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New tool to be used with program

The Natural Resources Conserfederal regulations. vation Service has added a new self-assessment tool to be filled out when applying for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program next year.

Farmers and ranchers applying for the program will be required to fill out the self-assessment, which was used during the Conservation Security Program last summer.

"The self-assessment tool is an educational tool," said Harold L. Klaege, state conservationist. "It provides landowners with a clear indication of what natural resource concerns they have, what they can accomplish, and what they need to do to qualify for the program."

"The self-assessment tool booklet asks questions about grazed range/pasture," he said. "We envision that the self-assessment will cut down on the time it takes the conservation service to process applications for the incentives program and that it will also reduce the federal dollars required to administer the program and make more dollars available for producers."

Kansas will be getting nearly \$22 million for the program, which will help farmers and ranchers improve and protect the state's natural resources.

One of the largest programs in the 2002 Farm Bill, the environmentally quality incentives program promotes environmental quality and assists farmers and ranchers to meet local, state and

Those interested in participating can apply at their local conservation service office.

Priority will be given to those applications that use cost-effective conservation practices, treat multiple resource problems, address national, state or local priori-

ties, and provide the most environmental benefits.

The cutoff date to apply is Fri-

day, Jan. 21. Information is available at the website www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs/eqip/2005/ eqip2005.html or at your local conservation service office.



Workmen from Reece Construction Company, Scandia, removed the cement barrier walls from the bridge construction project on the west edge of Norton. Here, they unload the 4,000 pound barriers and stack them on a side lot, waiting to be used again in the spring when the next bridge, west of

Road work comes

The Kansas Department of figuration, will now be a T-in-Transportation hopes that the tersection. This is being done construction on the west end of Norton will be done Monday. That includes the U.S. 36/

able to use the intersection and ably leave the speed on U.S. 36 will no longer have to wait for the traffic lights to cross the at 35 mph over the winter.

dered," he said. "We got it done tion until spring.

Mr. Schleicher said the inter- on US 36.

for safety purposes. "Entering the highway from

Washington and exiting the highway onto Washington should be somewhat safer now," he said.

Speeds will have to be slower day and the contractors have a when taking the new intersec-

He said the speed limit on Washington will be the same as it always has been, unless the He said if all goes well with county changes it. However, he the weather, travelers should be said the department will probwhere the construction zone is

Mr. Schleicher said this

The first construction sched

town, is under re-construction. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

to an end for winter

Washington Street intersection.

Area Engineer Harold Schleicher said the stripers are coming from Wichita on Monlittle cleaning up to do at the intersection, but otherwise the construction work west of town should be finished for winter.

section, which has been a Y con-

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Financial aid meeting, music room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Vocal Concert, auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday—Jay Singers, a.p.; SAC, a.p.; SAC Student Appreciation Day

Thursday — Kays, a.p.; FFA District Ag. Sales Contest, here, 4 p.m.; FFCLA Board, 7 p.m.

Friday — Assembly, 9 a.m.; Jazz, a.p.; freshman/junior varsity/ varsity Basketball versus Phillipsburg, here, 4 p.m.; Wrestling versus Phillipsburg/Stockton at Phillipsburg, 6 p.m.

Saturday — Junior varsity/varat Quinter, 8 a.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, chef salad

Junior High:

Monday — Kays, a.p.; Kay Hanging of the Greens, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday — Vocal Concert, auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday — Basketball at

Victoria, 5 p.m. Friday — Assembly, 9 a.m.

Eisenhower:

Wednesday—Faculty meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — Grade 5 and 6 level meeting, 7:40 a.m.; Winter program practice, East Campus Gym, 8:30-11:00; Kindergarten to Andbe Home, noon

Friday — Kindergarten to Andbe Home, noon; Winter program practice, East Campus Gym, 12:40-3 p.m.

Next Monday — Winter program practice, East Campus Gym, 12:40-3 p.m.; Winter Program, East Campus Gym, 6:30 p.m.

All Schools:

Monday — Board of Education meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30

Tuesday—Curriculum Coordinating Council, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Rolledup sausage link, tater tots, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, potatoes/ gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancakes, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Ike burger, homemade bun, French fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin bread, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Baked chicken, potatoes/ gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, French bread, milk

Brick layer, Brian Hickman, worked inside a tarpaulin shelter last week as he fin-

ished the last of the 27 brick pillars fronting Norton Cemetery. The pillars, with

concrete caps, are part of a beautification program began last year. Bev Klein, a

committee volunteer said, "Not much will be going on during the rest of winter.

But, we have 15 evergreen trees and 15 Bradford pear trees ordered to be planted

in the spring." These trees will be placed by the entrances and on the frontage.

Mrs. Klein said it is estimated that another \$20,000 will be needed to complete

the project. The installation of iron posts and chains between the posts and pil-

lars are the next phase. Alberta Slaby is spearheading the fund raising efforts. To

make a contribution to the Cemetery Beautification Fund, call Mrs. Slaby at 877-

Norton High Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Blueberry bread, pineapple, apple ketball at Damar, 4:30 p.m.; Job juice, milk or cereal, toast; Lunch: Pizza, salad, chocolate chip cookie, pineapple, milk or chef

Scrambled eggs, bacon, orange juice, pineapple, milk or cereal, toast; Lunch: Cheeseburger Lunch payment due; Junior High pocket, peas, apple crisp, carrots and celery, milk or chef salad

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, pears, apple juice, milk; or cereal, toast; Lunch: liflower, pudding delight, milk or chocolate cake

cereal, toast; Lunch: Spaghetti, cheese, salad, pineapple, garlic

bread, milk or chef salad burrito, potato puffs, pineapple apple juice, cereal; Lunch: Ham, juice, milk or cereal, toast; Lunch: Ground beef gravy, potatoes, carrots, Jello with strawberries and dessert

bananas, milk or chef salad

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Almena, conference room, 6 p.m.; K-12 Christmas Concert, K-6 at 7 p.m. in auditorium; Grade 7-12 at 8 p.m. in the gym

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Tuesday — High School basketball at Smith Center, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Junior High bas-Interview and Ag Sales Contest at Norton, 3:30 p.m.

Friday — Long Island Service Club Secret Sister party, 2 p.m.; Tuesday — Breakfast: High School basketball at Bertrand, 4 p.m.

Next Monday — Breakfast and basketball at Logan, C-team boys 4:30 p.m., B-team girls 5 p.m., Bteam boys 5:30 p.m.

Breakfast/Lunch Menus:

sity wrestling at Goodland, 9 a.m.; Cheddar chowder, crackers, bar, apricots, cereal; Lunch: Ham-strawberries Junior varsity basketball tourney peaches, salad, broccoli and cauburger, potato salad, baked beans,

> Tuesday — Breakfast: Plain Thursday — Breakfast: Coffee muffin/scrambled eggs, apple, cake, peaches, grape juice, milk or cereal; Lunch: BBQ beef on a bun, tri-tators, cauliflower, tapioca

pudding Wednesday — Breakfast: Pan-Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast cake/sausage bites, hashbrowns, mashed potatoes, yams, peas, salad, whole wheat roll, cherry

Thursday — Breakfast: Waffles, ham slice, grape juice, Monday—Long Island Service cereal; Lunch: Parmesan chicken, 17; School Board Meeting, applesauce

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Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange half, cereal; Lunch: Chili with crackers, relishes, cheese sticks, cinnamon bun **JENNINGS** Monday — Junior High basket-

ball Northwest Kansas League **Division Tournament** Tuesday — High School bas-

ketball at WaKeeney, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday — Junior High boys basketball eighth-grade tournament at Quinter

Friday — High School basketball at Atwood, 6:30 p.m.

Lunch Menus:

Monday — Ham patties, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, salad bar, bread, pears

Tuesday — Sliced ham, au gra-Monday — Breakfast: Granola tin potatoes, peas, salad bar, bread,

Wednesday - Club sub, Doritos, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, ice cream

gravy, peas, salad bar, bread, fruit

breadsticks, salad bar, applesauce

Thursday—Chicken, potatoes/

Friday — Pizza, green beans,

operate with us."

a little quicker than we thought. Hopefully, the weather will co-uled for this spring is the bridge

"The highway's been shoul- should wrap up area construc-

about one mile west of Norton

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