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District Five

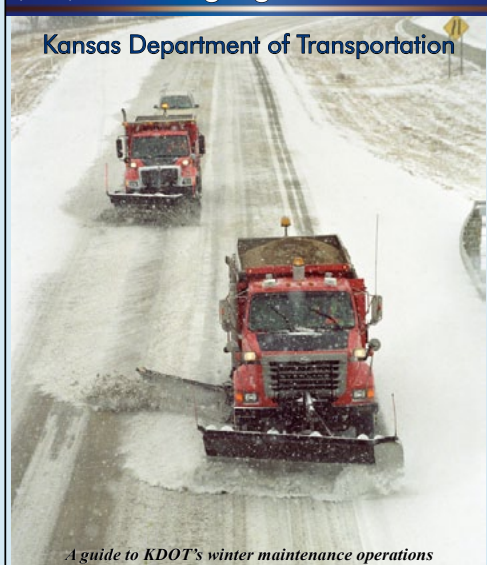
The KDOT LaCrosse Subarea worked with crews from Great Bend, Larned and Lyons to place rocking edge along 74 lanes miles in Rush County and 22 lane miles in Barton County. The six-week project to put rock next to the highway helps stabilize the edge of the road and also helps motorists who come off the edge of the highway to have a smooth transition back to the pavement surface.



Maintenance

Ready for winter: KDOT's Managing Snow and Ice publication has been updated and also includes new information to help motorists when traveling near or around snow plows. The 12-page booklet outlines how KDOT prepares for snow and ice control, which roads are treated and plowed most frequently, ways to receive roadway information before traveling, a breakdown on equipment and materials used each winter and definitions on snow and ice control terminology. The booklet also features a few of the many maintenance activities KDOT crews are responsible for throughout the year. To see the publication, click [here](#).

Managing Snow and Ice



A guide to KDOT's winter maintenance operations

In Memory

Condolences to friends and family of retiree Gary Wrosch who died on Nov. 29 in Tonganoxie. Wrosch worked for KDOT for more than 20 years. He retired in 1998 as an Engineering Technician Senior in the Bureau of Local Projects.

Condolences to friends and family of retiree Gerard Baxter who died on Dec. 1 in a crash northeast of Topeka. Baxter worked at KDOT for 25 years as an Equipment Mechanic at the Clay Center Area Shop. He retired in 2014.



Please note: Due to the holidays, there will not be a Jan. 3 Translines edition. The next edition will be on Jan. 10, 2018.

2017 Discretionary Day - take on or before Dec. 29.

State offices are closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Jan. 1.

Trivia!

New Year's Day

1. What food is traditionally eaten in the U.S. for good luck?
2. Ancient Persians gave what gift on New Year's?
3. What do the words auld lang syne mean?
4. How far back does the first New Year's celebration date?
5. On New Year's Day, anything given or taken in this shape is said to bring good luck.

District Two

The U.S. 81 rest area near Minneapolis at mile marker 160 received a facelift recently. The double doors and the windows were previously one unit and were constantly breaking down. The frame was deteriorating and there was no support for the doors. The photo below shows it has been updated with one door and windows that are supported by a concrete wall.



A contractor made many of the improvements to the building, but as seen above, District Two Equipment Operators Donnie Burkholder and Greg Mullen built the partial concrete walls that now support the windows.

Retirees

The following employees will retire from KDOT on Jan. 1.

Headquarters

Denise House, R-O-W Property Appraisal Supervisor, Bureau of Right of Way

Larry Schroeder, Professional Civil Engineer I, Bureau of Construction & Maintenance

Robert Williams, Applications Developer III, Information Technology

District One

Hugh Bogle, District One Engineer, Topeka

Donald Campbell, Engineering Technician Senior, Wamego

Daniel Flerlage, Engineering Technician Senior, Wamego

Paul Gripka, Professional Civil Engineer III, Olathe

Gary Hargrave, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Manhattan

Gary Kramer, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Seneca

John Watson, Equipment Operator Senior, Osage City

District Two

Donald Bowers Sr., Equipment Operator, Salina

District Three

Gary Littrell, Equipment Operator Senior, Phillipsburg

Joseph Parker, Equipment Operator Senior, Colby

Larry Dobson, Equipment Operator Senior, Stockton

District Four

Rodney Coles, Equipment Operator Senior, Altamont

Larry Umbarger II, Equipment Operator Specialist, Chanute

District Five

Donald Beydler, Engineering Technician Specialist, Hutchinson

Sammi Ford, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Wichita

District Six

Dwain Murphy, Equipment Operator, Garden City

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KDOT Wichita-west employees Michael Bustos and Justin Logan were in the holiday spirit while replacing the bristles on the belly broom as they thought it looked a little like a Christmas tree.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Black-eyed peas
2. Eggs, which symbolized productiveness
3. Times gone by
4. About 2000 B.C.
5. In the shape of a ring, because it symbolizes 'coming full circle.'

KTA Briefs

- ♦A project to construct a scour protection pad and place rock slope protection at the Ninnescah River Bridges located at mile marker 26.8 I-35/KTA (Sumner County) has begun. The project is expected to be completed by March 2018, weather permitting. Get full details on the project [here](#).
- ♦KTA wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays - check out this video featuring numerous KTA employees - click [here](#)

Awards

Honors from KAPA: A total of 26 projects were nominated by hot-mix asphalt paving contractors for the 2017 Kansas Asphalt Paving Association awards program that took place on Dec. 7 in Lawrence. KDOT was honored in several categories.

Representatives from those offices and the contractors are pictured on this page. State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick, left, and KAPA Executive Director Dan Scherschligt, right, presented the awards.

1. APAC Kansas employee Rich Berry and KDOT District Four employee Doug Pulliam accept a first place Director's Award for the U.S. 400 project in Cherokee County.

2. Venture Corporation employees Matt Fitzsimmons and Ryan Koehler, and KDOT District Six employee Mike Pittman accept a second place Director's Award for the U.S. 83 project in Haskell County.

3. Shilling Construction employee Dustin Patterson and Kansas Turnpike Authority employee Mark Roberts accept a second place Overlay 1-Inch or Less Award on the I-35 project in Sedgwick and Butler counties.

4. KDOT District Three employee Rob Percival and Venture Corporation employee Cameron Spray accept a first place Overlay 1-Inch or Less Award on the U.S. 281 project in Russell County.

5. APAC Kansas employee Doug Werth and KDOT District Three employee Kegan Hemel accept a first place Overlay Greater Than 1-Inch Award on the U.S. 36 project in Decatur County.

6. Shilling Construction employee Jordan Kyle and KDOT District Two Engineer Randy West accept a second place Overlay Greater Than 1-Inch Award on the K-156 project in Ellsworth County.



District Five



Construction of the new U.S. 54 freeway in east Wichita continues with crews pouring textured retaining walls adjacent to the lowered section of the freeway at Webb Road, seen at right. Above, on the east end of the project, traffic is on the new frontage roads and the old mainline of U.S. 54 is being removed.



Kudos

Below is a note that was received by District Six -
As the Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART) member covering southwest Kansas for the Kansas Highway Patrol, I just wanted to take a moment and express my gratitude and appreciation for everything that KDOT does in assisting us with traffic control at collision scenes and other incidents that occur on the highways throughout the year. Without a doubt, KDOT's assistance and the assets they provide allow us to investigate and document these events in a much safer environment by reducing or removing the largest threat to our safety at these scenes, other motorists. KDOT's assistance does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. From my family to all of your's, we wish all of the KDOT employees and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Headquarters



KDOT Procurement Officer Laura Miller (center) was named the Kansas Association of Public Procurement Professional Buyer of the Year during the group's annual meeting recently. The award recognizes her efforts to competitively bid and save state resources. Also pictured are KAPPP President Kim Sowell, left, and KDOT Procurement Manager Jerry Clements.

Kansas Transportation

Thursday, Dec. 14

Winter preparedness

KDOT, KTA and the KHP want to help motorists be prepared for winter road conditions wherever they travel.

Road conditions in the state can be checked with KDOT's KanDrive site, www.kandrive.org. KanDrive provides map views of road conditions and closures, real-time camera views of current highway conditions, and links to road information for neighboring states. You can also call 5-1-1 from any phone in the state for a recording of road conditions.

Make sure your vehicle is prepared ahead of the storm season. Ice, snow or rain, as well as colder temperatures, can make driving more difficult. Check your wiper blades, tire treads and wiper fluid levels. Also make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical working order, including your emergency flashing lights. It is recommended you keep a winter weather emergency kit in your vehicle at all times. Emergency kits should contain item such as:

- A flash light, extra warm clothing, extra batteries, extra vehicle fluid, a shovel, battery-powered radio, non-perishable snack food, bottled water, matches and candles, first aid kit, pocket knife, tow chain and/or rope, booster cables, road flares, fluorescent distress flag and blankets.

When winter weather occurs, motorists should prepare to leave early and allow extra time for travel. Frost and snow should be completely cleared off all windows, mirrors and lights to provide maximum visibility.

Also remember to:

- Accelerate and brake gently.
- Increase following distance between you and other vehicles.



- Do not use cruise control when traveling in wet, icy or snowy conditions.
- Always buckle up and ensure your children are in appropriately-fitted child-safety seats.
- If you become involved in a non-injury crash, which does not involve hazardous materials, Kansas law requires you to move your vehicle out of the lane of travel to protect yourself, as well as other motorists.
- Dress for conditions.
- Let others know your travel route.

If you need help on a Kansas highway, call *47 for the Kansas Highway Patrol or call *KTA for the Kansas Turnpike Authority.

If you have an active K-TAG from the Kansas Turnpike Authority, you can use the electronic lanes on Oklahoma and Texas tollroads. Verify your K-TAG account is active and ready for travel by logging into your online account (www.myktag.com), by calling (800) USE-KTAG or by using the PayIt Kansas mobile app.

To see more stories on transportation topics, check out the regular posts on the Kansas Transportation blog at <http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com/>

KDOT Employee Council Holiday Ornament Order Form

2017

Headquarters: Contact your Council Rep.

Districts/Retirees: Mail form to -
Ruby Hilton, ESOB - 13th Floor,
700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603

Year	Quantity	Cost	Total
2017		\$5.00	
2016		\$3.00	
2015		\$3.00	
2014	---	\$3.00	---
2013		\$3.00	
2012	---	\$3.00	---
2010	---	\$3.00	---



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