

# Translines EXPRESS

Aug. 8, 2018

## Task Force

**Transportation task force:** The Transportation Task Force had its first meeting in Topeka on Aug. 6 to set goals, identify constraints and develop a process to gather local input as part of transitioning to a new transportation plan.

The task force is comprised of 31 voting members, including legislators, industry representatives and local officials.

Task force co-chairperson Rep. Richard Proehl said the purpose of the task force is to connect a statewide vision for the future with regional visions and ensure transportation projects support overall goals.

"Transportation projects need to stand the test of time," Proehl said.

The task force will have nine regional meetings across the state this fall. The task force will then reconvene to begin the process of creating recommendations to meet transportation needs in Kansas over the next 10 years or longer.



*Above, Secretary Richard Carlson gives an update on KDOT operations at the task force meeting in Topeka. Below, Sen. Carolyn McGinn, who is also a co-chairperson, shares the goals of the task force with attendees.*



### Transportation Task Force - upcoming meetings

**Sept. 6** - Salina

**Sept. 12** - Wyandotte County

**Sept. 20** - Pittsburg

**Oct. 4** - Newton

**Oct. 11** - Garden City

**Oct. 18** - Wichita

**Oct. 24** - Hays

**Nov. 8** - Johnson County

**Nov. 9** - Manhattan

**Nov. 28-29** - Topeka - recommendations

## In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of retiree Donald Hopkins who passed away on July 26 in Albany, Mo. He worked for KDOT at the Dighton Subarea office as an Equipment Operator III for 26 years, retiring in 1991. His son, Ron Hopkins, retired last year in Scott City.

Condolences to the family and friends of retiree Jesus Gonzalez who passed away on July 4 in Kansas City. Gonzalez worked for KDOT at the Bonner Springs office and retired as an Engineering Technician in 2007 after nearly 33 years of service.

## District Five/Wichita



*It's not often that crews are able to shut down the northbound I-135 exit to southbound I-235/ westbound K-96 so crews take full advantage of the 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. window. The Wichita Area Crew, Wichita North Subarea Crew and the Winfield Corrections Honor Camp Crew removed negative build-up adjacent to the ramp, patched concrete and asphalt pavement, repaired guard rail, removed litter and trimmed grass at guard rail posts.*



## Trivia!

### Toys – part two

1. How did sock monkeys come about?
2. What was one of the reasons rocking horses were invented in the late 1700s?
3. When did Crayola brand crayons make their debut?
4. When was the first electronic train made? What was it created for?
5. Nolan Bushnell based this game on previous versions of video table tennis in the early 1970s. What was it?

## 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.

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

**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](#). KDOT, the KTA, the Kansas Highway Patrol and other



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

traffic safety organizations are sponsoring the contests. 2017 poster contest winners were from Topeka, Osage City, Overland Park, Solomon, Inman, Norton, Quinter, Bronson, Columbus, Parsons, Andover, Douglass, El Dorado, Meade and Garden City.

2017 video contest winners were from Eudora High School, Shawnee Mission West High School and Scott City High School.

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. About 1932, people started using the authentic Rockford socks that had the red heels to make them. When the Nelson Knitting Company found out people were using the socks to create them, the company won the design patent for the sock monkey pattern.
2. It was thought to develop children's balance for riding real horses.
3. In 1903. The box of eight crayons was sold for a nickel.
4. In 1901, the electronic train was created as a display for the window in a New York retail store. It was called the Electric Express and it ran on batteries.
5. Pong.

### Blog Series

**Blog series:** State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick recently kicked off a new series on KDOT's Transportation Blog called, "Inside KDOT." The series will highlight people and their roles at the agency that help keep Kansas moving.

KDOT employs about 2,500 people who each play a part in planning, constructing and maintaining the state's infrastructure.

Patrick earned her civil engineering degree from Kansas State University and has been with the agency for nearly 30 years. The read the story, check out the blog [here](#).



**Catherine Patrick**

## District Two



*A variety of work is underway in District Two - above, a hot-in-place recycle takes place on K-18 in Ottawa County; below left, the District paint crew stripes K-4 just south of Dwight; and below right, the Clay Center Subarea patches overlays on K-15 north of Clay Center.*



## District One

*During a storm the evening of Aug. 6, high winds knocked over this power pole shown at right as well as five others along K-170 between Osage City and Reading. Osage City Supervisor Tyrel Buchmeier said KDOT crews flagged one-lane traffic overnight through the area.*

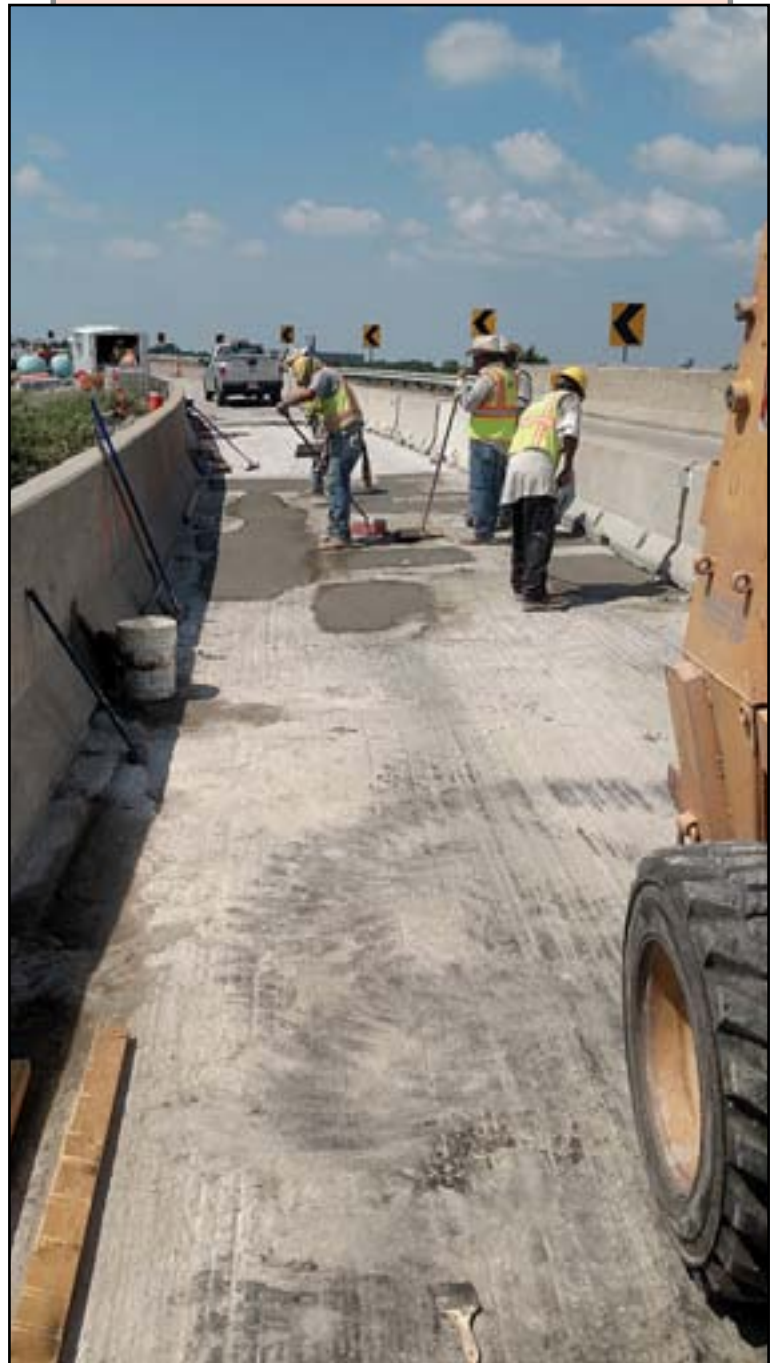


## KTA



**A project to paint eight bridges crossing over the Turnpike in Sedgwick and Sumner counties has begun. Drivers can expect single lane closures on I-35/KTA and reduced speeds of 65 mph. This routine maintenance project helps preserve and lengthen the life of the bridges. Learn more about the project [here](#).**

## Kudos



**El Dorado Construction Engineer Joe Ausilio recently went above and beyond to help a woman concerned about how a bridge project on westbound U.S. 50 over I-135 might affect her. The woman, in her last weeks of pregnancy, was trying to plan her route to the hospital. While the bridge project wouldn't impact her drive, another project on U.S. 50 could, Ausilio realized. He let Public Affairs Manager Deb Gruver know, and Gruver followed up with the woman, who wrote back via Facebook Messenger: "Thanks so much for your consideration and thoughtfulness of you to let me know!"**

## WICHway



**Replacing an aging and unsupported core switch at WICHway's traffic management center, IT Security Analyst Rob Dressman transfers fiber optic and Cat6 cables to a new Cisco Catalyst 6807 switch. The new distribution switch will enhance security, improve system reliability and allow seamless future expansions of the WICHway network.**

## District Three



*The District Three bridge crew enlisted the help of KDOT's "snoop truck" on July 31 to replace bolts on the through truss arch bridge that spans the Smoky Hill River on K-147 at Cedar Bluff Reservoir in Trego County. The bridge is one of three of its type still in existence on the State Highway System in Kansas.*

## District Two



*District Two's shop and stockroom are getting a new roof as the old flat roof was known to spring a leak every now and again. When completed, it will match the other buildings on the complex, except it will be higher to accommodate the planned bay extensions. A-Lert Roof Systems is the contractor.*

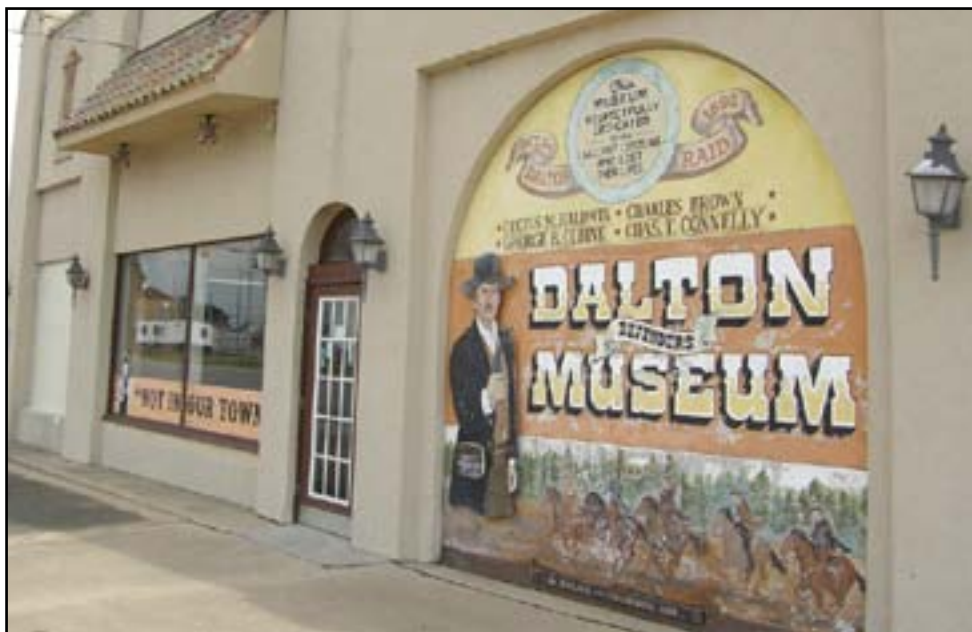
## Kansas Transportation

Monday, July 30

### Motoring Monday

After robbing a string of trains, members of the notorious Dalton gang decided to up the stakes. Vowing to “beat anything Jesse James ever did ...”, the gang made plans to rob two banks at the same time, in the light of day. Cash in hand, they would skip the country and begin new lives in South America.

Their plan was not a success. On Oct. 5, 1892, brothers Grat, Bob and Emmett Dalton and fellow gang members Dick Broadwell and Bill Power tried to disguise themselves as they approached the C.M. Condon and Company Bank and the First National Bank, located on the opposite sides of a downtown street in Coffeyville. But a citizen recognized them and alerted other residents. Then a crafty bank clerk delayed the theft by fibbing that the safe was on a time lock and couldn't be opened right away. This delay gave the locals time to prepare for a battle. The ensuing bloody shootout left four of the gang members and three Coffeyville residents dead.



**Coffeyville's Dalton Defenders Museum is filled with memorabilia from the raid and the city's early days.**

The famous Dalton gun battle and the citizens who defended the town are remembered at Coffeyville's Dalton Defenders Museum. The museum houses a treasure trove of photos and memorabilia from the raid and Coffeyville's early days.

Emmett Dalton survived the raid despite 23 gunshot wounds. Sentenced to life in prison at Leavenworth, Emmett proved a model inmate and was pardoned after only 14 years. Upon his release he moved to California and became an upstanding citizen in the real estate business, also working as an actor and screenwriter.

The Dalton Defenders Museum is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., and is staffed by knowledgeable local guides. To date the museum has hosted thousands of visitors from all 50 states and around the world.

Visitors can first relive history at the museum at 113 E. 8th Street, and then step outside to tour the Dalton Raid Site at the Old Condon Bank, 807 Walnut, and the Death Alley and Jail in the 800 block of Walnut Street.



**All the Dalton gang members were killed in the battle except Emmett Dalton, who is shown in the upper left corner of the photo.**

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

## District Five/Wichita

**Educational video:** Future KDOT employees will benefit from a training video about how to make salt brine shot recently at the North/East Complex in Wichita.

Field Maintenance Manager Jim Frye said the video, when completed, will be featured on the Bureau of Maintenance's page on KDOT's intranet as part of employee training. Bret Mathias, Media Production Technician in Support Services, shot the video with Equipment Operator Specialist Miguel Padua, who works in Wichita, and Equipment Mechanic Senior Steve Schmidt, who works in Salina.

Padua and Schmidt made brine on camera to teach others the proper techniques to do so.

"This is something we have wanted to do for a while," Frye said of this particular training video.



**Top photo: Media Production Technician Bret Mathias films Equipment Operator Specialist Miguel Padua, left, and Equipment Mechanic Senior Steve Schmidt as they demonstrate how to make salt brine. Bottom photo: Mathias gets up high to shoot a video on brine making for a future training video on the Bureau of Maintenance's page on KDOT's Intranet.**



### KTA

*There is still time to sign up for the 4th annual Kansas Winter Expo at the Topeka Expocentre Sept. 5-6. Anyone in the roadway maintenance industry can attend. Learn about the latest equipment, safety practices and even compete in the truck roadeo - [www.kansaswinterexpo.com](http://www.kansaswinterexpo.com)*



## District One



*Gage Subarea employees load expired road signs to be recycled. The reflectivity on road signs is tested yearly to know when they should be replaced. All highway signs have a serviceability sticker that gives the expected lifespan (10-15 years), but some signs, such as south-facing signs, wear out quicker and are replaced.*

## Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day

*KHP Trooper Don Hughes, at right, and retired Trooper Tim McCool, below, talk to members of the Shepards Center Topeka group on Aug. 3 about the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day efforts in Kansas that take place each year. The safety campaign promotes safety for everyone - whether in a vehicle, on a bike/motorcycle or walking.*



## District Five/Wichita



*The Wichita West Subarea crew recently patched pavement on eastbound U.S. 54 near Hillside Avenue in east Wichita. That eastbound section of the highway averages about 48,700 vehicles per day. The lane and adjacent ramps reopened before 2 p.m. that day.*



## MAGIC Camp

*Participants of the Mentoring a Girl in Construction (MAGIC) Camp stopped at Dondlinger Construction in late June in Wichita to learn more about the construction industry. The camp, sponsored by KDOT and the City of Wichita, introduces girls age 14 and older to trade skill occupations. In addition to Dondlinger Construction, students also visited Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, Wichita's new Advanced Learning Library, the National Center for Aviation Training and other businesses and agencies.*

