

Most of County Road 14 project completed

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Sherman County commissioners heard an update on the status of the County Road 14 project from old U.S. 24 south to I-70, with about 300 feet of road remaining to be poured in concrete.

Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates, and project inspector Mark Chaffin were at the commission meeting Friday morning to update the status of the project.

Neufeld said the north portion and intersection were basically completed. That was a project under the Kansas Department of Transportation the county had received for an economic development grant of \$800,000 to help pay for the one mile of concrete road.

He said the only thing left on the south side of the intersection was putting in a compression seal, and that takes at least two days of warmer temperatures. He said

this is a rope type seal that has to be pushed into place.

He said he asked the state if they would allow the south lane to be opened without the seal in place, and they would not allow that.

“That is why we are still with one lane,” he said. “We are watching along with Smoky Hill if we have a window of three or four hours above 40 degrees for two days we can get it done.”

He said the north portion of the project has been seeded, but there is a bit more to do on the south.

The county portion of the project from south of old U.S. 24 to the bridge that connects the road to I-70 is about three quarters done.

Neufeld said he had asked the Smoky Hill people about starting on the south section in the winter, but the contractor said they wanted to start.

He said Smoky Hill was given 70 work-

ing days for the state project, but had some minor changes like adding an entrance to add a few days. He said Smoky Hill is going to finish that project without going over the contract time with 79 days. He said Smoky Hill was given 53 days for weather on the state project.

On the county project Neufeld said Smoky Hill had 50 working days, and are now at 23.

“If we had not gotten the wet weather they would have been done in the fall,” he said. “The weather put them behind. There is not any argument with the state about that.”

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked about finishing the south project.

Neufeld said he talks to the Smoky Hills people about every two days about waiting for spring, but the upper management of the company wants to keep working when possible.

Neufeld said Chaffin, who has been with EBH for about two years, is the inspector

on the project and Neufeld said anything the Smoky Hill people are working Mark is out there checking things.

Thomas asked if Smoky Hill is going to keep trying to get the project done.

Neufeld said he would like to see Smoky Hill get the south side of the intersection sealed to open the south lane, and possibly put something temporary in on the south and open for the next two months.

Thomas said he had people contacting him about what was going on and thanked Neufeld for coming in to let the commissioners know what is going on.

Chaffin said the final portion of the south project to be completed is about 300 feet including the bridge approach.

Neufeld said the total project was about 1,200 feet and about 900 is done.

“I would rather let the last portion set until the weather gets better,” he said. “We do not know what we will find when we get to the bridge approach. We do not know how the

original bridge approach was done.

He said in a portion of the completed portion the contractor found a layer of spent lime that had to be dug out, and is not sure if more of the lime will be found in the approach to the bridge.

Chaffin said the old lime came from out by the old sugar plant, and when they found it the grader sank up to the axle. They had to dig it out and haul the old soil off.

Thomas asked about the seeding along the road.

Neufeld said they are putting in about 150 pounds of seed per acre to make sure to get a good stand. He said the seed is expensive, about \$30 a pound or more, but are having good luck getting it go grow. He said they have been finding that if they seed the seed mix that includes a large amount of buffalo grass in the fall it seems to do better than if seeded in the spring or summer.



Peggy Berls (above) and her young son look for artwork done by his brother at Carnegie Arts Center on Sunday. Sunflowers (left) made by students are part of the exhibit. Third grade music students (below) provided part of the music for visitors to the exhibit than runs until Sunday, Feb. 28.

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Student art exhibit starts

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The Carnegie Arts Center has had a colorful explosion with the elementary art exhibit opening on Sunday. To mark the opening Linda Lucas brought her second and third grade music students to entertain parents and art devotees. The exhibit will be on display until Sunday, Feb. 28, at 120 W. 12th.

On display were penguins on the march, self portraits, butterflies, sunflowers and colorful masks made by students from kindergarten to the sixth grade in the Goodland School District.

Students from the second grade who were singing were Trent Coon, Kaitlyn Coumerilh, Manten Crow, Brook Drennan, Danielle Isham, Kaylee Willems, Jaleigh Smith, Henry Cole, Rebecca Lockhart, Elora Walls, Clayton Cramer, Aracely Bustilos, Jeanean McIntyre and Kayleb Yarbrough, Ian DeLaPaz, Hannah Dechant, Lola Hipp,

Bethany McGuire, Levi Stasser, Teryn Teeter, Derek Brown, Blake Sanderson, Alexia Carson, Sergio Larzo, Saige Newman, Rachael Whitman, Taye Payne, Sierra Vandiver and Vanessa Renteria.

Students from the third grade included Leona Anderson, Christopher Berls, Ryan Lalicker, Peris Sieck, Ethan Wolf, Teresa Schaffer, Garren Ihrig, Ella Ihrig, Madison Studer, Michael Gensher, Crystal Sharon, Josue Renteria, Ashley Brown, Shay Dudley, Luke Hamilton, Landon Reicks, Kaitlin Thompson, Alisondra Smith, Jessi Duell, Danielle Black, Duncan Kroskey, Donavan Fisher, Jade Artzer, Grace Greene, RYan Volke, Joseph Thompkins, Kaylee Gil-Shaw, Tiatem Ketter, Desmond Purvis and Austin Hahn.

Students in the second grade attend West Elementary and students in the third grade attend Central Elementary.

corrections

In Friday's issue of The Goodland Star-News in the engagement of Jeremy Kemp and Megan Kay Sheldon the parents of the bride to be are Dirk and Pam Sheldon not Kirk and Pam Sheldon.

This was due to reporter error.

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January 12: Christopher L. Smiley, driving with suspended license, \$386.

January 13: Shelby L. Vinyard, unlawful parking, \$146.

January 14: Abhimanyu D. Keller, speeding, \$158.

January 15: Kyle R. Morgan, no valid license, \$100; motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$186.

January 16: John H. Harmas, speeding, \$116.

January 17: Karol K. Raszkievich, speeding, \$164.

January 18: William W. Watts, speeding, \$164.

January 19: Carol A. Crawford, speeding, \$176.

January 20: Leon Nguyen, speeding, \$170.

January 21: Youssef Y. Namroud, speeding, \$170.

January 22: Laura D. Marziano, speeding, \$146.

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All owners of taxable personal property (including boats, mobile homes, campers, snowmobiles, golf carts, mopeds, dirt bikes, trucks, non-highway vehicles, trailers, airplanes, business equipment and fixtures) MUST come to the appraiser's office to report ownership of such property. ALL Personal Property MUST be listed by March 15. Any questions concerning personal property items call 890-4825 Sherman County Appraiser's Office.

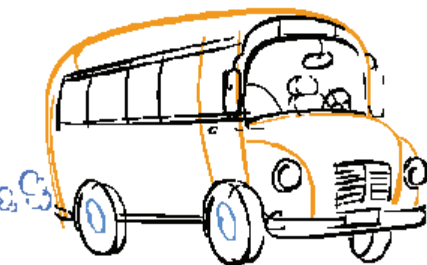
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Saturday, February 13

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