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Project to build kiosk for the Western Vistas Historic Byway is underway

A unique project to build an informational kiosk for the Western Vistas Historic Byway, located in western Kansas, is now underway.

The location of the kiosk is approximately 27 miles south of Oakley along the west side of U.S. 83 Highway.

Scott City artist Jerry Thomas will bring to life the rich history and beautiful scenery associated with the Western Vistas Historic Byway, which runs from Scott City north to Oakley on U.S. 83; and then west to Sharon Springs on U.S. 40 Highway.

The byway features seven National Historic sites and six museums that explore the various cultures and events that played a role in America's western expansion. It also highlights Scott State Park.

The artwork will be depicted on six interpretive panels.

The prime contractor on the signing project is Bridges Inc., of Newton.

The total project cost is \$109,754.

The project is expected to be complete by mid-November.

The idyllic location of the kiosk is on land donated by the family of Gerald Bean.

Native limestone from the property of Gerald Bean's family will also be implemented into a seating area near the kiosk project.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Engineer Mathew Withington at (785) 672-3113 or mwithington@ksdot.org in Oakley; or Kristen Brands, KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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Shown above: Scott City artist Jerry Thomas, employees with Bridges Inc. – of Newton, and KDOT Area Engineer Mathew Withington – of Oakley, inspect native limestone which will be used along the Western Vistas Historic Byway kiosk.