

# New crosswalk gives safer access to Hoisington Activity Center

**BY MELISSA NECH**  
The official ribbon-cutting and celebration of the implementation of the High Visibility Crosswalk at Hoisington Activity Center was held on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m. Dr. Joyce Ellis of Fort Hays State University represented the Governor's Council on Fitness at the celebration.

Ellis said the grant application was well-written and addressed each part of the mission "to encourage increased physical activity, healthy diets and tobacco-use prevention by sharing information with Kansans and partnering with businesses, schools and individuals to promote healthy lifestyles."

The Governor's Council on Fitness granted Barton County Health Department project funds for the crosswalk through the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant, coordinated by Janel Rose. The High Visibility Crosswalk to Hoisington Activity Center was identified as one of the measures that would increase safety of residents and students going to the center daily.

The \$10,000 grant funding was also used to develop the sidewalk design along Main Street south of Highway 56 in Ellinwood. Rose was notified of the award to install the new crosswalk on Hoisington's Susank Road in March 2018.

Other invited guests included the Barton County Commissioners, County Administrator Phil Hathcock, Hoisington City Administrator Jonathan Mitchell and Hoisington City Council Members, USD 431 Superintendent Bill Lowry, Clara Barton Hospital Administrator Jim Blackwell, County



A ribbon cutting for the new Susank Road crosswalk located west of the Activity Center was held last Wednesday. The new crosswalk offers higher visibility and more safety for pedestrians. (photo by Melissa Nech)

Engineer Barry McManan, Road & Bridge Director Darren Williams, Hoisington Recreation Commission Director Chris Kinman, GPS students, Be Well Barton County task force members, Barton County Sheriff Ballendir and Hoisington Police Chief Kenton Doze.

The new High Visibility Crosswalk has thermoplastic materials embedded into the asphalt using a heat process to make it a long-lasting crosswalk. The design used was ladder striping. Ladder striping makes crosswalks more visible to motorists and pedestrians. Traditional parallel lines are less expensive to install and maintain, but are more difficult to see, especially with wear.

Doze reminds drivers that the highdefinition crosswalk is the "same as any other crosswalk" and asks drivers to please watch for pedestrians.

# New chief named



Lyons City Administrator Chad Buckley stands with Lyons Police Chief Justin Holliday. (photo by Ryan Carlson)

# Butterflies

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Scientists believe the goal for a sustainable population is 9-11 hectares for the roost in Mexico.

Martin said in 2013-14, there were approximately two-thirds of a hectare. "The population is way down," she said.

"It's not the Monarch butterfly itself that is endangered, it is the migration itself that is endangered," Martin said. "It would be such a shame to lose this phenomenal migration and this behavior of this butterfly."

Martin has been raising butterflies since she was a kid. Her grandfather collected butterflies and moths.

"He encourage me and I just had the interest," Martin said. "Now I get to raise them and share them with other people."

KWEC will host a butterfly festival at 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 15. Participants will have the opportunity to tag butterflies as well as make milkweed plant bombs to take home.

There will also be a variety of other activities. Tagging butterflies has become an annual event. Some of those tagged here have been found in Mexico.

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"Mom needs some help at home. She doesn't get around as well as she used to. She could manage at home if she had just a little help. Someone to remind her it's time to take her medicine, and help fix her a meal, maybe pick up around the house. "

"I'm working and taking my kids to their activities, and just don't have time to check on her as often as she needs....."

"What am I going to do? Dad called and needs me to take him to the doctor again today. He needs to go, but I can't miss another day of work. My sister lives 100 miles away and can't help, so it's up to me. I don't think he's been eating a decent meal or drinking his water like he should either. I can't do this alone, I need some help and so does he."

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