

Translines EXPRESS

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Kansas State Fair

Find Your Fun: This year's Kansas State Fair theme, Find Your Fun, encourages everyone to attend the 105th annual event to check out the unique attractions and homemade crafts as well as an assortment of entertainment, foods, the infamous butter sculpture and more.

This year's fair runs from Sept. 7 to 16. The KDOT and Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office booths are in the Eisenhower Building and open at 11 a.m. on the first Friday, and then are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each following day. The booths have a variety of transportation and safety brochures, state and bicycle maps, note pads and shopping bags.

New things to this year's fair include Moo U barn tours, guided trips through the fairground's barns, and the



At the KDOT booth at the Kansas State Fair last year, Kent Davis, Welder at the Hutchinson office, spoke with several fair attendees.

Butterfly Experience, an enclosed butterfly garden where visitors can see and learn about butterflies.

For more information on the fair, go to www.kansasstatefair.com.

Safety Blog Series

Safety series begins

Sept. 13 - Doug Pulliam, Engineering Technician Specialist in Pittsburg, and Lisa Rasor, Litigation Paralegal in the Office of Chief Counsel, are two of 20 people sharing stories in the annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety blog series. The series runs from Sept. 13 to Oct 10 at <http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com/>.

Pulliam talked about an incident with two cars stopped by a flagger in a work zone. A third car hit the other cars and, "had the flagger not quickly responded to the first sign of danger by fleeing into the ditch, she well could have become a casualty," he said.

Rasor was riding her bicycle one evening and was



Doug Pulliam



Lisa Rasor

thinking about errands to run later as she took a sharp curve and fell. The impact threw her off the bike, leaving her with several cuts and bruises. "It wasn't until I took my helmet off and saw the ragged scrape on the outer shell that I realized my wreck could have been worse—a lot worse. I was glad then of my

habit of wearing my helmet on all bike rides, even short ones on a trail," she said. FHWA Deputy Administrator Brandye Hendrickson, other KDOT employees and people from across the state are also sharing stories. Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day focuses on all types of traffic safety and encourages everyone to take extra safety precautions.

Trivia!

Bob Dole

1. When was Bob Dole born?
2. Who went to Russell to recruit him to play basketball?
3. Dole served in the Army and was wounded twice. What medals did he receive?
4. Where did he attend law school?
5. Dole served in many state and national offices for more than 40 years. When did Dole first run for office?
6. Dole ran as the vice-president running mate with who?
7. Dole was the first person to be inducted into this in 2011.

From the Kansas Historical Society

District Two

Crash attenuators are a valuable safety tool in work zones. As the District Two Paint Crew was striping on K-15 near Goessel on Aug. 27, the truck with the crash attenuator attached was hit by a semi, protecting the other crew members and vehicles. Below is the back of the attenuator that was hit, then at right, is the part of the attenuator that compacted and absorbed the impact of the truck. All of the people involved were not hurt.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. July 22, 1923.
2. Forrest "Phog" Allen recruited Dole to play for the University of Kansas from 1941 to 1943.
3. Two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with an Oak Cluster for his military service.
4. Washburn University Law School in Topeka.
5. In 1950, he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives.
6. President Gerald Ford, in 1976.
7. Dole was inducted into the Kansas Walk of Honor that is located on the Kansas State Capitol grounds and features people who have contributed on a state and national level and have significant connections to Kansas.

Have an idea for a news brief or picture that could be featured in an upcoming edition of Translines Express? Please e-mail your suggestions to Kim.stich@ks.gov

KTA



For the Allen Creek bridge on the Kansas Turnpike near MM 130 on I-335/KTA, crews pour the new deck.

General

Life-like art: Melissa Rau, a Program Consultant for KDOT's Bureau of Transportation Safety & Technology, Traffic Safety Unit, was recently featured in the news. Rau is a self-taught artist who creates life-like sculptures of historical figures. She has created numerous sculptures, both small and life-sized, of people such as Amelia Earhart, Wild Bill Hickok, James Naismith, Evel Knievel and Mother Teresa. To learn more, see the Sept. 4 blog by clicking [here](#).



Sculptures of Mother Teresa, above, and Evel Knievel, right, made by KDOT's Melissa Rau.



Scenic

KDOT employee Terry Blackwell and his wife, Renae, traveled the Gypsum Hills Byway recently where she took these scenic photos.



KTA

KTA leadership toured their Flint Hills paving project contractor's, Cornejo & Sons, new asphalt plant near the Matfield Green service area. Secretary Richard Carlson, KTA Board Chairman David Lindstrom and other industry leaders also attended. KTA CEO Steve Hewitt provided opening remarks at the event regarding KTA's partnership with Cornejo & Sons and its impact to Kansas transportation.



Steve Hewitt

Do you know a KDOT retiree not receiving the electronic Translines newsletter?

Please let them know that if they are interested in receiving it, send an email to Kim.stich@ks.gov

Kansas Transportation

Monday, Aug. 27

Motoring Mondays

The peaceful park, quiet shaded tree lined walks and dignified buildings of today's Fort Dodge are a far cry from the humble beginnings of this historic fort which has been called one of the most important forts on the western frontier by Legends of America.

Just east of present day Dodge City, the dry route and the wet route of the Santa Fe Trail intersected in a low pasture that became a stopping and recovery point for many wagon trains as they headed to Santa Fe. When the Indians discovered this popular stopping point, they began to attack unwary travelers in the area, making it an important point on the trail to protect. As a result, Major General Grenville M. Dodge ordered the establishment of Fort Dodge on April 10, 1865. With no lumber and no hardware, initial construction consisted of crude earth dugouts on the north bank of the Arkansas River. They built 70 sod dugouts, 10 feet by 12 feet in circumference and seven feet deep. In 1867, Fort Dodge was relocated and built with stone quarried five to 12 miles north of the fort. During the next two years, permanent facilities were built which included two barracks, a hospital, commanding officer's quarters and a sutler's store. Over the next 15 years life changed dramatically along the Santa Fe Trail. As the railroad reached Dodge City in 1872, buffalo extinction seemed imminent and the Indians had been forced into



The Custer House at Fort Dodge.

Oklahoma. Consequently, the U.S. Army abandoned Fort Dodge on April 5, 1882.

In 1890, Fort Dodge was deeded to the state for use as a Soldiers Home. Today, the Kansas Soldiers Home includes a library/museum, a modern intensive nursing home, a recreation center, five residence halls and 60 cottages. Names of the streets and buildings honor great American presidents and military heroes, including Eisenhower, Nimitz, Sheridan, Garfield, Custer, Lincoln, Dewey and Walt. Veterans of the Mexican, Civil, Indian, Spanish-American, Philippines, Boxer Rebellion, World War I, and II, Korean and Vietnam Wars have all been occupants.

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



At left, the original hospital/pershing barracks is now a clinic/doctor's office. At right is the sign marking the Kansas Soldiers Home.

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of retiree Jean Gwaltney who passed away on Aug. 15 in Topeka. Gwaltney worked for KDOT for 37 years, retiring in 1988 as a Squad Leader in Road Design, but he continued part-time until 2001. His son, Darrell, is in the Bureau of Transportation Safety & Technology.

Condolences to the family and friends of retiree Bill Munson who passed away on Aug. 15 in Topeka. Munson was the head of the Beautification Section in the Bureau of Right of Way. He worked at KDOT for 33 years, retiring in 1991.

Correction

The cutline for this photo in the last edition of Translines from the UAS flight event near Gypsum on Aug. 14 had incorrect identifications. Pictured are state Rep. Steven Johnson, left, and U.S. Rep. Ron Estes, who looked at equipment on display before the event took place.



Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day

Poster/video contests: Kansas kids can win great prizes and learn about traffic safety by participating in poster and video contests as part of the annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety campaign.

Video contest: For Kansas teens in grades 8-12. Prizes from the KTA include:

- ◆ iPad, a Go Pro and a DJI Osmo camera.
- ◆ The school of the grand prize winner will receive \$500 for its school, class or booster club.

Video entries must be posted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30. Information to submit entries is available [here](#).

Poster contest: For Kansas kids ages 5 to 13 - three statewide winners will each receive:

- ◆ Kindle Fire Tablet and case from the KTA;
- ◆ \$50 gift card from Wal Mart;
- ◆ \$50 Amazon gift card from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas;
- ◆ Movie passes from AAA Kansas.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) will receive a bicycle from the KTA and a helmet from



For details on the contests - click [here](#).

Safe Kids Kansas. Poster entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 21. Information and entry forms are available [here](#).

Poster Art Contest

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day - October 10, 2018

Traffic crashes are a leading cause of death in the U.S. "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" focuses on reducing traffic fatalities by encouraging motorists to take extra precautions.

Kansas kids ages 5 through 13 are invited to enter artwork showing their thoughts on "Put the Brakes on Fatalities." Regional winners in the three age categories will be chosen.

Then, three statewide winners will be selected from the 18 regional winners!

Statewide prizes – each winner will receive:

- ◆ Kindle Fire Tablet with case, from the KTA;
- ◆ \$50 Amazon Gift Card, from Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas;
- ◆ \$50 Gift Card, from WalMart; and
- ◆ Movie Passes, from AAA Kansas.

Cool!!

Age Categories

5 to 7 years old
8 to 10 years old
11 to 13 years old

Mail entries to

AAA Kansas/Public Affairs
3545 SW 6th Street
Topeka, Kansas, 66606

RULES:

◆ Art **MUST** be on 8.5" x 11" paper. Any materials can be used including paint, crayon, pencil, pastel, and collage. No computer-aided drawings.

◆ To be eligible, all entries must be postmarked by **September 21, 2018.**

◆ Winners' names/artwork will be sent to media and posted on the KDOT website.

More details -
www.ksdot.org

Each entry **MUST** have this information on the back;

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Age _____ Home Phone Number () _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
County _____
Parent's First/Last Name _____

One entry per child

Each regional winner will receive a

BICYCLE

and

HELMET

from the KTA
and Safe Kids Kansas

Students can win more than once, just not two years in a row.

Sponsored by the Kansas DOT, KTA and other traffic safety organizations.