

Farm Safety Week is Sept. 15-21

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. This year, Gov. Sam Brownback has also proclaimed Sept. 15-21, 2013 as Kansas Farm Safety and Health Week, too.

It's no coincidence that national attention turns to safety during the busiest season of the year for agriculture, said John Slocombe, farm safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension. The push to get crops in and out of fields hits full speed in the fall. Livestock are moved from summer pasture to fall and winter locations. Tractors and farm implements become more common on rural roads in Kansas and throughout rural America during the fall. Sharing the road becomes increasingly important as farming season peaks and days become shorter.

"This year's theme Farm Safety & Health Week, 'Working Together for Safety in Agriculture', really gets to the core of safety on the farm and on rural roadways," Slocombe said. "Each of us, whether we work on the farm or not, has a responsibility to work safely and this is especially true as farm vehicles share the road with other motorists during the busy fall farming season."

Most crashes involving farm equipment on public roads involve a passenger vehicle and a farm implement. Too often these crashes result in fatality and most are preventable.

Tips for motorists:
•Expect to see more equip-

ment on roadways during the busy agricultural seasons, such as during fall harvest, but be alert for farm equipment on the road year round, especially on rural roads.

•Be alert for agricultural equipment with slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems, reflectors, or flashing lights.

•Slowing down immediately when you see agricultural equipment with SMV emblems, which are red and orange, retro-reflective triangles attached to equipment meant to warn motorists to slow down because the equipment displaying the emblem is moving less than 25 miles per hour.

•Be extremely cautious when passing equipment because the operator may not see or hear you. Be patient; do not pass the slow moving equipment unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

•Pass with caution. The equipment may be longer and wider than you think.

•Be aware of possible left hand turns by farm equipment into fields. Watch for signal lights and hand signals. Scan your surroundings for the location field driveways before beginning to pass.

Tips for farmers:
•Use SMV emblems on all farm equipment traveling 25 mph or less.

•SMV emblems must be clean, unfaded and visible. New SMV emblems can be reflective up to 1,200 feet. Replace faded and broken SMV emblems.

•Check lights and reflectors before road travel. Make sure

lights and blinkers function properly and visible by motorists.

•Maintain high visibility on the highway. Use lights, flashers, and turn signals to indicate your location and intentions.

•Use reflective marking tape to show the size of farm equipment.

•Pull over and allow traffic to pass, when it is safe to do so and you can pull off the road entirely with your equipment.

•Avoid or minimize road travel when it is dark, during morning and evening peak drive times, and during bad weather when visibility may be poor.

•Use an escort vehicle when moving large equipment on the road.

•Consider installing service roads in fields along busy highways to eliminate travel on highways when feasible.

One final tip for farmers – never transport extra passengers on a tractor designed for one person. It's unsafe for the passenger and is a distraction to the tractor driver. Extra riders are at tremendous risk of falling from the tractor, which could place them in the path of a towed implement if one is attached to the tractor. If the tractor is equipped with an extra seat the rider should be seated and buckled while the tractor is moving.

It takes time to prevent farm accidents, Slocombe said. Unfortunately, it takes only seconds to become a farm accident victim. Plan ahead. Think safety first.

Downtown upgrade



Norton City workers finish leveling a new sidewalk north of the USD 211 Learning Center. This project was suggested by Rose Garrison in hopes of making downtown Norton more appealing. The parking lot will be paved and a wrought iron fence with brick posts to match, that were found at the Washington Street Park, will be put up by Jacob Hickman.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS
Monday, Sept. 16
Junior Magazine sales end
Jay Singers, A.P.
JV football at Goodland, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
Scholar's Bowl Team: organizational meeting, A.P.
JV tennis at Russell, 3 p.m.
V tennis at Phillipsburg, 3 p.m.
Fall play auditions, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
MTSS early dismissal, 1 p.m. (breakfast and lunch served; buses run at dismissal)
FFA District Land Judging, 9:30 a.m.
Faculty meeting, 3:30 p.m.
Sophomores with parents order class rings; cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
SIT, 7:45 a.m.
KAYS, A.P.
JV tennis at Phillipsburg, 3

p.m.
Cross country at Hays, 3:45 p.m.
JV/VB vs. Goodland and Dundy County, Neb., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20
PBIS and BASS meetings
Artist of the Month, A.P.
Foreign Language Club: organizational meeting, A.P.
Football at Plainville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
ACT test date
FFA Dodgeball at Plainville, 9 a.m.
NJHS
Tuesday, Sept. 17
JH "B" football vs. Southern Valley, Neb., 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
MTSS early dismissal, 1 p.m. (breakfast and lunch served; buses run at dismissal)
Site Council, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19
VB and FB at Goodland, 4/4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20
EES

Monday, Sept. 16
Lyceum at East Campus, 2:30 p.m.
All grades: grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Site council, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
MTSS early dismissal, 1 p.m. (breakfast and lunch served; buses run at dismissal)
Thursday, Sept. 19
Hearing and vision screening, 8:30 a.m.
Northern Valley
Monday, Sept. 16
Cross country at Alma Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity football vs. Wallace at Almena, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17
High school volleyball vs. Western Plains and Palco at Almena, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
FFA District Land Judging at Hoxie, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Year book ad sales in Norton, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Junior high volleyball vs. Healy-Heartland at Long Island, 4 p.m.
Junior high football vs. Healy-Heartland at Long Island, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20
High school football at Hill City, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
FFA District dodgeball at Palco, 9 a.m.
Cheer camp at high school gym, 9:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SCHOOL MENU

NCHS-NJHS
Monday, Sept. 16
Breakfast-Breakfast Tornado, fruit cup, orange juice and milk.
Lunch-Meatballs, whipped potatoes, celery sticks, rolls w/ margarine, pineapple tidbits and milk.
Tuesday, Sept. 17
Breakfast-Oatmeal breakfast round, applesauce and milk.
Lunch-Grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, grapes, baked beans and milk.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
Breakfast-Assorted cereal, pears, toast w/margarine, apple juice and milk.
Lunch-Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, vegetable salad, peaches, french bread and milk.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Breakfast-Pancake and sausage on a stick, Mandarin oranges, orange juice and milk.
Lunch-Corndogs, coleslaw, green beans, apples and milk.
Friday, Sept. 20
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, strawberries and bananas, grape juice and milk.
Lunch-Beef enchiladas, lettuce and tomato, Mandarin oranges and milk.
EES Menu
Monday, Sept. 16
Breakfast-Monkey bread, apricots and milk.
Lunch-Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, gravy, broccoli salad, mixed veggies, fruit cocktail and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Breakfast-Rolled up sausage links, tater tots, oranges and milk.
Lunch-Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, pears, cornbread and milk.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, ham, fruit cocktail, toast with jelly and milk.
Lunch-Pigs in a blanket, sweet potato french fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce and milk.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Breakfast-Warm cereal w/ toppers, bananas and milk.
Lunch-Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, warm peas, peaches, peanut butter twist and milk.
Friday, Sept. 20
Breakfast-Banana bread, apple juice and milk.
Lunch-Cavatini, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, garlic bread and milk.
Northern Valley Menu
Monday, Sept. 16
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, biscuit, watermelon, juice and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Soft shell taco, tossed salad w/dressing, seasoned green beans and pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday, Sept. 17
Breakfast-Waffles, links, fruit, juice and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Italian pasta bake,

green peppers, cucumbers, whole wheat roll, applesauce and brownie.
Wednesday, Sept. 18
Breakfast-Banana bread, juice, ham slice, strawberries and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Roast beef, mashed potatoes, hot roll, coleslaw and strawberry/banana dessert.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Breakfast-Oatmeal w/toppings, ham, fruit punch and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Chicken fajitas, tossed salad w/dressing, seasoned mixed vegetables and orange wedges.
Friday, Sept. 20
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, juice, yogurt cup, banana and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and cherry crisp.

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A wide staircase ushers you upstairs to three large size bedrooms and a full bathroom with tub/shower combination.
No improvements needed, this home has been completely rewired, new plumbing, ceiling fans throughout and a partial basement great for a storm shelter, extra storage or man cave.
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