

* Roads ready for repair jobs

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asphalt. In Oberlin, crews will mill off an inch and a half of old pavement and replace it with an inch and a half new asphalt. State crews will do much of the work, hauling asphalt and guiding traffic around the work area, from Penn Avenue east to the elevator entrance. Work could begin in July or August, Stewart said. The contractor, Venture Corp., has two paving jobs south of town on U.S. 83 and one on K-9 around Allison.

Another project, in Smith County, will include a half-inch mill and an overlay of 1 1/2 inches of new pavement. In Smith Center, in another cooperative project, state crews will help, with the contractor milling the pavement from Main Street to the east city limits, then laying down an overlay of new asphalt.

Stewart said three bridges east of Oberlin in Decatur County are scheduled for bids in 2013, with work to start in spring 2014. The three now are posted against heavy trucks. All will be replaced while one-lane traffic is carried on either the old or new bridge.

In District 2 in central Kansas, he said, the only project on U.S. 36 this year is a conventional asphalt seal on the four-lane segment at the east end of Washington County. Rebuilding the U.S. 36-U.S. 81 interchange did not make the state's list of 27 improvement projects, he noted, but some work has been done on the existing pavement.

Work in District 1, in Brown County, includes replacing two bridges east of the U.S. 75 interchange at Fairview. In Doniphan County, concrete pavement on 14.6 miles of road west of Troy is being patched in a \$700,000 job.

Mike Moriarty from the department's Bureau of Transportation Planning talked about two projects on U.S. 36 that didn't make the T-

Works plan last year. One was the U.S. 81 interchange in Belleville, which was built with diamond ramps rather than a cloverleaf to avoid having to demolish a motel and buy other nearby property.

More than 400 projects were submitted for the improvement phase of the highway program, he noted. The U.S. 36 projects scored high, but not high enough to make the final list.

Expansion to four lanes of the Wathena-Troy segment of U.S. 36, at the top of the association's wish list, was one of those.

"That does not mean these are not good projects," Mr. Moriarty said. "They did score very well. Hard decisions had to be made."

He noted that "every inch" of U.S. 36 will receive some maintenance work during the 10-year plan. The state will select more projects for the plan as money becomes available.

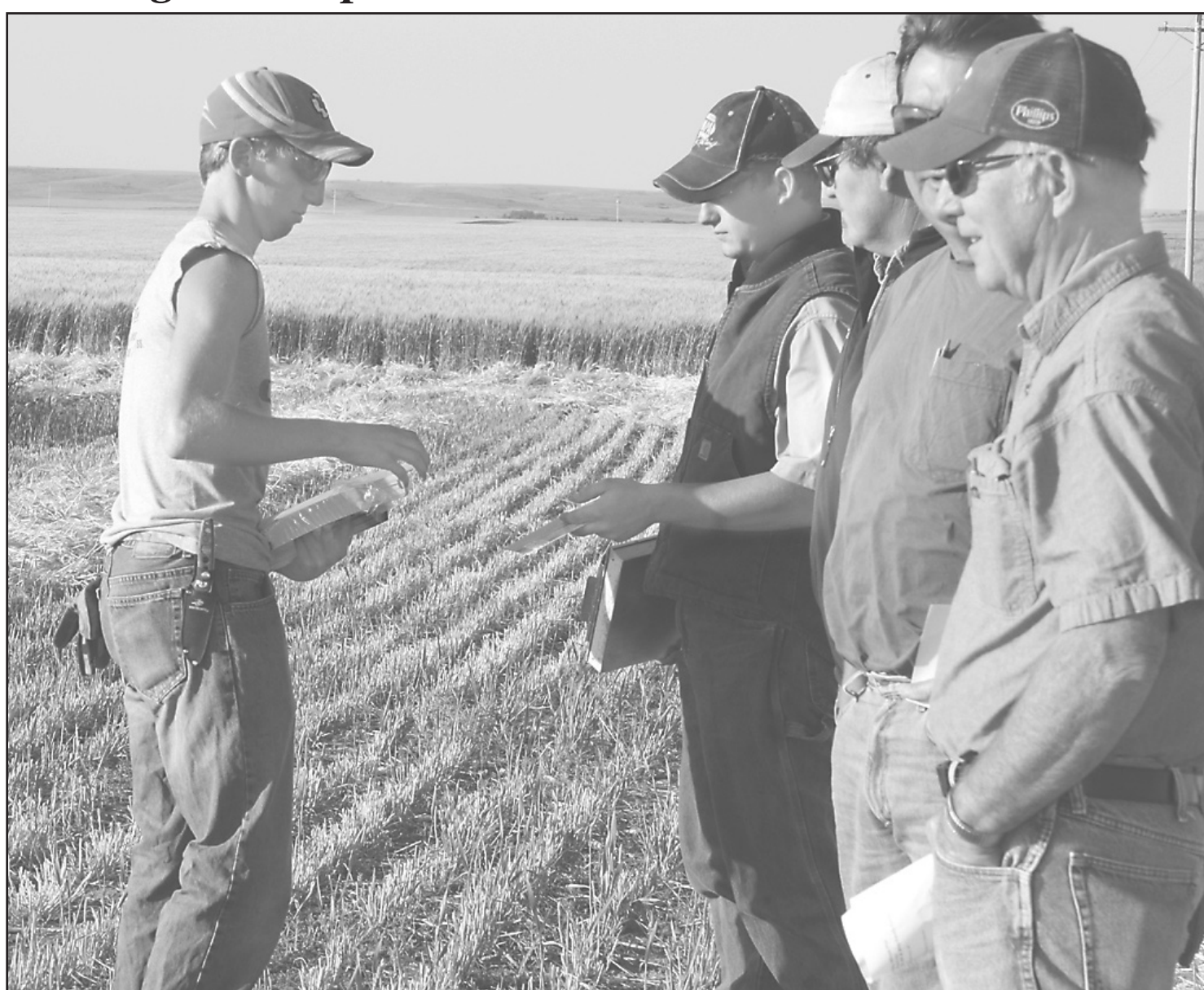
"I do encourage you all to stay tuned, keep in touch and keep talking with us," he said. "The projects that have the best momentum are the ones that move forward."

About 35 people from the Phillipsburg area and across the state came for the meeting and luncheon, held at the Huck Boyd Community Center.

Officers and directors of the association were re-elected. Steve Haynes of Oberlin is president of the group, while Bob Struvey of Norcatour and Lee "Doc" Franklin of Jennings are directors.

The board set goals for the coming year, including plans to hold meetings with economic development officials along the road and with legislators to go over a study done by the Docking Institute at Fort Hays State University. The study outlines the economic benefits expected from widening the road to four lanes across the state, starting at the Missouri line.

Touring the test plot



RYAN MAY, son of Roger and Susan May, helped out during the annual wheat tour last Wednesday. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

* County considers new incentives

(Continued from Page 1A) less phones. Mr. Gallentine called Marilyn Gamblin, county health nurse, about her phone, as it's the most expensive. Ms. Gamblin said she pays for the phone with money from an emergency preparedness grant. She said she doesn't have to stay with the service she has, which

is Verizon. The commissioners asked if she needs the texting plan. Ms. Gamblin said she uses it for house alert. "Would you have a reason to text back?" asked Mr. Gallentine. Yes, she said, she needs to be able to respond to the texts. The commissioners didn't make

any decision about the cell phone service.

In other business, they: • Heard Ms. Geihsler ask if the transportation bus can take people out to Sappa Park. She said there was a question about kids calling and asking. Mr. Hirsch suggested she check with other counties and

see what they do and don't do. • Held a five-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege. There was no action taken afterward. • Talked about a letter the county received about setting up a county coroner. They decided to pass the letter to the hospital.

Garden tour coming up

The Decatur Professional Women plan to hold a garden tour next month in Norcatour and Oberlin. Tickets will cost \$10 for the tour on Sunday, July 17. Those who want to go to the Norcatour tour should meet at the gazebo in

Centennial Park at 5 p.m. Those wanting to attend the Oberlin tour will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo. Tickets may be purchased at *The Oberlin Herald*, the Dresser or from any member of the group.

* Relay set for Friday

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with a "candle-lighting ceremony of hope." Each team will earn pledges by keeping at least one walker on the track until the event closes around 1 a.m.

Congressman plans visit here

Congressman Tim Huelskamp will be in Oberlin for a "town hall" meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, June 27, in the third-floor courtroom of the Decatur County Courthouse. Rep. Huelskamp said he will hold meetings in seven towns that week. From 2 to 3 p.m. the same day, he will be in Norton at the Town and

Country Kitchen. From 4 to 5 p.m., a meeting is set at the Third Street Bakery in Phillipsburg. The congressman will be in Concordia, Washington Marysville and Seneca on Wednesday, June 29. His office said he also plans to visit with employers along U.S. 36 to discuss ways to create new jobs in Kansas. "The feedback Kansans offer

me at these town hall meetings is both valuable and helpful," he said. "Their ideas and concerns help guide the issues I focus on while serving them in Congress." Mr. Huelskamp, who lives in Ullysses, is in his first term representing the 1st District, which covers most of rural Kansas.

Chamber farmers market to start

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce farmers market will start next Wednesday. Anyone interested in selling produce can take part. The market will start around 8 a.m., outside the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center at Penn Avenue and

Commercial Street downtown. Chamber manager Carolyn Hackney said she has some handouts of guidelines for people wanting to sell at the market. The pamphlets answers from frequently asked questions, such as, can someone sell canned salsa. (An-

swer: not without a Kansas Department of Agriculture food processor license, selling food prepared in a licensed and certified facility.) Contact her at the Chamber office in the center, or call 475-3441.



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