

Highway 83 construction to begin in Decatur County

A job to repave US-83 Highway in Decatur County is scheduled to start on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Construction crews will mill and inlay the existing pavement and later overlay the surface with new asphalt material beginning at the junction of K-383 intersection and continuing north approximately 18 miles to the concrete section south of Oberlin.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected throughout the construction time frame.

The new construction includes center-line rumble strips throughout the project. In 2007, the Kansas Department of Transportation implemented policy to install center-line rumble strips in conjunction with new construction projects on many rural, two-lane highways that have at least a three-foot paved shoulder. The strips are intended to warn drivers that their vehicles are drifting across the centerline onto oncoming traffic, avoiding potential collisions.

Weather permitting, construction work should be completed by mid-October.

Attorney General to visit Norton

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt will visit several northwest Kansas communities later this week.

Schmidt will visit six counties on Friday and Saturday of this week. On Friday, he will play host to a training session and discussion with regional criminal prosecutors and later will visit the Stockton Correctional Facility.

On Saturday, Attorney General Schmidt will join with State Sen. Ralph Ostmyer (R-Grinnell) to conduct a series of listening stops. The Saturday

meetings with Sen. Ostmyer are open to the public, and all local residents are encouraged to come by to visit.

Friday, Aug. 26
8:45 a.m. Osborne - Attorney General's Call Discussion with area prosecutors at the Sunflower Bank Conference Room, 203 W. Main St.
2:30 p.m. Stockton - Visit Stockton Correctional Facility at 1210 S. Cedar St.
Saturday, Aug. 27
8 a.m. Quinter - Listening Stop at the Q Inn Restaurant, 1204 Castle Rock Rd.

Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

10:30 a.m. Atwood - Listening Stop at Williams Brothers Supermarket, 106 N. 4th St.
Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

12:45 p.m. Jennings - Firemen's Fun Day Attorney General Schmidt and Sen. Ostmyer will participate in the Firemen's Fun Day festivities and parade.

3 p.m. Norton - Listening Stop at Town & Country Kitchen, 419 E. Holme St.
Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Get those legs up



Despite near-triple digit temperatures this week, the Norton Junior High and High School football teams are practicing in full gear to prepare for the upcoming football season. The high school season will kick off next Friday in Norton against Ellis and the Junior High gridgers will play Phillipsburg in Phillipsburg on Thursday.

Pictured at left, the Norton Junior High football players work on agility and coordination by speeding through the rope ladder while trying to keep their eyes off their feet.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Corrections employees earn honors

Congratulations are in order for Jessica Brackney, Rhonda Jacques and 1st Sgt. Chris Olesen, on their selection as Norton Correctional Facility's Employees of the 1st Quarter in 2011.



Chris Olesen



Jessica Brackney



Rhonda Jacques

Jessica Brackney has been a Medical Records Clerk for Correct Care Solutions for the past year and shown to be a great asset to the team through her dedication to her work, supervisors and willingness to learn and take on more tasks. She cross trains with the Mental Health Department and serves on the Employee Activity Committee.

Rhonda Jacques is our Procurement Officer and has served the State in supply and procurement since 1978. Rhonda and her staff are very good at serving the facility in an efficient manner. Rhonda has recently taken on a new inventory and data program and met the challenge. In addition to her daily tasks, she serves as the KDOC liaison/initiator for the inmate purchasing contract, state-wide teams for procurement negotiation, and as leader of the Emergency Employee Staff Services team. Rhonda is great about volunteering to recognize

staff through cards and memorials and always assists in any events.

1st Sgt. Chris Olesen has served in Security since 1999 in many capacities. He is very dedicated to his performance and those he supervises and cares about changing lives. Recently he has been in charge of a challenging population and performed well by striving to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations with reflective communication and mutual respect. He serves as a Field Training Officer, and is recognized by other departments for his great communication of changes and assistance with needs.

Please congratulate these individuals on their selections as Norton Correctional Facility Employees of the Quarter.

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floral arrangements and balloons to celebrate 100 years of Della's life.

Della reflects that over her lifetime, she's seen many changes, especially in technology.

"There were hardly any phones when I was young. Hardly anybody had a phone," she said. "Now everybody has all kinds of phones."

Though facing some health challenges from

time to time, Della reflects that overall, she still feels well most of the time while still able to care for herself from time to time, she isn't making any plans for the future.

"It seems like a long time to live 100 years, but I never thought I would live this long," she said. "I just keep living from day to day and when you get to be 100, you better remember that you could be getting near the end. For now, I'll just keep living."

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Police to target impaired driving

The Kansas Highway Patrol and many other law enforcement agencies have begun participation in the Kansas Department of Transportation's Special Traffic Enforcement Program, which runs from August 18 through Labor Day, September 5. Troopers will be enforcing Kansas' impaired driving, occupant protection, and other laws.

The highway patrol is among more than 130 law enforcement agencies across the state who will participate in the Drunk Driving, Over the Limit. Under Arrest. STEP campaign. In an effort to drastically reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when alcohol is mixed with driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle, troopers across the state will be participating in saturation pa-

trols and check lanes.

It is illegal in Kansas to drive or attempt to operate a motor vehicle with a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. Penalties for impaired driving include loss of driving privileges, fines, court costs, and possible jail time. The more severe consequences of drinking and driving include injuring or killing yourself, an occupant of your vehicle, or the occupants of another vehicle.

The Patrol suggests taking the following precautions: If you plan to drive, do not drink.

If you plan to drink, designate a non-drinking driver and give that person your keys. Never ride with a driver who has been drinking. Take a list of phone numbers with you for cabs or friends to call for a sober ride

home. If possible, plan to spend the night at the event. If you are throwing a party, provide non-alcoholic alternatives, and never let guests drive drunk. Report impaired drivers to your local law enforcement agency. Always buckle up and properly secure children in their safety seats.

Deadlines for Labor Day

Ad Deadline Noon, Thursday, September 1

for the Paper Wednesday, September 7

The Monday EXTRA and Tuesday, September 6 paper will be combined and delivered on Wednesday

The Telegram Office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5

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"ARE YOU READY?"

Kickoff for the 2011 Wildcat Football season is almost here! Enjoy our "game day atmosphere" and join us at our first annual

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August 27, 2011 • 5 - 8 p.m.
at the Oakley Country Club, Oakley, KS.

Grilled brats, burgers & hot dogs with all the trimmings \$ 10 a person

K-State news from

- K-State Men's asst. basketball coach, Brad Underwood
- Mike Clark, Ahearn Fund Donor Recruitment

- Auction items donated by the K-State Alumni Center -

- Autographed K-State football & basketball
- A round of golf for 3 with Frank Martin, Men's Head Basketball coach at Colbert Hills

Drawing for a Tailgate Party, donated by Kite's Bar & Grill for 2011!

