helicopter flyover at the Flat Track races on Saturday. Three new military helicopters were being delivered from Pennsylvania to a base in California and stopped in Colby to refuel.

## Miss Rodeo from Colby

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A Colby woman has won the top Kansas rodeo pageant competition.

Katera Harter, 19, daughter of Lowell and Sue Harter of Brule, Neb. Formerly of Colby, was crowned Miss Rodeo Kansas last week at the Dodge City Roundup

Rodeo. Her reign will begin next year. She earned her crown in a three-day contest that included a horsemanship competition, a fashion show, a speech and several interviews.

"We had 50-year celebration as well, where a lot of past rodeo princesses came," Harter said. "I know a few of them, but there's

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Brewster's main street, Kansas Ave., is no longer muddy in every rain storm as it would have been in this 1917 street scene (above), but townspeople still gather out front of downtown businesses as they did outside Smith Brother's

Grocery Store, c. 1915 (right). Left to right are Pete Weis, Jess Finley, Lloyd Mallory, Clyde Haase, unknown, Felix Jones (in wheelbarrow), Orvil Jones, Floyd Smith Sr., and Max Smith.



# Brewster to party for 125th

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Brewster is inviting everyone to come celebrate the city's 125th anniversary with a weekend bash on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25.

Festivities will begin with a 5K and one-mile color fun run/walk at 8 a.m. Saturday and conclude with a street dance at 8 p.m. During the day, there will be a chili cook-off, quilt show, antique car, tractor and motorcycle show, parade, talent show, pedal tractor races, buffalo bingo and more.

Carolyn Richards, owner of the Craft Peddler store downtown, will offer come-and-go classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for attendees to make Christmas ornaments honoring Brewster's anniversary. All proceeds will go to the Brewster Heritage Center.

On Sunday, the town will have a community church service and potluck dinner.

### Brewster History

Platted in 1888, the city began as a station on

## Schedule of Events

### Saturday, Aug. 24

- 8 a.m. – 5K and 1-mile color run and walk for all ages.
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. – Brewster Library and Museum open.
- 9 a.m. – Chili cook-off at Brewster Senior Center. Quilt show at school gym.
- 10 a.m. – Antique car, tractor and motorcycle show. (Registration at 9 a.m.)
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Buffalo bingo, calf roping demonstration, pedal-tractor races, raffle, games.

Come-and-go classes making Brewster 125th Birthday Christmas ornaments at the Craft

### Peddler.

- Noon – lunch served by Brewster Lions Club at Hunter Park.
- 3 p.m. – Parade "From Horses to Horse Power."
- 5 p.m. – Talent show. Barbecue beef dinner served by the junior class.
- 8 p.m. – Street dance.

### Sunday, Aug. 25

- 10:30 a.m. – Community church service and potluck supper at Hunter Hall.

the Rock Island Railroad. It was named for Robert Brewster, a railroad foreman who helped lay tracks through the area.

A few months after its platting, Brewster had a population of about 80 residents, mainly living in tents and sod houses.

Originally, the area post office was located in Hastings, two miles north and a mile east of Brewster, but it was relocated to Brewster in 1888. Hastings businesses followed the post office by setting up shop in Brewster.

By 1909, the newspaper reported Brewster's population was 500, and the town had three general stores, a restaurant and lodging house, a hardware, implement and furniture store, a meat market, a grocery, bank, livery stable, men's clothing store, school and a hotel.

In 1920, Brewster was incorporated as a second-class city, enabling it to issue bonds to build power lines to Colby. Brewster built a water works in 1930 and issued bonds for a new sewer system the next year.

Movies came to Brewster in the 1920s. Charley Mallory built the Liberty Theatre, now closed, in 1925.

Brewster formed a school district in 1888, less

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Brewster's Heritage Center and Library now occupy the building (left) first used as Brewster State Bank, built in 1919, and

the American Legion, added between the bank and Shirley's Mercantile in 1921. Brewster National Bank's building, shown

here in 1988 (right), is now a branch of Farmers Bank and Trust.



# Push on for emergency food stamp funding

By Susan Montoya Bryan  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The number of New Mexican families worried about where their next meal will come from is growing as the economy sputters along and

food banks try to cobble together what donations they can.

But keeping shelves stocked may be more difficult this year as federal support for The Emergency Food Assistance Program is expected to be slashed by more than half.

A bipartisan group of 21 U.S. senators – including Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, Democrats from New Mexico – is urging Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to use existing funding to purchase more food that can then be funneled to the nation's food banks.

Last year, federal funding for the program totaled more than \$300 million, which was used to buy commodities such as poultry and pork.

With only \$133 million set aside this year, there's no way existing supplies will meet demand, the

senators said in a letter sent this week to Vilsack. They said one in eight Americans receive emergency food assistance each year through the nation's food banks.

"With the millions of families across the country continuing to struggle to make ends meet in the

wake of the recession, TEAP commodities are critical," they

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