

Track progress celebrated at open house

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Several of the crowd of approximately 30 who gathered for the new track open house Tuesday, July 16 listen to Holyoke School Superintendent Bret Miles, pictured at left, tell about the progress on the track. Receipt of a Great Outdoors Colorado grant pushed the project forward this summer, and it is progressing on schedule at this point.

Two of the four cement pours were finished at the open house, and the other two were completed by the end of last week. Miles said General Acrylics out of Phoenix, Ariz., won the bid for the project. Harry and Sam Slusser of Akron did lots of dirt work, post tension concrete was handled by Suncoast Post Tension, and L&L Ready Mix of Holyoke provided concrete.

Miles explained that multiple cables were wound all the way around the track. They will get tightened and stabilized to guarantee there are no more than hairline cracks in the cement. Those attending the open house had a chance to tour the work in progress and see the cables on the last two sections before they were set firmly in place.

Concrete cures for 28 days, at which time the General Acrylics company will return to lay down the surface and complete the striping. The school chose to go with an earth-tone red surface that will be laid starting about Aug. 19.

It's the intent that Dragon fans will see a striped new track for the Aug. 30 home football game with Perkins County, Neb. If weather or other factors change that schedule, Perkins County has already agreed to host that game.

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October will be a good time to get landscaping done and lawn back in, said Miles. Official dedication of the new track will not take place until a track meet in the spring.

Miles commended the community effort in this project, noting the county applied for the GOCO grant, and the city, Highline Electric and many others are contributing greatly toward the completion. —Enterprise photo

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