

Translines EXPRESS

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Kansas Highway Patrol



Ceremonies to honor 10 fallen troopers are taking place across the state. Master Trooper Larry Huff was remembered on Sept. 14 at the Miltonvale City Cemetery. A story and more photos are in this edition.

District Four

Crews from the Erie Subarea perform asphalt patching at the west junction of K-39/U.S. 59 in Neosho County.



Trivia!

Candy – part one

1. How far back can the first candy be traced?
2. Where does the word candy come from?
3. Candy is made by dissolving sugar in water or milk to form syrup. What makes the final texture of candy hard, medium or soft?
4. Tootsie Rolls were introduced in 1894. What were they named after?
5. When were the first chocolate candy bars made?
6. When and where did the first Hershey's Milk Chocolate Kisses appear, and what happened after that?

KTA

Briefs:

- ♦The third and final mainline plaza has begun the conversion to open road tolling. Southern Terminal, located at mile marker 16.5 I-35/KTA, will receive highway speed electronic lanes similar to East Topeka and Eastern Terminal. Read the full release [here](#).
- ♦Do you have your license plate associated with your K-TAG account? If not, it's part of the KTA user agreement to do so and it only takes a minute to complete. Add yours today at www.myktag.com/login



Attendees at the 2018 Kansas Winter Expo in Topeka participated in safety training (above), vendor demonstrations and a truck 'rodeo.'

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. As far back as 2000 B.C. to Egyptians who made candy by adding figs, nuts and dates to honey.
2. It's been used since the 13th century and is derived from Arabic qandi, meaning made of sugar.
3. The different levels of temperatures and sugar concentrations. Hot temperatures make hard candy, medium heat makes soft candy and cool temperatures make chewy candy.
4. The inventor, Leo Hirshfield, named them after his daughter's nickname "Tootsie."
5. In 1847 by Joseph Fry, using bittersweet chocolate.
6. In 1906 in a town called Derry Church, Penn. The town later changed its name to Hershey.

Retirees

The following employee retired from KDOT on Sept. 1.

District Two

Donna Tollerton, Public Affairs Manager, Salina

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

Headquarters

Robyn Dudney, Program Consultant II, Civil Rights Compliance

Billy Joe Morgan, Engineering Technician Specialist, Right of Way

District One

Steven Willett, Topeka, Land Surveyor I

District Two

David Kelly, Engineering Technician Senior, Junction City

Donald Kempke, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, Ellsworth

District Three

Dana Branstetter, Equipment Operator Senior, Norton

Albert Plante, Engineering Technician Specialist, Norton

Beverly Sidman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Norton

District Four

Janet Spencer, Administrative Specialist, Iola

District Five

Marion Newkirk, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Lyons

District Six



The Garden City Subarea crew along with the Dighton Subarea crew worked together to mill and repave bridge approaches in Finney County. At left, David Piedra, Equipment Operator from Dighton, drives the asphalt zipper while Allen Palmatier, Equipment Operator from District Five, provides guidance on the ground. At right, Hector Terrones, Garden City Subarea Supervisor, paves the milled area while Piedra redistributes stray asphalt.

Scenic



KDOT's Neil Croxton took this photo of Cedar Bluff Lake in Trego County.

Photo Contest

Photo contest:

KDOT is sponsoring a transportation-related photo contest for the cover of the Annual Report. Copies of the report are printed/published on KDOT's Internet in January. The theme of the contest is Road Trip, and submitted photos should focus on landscapes, byways and transportation to places in Kansas. Photos can be submitted until Nov. 1 at kdot.contests@ks.gov.

Professional and amateur photographers can submit photos. All photos should include caption information and the winning photo will be featured on the front cover of the report. By submitting photos, participants grant KDOT permission to freely use and share photos throughout social media and in publications. All photographers will be credited for photos used in KDOT materials. Photographers will not be paid for any



photos selected - KDOT does not sell any of its public information materials.

Selected photos must be made available in high resolution with a minimum of 300 DPI and without watermarks. Examples of past annual reports and quick facts can be viewed at <https://www.ksdot.org/publications.asp>. More information is on KDOT's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram sites.

District Four



A two-inch surface recycle and chip seal began on K-47 earlier this month, extending from U.S. 400 at Fredonia east for eight miles to U.S. 75 at Altoona. The recycle covered six miles between U.S. 400 and Ottawa Road. It will be followed with a chip seal. Bettis Asphalt & Construction of Topeka is the contractor on the \$529,000 road preservation. Aaron Frits' road squad designed the project.

Kansas Transportation

Friday, Sept. 14

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety blog series

By Shiane Wondra

June 30, 2018, changed my life. I just finished with my cheerleading car wash and eating lunch with my boyfriend. I left Meade, which is my hometown, to go to Horsethief Reservoir to go tubing with my family. I never made it.

Like many teens and adults, I was on my cell phone while driving. Around 2:30 p.m., I was three miles south of Cimarron when I was snapchatting my friend that I was about to see the lake. I was wearing my seat belt, but not correctly. A combine was parked on county road R and a milk truck was waiting northbound on Highway 23 to turn onto road R but there was a car southbound on Highway 23 so he couldn't turn. I didn't look up in time and I ran right into the back of the semi.

My parents had both tried to call me and at 2:56 p.m. and my dad texted me telling me to answer my phone.

Not even two minutes later my parents got a phone call that absolutely no parent wants. "Mr. Wondra, this is Gray County Sheriff's office, your daughter has been in an accident."

All my dad asked was if they were taking me to Dodge City. They told him yes and he hung up the phone. He told everyone I was in a crash and my parents raced to Dodge City.

My mom asked my dad on the way if I was okay and my dad said, "I don't know, I didn't ask." My dad called my brother, who is a Meade City Police Officer, and asked him to call a Gray County Officer to see what happened. They told them that I hit a semi going 70 mph.

I was taken by ambulance from Cimarron to Dodge City. My family met me in Dodge City before the life flight took me to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, due to my injuries. My best friend and her family were in Wichita and waited for me to land (thank you Bachmans) while my parents drove the three hours



to Wesley.

I got into the trauma center and I had to undergo more testing. I had a large cut to the right side of my head that took 23 stitches on the outside and so many on the inside that the trauma PA stopped counting. I also had one running stitch in my arm and six in between my big toe and second toe from wearing flip flops. I also had slightly collapsed lungs, a lacerated spleen, a fractured pelvis and broken two toes. The semi driver declined medical attention at the scene. The trailer was damaged, and my parents' vehicle was destroyed.

June 30 changed my life. It has taken some time to recover from my injuries. I've missed the start of my senior year of sports, but I am alive. You never think it's going to happen to you until it does. Don't text and drive - no call, text, email or snapchat is worth your life. Pull over! Your life and the lives around you depend on it.

Shiane Wondra is a senior at Meade High School in Meade.

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

District One

The Alma Subarea crew places concrete at the KHP weigh station on westbound I-70 in Wabaunsee County in August to repair parts of the surface.



District Six

Far left, a bump formed on U.S. 50 west of Holcomb where four-lane concrete narrowed to two lanes of asphalt pavement. The bump is the result of settling and needed to be smoothed out. Left, Highway Supervisor Kray Adams mills off the bump.

Equipment Operator Specialist Ron Vanover and Equipment Operator Trainee Dustin Thompson sweep up the millings and debris left after milling off the bump.



Kansas Highway Patrol



At left, KHP Superintendent Mark Bruce presents the family of Trooper John McMurray a flag at the memorial ceremony on Sept. 14 at the Manhattan Regional Airport. Below, a sign honoring Trooper McMurray marks the section of highway - it is on K-18 from I-70 to the west city limits of Manhattan.

KHP dedicating memorial highways: Senate Bill 375, designating memorial highways for the Kansas Highway Patrol's 10 fallen troopers plus one Johnson County Master Deputy was passed by the Kansas legislature and signed into law by Gov. Jeff Colyer during the 2018 legislative session, and KDOT has been instrumental in memorializing troopers who have fallen in the line of duty.

The dedication series kicked off at the Kansas State Fair on Sept. 13, attended by family members of the troopers who were honored.

KDOT initially assisted KHP with locating appropriate available sections of highway to dedicate to the troopers. It was the vision of family members to have memorial sections near where the troopers were buried, and KHP and family coordinated to approve the memorial sections. KDOT also ordered and installed the roadside signs and District personnel are also assisting with the roadside events.

"It's been a pleasure partnering with KDOT for these events," said Capt. Andrew Dean, KHP Public Affairs. "Everyone has been great to work with and we're grateful for all the support."



Seven of the 10 KHP events have already taken place. The final three are scheduled for:

Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - Trooper Jimmie Jacobs, Liberal Cemetery

Oct. 3 - 10 a.m. - Master Trooper Dean A. Goodheart, Colby Cemetery

Oct. 22 - 11 a.m. - Sergeant Eldon K. Miller, Yates Center Cemetery

All events are open to the public. For more information, contact the Kansas Highway Patrol's Public Affairs office in Topeka.



Members of KDOT and the KHP join family members and others at the Sept. 14 ceremony.

Kansas State Fair



Lots of people came to the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office and KDOT booths during the first weekend of the Kansas State Fair. Working the booths, from left to right, are KTSRO's Tenille Kimberlin and Janette Boucher and KDOT's Kent Davis. Visitors learned about various transportation and safety topics, gathered brochures and picked up state maps and other promotional items.



KDOT's Barry Santee chats with people at the KDOT booth.

A few people stopping by the booth included KDOT retiree Dennis Slimmer (above), Wichita Area Engineer Don Snyder (below, in red) and one of last year's Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest winners (right).

