Agency to help ranchers

The United States Depart- gram policies is a positive step ment 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 prothat 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 having 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 Having and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Centers or go online to 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 freetime. 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 sub-

mitted online at ruralhealth. kumc.edu/photocontest, via email to 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.

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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

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.

NORTHERN VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Monday, Sept. 5 No School-Labor Day **Tuesday, Sept. 6** HS VB vs. Phillipsburg and Norton at Norton 5 p.m.

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.

NJHS ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Sept. 6 KAY Board A.P. Wednesday Sept. 7 Faculty Meeting 7:45 a.m. Stuco Elections A.P.

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.

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

HS CC Rock Hills Invitation-

Pork Feed at 5 p.m./Water-

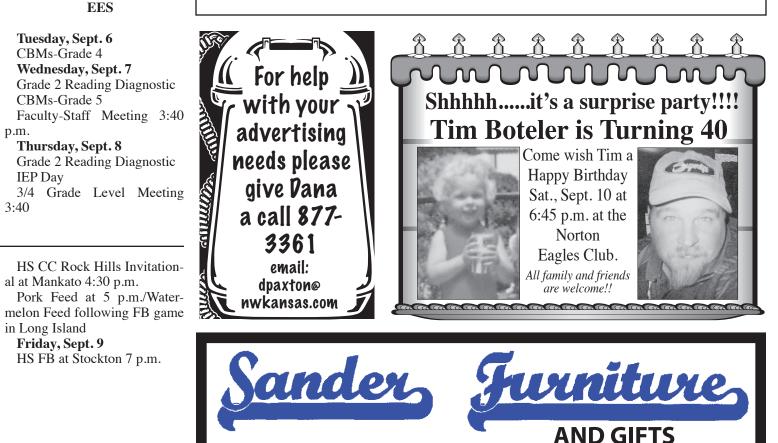
HS FB at Stockton 7 p.m.

al at Mankato 4:30 p.m.

in Long Island

Friday, Sept. 9

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Eisenhower Elementary

School Menu

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

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

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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

Northern Valley

Monday, Sept. 5 No School-Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 6

fruit cup and assorted cold ce- Snicker-doodle cookie

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DATE CORRECTION

Beginning September 18, 2011 **RCIA** Intro Class 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

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

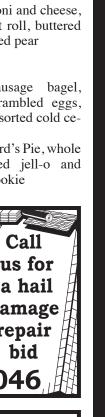
-Breakfast: Sausage bagel, hash browns, scrambled eggs, apple juice and assorted cold cereal

-Lunch: Shepherd's Pie, whole -Breakfast: Casserole, toast, wheat roll, cubed jell-o and

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