

See List of FREE/Low Cost Activities for Kids in Summer 2006 – Resource Guide and Calendar

AND

FREE and Reduced FOOD Available in Harvey County at end of Calendar.

May 1 – 13

Mother's Day card making at **Peace Connections** and create a personal handmade card for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or other important women in your life. We have a variety of stamps, ink colors, paper, and more! Peace Connections is located at 612 N. Main, Newton, and open M-Th 10 am - 5 pm and Sat. 10 am - 2 pm.

May 4, Thursday, Noon - 1:30PM

**CIS Partnership
Advisory Council Meeting
at the Newton Recreation Center
OPEN TO ALL
HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES.**

Contact CIS of Harvey County at 284-6520 for more info.

May 4, Thursday, 7:00PM

Newton Public Library and the Kansas Humanities Council are offering a free **TALK book discussion** series on the theme of "African American Perspectives." The May discussion will be held at Newton Public Library, 720 N Oak. The book is "Race Matters" by Cornel West; discussion led by Carmeletta Williams (Johnson County Community College). Those interested in attending the discussion may stop by the Library to check out copies of the books. Contact Marilyn Schmidt at (316) 283-2890 for more information about the series.

May 8, Monday

Child Find - FREE Developmental Screening - Early Education Center, 218 E 7th St, Newton. Call for appointment 284-6510 or 1-866-284-6510.

May 9 – Jun 6, Tuesdays,

7:00 - 9:00PM

TEEN Childbirth Preparation class sponsored by the **Newton Medical Center. To enroll: contact the Maternal/Child Unit at NMC at 804-6179.**

May 10 - Jun 7 , Wednesdays,

7:00 - 9:00PM

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May 15, Monday - DEADLINE

Medicare Prescription Plan (Plan D). Don't forget that May 15 is the deadline to enroll for a Medicare Prescription Plan before you will be charged a penalty if you enroll later. The next enrollment period is November 15-December 31. **K-State Research and Extension, Harvey County** administers the Senior Health Insurance Counseling of Kansas, SHICK , program. SHICK has been giving unbiased assistance to Medicare Beneficiaries in shopping for the best plan for their needs. Call 316-284-6930 to schedule an appointment.

May 15 – Jun 19, Mondays

7:00 - 9:00PM

Childbirth Preparation class sponsored by the **Newton Medical Center.** To enroll: contact the Maternal/Child Unit at NMC at 804-6179.

May 17, Wednesday, noon

Monthly **Bridges Out of Poverty Community Meeting** will be at **Peace Connections,** 612 N. Main, Newton. Open to everyone. Bring a sack lunch if you like.

May 23 & 24, 8:00AM – 4:30PM

Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center 4th Annual Training Conference at Krehbiel Auditorium Bethel College. Presenters are Tom Harbinson, Sr. Attorney and Angie Scott, JD/Forensic Interview Specialist. They are both associated with the National Child Protection Training Center at Winona, Minnesota. Registration is \$40 for both days or \$25 for one. This includes lunch. May 12th is the deadline for registration. 14 CEUs may be earned for two days. For more information call Det. Walton, 316-284-6030 or Ofc. Jan McCloud, 316-284-6030

**UPCOMING
Events and Dates**

Do you have an event you're planning in the next year? Let us know, so others can join in or plan their events around your date.

June 1, Thursday, Noon - 1:30PM

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:

Harvey County Partnership Meeting

at

COOPER EDUCATION CENTER

OPEN TO ALL

HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES.

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June 9 & 10, Friday & Saturday

Weekend Childbirth Preparation class sponsored by the **Newton Medical Center.** To enroll: contact the Maternal/Child Unit at NMC at 804-6179.

June 20 – July 25, Tuesdays,

7:00 - 9:00PM

TEEN Childbirth Preparation class sponsored by the **Newton Medical Center**. To enroll: contact the Maternal/Child Unit at NMC at 804-6179.

June 21- July 26, Wednesdays,

7:00 - 9:00PM

Childbirth Preparation class sponsored by the **Newton Medical Center**. To enroll: contact the Maternal/Child Unit at NMC at 804-6179.

OTHER NEWS

KANSAS SAVES is available through the **K-State Research and Extension, Harvey County Office**. It is a campaign to increase peoples awareness of how they spend their money and to save money for the future. **KANSAS SAVES**, is not a savings account, instead **KANSAS SAVERS SET** a monthly savings goal of as little as \$10.00 and try to save that amount each month. By signing up your goal with **KANSAS SAVES**, you receive a fact sheet on different types of savings accounts, and an annual subscription to American Savers. To become a Kansas Saver, check out Build Wealth Not Debt at the Harvey County Extension Office, 316-284-6930 or go to the website <http://www.americasaves.org/kansas/>. Registration is free and confidential.

The **SHICK program** at the **K-State Research and Extension, Harvey County** needs volunteers. Training will be in June. Volunteers will be trained to assist senior citizens to select Medicare Prescription Insurance, Medicare Supplement, and Long Term Care Insurance. Call 316-284-6930 to register or for more information.

Harvey County United Way announced a new **211 service** from United Way has “gone live.” The number is toll free across Kansas. When people dial 2-1-1 they talk to a trained United Way call center specialist who will assess their needs and refer them to services that are available. The service is provided by United Way of the Plains in Wichita, Kansas, in cooperation with United Ways across Kansas. The United Way 211 call center has more than 2,000 programs in its comprehensive database of nonprofits, government agencies and community-based organizations that provide human services across the state of Kansas. Initially the service will operate 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Friday. But eventually it will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For 24-hour access now, individuals can visit our website www.211kansas.org.

The United Way 2-1-1 call center will also help connect people wanting to volunteer their services with a program that best fits their interests and talents.

Harvey County Health Department has **materials available to schools and day cares to teach proper hand washing**. Using a "special" lotion that glows on the hands when viewed under the black light, children learn the most effective method for hand washing and preventing transmission of disease. To check out these materials call Carolyn Carter, Health Educator at 283-1637. Remember - good hand washing is the best defense against communicable diseases.

Head Start is looking for children that are 3 to 5 years of age.

Benefits for children include:

Preparation for kindergarten
Play and socialization with other children
Free transportation to and from school. (if in service area).
Increased self-esteem, self-sufficiency and independence
Nutritious meals while at Head Start
Developmental, health and dental screenings
Qualified teachers

The benefits for Parents:

No cost if you qualify
Participation in Head Start decisions from the center level to policy council
Safe and healthy environment for your child
Quality services for your child
Resources to help meet your goals
Involvement in you child's education

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher.

For more information Contact Newton Head Start at 208 N. Meridian, 282-2661 or Halstead Head Start at 221 West 6th , 830-2888. Applications are taken year around.

Newton Public Library announces new additions to its **library resources**. Newton Community & Healthcare Foundation is donating the following fund-raising and non-profit organizational management publications to NPL's magazine collection: *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *The Non-Profit Times*, *Grassroots Fundraising*, and *Gift Planning Quarterly*. These resources allow the charitable and social services agencies access to current changes that can have an impact on their fund-raising efforts.

Newton Public Library patrons can now **search OnDemand5.com**, the Mitchell automotive repair on-line database, from the public access computers. This is the latest addition to library's on-line subscriptions partially funded by the NPL Second Century Endowment Foundation and the Friends of Newton Public Library. Check out the other databases which are available 24x7 at www.newtonplks.org. Contact Newton Public Library for the User ID and password to access additional databases.

Child Safety Seat Check: The **Harvey County Health Department** is a Fitting Station for Child Safety Seats. If you would like to have your child or grandchild's car safety seat checked for proper fit and installation, call Margaret at (316) 283-1637 to schedule an appointment.

Have some **furniture or bicycles** you no longer need? The **Harvey County Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault** clients need them. Contact Jan Jones at 284-6920 to donate.

Caring Hands Humane Society has a **companion animal spay/ neuter assistance program** available for low-income families of Harvey County, please call 316-283-0839 for more info.

Another resource to offer those clients who want to **quit smoking**: quit smoking help

lines. People who want to quit smoking can call a toll-free number and talk to a person who will help support them in quitting. The lines are available 24 hours/day. 1-877-937-7848. The help line for pregnant women is 1-866-66start.

Health Ministries Clinic, located in Newton, provides medical services to nearly 1,000 people without health insurance in Harvey, Marion, McPherson, and Butler counties. The clinic will provide programs for groups and churches. Call 316-283-8466.

Volunteer listings in Harvey County are available through the **Retired & Senior Volunteer Program**. Call 316-284-6881 or 1-800-750-7993.

Harvey Interurban (Transportation) **Calendar** for the month is now available. For your copy, call the **Harvey Interurban office** at 284-6802 or 1-866-680-6802. Don't forget the **Community Resource Directory** at www.newtonplks.org/comsrc/. Please send any corrections to hcpcis@southwind.net.

If you would like to place a community service or educational event in the calendar, contact the Harvey County Partnership/CIS at 316-284-6520 or email: hcpcis@southwind.net by the 25th of each month.

FREE/Low Cost Activities for Kids & Families in Newton Summer 2006

Schedule provided by Harvey County Asset Builders Coalition. Please call 284-0000 (Peace Connections) for information or updates on other events.

Power Up for Summer Fun: **Community Sponsored FREE Breakfast & Lunch Program for KIDS**

For all Newton kids ages 2-18, June 5 – July 21, Monday - Friday

South Breeze Elementary and Slate Creek Elementary

See flyers available mid-May, distributed through schools, Newton Public Library, Harvey Co. Health Dept., & Peace Connections

For more information or call 284-0000 before June 5 and 316-772-6973 June 5-July 21

Made possible by Bridges Out of Poverty minded individuals, businesses, organizations, agencies, schools & churches.

FREE Kids Movies, 9:45 –11:45 am, June 6 – July 20

Tuesdays & Thursday at 2 locations. Movie listings and other details available w/ flyers above.

Bethel College Academy of Performing Art, 123 E. Broadway, Newton 283-4902

FREE Creative Movement & Drama classes for ages 7-12. Wear comfortable clothes & bare feet.

Schedule to be announced; Call for information and to register (limited enrollment).

Bible School at Various Churches – FREE unless noted: (Please call to register!)

May 30-June 3, 8:45 - 11:45 am. *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, 2600 College Ave. N. Newton, 283-3667. Age 3-6th grade. "Jesus

Friends" Cost is \$10 per child or \$18 per family.

June 5-9, 6:30-8:30 pm. *Faith & Shalom Mennonite Churches*, 2100 Anderson,

Newton, 283-6370. Age 3 through Grade 8.

June 5-9 from 6:30-8:30 pm. *First Mennonite Church*, 429 E. 1st Newton, 283-0273. Age 4-Jr. High. "Trading Places"

June 12-16. 9 am - noon. *First Presbyterian Church*, 900 Columbus, Newton, 283-0504. Preschool - 5th Grade.

June 12-16, 6:30-8:50 pm. *Koerner Heights*, 320 N. Meridian, 283-5696. Age 3-entering 5th grade. "Fiesta"

July 10-14, 9 am – noon. *Grace Community Church*, 1600 S. Anderson, Newton. 283-2554. For kids who have completed

Kindergarten through grade 6. "Arctic Edge"

July 16-20, 5:30-8 pm. *Trinity Heights United Methodist Church*, 1200 Boyd Ave., Newton. 283-6410. Ages 3 - 5th Grade.

July 16-20, 6-8 pm (w/ kick-off for whole family July 16, 4 pm.) *Salem United Methodist Church* - 115 Old Main, Newton, 283-3620. Includes FREE dinner at 5:30 pm. Ages K - 6th Grade. "Treasure Seekers." Check with the church for 7th/8th Graders, older youth, and adult class plans.

July 23-27, 6-7:30 pm. *First Christian*, 102 E. 1st, Newton, 283-0327. Ages K-Jr. High. "Treasure Cove, Discover the Riches of Christ"

Caring Hands Humane Society, 1400 SE 3rd, Newton, 284-0487 or 284-0839

Learn how to take care of animals from noon - 2 pm on your assigned day of the week. Ages 9 and under need to come with adult; ages 10 and over can volunteer on their own. *Fill out an application to volunteer.*

Chisholm Trail Festival, July 1-July 4, events at Athletic Park, and 10 am parade, July 1, in downtown Newton

Buy a button for \$4 to attend all related events, 5 & under free (buttons on sale at all events or at area businesses)

Come for food, concerts, parade, car show, turtle races, kids games, 5K walk/run, stagecoach rides, talent show, performances, movie, fireworks, bus tours, baby crawl, fireman's games, ice cream social, dancing, etc.

Parade is 10:30 am, July 1 in downtown Newton; Community Church Service 10 am, July 2 at Athletic Park

Harvey County Fair, Aug. 4-8, Harvey County Fairgrounds, First St., Newton, contact extension office 284-6930

See exhibits at County Fair or enter your own exhibit - watch for the fair guide in the *Kansan* in July.

Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak, Newton, 283-2890 - Cost for programs is FREE; early registration required unless noted.

Dial a Story - call 283-8426 to listen to a story.

Library Summer Reading Program - June 1-July 29. Read a set number of books to earn prizes and receive an invitation to the pool party on July 30. For children read to, reading on their own, and those reading chapter books.

Creature Feature Library Club Read YA Summer Program - For young adults grades 6-12. Read 10 books, 100+ pages & join the swimming party on July 30. Book discussions will be held. Check with the Library for dates and times.

Library Children's Story Times "Paws, Claws, Scales, & Tales" - Storytimes for Preschool, Toddler, Ages 5-7 and Ages 7-9.

Library Family Library Day is every Wednesday at 1:30 pm, starting on June 8. All ages are invited to come for various programs including meeting and learning about animals, puppet shows, and a juggler! *No registration required.*

Volunteer your time at the Library

Newton Recreation Center, 415 N. Poplar, Newton, 283-7330

Discovery Camp for students ages 5-12. Starting May 25-Aug. 16, daily from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Offers daily activities to provide a safe, positive, educational, stimulating, and fun experience for kids. Snacks provided; bring a sack lunch. Cost is \$75 week/ SRS assistance and Everyone Should Play scholarship accepted. *Fill out enrollment form at Rec Center.*

Everyone Should Play (ESP) Scholarship Program - available to those receiving assistance on the school's reduced lunch program or those families who have a vision card. Children will be allowed to participate in Newton Recreation Center activities for a reduced rate based on need - contact Pete Anderson at the Rec Center for more information

Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton, 284-0000 - All programs are FREE.

Explore - come & go anytime Mon.-Thurs. 10 am-5 pm, to hand stamp your own card, fold a paper crane for peace, enjoy our library, try our Freeze Frame computer program, and more!

Bread Comes to Life! Come to create a variety of nutritious breads/snacks & listen to stories. 9:45 – 11:45 am Wednesdays in June. Ages K-Jr. High. *Registrations appreciated!*

Giving Garden - volunteer your time at the garden located at 6th & Pine. Call Peace Connections to sign up to work.

Salvation Army School Supply Program, 208 W. 6th, 283-3190

The Salvation Army will offer free school supplies to families that qualify based on income. Applications accepted from June 26 through July 31. Please no late applications!

Sand Creek Nature Trail, located east of Bethel College tennis courts, N. Newton

Take a free nature walk through the woods along Sand Creek - see many kinds of plants, trees, wildlife, etc.

Soccer Camp at Bethel College, May 31-June 2 & June 5-8, Bethel College Campus, N. Newton, 283-2500

Soccer Camp is for 1st-8th graders and is led by Gerry Sieber. Scholarships available.

Swimming Pool, located in Athletic Park, 5th Street, Newton, 284-6087

Opens May 27, Mon. - Sun. 1-5 pm and Mon. - Fri. 7-9 pm
Pay at pool (Age 5 & under - free; 5-13 - \$1.75; 14 & up - \$2.25) or buy pool coupons (\$35/book of 25) at Newton Rec Center

Wading Pool at the swimming pool is FREE for children age 7 and under – must be accompanied by an adult.

4-H, Harvey County Extension office, Courthouse, Newton, 284-6930; Contact Ann Religa for information.

Attend meetings for free (activities fee only to cover materials) & learn how to do a variety of things

Day Camp is July 11 for age 13+, cost is \$13

Schedule provided by Harvey County Asset Builders Coalition. Please call 284-0000 (Peace Connections) for information or updates on other events.

JUNE 2006 FREE/Low Cost

Activities for Kids & Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rec Center May 19 - Call 283-4902 for a schedule of free dance classes at BC Academy of Performing Arts! Discovery Center starts May 25 Swimming pool opens May 27	May 19 - Call 283-4902 for a schedule of free dance classes at BC Academy of Performing Arts!	May 30 - 8:45 am Bethel College Mennonite VBS	May 31 - 8:45 am BC Menn. VBS; 9 am Soccer Camp	June 1 - NPL reading program begins; 8:45 am BC Menn. VBS; 9 am Soccer Camp	June 2 - 8:45 am BC Menn. VBS; 9 am Soccer Camp
4	5 - Free Breakfast & Lunch Program begins at South Breeze & Slate Creek Elem.; 9 am Soccer Camp; 6:30 pm Faith/Shalom VBS; 6:30 pm 1 st Menn. VBS	6 - 9 am Soccer Camp; 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6:30 pm Faith/Shalom VBS; 6:30 pm 1 st Menn. VBS	7 - 9 am Soccer Camp; 9:45 am Peace Connections Bread Comes to Life!; 1:30 pm NPL Family Day; 6:30 pm Faith/Shalom VBS; 6:30 pm 1 st Menn. VBS	8 - 9 am Soccer Camp; 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6:30 pm Faith/Shalom VBS; 6:30 pm 1 st Menn. VBS	9 - 6:30 pm Faith/Shalom VBS
11	12 - 9 am 1 st Presbyterian VBS; 6:30 pm Koerner Heights VBS	13 - 9 am 1 st Pres. VBS; 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6:30 pm Koerner Heights VBS;	14 - 9 am 1 st Pres. VBS; 9:45 am Peace Connections Bread Comes to Life!; 1:30 pm NPL Family Day; 6:30 pm KH VBS	15 - 9 am 1 st Pres. VBS; 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6:30 pm KH Koerner Heights VBS;	16 - 9 am 1 st Pres. VBS; 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6:30 pm KH Koerner Heights VBS;
18	19	20 - 9:45 am Kids Movie	21 - 9:45 am Peace Connections Bread Comes to Life!; 1:30 pm NPL Family Day	22 - 9:45 am Kids Movie	23 - 9:45 am Kids Movie
25	26 - Salvation Army accepts applications for free school supplies through July 31	27 - 9:45 am Kids Movie	28 - 9:45 am Peace Connections Bread Comes to Life!; 1:30 pm NPL Family Day	29 - 9:45 am Kids Movie	30

Ongoing Activities:

“Explore” Peace Connections anytime M-Th. 10 am-5 pm!

Volunteer at Caring Hands Humane Society noon-2 pm daily!

Nature Trail east of Bethel College anytime!

Walk the Sand Creek

JULY 2005 FREE/Low Cost Activities for Kids & Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rec Center Discovery Camp continues; Swimming pool open					
2 - Chisholm Trail Festival - 10 am Community Church Service Athletic Park	3 - Chisholm Trail Festival	4 - 9:45 am Kids Movie; Chisholm Trail Festival w/ 10 pm fireworks	5 - 1:30 pm NPL Family Day	6 - 9:45 am Kids Movie	7
9	10 - 9 am Grace Community VBS	11 - 4-H Day Camp; 9 am Grace Community VBS; 9:45 am Kids Movie	12 - 9 am Grace Community VBS; 1:30 pm NPL Family Day	13 - 9 am Grace Community VBS; 9:45 am Kids Movie	14 - 9 Comm
16 - 4 pm Salem United Methodist VBS; 5:30 pm Trinity Heights VBS	17 - 5:30 pm Trinity Heights VBS; 6 pm Salem VBS;	18 - 9:45 am Kids Movie; 5:30 pm Trinity Heights VBS; 6 pm Salem VBS;	19 - 1:30 pm NPL Family Day; 5:30 pm Trinity Heights VBS; 6 pm Salem VBS	20 - 9:45 am Kids Movie; 5:30 pm Trinity Heights VBS; 6 pm Salem VBS	21
23 - 6 pm First Christian VBS	24 - 6 pm First Christian VBS	25 - 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6 pm First Christian VBS	26 - 1:30 pm NPL Family Day; 6 pm First Christian VBS	27 - 9:45 am Kids Movie; 6 pm First Christian VBS	28
30- NPL Swim Party for those meeting reading goals	31				Harve Fair

Ongoing Activities:

“Explore” Peace Connections anytime M-Th. 10 am-5 pm! Volunteer at Caring Hands Humane Society noon-2 pm daily!

Walk the Sand Creek Nature Trail east of Bethel College anytime!

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Free/Reduced Food Available in Harvey

County

Newton Agencies	Phone	Address	Days/Hours
Specifics			

FOOD BANKS

Salvation Army Use 1x every 3 mo.-Free	283-3190	208 W. 6 th	Mon./Fri., 9-12 & 1-3
Our Lady of Guadalupe Use 1x every 2 mo./referral from agency required-Free	283-3499	421 S. Ash	Thurs., 9-12 & 1-3
Columbus Ave. Ch. of Christ referral from agency required-Free	283-2522	101 Columbus	Tues., 1-4
MID-CAP Free	282-7729	124 W. 6 th	Mon.-Thurs. 8-12 & 1-3

COMMODITIES

First Christian Church need vision card or proof of income - Free	283-0327	102 East 1 st	3 rd Sat., 8:30-10:30
Salem United Methodist Ch. fill out application several weeks in advance - Free	283-3620	115 Old Main	3 rd Tues., 9-12

HEARTLAND SHARE FOOD PACKAGES

Our Lady of Guadalupe 2 hours of community services + \$18.50	283-3499	421 S. Ash	Register by noon 1 st Thurs.
Peace Connections 2 hours of community services + \$18.50	284-0000	612 N. Main	of month
MID-CAP 2 hours of community services + \$18.50	282-7729	124 W. 6 th	

MEALS ON WHEELS

Twyla Kovac serves a hot noon meal to those 60+ that are physically/mentally unable to prepare	283-3500	122 E. 6 th	Serves M-F homebound or meals - reduced rate
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OTHER

Homeless Shelter serves an evening meal & breakfast for 7144(after hours)	283-7711	209 E. Broadway	5 pm-8am daily 772- shelter residents only-Free
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