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Team honored for excellence in test results



Congratulations to members of the Geotechnical Lab Team for being selected as the Example of Excellence for the second quarter of 2022. They were honored today in a ceremony at the Materials and Research Center in Topeka. Team members demonstrated exemplary performance on their AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory proficiency sample test results, showing the KDOT Geotechnical lab is one of the most accurate AASHTO-accredited labs. Pictured above are, front row, left to right, Kristin Stein, Ian Whelan, JC Dulin, Luke Metheny, Sean Shore, Isaac Ferguson, Kevin Brown, Calvin Reed; back row, Kevin Vaughn, Ed Eneihen, Bob Henthorne, Bryan Pope, Burt Morey, Chris Daugherty, Sky Sexton and Tanner Ray. Photo by Multimedia Services

Floberg to retire from KDOT

During his 34-year career at KDOT, Mike Floberg has served in several divisions in the agency where he's been involved in developing new tools, techniques and information systems that continue to benefit the traveling public.

He started at KDOT in 1988 in Bridge Design and assisted



Mike Floberg

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West retires after 44 years

Randy West, District Two Engineer in Salina, is retiring after 44 years of state service. His last day is Sept. 19.

West grew up in eastern Kansas and attended college at Kansas State University, majoring in civil engineering and business. After graduating



Randy West

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U.S. 83 in Logan County is part of the 100-mile corridor receiving a grant to improve freight routing. File photo by Multimedia Services

KDOT receives \$6.7M grant to improve freight routing on U.S. 83

An event this morning at the McCarty Family Farms near the town of Rexford outlined the \$6.7 million Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grant that KDOT received recently from the Federal Highway Administration for the Great Plains Rural Freight Technology Corridor project.

This project aims to improve safety and economic productivity on a 100-mile stretch of U.S. 83, from the southern Finney County line to the north Thomas County line, which is a key freight transport route in Kansas. The project will install 100 miles of fiber-optic cable and advanced technologies to deliver traffic, weather and other operational information to commercial trucking to optimize freight routing.

“This project will greatly assist in the efficient movement of agriculture products and other freight along the U.S. 83 corridor,” said Mike Floberg, KDOT’s Director of Innovative Technologies. “Expanding different transportation opportunities across rural areas of Kansas will improve connectivity and will help our state’s transportation system be more connected.”

To see the full release, click [here](#).

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U.S. 56 asphalt base repaired

In the photo above, Brandon French, Equipment Operator in Marion, flags traffic while District Two crew members from Council Grove and Marion dig out and rebuild the failed subbase on U.S. 56 through Galva. Randy Kunc, Highway Maintenance Supervisor in Council Grove, said workers used 3 inches of crushed concrete rock mixed with AB-3 shoulder rock to fill the voids, as seen in the photo at left. The employees then placed 9 inches of hot mix on top. The project took two weeks and was completed on Aug. 18. Photos by Ashley Perez, District Two

West retires

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college, he began with KDOT in June 1979 as an Engineer in Training (EIT) in the Garnett Construction Office.

“The first big project I remember working on in Garnett was the four-lane alignment for U.S. 69 from Louisburg to Overland Park,” said West.

After working in Garnett for about a year, he was promoted to Road Design in Topeka, where he served for another year before working in Bridge Design. He stayed in that office until 1986.

He has been very involved in many community service organizations such as the Lions Club, 4-H and the National Grange, which led him to a leadership conference in Colorado where he met his wife, Kristi,

who was from Wyoming. After two to three years of a long-distance relationship filled with many miles traveling back and forth, the couple married in July of 1982.

In 1986, West was promoted to Area Engineer in Ellsworth, where he settled down just outside of town with his wife and raised his two boys, Ryan and Kyle. In 2003, he was promoted to Maintenance Engineer in Salina and in 2007, he was promoted to his current position of District Engineer in Salina.

West has always told KDOT team members throughout District Two, “Everyone should take great pride in what they do because without the transportation system, nobody else could get where they’re going or to work,” he said. “I’m also very proud to be in District Two, where we’ve been able to rebuild the interstate once and are in the process of doing so again.”

Story by Ashley Perez, District Two

U.S. 54 bridge work

KDOT Construction Manager Larry Meyer checks out one of the multiple bridge repair projects that are currently underway as part of a project taking place on U.S. 54. This work has closed U.S. 54 from Meade to Minneola. Traffic is following the signed detour on U.S. 283 and U.S. 160. The project is expected to be complete by mid-November. Dominique Shannon's bridge squad designed the project. Photos by Yazmin Moreno, District Six



Floberg retires

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with developing the thinner “diaper,” or mat, placed under bridge joints that helps catch and push water and trash to the outside of the structure. Floberg also implemented the first fiberglass drain scupper that catches water coming through a bridge joint from the deck. While in Bridge Management, he helped the unit switch to digital photos for inspections.

In 1998, he served in the Intelligent Transportation Systems unit and was part of the team that planned and deployed KC Scout and also helped secure funding to implement WICHway. After a year in the field and several years as the Transportation Safety and Technology Bureau Chief, he was named the Director of Innovative Technologies.

“It was an invigorating change to help develop the new Innovative Technologies Division,” he said. “We’ve gotten a lot of things started and in progress.”

Floberg said he went into civil engineering because it’s so diversified, which is one of several reasons he has enjoyed working at KDOT. “I don’t think I could have worked anywhere else that would have given me the opportunities that I’ve gotten here,” he said. “There have been a lot of people that have helped me get to where I am today and I cannot thank them enough.”

His last day at the office is Sept. 19. He then plans to do a lot of home projects and spend time with his wife, Coleen, four children, three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. He also wants to travel around the country with his wife as well as watch the grandchildren play sports.

Story by Kim Stich, Headquarters

Employee spotlight: Marissa Martinez, Wichita East office

What's your job title?

Highway Maintenance Supervisor.

What sort of duties do you have at work?

To provide effective leadership - coach, manage the crew's performance and provide developing opportunities for the team.

What kind of music do you like?

All genres of music, Fleetwood Mac, Usher, Patty Labelle to George Strait, my go-to. For the last decade is contemporary Christian music like Toby Mac, Big Daddy Weave and Lauren Daigle.

What's the most exciting part of your job?

Coaching new employees with little to no experience in the maintenance field and watching the employee grow into a successful Equipment Operator and/or working toward an Equipment Operator Senior.

What's something you're proud of?

I'm proud of the work ethic that I saw growing up by my parents/family.

What's your favorite food?

Mexican food. My favorite meal is homemade tacos, rice and beans.

What's your favorite movie?

I can watch Kevin Costner, "Dances with Wolves," over and over.

Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

I like to take on DIY projects at home. I just remodeled a bathroom.

Do you have any pets?

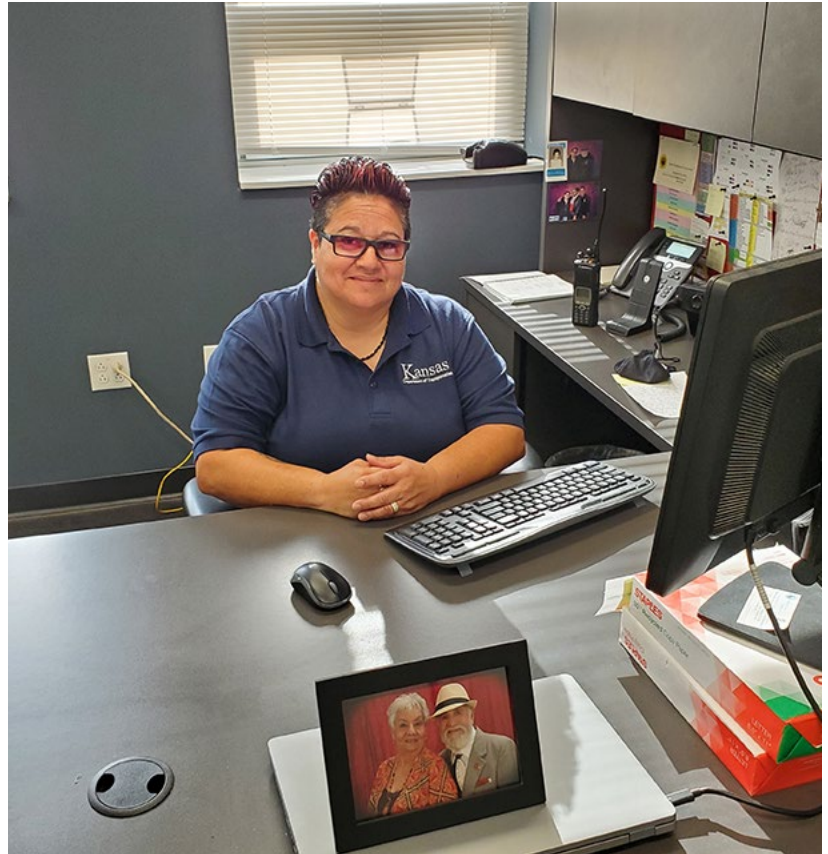
No, but I plan to get a European Great Dane one day.

Are you a sports fan? Who are your favorite teams?

Absolutely! We subscribe to the NFL ticket. Dallas Cowboys For Life (DCFL) - Dallas Cowboys is my team. By default, due to my spouse, I also root for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Are you a morning person or a night owl?

Just give me an hour with my coffee, and I'm a morning person.



Marissa Martinez at her office in Wichita.

Are you a coffee, tea or pop person?

Coffee...love to grind my own from the Spice Merchant. One of my favorites is called "Jamaican me crazy." It's a Jamaican-style flavor – hints of rum, caramel, vanilla and nuts.

What's something you find challenging about your work?

All the seasonal maintenance projects. There's only a small calendar window for certain projects.

What's your favorite season?

Fall. Love my sweat pants and hoodie weather.

What three items would you take with you to a deserted island?

G-6 private jet, my family, fuel for the jet.

GETTING TO KNOW

OUR KDOT CO-WORKERS

Featuring an employee each month from different offices throughout KDOT.



Bridge repair work spans 7 miles along K-10

By Delaney Tholen
District One

Eight work sites are simultaneously under construction along K-10 in western Johnson County with three contractors working on the various bridge projects.

Work began July 11, and traffic control includes a temporary road and late-merge signage. Both the eastbound and westbound K-10 lanes have been reduced to one lane along the 7-mile corridor. KDOT, KC Scout and local media are working to alert motorists of the project and of any traffic delays in the work zone area.

Clarkson Construction, of Kansas City, Mo., Bettis Asphalt and Construction, of Topeka, and Comanche Construction, of Olathe, are the contractors on the projects totalling \$9.9 million. The work is expected to be completed in December.



Top, crew members remove damaged pavement at the westbound K-10 bridge over Cedar Creek. Left, motorists use both westbound K-10 lanes before taking turns to merge. Above, dirt is relocated along the shoulder at the westbound K-10 bridge over Camp Creek. Debbie Tanking's road squad and Karen Peterson's bridge squad designed part of the project. Photos by Delaney Tholen, District One

K-68 expansion announcement celebrates the future

By Priscilla Petersen
District Four

Aug. 25 was a day to remember, celebrate and look to the future for the K-68 corridor in Miami County.

Close to 100 officials and stakeholders gathered in Lewisburg for the announcement of \$48 million in IKE program funds that will expand K-68 to a four-lane expressway between U.S. 169 and U.S. 69. Joining the crowd were Governor Laura Kelly, U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids and KDOT Secretary Julie Lorenz.

“We know this is the southern loop of Kansas City,” said Miami County Commission Chairman Rob Roberts. He traced the history of the expansion project, first seeded in 2008 by release of the K-68 Corridor Management Plan for Franklin and Miami counties. Citing the series of KDOT Local Consult meetings leading up to the announcement, Roberts recalled the “dot exercise” then used to determine public interest in



Secretary Julie Lorenz and Governor Laura Kelly cheer the ‘retirement’ of Miami County’s blue dot used in previous Local Consult meetings. Photo by Multimedia Services



Miami County Commission Chairman Rob Roberts displays the K-68 corridor management plan from 2008. The plan outlined future K-68 improvements, including in Miami County. Photo by Priscilla Petersen, District Four

improving specific highway corridors. “We’ve got the largest blue dot in the state,” he said, displaying a giant dot. “We’re going to retire it. We no longer need it.”

On a somber and emotional note, he acknowledged the families in attendance whose loved ones died in crashes on K-68. Among the crash victims was Roberts’ wife, whom he lost on the highway 37 years ago.

Secretary Lorenz noted that under the IKE program, “We’ve increased construction 300%.” She also expressed her gratitude to residents along the corridor who had given up property for “the greater good” of the expansion.

In closing, Governor Kelly observed, “For far too long, driving on K-68 has been a headache.” She predicted that the \$48 million investment in the highway expansion will solve many issues.

Construction is currently active on two delayed T-WORKS projects that include construction of frontage roads, turning lanes and a short section of four lanes on K-68 west of Lewisburg. KDOT plans to let the IKE expansion project to bid in the fall of 2024, with construction to begin in the spring of 2025.

U.S. 183 reconstruction project in Kinsley progressing

By Tim Potter
District Five

A two-year, \$5.8 million reconstruction of U.S. 183 through Kinsley is about one-fourth done.

On a recent sweltering day, it smelled of dirt and diesel as workers with heavy equipment moved earth on what will become the west-side lane.

On the east-side lane, controlled by traffic signals, motorists rolled along.

Besides new concrete pavement, the KDOT project includes new curbs and gutter, replacement of storm inlets, repairs and improvement to storm sewer pipe, replacement of entrances to properties, replacement and relocation of the water main under U.S. 183 and repairs to the sanitary sewer system.

The U.S. 183 project is about three-quarters of a mile long, from the south city limits to the U.S. 56/183 junction.

Work has been focused on the south side of the project along a stretch lined with houses on the west and a swimming pool and fairgrounds on the east.

Vogts-Parga Construction, of Newton, is the primary contractor for the \$5,817,680 project. This project was developed through the Bureau of Local Projects.



In the photos above and below, traffic continues on one lane during a \$5.8 million reconstruction of U.S. 183 in Kinsley. Photos by Tim Potter



Reacting without thinking - recipe for disaster

By Troy Whitworth
Director of Safety

All it takes is a moment for something to change your life. Things can happen in the blink of the eye where you lose focus or react to something without thinking. Our reflexes kick in when we need to jump out of the way or when we hit the brakes on a vehicle to avoid a crash. Reflexes aid us in situations like these, but there are other times that your reflexes can lead to an undesired outcome.

Several years ago, I had a crew working with an asphalt curb machine along I-35. It was a self-propelled machine that had a hopper with a rotating shaft and blades. Asphalt was shoveled into the machine's hopper. A shaft and rotating blades kept the asphalt from setting up as the machine created a curb by pushing asphalt through the opening at the back of the device.

Sometime during the day, I received a call from the crew telling me that one of the team members was injured. When I arrived on site, one of the crew explained that he and the injured employee were shoveling asphalt into the curb machine when wind from a passing vehicle blew off his baseball cap. The cap landed in the machine's asphalt hopper. In a flash, the injured guy made a grab for the cap in the machine, which was still running. He said it all happened so fast - one of the rotating blades grabbed his bare arm and started pulling him into the machine.

At that moment, one of the crew was able to shut off the machine. One of the other team members helped pull

his arm out of the machine. The blades on the machine had raked down the injured guy's arm. He was bleeding from cuts to his forearm from wrist to elbow. We used part of a roll of blue shop towels to wrap his arm and slow the bleeding.

Once his arm was wrapped, he got in my truck and we went to the emergency room, where I watched the doctors scrub the asphalt out of his arm. They had numbed the arm before starting, but it still looked painful.

This injury happened because the guy threw his arm into the machine without thinking. This momentary loss of focus caused him several hours in an emergency room getting his wound cleaned out, with stitches to

boot. This is not the way he expected his day to end, but it could have been much worse of an ending had the blades cut an artery or had his arm become wrapped around the rotating shaft.

You have to maintain situational awareness - even during the most basic and mundane tasks. Complacency can be linked to many

injuries. In this story, the injury was a result of the employee acting without conscious thought. He reacted without thinking. Had he shut off the machine before sticking his hand in the hopper, this injury could have been prevented.

Remember to consider the "what if" scenarios when operating any equipment. If you work around spinning or rotating shafts, conveyer belts or auger systems, make sure safety guards are in place. And never reach inside equipment that is running. For your family and mine.



Major Ellis County corridor nearing completion

By Lisa Mussman
District Three

A significant transportation improvement project in Ellis County is getting closer to completion.

The Northwest Business Corridor project started in late 2021 to improve the width and surface conditions of Feedlot Road and 230th Avenue northwest of Hays. With an increase in traffic utilizing these routes as an unofficial bypass around the city of Hays,

Ellis County applied for and was awarded a federal BUILD grant in 2019 to make improvements to the area. KDOT, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Ellis County also contributed to the project.

Project work includes widening portions of Feedlot Road and 230th Avenue into 24-foot concrete driving surfaces with 8-foot aggregate shoulders. The U.S. 183/Feedlot Road intersection also will be improved, and U.S. 183



Crews from Wildcat construction pour concrete on 230th Avenue. The route is part of the Northwest Business Corridor located northwest of Hays. Photo by Driggs Design Group

will be widened to facilitate turning movements.

The Northwest Business Corridor ties into U.S. 183 Alternate. KDOT recently announced that the modernization project to reconstruct the I-70/U.S. 183 Alternate interchange has been moved into the IKE construction pipeline.

This project was developed through the Bureau of Local Projects.

KTA briefs

◆ The KTA invites the public to provide feedback on their Turnpike travel experience by participating in its annual Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Anyone who uses the Turnpike, whether daily or occasionally, is encouraged to share their thoughts to help KTA prioritize future projects and make internal improvements. Those who complete the survey can be entered to win one of six \$50 Amazon gift cards. Click [here](#) to take the survey.



◆ The KTA requests proposals from qualified quick service restaurant vendors for four of its service areas along the 236-mile roadway. These locations include:

- Towanda, MM 65 on I-35/KTA
- Matfield Green, MM 97 on I-35/KTA
- Emporia, MM 132 on I-335/KTA
- Topeka, MM 188 on I-70/KTA

Quick service restaurant providers can find the full Request for Proposal (RFP) on the [Business Opportunities page](#).

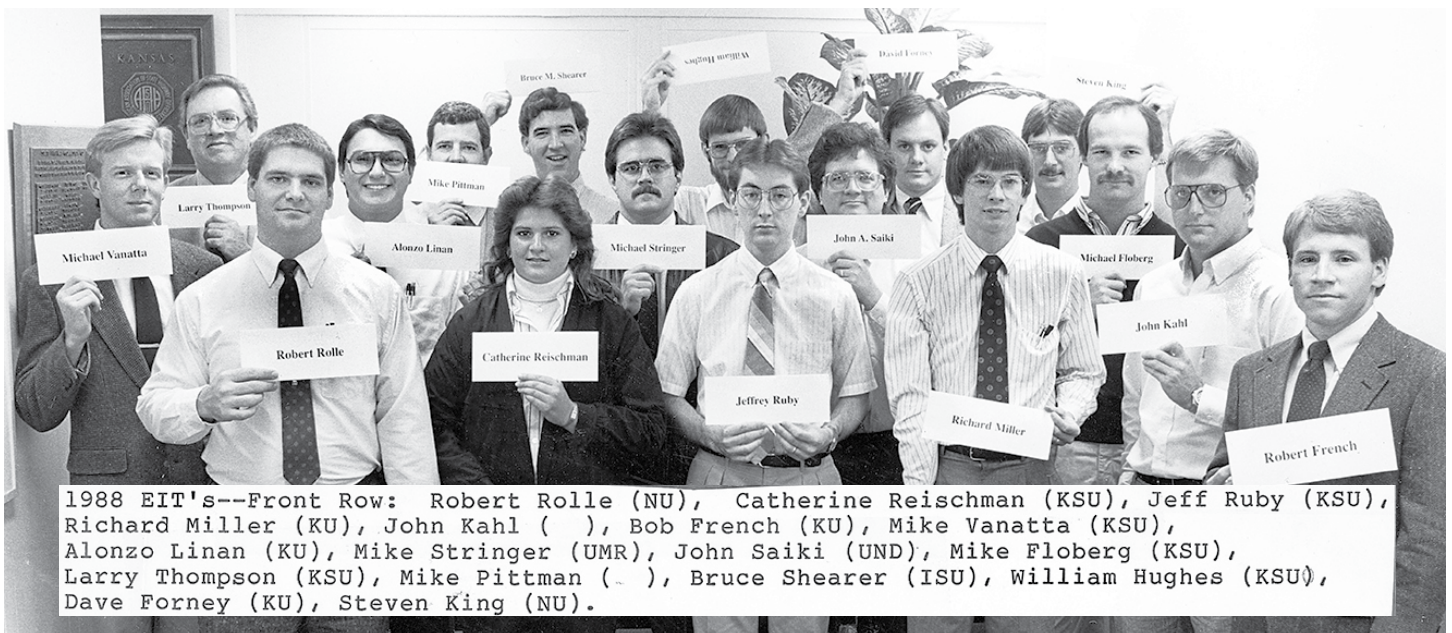
Trivia!

Actors who served in the military – part three

1. He was selected to be the original Indiana Jones, but couldn't get out of his TV series' contract.
2. He joined the Air Force after high school as an Air Policeman, where he learned martial arts.
3. He's received 19 Grammy awards and broke the Guinness World Record for the oldest person to release an album of new material, at 95 years and 60 days.

4. This Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony award winner has three films in the top 100 comedy films of the past 100 years ranked by the American Film Institute.
5. With a career spanning more than six decades, he has starred in dozens of movies and played Lex Luthor in two "Superman" movies.
6. He served in the 3rd Canadian Infantry and was in the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion at Normandy beach.

STEP BACK IN TIME ...



1988 EIT's--Front Row: Robert Rolle (NU), Catherine Reischman (KSU), Jeff Ruby (KSU), Richard Miller (KU), John Kahl (), Bob French (KU), Mike Vanatta (KSU), Alonzo Linan (KU), Mike Stringer (UMR), John Saiki (UND), Mike Floberg (KSU), Larry Thompson (KSU), Mike Pittman (), Bruce Shearer (ISU), William Hughes (KSU), Dave Forney (KU), Steven King (NU).

The 1988 Engineer in Training group - check out the familiar faces to see in this group photo.

Trivia answers

1. Tom Selleck. He served in the California Army National Guard from 1967 to 1973. He had already shot the pilot for "Magnum, P.I."
2. Chuck Norris. He served for four years in South Korea, where he learned Tang Soo Do. When he was discharged in 1962, he opened a martial arts studio. He won the All-American Karate Championship twice.
3. Tony Bennett. He served in World War II and was sent to the front line through France and into Germany

- as part of the 63rd Infantry Division in March 1945.
4. Mel Brooks. He served in World War II as a combat engineer, defusing land mines.
5. Gene Hackman. When he was 16, he lied about his age and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1946, serving as a field radio operator in China, Hawaii and Japan.
6. James Doohan. He had many acting roles, but the main one was Montgomery "Scotty" Scott on "Star Trek" and the following series of movies.

Considering the heat, it was a terrible Tuesday

By Tim Potter
District Five

Tuesday, Aug. 2, was one of those dangerously hot days in Medicine Lodge and Anthony. Even though that day has passed and cooler days are nearing, heat is a reality KDOT workers continue to face.

According to the National Weather Service in Wichita, those two cities had the highest temperatures in District Five around 3 p.m. that afternoon – 103 degrees.

But according to the boots on the ground, it was even hotter. Medicine Lodge Subarea Supervisor DeWayne Roland said the air temperature that afternoon registered at 105 on his pickup's thermometer. The road temperature measured 136 degrees.

On top of the extreme heat, the wind was gusting at up to 30, according to NWS. "It's drying us out real quickly," after about a half inch of rainfall the previous weekend, Roland said.

It was so hot that Tuesday that their backhoe overheated, "and that very seldom happens," he said. Roland said he had his crew "mostly getting anything outside done before noon." The rest of the day, they worked from equipment with air conditioning.

About 38 miles east of Medicine Lodge, Anthony Subarea Supervisor Greg Hekel said he used the same strategy to protect his crew from the risky heat. "I don't want nobody getting sick," Hekel said.

Earlier in the day, the Anthony crew tackled weeds around signs. But Hekel said he told them not to overdo it, before they came inside around 12:30.

As hot as that Tuesday was, Roland said, it was worse



Anthony Subarea crew members (above) and Medicine Lodge Subarea crew members (below) are just two of the many KDOT crews that have dealt with the extreme heat this summer. Photos by Subarea Supervisor Greg Hekel and DeWayne Roland, District Five



a few weeks before – when the temperature hit a record-breaking 112.

And then some heat relief came: On the afternoon of Aug. 16, Medicine Lodge and Anthony recorded the lowest temperature in District Five: 75 degrees. The two subareas were due for a break.

Topeka area highways seeing improvements

By Kate Craft
District One

The Topeka metro has been buzzing with activity this construction season. Of the five major roadways in and around the capital city, four have been impacted with work zones.

The two-year, multi-bridge repair project that started in May was originally planned to reduce eastbound and westbound I-70 to one lane through downtown while work was completed. After a portion of the barrier wall fell from the Polk-Quincy Viaduct in June, the decision was made to close that section of westbound I-70 on Aug. 15 for three weeks so contractors could complete patching and other repairs along the corridor.

Another bridge repair project started in July on K-4 in east Topeka. The two-lane highway has been reduced to one and controlled by a temporary traffic signal over the Shunganunga Creek. Work is expected to be complete by late November.

A resurfacing project recently began at the intersection of U.S. 24 and Rochester Road in north Topeka. The work covers less than 1 mile, but contractors are working 24 hours a day to complete the 7-inch mill and overlay project by late October.

Maintenance crews also completed routine bridge inspections on U.S. 75 in west Topeka. The area saw lane reductions and an exit closure over seven days while inspections were done on the structures.



Top photo, bridge repairs on K-4 reduce traffic to one lane controlled by a signal. Above, A routine bridge inspection is done on the southbound U.S. 75 overpass. At left, milling is done on U.S. 24 near the Rochester Road intersection. Photos by Kate Craft, District One, and KDOT Multimedia Services

KDOT releases new Performance Measures website

Putting more data in the hands of Kansans

KDOT's Division of Performance Management launched its new Performance Measures website on Aug. 1 to help illustrate the agency's effort to be transparent and accountable.

The website, <https://www.ksdotperformance.org>, connects Kansans to two data dashboards. The Strategic Performance Measures Dashboard provides insight on KDOT's vision, mission, values and overall progress in achieving these goals. The Federal Performance Measures dashboard shows our state's



The Performance Measures main webpage has six links with a variety of details.

progress with the Federal Transportation Performance Management (TPM) performance measures.

The ongoing review and reporting of these measures will help the agency make informed decisions that maximize the impact of Kansans' tax dollars. For more information on the website, email KDOT.PerformanceManagement@ks.gov.

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT employee **Tom Myers**, who passed away on Aug. 5. He was from Ashland. Myers started at KDOT in 1992, working for the state for nearly 30 years. He was the Highway Maintenance Supervisor in Ashland. Myers and his wife, Ramona, lived in several locations across Kansas and Colorado during their 48 years of marriage. They had three children and three grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.



Tom Myers

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Scott Lein**, who passed away Aug. 15 in Topeka. Lein was a Program Consultant I in the Office of Civil Rights Compliance. He retired in 2020, after more than 20 years at the agency.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Lloyd Pinon**, who passed away Sept. 16, 2021, in Topeka. Pinon was a Management Systems Analyst II in the Bureau of Fiscal Services. He retired in 2011, after more than 17 years at KDOT.

Condolences to the family of former KDOT employee **Gayle Dible**, who passed away on Aug. 18. Dible worked as an Engineering Technician Specialist at the Oakley construction office and retired from KDOT in March 2004.

Thank you for your service

Retirees

The following employees will retire on Oct. 1.

Headquarters

Stephen Burnett, Professional Civil Engineer I, Structures & Geotechnical Services

Melinda Desch, Assistant Director, Program & Project Management

Michael Floberg, Innovative Technologies, Director

Eric Henderson, Engineering Technician Senior, Construction & Materials

Garrett Olson, Engineering Associate III, ITS

Kathryn Zeckser, Applications Developer III, Information Services

District Three

Jose Capo, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Atwood

District Four

Daniel Kraft, Equipment Operator Senior, Yates Center

District One

Michael Montgomery, Custodial Specialist, Topeka

Dianne Parker, Technology Support Consultant II, Topeka

Robert Rickstrew, Equipment Operator Specialist, Alma

District Five

Randle Rainbolt, Equipment Operator Senior, Larned

District Two

Arthur Schottel, Equipment Operator Specialist, Washington

Robert Stroda, Highway Shop Superintendent, Salina

Randy West, District Engineer, Salina

If you know a KDOT retiree who is not receiving Translines - ask them to email Kim.stich@ks.gov - thanks

Kudos

Email received by District Four -

I have to say Kansas has some of the best roads and highways in the country. Rode through on the 56 to the 70 and they were in great condition.

Milestones

KDOT employees celebrating September state service anniversaries.

40 years

Kerry McDonald, Engineering Technician Senior, Topeka

30 years

Jamie Fischer, Administrative Specialist, Claflin

Joyce Poitevint, Engineering Technician Specialist, Oskaloosa

Javier Zarazua, IT Project Manager, Colorado Springs

20 years

Shannon Clarkson, Equipment Operator Senior, Salina

Jeremy McDonald, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Larned

10 years

John Barker, Regional Geologist Supervisor, Topeka

Tyler Vinzant, Equipment Operator Specialist, Lansing

Contests aim to put the brakes on fatalities

Students, school/class/booster club can win prizes

Poster and video contests where Kansas students can win great prizes and learn about traffic safety are back as part of this year's Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety campaign.

In addition, the school, class or booster club of the grand prize-winning students will also receive money as part of the contests' prizes.

Poster contest: For Kansas students ages 5 to 13 - students who submit completed poster entries will be eligible for a random prize drawing of a \$100 Amazon gift card. 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 Kansas Turnpike Authority and a helmet from Safe Kids Kansas. Three statewide winners will each receive:

- Kindle Fire Tablet and case from the KTA;
- \$50 Amazon gift card from Fuel True/Independent Energy and Convenience;
- Movie passes from AAA Kansas; and
- \$200 for the school, class or the booster club.



Children of employees from KDOT, KTA and other organizations sponsoring the poster and video contests are eligible to participate.

Posters can now be entered digitally as well as by mail. **The deadline is Friday, Sept. 23.** The link to submit entries digitally as well as information on mailing entries are available [here](#).

Video contest: For Kansas teens in grades 8-12. Prizes from the KTA include a GoPro, a DJI Stabilizer and a DJI Drone, and the grand prize winner's school, class or booster club will receive \$500. Video entries must be submitted to the KTA **by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25.** Entry details are available [here](#).

About 37,000 people die in traffic crashes each year across the United States. That's nearly 101 fatalities every day. Let's encourage everyone – drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists – to exercise caution every day and put the brakes on fatalities.

KDOT, KTA and other transportation organizations are sponsoring the contests. More information about Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is available [here](#).

Poster Art Contest – for kids!

Kansas kids ages 5 through 13 can enter artwork showing ways to reduce traffic crashes (vehicles, bikes, trains, walking, etc.) and “Put the Brakes on Fatalities.”

Regional winners in the three age categories (see below) will be chosen. Then, three statewide winners will be selected from the 18 regional winners!

All Kansas kids who submit completed entries will be eligible for a random prize drawing of a **\$100 Amazon gift card!**

RULES: ♦ Art **MUST** be on 8.5” x 11” paper. Can use paint, crayon, pencil, pastel, collage.
♦ **Winners’ names/artwork** will be sent to media/posted on KDOT website/social media.

Need to postmark or enter by **DEADLINE**
September 23, 2022

Each statewide winner will receive:
♦ **Kindle Fire Tablet with case**, from the Kansas Turnpike Authority;
♦ **\$50 Amazon gift card**, from Fuel True/Independent Energy and Convenience;
♦ **Movie Passes**, from AAA Kansas; and
♦ **\$200** for their school, booster club or class!!

NEW
Posters can now be entered digitally or by mail, but still just one entry per student. Digital form and more info at www.ksdot.org. Multiple entries from classrooms also can be sent digitally or by mail.

Mail entries to
KS Traffic Safety Resource Office
2930 SW Wanamaker Dr., Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66614

Regional winners receive a **BICYCLE and HELMET** from KTA/Safe Kids Kansas
3 Age Categories
5 to 7; 8 to 10; and 11 to 13 years old

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Age _____ Home Phone Number () _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
County _____ **One entry per student**
Parent’s First/Last Name _____

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