

# Agency to help ranchers

The United States Department of Agriculture announces changes to the Conservation Reserve Program to assist producers impacted by severe drought conditions.

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback received notice recently that the Farm Service Agency is modifying its program policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions.

On July 27, Governor Brownback sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack requesting disaster declarations for Kansas counties suffering from severe drought conditions. Part of that request included amending the Conservation Reserve Program to allow ranchers extra time for emergency grazing.

"Severe drought has taken a heavy toll on ranchers in Kansas," Governor Brownback said. "The modification of the pro-

gram policies is a positive step that will help Kansas producers in a difficult time."

The policy changes influence Farm Service Agency rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30. The agency is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those in Kansas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31 without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the agency county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, the agency will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring

Conservation Reserve Program acres when those acres are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing of eligible Conservation Reserve Program acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Centers or go online to [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) and search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.

# Contest to show rural beauty

Kansas shutter bugs are called to submit their photos for a Rural Kansas Photography Contest, now taking online submissions through Sept. 19.

The contest will award prizes to first and second place winners in four categories: Rural Landscape: a photograph depicting an expanse of scenery in rural Kansas. Community: a photograph depicting Kansans participating in shared activities, from casual cookouts to town festivals. Health Care: a photograph of anything health care related and Recreation: a photograph depicting how rural Kansans spend their free-

time. We started this contest in 2006 for Kansans to show the majestic beauty of our state and wonderful way of living rural Kansans are accustomed to," said Joyce Grayson, director of Rural Health Education and Services, which promotes Kansas as a great place for health care providers to live, work and play. "After all, a picture is worth a thousand words."

Contest entries can be submitted online at [ruralhealth.kumc.edu/photocontest](http://ruralhealth.kumc.edu/photocontest), via email to [cdrake@kumc.edu](mailto:cdrake@kumc.edu) or to Chris Drake, Rural Health

Education & Services, School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214-3199. The contest is open to Kansas residents and individuals who work in Kansas ages 18 and older. Winners will receive a Kansas University tote bag filled with university and Kansas memorabilia and will have their winning photo published in Kansas Connections and on the Rural Health Education & Services Web site. More information about contest rules and contest entry forms are available online at [ruralhealth.kumc.edu/photocontest](http://ruralhealth.kumc.edu/photocontest).

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**NCHS ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, Sept. 3**  
V Tennis at Colby 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
Jay Singers 7:30 a.m.  
Tennis at Phillipsburg 1 p.m.  
Scholars Bowl Organizational Meeting A.P.  
9th and JV Football at Hays 3 and 5 p.m.  
VB vs. Northern Valley and Phillipsburg 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**  
S.A.C. during A.P.  
Senior Football players to Andbe Home 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Jay Singers 7:30 a.m.  
JV Tennis at Trego 1 p.m.  
FCCLA Meeting A.P.

SADD Membership Party 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
FCCLA/KAYS COAT DRIVE ends  
Jazz Band rehearsal A.P.  
Football at St. Francis 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
ACT TEST DATE  
FFA State Fair Trip  
Norton JV Tennis Quad at Norton 9 a.m.  
JV VB at Quinter 9 a.m.  
CC at Wamego 11 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
SIT Meeting 7:45 a.m.  
VB/FB vs. Ellis 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
7/8 VB Quad at Goodland 10 a.m.

**EES**

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
CBMs-Grade 4

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**  
Grade 2 Reading Diagnostic  
CBMs-Grade 5  
Faculty-Staff Meeting 3:40 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Grade 2 Reading Diagnostic  
IEP Day  
3/4 Grade Level Meeting 3:40

**NJHS ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
KAY Board A.P.

**Wednesday Sept. 7**  
Faculty Meeting 7:45 a.m.  
Stuco Elections A.P.

**NORTHERN VALLEY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, Sept. 5**  
No School-Labor Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
HS VB vs. Phillipsburg and Norton at Norton 5 p.m.

HS JV FB vs. Western Plains at Almena 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Grades 5-8 Open House following FB game  
Junior High VB and FB vs. Quinter at Long Island 3 and 6 p.m.

HS CC Rock Hills Invitational at Mankato 4:30 p.m.  
Pork Feed at 5 p.m./Watermelon Feed following FB game in Long Island

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
HS FB at Stockton 7 p.m.

# SCHOOL MENU

**Eisenhower Elementary**

**Monday, Sept. 5**  
-No School

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
-Breakfast: Applesauce muffins, pears, milk, grape juice  
-Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic break, milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**  
-Breakfast: Golden waffles/syrup, fruit cocktail milk, apple juice  
-Lunch: Roast beef, whipped potatoes/gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
-Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, grape juice, milk  
-Lunch: Ike Burger/bun, french fries, dill spear, pears, cookies, milk

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
-Breakfast: Warm pumpkin bread, applesauce, milk, orange juice  
-Lunch: Baked chicken, whipped potatoes/gravy, green beans, strawberry cup, french bread, milk

assorted cereal, toast  
-Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes/gravy, carrots, hot roll, peaches or chef salad, milk

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
-Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hash brown patty, fruit or juice; or assorted cereal, toast  
-Lunch: Taco meat, tortilla chips, toppings, french bread, pears or chef salad, milk

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
-Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice; or assorted cereal, toast  
-Lunch: Cheeseburger, corn, lettuce/tomato, chocolate pudding or chef salad, milk

real  
-Lunch: Sierra Chicken, tossed salad w/dressing, Calif. blend vegetables and vanilla pudding

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**  
-Breakfast: Ch. biscuit w/ham, hash browns, applesauce and assorted cold cereal  
-Lunch: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and cherry crisp

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
-Breakfast: Donuts, scrambled eggs, sausage patty, pear half and assorted cold cereal  
-Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, hot roll, buttered broccoli and frosted pear

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
-Breakfast: Sausage bagel, hash browns, scrambled eggs, apple juice and assorted cold cereal  
-Lunch: Shepherd's Pie, whole wheat roll, cubed jell-o and Snicker-doodle cookie

**Northern Valley**

**Monday, Sept. 5**  
No School-Labor Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
-Breakfast: Casserole, toast, fruit cup and assorted cold ce-

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for those who wish to join the Catholic Faith or for anyone who wishes to know what the Catholic Church teaches -  
**St. Francis Parish Center**  
Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m.  
Call St. Francis Rectory at 785-877-2234 or Gil Otter at 785-877-5423 or 2552

**Norton Junior-Senior High**

**Monday, Sept. 5**  
-No School

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
-Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, sausage patty, fruit or juice  
-Lunch: Ham and cheese roll up, corn, potato salad, applesauce or chef salad, milk

**Wednesday, Sept 7**  
-Breakfast: Chocolate/banana bread, fruit or juice; or choice of

# COMMUNITY CENTER MENU

**Monday, Sept. 5**  
Closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**  
Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, bread and peaches

**Wednesday, Sept. 7** Cook's choice entree, green bean casserole, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, bread and cook's choice complement

**Thursday, Sept. 8** Sloppy

Joes, cook's choice vegetable, coleslaw, bun and watermelon

**Friday, Sept. 9** Turkey slice with sweet potatoes, gelatin/mixed, bananas and dinner roll

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