

# Construction on U.S. 36 will start next week

A road construction project to mill and overlay a portion of US-36 Highway in Phillips County will begin next week.

Beginning at the Norton/Phillips County line, the project extends east on US-36 Highway approximately 17 miles to the west city limits of Phillipsburg. Contracting firm Venture Corporation, of Great Bend, will serve as the primary contractor in charge of the project.

"The construction will begin with a 2 inch cold mill, followed by a 2 inch inlay of hot mix asphalt," explains Construction Engineer Jim Riener. "Once this is finished, an additional 1 inch

surface lift will complete the process."

A pilot car operation will halt and direct traffic through the construction zone during daylight hours.

Local travelers will need to plan on a short delay during their travels. The wait should not exceed 15 minutes during the construction period.

"As always, we ask that the traveling public exercise caution while driving through a highway work zone in Kansas," reminds Kansas Department of Transportation Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands. "Please slow down, and pay attention to

the workers and signs within a construction zone."

The total estimated cost of construction for this project is \$3,326,561. Work should be complete, weather permitting, by mid-July.

For more information regarding this project or any other project, please contact Kansas Department of Transportation Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or jriener@ksdot.org in Phillipsburg or Kristen Brands, Kansas Department of Transportation's northwest Kansas public affairs manager, at 785-877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

# Top tips for planting a tree

Kansas Arbor Day was celebrated at the end of April, coinciding with the observance of Arbor Day throughout much of the nation. Everyone grab a shovel and get ready to start digging! But wait.

Before planting a tree, make sure you know how to do it correctly, advises the International Society of Arboriculture. How a tree is planted and initially maintained makes all the difference in the world. Too many people are content to simply plant a tree and don't ensure that the tree has the chance to go on to live for many years.

"Planting a tree is making an investment in the future," said Sharon Lilly, International Society of Arboriculture educational director. "You must care for and nurture your young tree so that it will pay dividends for years to come."

### Tree Planting Tips

There are a few simple tips to remember when planting your tree this Arbor Day:

Prepare the perfect hole for planting.

- Dig the hole two to three times the width of the root ball. Do not dig deeper than root ball depth. Make the sides of the hole slant gradually outward.

- For bareroot trees, neatly cut away any broken or damaged roots. Soak the roots for a few hours prior to planting to allow them to absorb water.

- Container-grown trees should have the plastic or metal containers completely removed. Careful-

ly cut through any circling roots. Remove the top half of pressed peat/paper containers.

- Balled and Burlapped trees should have all of the ropes cut. Pull the burlap at least one third of the way down; slit remaining burlap to encourage root growth. If in a wire basket, cut away the top of the basket.

### Plant the Tree.

- Gently place the tree in the hole.

- Partially backfill with the soil from the hole.

- Water to settle the soil
- Finish back-filling the hole.

- Tap the soil gently, but do not step on the root ball.

### A Few More Pointers

While you may have finished planting, Arbor Day aficionados should remember these final touches:

- Remove tags and labels.

- Do not stake unless the tree has a large crown or if the planting is situated on a site where wind or people may push the tree over. Stake for a maximum of one year.

- Prune only the damaged branches.

- Soak the soil well, making sure no air pockets form between roots. Wait until next year to

fertilize.

- Spread two to three inches of mulch over the planting area, but do not place it up against the trunk.

- Be sure the root ball has plenty of water throughout the year.

Anyone with questions regarding choosing the right tree or proper planting and maintenance is advised to contact an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist.

For additional information on planting and other tree care topics and to find a local International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, visit [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org).

The International Society of Arboriculture, headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. As part of International Society of Arboriculture's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information, contact a local International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist or visit [www.international-society-of-arboriculture-arbor.com](http://www.international-society-of-arboriculture-arbor.com).

## Travel

(Continued from Page 1) they spend money on since funding is likely to decrease. He said Natoma and New Age should contribute since they will be featured in the segment.

He made a motion to approve economic development paying up to \$2,000 if other donations can be found. Vote taken, motion passed.

In an interview after the meeting, Stiles said \$8,000 had been raised. Economic Development will contribute \$2,000.

In other economic development business:

- Stiles said four businesses submitted applications for the second round of the Storefront Renewal project. Endzone Sports and Office Supply, First Security Bank and Trust, Garden Gate

Floral and Lulich Enterprises, the former Dollar General building, submitted applications. The committee recommended approving the applications.

"We do have funding available to fund all four projects," Stiles said.

A motion was made to approve the four applications. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Stiles updated the board on the Young Professionals Group. She said they will ask the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and downtown development to co-sponsor the first event.

The first event is tentatively scheduled for June 26.

- The board discussed expanding the industrial park in Norton. An executive session was called to discuss real estate.

- Stiles discussed bids for a new laptop computer for her office. The board discussed prices and the bids before a motion was made to spend up to \$2,000 on a new computer. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to postpone the election of officers and committee members for economic development until June. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Stiles updated the board on the last meeting she attended for the community owned clothing store.

She said another meeting will be held at the end of May for interested people.

The next Norton City/County Economic Board meeting will be held June 8 in Edmond. All meetings are open to the public.

## District

(Continued from Page 1) that completed the historic survey. Since it is federal funding, it does need to go out to bid," she said.

The grant is a 60/40 percent split of the actual cost. Stiles said there is no opportunity to match the grant with labor like they did last year.

Stiles said the next step is to develop the RFP and go out to bid on the project.

"The schedule is to have the project complete by the end of 2010. There are so many businesses excited to take advantage of the program," she said.

The first grant application was approved in 2009 and covered the cost to hire a consultant to conduct a survey of downtown Norton.

Kerry Davis, Sally Schwenk Associates representative, said the survey process included a field investigation to photograph and determine the historical integrity of each property. Davis also gathered information about the location, architectural character, associated features and documented historical information.

Davis said there are several criteria for listing on the historic register. A building must:

- Be associated with events that made a significant contribution to historical patterns
- Be associated with the life of a person or persons who were significant in our past
- Embody the distinctive characteristics or a type, period or method of construction
- Have the potential to yield information important in prehis-

tory or history. The information gathered was organized into an inventory to determine each property's historical

significance.

The complete inventory can be seen at [www.khri.kansasgis.org](http://www.khri.kansasgis.org).

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**• PUBLIC NOTICE •**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLEN GENE WALTERS, DECEASED**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of **GLEN WALTERS**, also known as **GLEN GENE WALTERS**, Deceased  
Case No. 2009-PR-31

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Karen L. Walters, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Glen Walters, also known as Glen Gene Walters, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Administrator be discharged and that Karen L. Walters be released from further liability.

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE** your written defenses thereto on or before Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 2010, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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MEMORIAL DAY

5-31-10

There will be NO paper on Monday, May 31 or Tuesday, June 1

This is due to the holiday weekend and the office being closed on Monday, May 31. The Monday EXTRA and Tuesday's paper will be combined and distributed Wednesday, June 2 just as the regular Monday EXTRA would be, free to everyone in Norton

Ad Deadline for Memorial Day

With no paper on Monday, May 31, we will need ads for the Wednesday, June 2 paper no later than **Thursday noon on May 27.**

THIS PAPER GOES FREE TO EVERYONE IN NORTON, SO NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE!!

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