

Two highway projects to begin

Starting around August 28, a road construction project to resurface a section of U.S. 83 in Logan and Thomas County is set to begin.

The 18 mile job begins at the west U.S. 40 junction in Oakley and continues north on 83 to the U.S. 24 junction.

The scope includes a mill and overlay of new asphalt material on the driving lanes; as well as an overlay of the shoulders on the south half of the job.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$5,787,113 - to APAC Kansas Inc., of Hays.

The subcontractors on the job are: Dustrol Inc., of Towanda, milling; Roadsafet Traffic Systems, Inc., El Dorado, pavement markings; Surface Preparation Technology Inc., Mechanicsburg, PA, rumble strips.

Weather permitting, the work should be complete by early November.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Four Construction Engi-

neer Stuart Withington at (785) 672-3113 or stuartwi@ksdot.org in Oakley.

Project to seal U.S. 83 in Thomas County also planned:

A second highway project to seal part of U.S. 83 in Thomas County is projected to begin September 3.

Starting at the junction of U.S. 24 east of Colby (the 'nine-mile' corner) and continuing northeast on 83, approximately 11 miles to the Thomas/Sheridan County line, workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that are pressed into place with heavy rollers. Chip Seals are a low cost method of sealing minor cracking in a roadway, preventing water from seeping into the pavement and therefore extending the life of the roadway.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane for both highway projects; and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car operation during daylight hours. Minor delays should be expected through the

construction time frame, not exceeding 15 minutes. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

KDOT awarded the chip seal construction contract - totaling \$330,882 to Blevins Asphalt Construction Co. Inc., of Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Weather permitting, the U.S. 83 seal project will be complete within one working week from the start date.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Two Engineer Eric Oel-schlager at (785) 626-3258 or Erico@ksdot.org in Atwood.

Both highway projects are funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Razin' the roof



Demolition of the old bath house at the Norton swimming pool didn't take long. On Thursday a crew from Prosser, Wilbert Construction, from Lenexa, tore down the old structure, making way for a new \$4.5 million facility.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Fall Field Day planned for Sept. 4 in Hays

Everything from food grade sorghum to wheat breeding to cover crops and more are features of the 2013 Fall Field Day planned for Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the K-State Research and Extension Agricultural Research Center in Hays.

A highlight of the day is a tour and presentation on the center's new greenhouse and the benefits it will bring to K-State researchers and ultimately producers.

The field day begins with reg-

istration at 8:30 a.m., followed by the program at 9 a.m.

K-State Research and Extension specialists will give presentations in the field and auditorium, including:

- *New Greenhouse for Research: Bugs, Weeds and Stronger Plants;
- *Systems Approach to Managing Weeds in Soybeans;
- *New Herbicide-tolerant Traits in Soybeans;
- *Sorghum Breeding: What's

in the Pipeline?;

*21st Century Tools for Western Kansas Wheat Breeding;

*Adding Value: Food Grade Grain Sorghum;

*Plant-to-Plant and Field-to-Field: Insect Movement and Consequences for Pest Management; and

*The Importance of Fallow and Fallow Alternatives: Cover Crops and Annual Forages.

A complimentary lunch will be served.

New wheat publication now available

K-State Research and Extension has posted two new agriculture-related publications online that are available free to the public.

The "2013 Kansas Performance Tests with Winter Wheat Varieties" publication provides the results of annual comparisons of new and currently-grown winter wheat varieties in major crop-producing areas of the state. The tests generate information designed to help Kansas growers select wheat varieties suited for their area and conditions. The publication was authored by Jane Lingenfelter, K-

State assistant agronomist and performance test coordinator.

Another publication, "Wheat Variety Disease and Insect Rating 2013," provides information on wheat genetic resistance to diseases and insect pests, which is typically the most effective, economical, and environmentally sound method of control. The ratings represent the results of multiple field and greenhouse evaluations by public and private wheat researchers. The ratings can help producers select wheat varieties to plant and minimize the potential for yield losses. The publication was writ-

ten by Erick De Wolf and William Bockus, both professors in Kansas State University's plant pathology department, and Jeff Whitworth, associate professor in K-State's entomology department.

Visit the K-State Research and Extension Bookstore (<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/Default.aspx>) to view these new publications, as well as other fact sheets and publications on a wide variety of research-based information from K-State Research and Extension.

Making a difference by keeping kids active

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

School is back in session and fall sports are gearing up. Have you ever wondered: Who coaches the coaches? Who officiates the officials? Who records the records? And for that matter, who leads the youth leaders? It is essential that there is a state high school activities association which leads and regulates these activities. In our state, that association is led by an executive who will now be serving at the national level as well. He comes from rural Kansas.

Gary Musselman is executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The KSHSAA is a state-wide, self-funded, non-profit association which organizes, governs, and regulates interscholastic activities. In Kansas, the association has more than 750 member schools including middle and high schools, public and private.

Gary Musselman has rural roots, having grown up at Ness City. He was actually born in the nearby community of Ransom, population 326 people. Now, that's rural.

From the time he was a sophomore in high school, Gary knew he wanted to be a teacher and a coach. He went to K-State for his secondary education degree and later earned a master's in secondary school administration from Wichita State. Through the years, Gary served as a teacher and coach at Independence, Andover, Beloit, and Halstead. He was the high school principal at La Crosse before joining the staff of the KSHSAA in 1988 and becoming executive director in 1996.

So what are the functions of the association? Some of the organization's activities are highly

visible, such as the state tournaments for high school sports. Others are less well known such as the scholars bowl, music festivals, or debate programs. The association keeps a list of state winners and state records in athletics and also supports the Kansas Association for Youth organization and student councils.

"Annually, more than 105,000 kids are in school athletics across Kansas," Gary said. "Another 30 to 50,000 participate in competitions such as music or debate." Each of these activities needs a common set of rules which the activities association provides.

"We have a legislative board of 78 elected representatives of schools across the state which makes the rules," Gary said. "Then we have an executive committee and a separate appeals board to which a parent may appeal a ruling. Only a small fraction of the work we do involves rules enforcement," he said.

Gary believes that school activities should be a laboratory for learning, a place to learn sportsmanship and citizenship in a way that reflects the educational values of Kansas.

"A 2008 University of Kansas study showed that 94 percent of the 2,000 kids who dropped out were not involved in school sports," Gary said. "When kids are engaged (in activities), it is very meaningful to their educational success. School activities help kids learn life skills."

In addition to the KAY leadership program, the association operates a student council summer workshop. For coaches, the association offers mandatory rules tests which coaches must pass with 90 percent proficiency. For officials, the association offers registration, testing, and

training for nearly 5,000 men and women. For schools, the association offers the opportunity for fair student competition, plus specific benefits such as catastrophic insurance coverage for student-athletes.

Now Gary's leadership is being taken to the national level. In 2013, he was selected to serve a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of State High School Associations based in Indianapolis.

"I am blessed and honored," Gary said. "We are planting seeds. It is rewarding being involved with things that help kids develop." For more information, go to www.kshsaa.org.

School is back in session, and so are fall sports. So who officiates the officials? Who coaches the coaches? And who leads the student leaders? The Kansas State High School Activities Association. We commend Gary Musselman and all those at the activities association, plus all those involved in our schools and our teams. They are making a difference by supporting these activities which keep our kids active.

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, Logan, Kansas, takes great pride in hosting a seven-week quilting workshop. Janie Lowry from Stockton, Kansas will be the instructor.

Janie is well known in the area for her quilting expertise. Classes will be held October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 and 12, 2013, in the Hansen Plaza Community Room, 110 West Main,

Logan, Kansas from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. The first class on October 1 will be an orientation class. For more information or to register by phone, call 785-689-4846.

Opening August 29

New Clinic Brings Specialized Wound Care Services To Norton

Wound Care Clinic Norton County Hospital 102 E. Holme - Norton Weekly

In cooperation with Norton County Hospital, specialists from HaysMed's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center are providing wound care services in Norton for patients with these conditions:

- Wounds that are 30 days old or more and not improving
 - Diabetic foot ulcers
 - Lower leg ulcers
 - Pressure ulcers
 - Slow or non-healing surgical wounds
- No physician referral necessary.

Call 785-877-3351 or 785-623-5602 to schedule an appointment.



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The Chamber and City are hosting a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the New Pool Friday, August 30, at 10:00 in the morning! Public is Invited to Attend!



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