

Translines EXPRESS

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Headquarters

Herrick to serve in new position: Chris Herrick will become Director of the Division



Chris Herrick

of Fiscal and Asset Management effective March 14 while serving as the interim Director of the Division of Planning and Development. Herrick has been Director of Planning and Development since 2008.

Keith Bradshaw, who has oversaw Fiscal and Asset Management since September 2015, will return to the Department of Corrections to be the Executive Director of Programs, Fiscal and Contract Services.

"Chris's skills will help us achieve our long-term goals of delivering an innovative infrastructure system that supports the state's economic goals," said Secretary Mike King. "His understanding of the agency acquired over the past 25 years, combined with his broad knowledge of transportation, uniquely qualifies him to take on this new challenge."

Herrick and his, Susan, have two children and reside in Topeka.

Aviation



Above, Nate Hinkel (far left), Marketing and Outreach Manager for KDOT's Division of Aviation, gathers with Fredonia airport and city leaders at the official announcement this morning of a Kansas Airport Improvement Program award to widen the runway. The event took place at the airport. Below, Aviation Director Merrill Atwater speaks to a gathering this afternoon at the Clay Center airport, which has received a KAIP award to install an Automated Weather Observation System. Secretary King, Atwater and other KDOT staffers also attended an afternoon event at the Lyons airport, where a series of improvements were announced by city leaders.



Trivia!

March Madness

The first set of conference championships began March 1 with the bigger conference tournaments starting this week.



1. Who won the Big 10 Conference last year?
2. Three number 11 seeds are the lowest seed to make it to the Final Four - who were they?
3. Who was the first announcer to use the term "March Madness" on air?
4. When did the first NCAA tournament kick off? How many teams participated?
5. Who has the record for most points in a college game? How many points did he score?
6. What year did all four No. 1 seeds advance to the Final Four? What were the teams?

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree Vern Jacobs who died on Jan. 25 in Sun City, Ariz. He was a Systems Software Programmer Analyst III in Computer Services before retiring after 40 years of service in 1992.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree Leonard "Bill" Tyler who died on March 1 in Topeka. He retired after 36 years as Assistant Bureau Chief of Computer Services in 1994.

KTA

Construction begins: A two-year project to widen and re-deck the Arkansas River Bridges located at mile marker 44 on I-35/Turnpike in Wichita has begun. In 2016, construction will take place on the southbound bridge with the northbound bridge work in 2017. In late March, all traffic will begin using the northbound bridge, where there will be a 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction.

Work is expected to be completed in late November, weather permitting. Learn more about this project at <http://bit.ly/1YmAbHo>.

Employees' Council



Team members were required to have all four hands on the ball during one frame in the last game at the Employees' Council annual Crazy Bowl. The event took place on Feb. 28 in Topeka with eight teams participating.

Retirees

The following employees will retire from KDOT on April 1.

Headquarters

Terry Barnes, Engineering Technician Specialist, Transportation Planning

Francis Coufal, Professional Civil Engineer I, Program & Project Management

Deborah Greeve, Administrative Specialist, Fiscal Services

Frances McAdoo, Applications Developer II, Information Technology Services

Gloria Pontious, Engineering Technician Specialist, Construction & Materials

District One

Richard Kidson, Equipment Operator Senior, Bonner Springs

District Two

John Fansler, Engineering Technician Senior, Junction City

Brion Rensink, Equipment Operator Senior, Minneapolis

District Three

Gary Hillebrand, Equipment Operator Specialist, Norton

District Four

David Johnson, Refrig & AC Service Technician Senior, Chanute

Steven Shepard, Equipment Operator Senior, Independence

David Riebel, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, Iola

District Five

Gary Scott, Equipment Operator Senior, Medicine Lodge

Joe Wilson, Engineering Technician Senior, Wichita

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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| 1. Wisconsin. | 3. Brent Musburger. | guard Austin Carr, with 61 points. |
| 2. LSU in 1986, George Mason in 2006 and VCU in 2011. | 4. In 1939, with eight teams. | 6. In 2008, Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina and UCLA. |
| | 5. In 1970, Notre Dame shooting | |

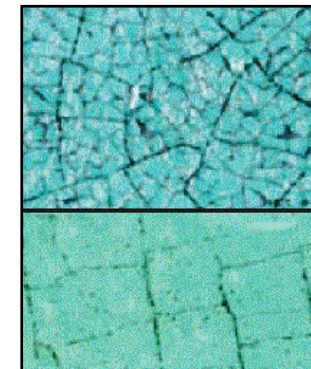
Safety

KDOT SAFETY TEAM (Together Employees Accomplish More)

Tank failure: Recently a 10,000 gallon "poly" brine tank failed, injuring the employee who was mixing brine. The operator had just climbed down from the loader and turned toward the tank when the incident occurred. Pieces of the tank's piping or part of the tank itself struck him in the head and shoulder, resulting in a cut to the forehead and a sore shoulder.

When viewing the photos, this could have been a fatality if the tank fault would have split in another area of the tank. The electrical panel could have struck him, or even worse, he could have come into contact with the bare wires (notice the electrical wiring exposed in the bottom right photo).

Poly tanks are not made to last forever. Sun exposure causes the U.V. inhibitor in the polyethylene to break down causing brittleness which leads to failure. A large number of our tanks have been in service for more than 10 years.



Inspect your brine tank for leaks, cuts and cracking. A fast and easy way to inspect is by using a water-soluble marker, and color in a six-inch by six-inch square in the most sun exposed areas.

Wipe the area immediately with a cloth. If cracking is present, it will be noticed by the ink pattern as in the photo.

To eliminate this accident risk and further protect our employees, KDOT is aggressively looking at a program to replace all of our old "poly" tanks.

Sharing safety alerts - this safety series is being shared to help prevent similar accidents from happening.



Trivia - Part Two

In honor of International Woman's Day yesterday, Translines is featuring a second set of trivia questions - these focus on transportation pioneer and Kansas native Amelia Earhart.

- Amelia Earhart was born in which Kansas town?
 - Atchison
 - Dodge City
 - Wichita
 - Salina
- Was Amelia Earhart the first woman to receive a pilot's license?
 - Yes
 - No
- How many women received their pilot's licenses before she did?
 - 1
 - 8
 - 15
 - 22
- Was Amelia Earhart married?
 - Yes
 - No
- How much did the U.S. government spend on the search for Earhart?
 - \$250,000
 - \$500,000
 - \$1 million
 - \$4 million

Do you know of a KDOT retiree not receiving Translines?

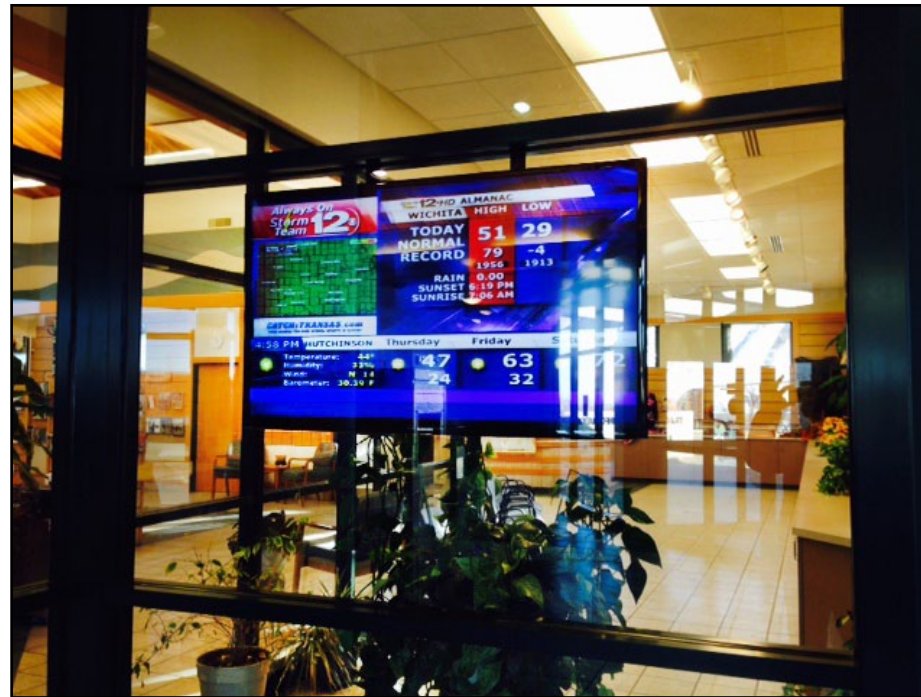
Please let them know that if they are interested in receiving it, please send an email to Kimberly@ksdot.org.

Safety Course

Active shooter training: KDOT's Learning Center offers numerous classes for employees including an Active Shooter online course. The recent tragedy in Hesston brings home the fact that we live in times that require us to prepare for the unthinkable, according to Secretary Mike King.

"If you haven't taken it, I strongly recommend that you do. There is important information in the course that will help you know how to protect yourself and others if you are ever involved in an active shooter situation," Secretary King said. The course takes about 20 minutes and includes two videos. Go to the KDOT Training Information on the Intranet and click on the Learning Center to find this and other classes offered.

District Three



KDOT recently provided two new television sets to the Goodland Travel Information Center. Located in the facility's lobby and entryway, the sets will provide visitors with Kansas tourism, travel and weather information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A new "Welcome to Kansas" sign is also being ordered and will be unveiled this spring. The Atwood Area office helped coordinate the installation of the TVs.



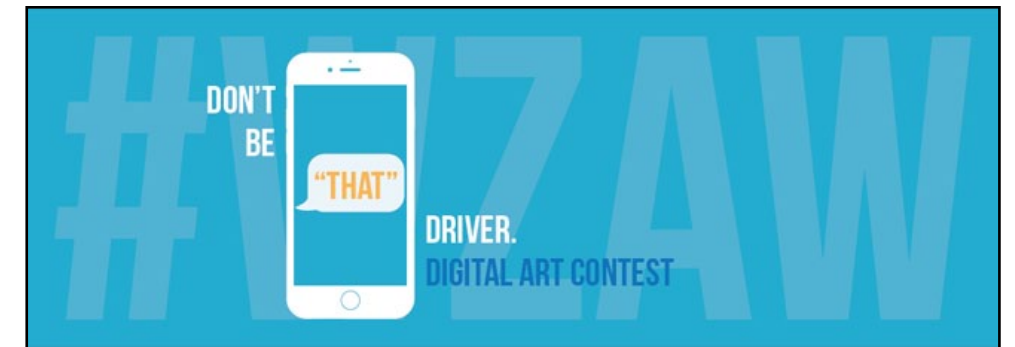
Work Zone Safety

Work zone safety art contest:

There is still time for teens in grades 8-12 to enter the KTA's digital art contest highlighting National Work Zone Awareness Week, which is April 11-15. The winner will receive a \$200 Amazon gift card and have the ad published in VYPE magazine and Turnpike Times.

The artwork should incorporate this year's safety theme, "Don't be THAT driver." Other guidelines include:

- Artwork - 7.5 inches wide by 7.75 inches high
- 300 dpi
- CMYK color format



Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 31 to beitzen@kturnpike.com and include a name, email, phone number and address. Any questions can also be sent to this email.

KDOT Blog

Kansas Transportation

Tuesday, March 1

Transformation Tuesday: Benton Airport

Did you know that there are 138 public use airports in Kansas? These airports provide critical air ambulance service for area residents and can generate economic growth for a community. However, to be able to do all this, sometimes, they need a makeover.

Below is an example of what the Benton airport runway looked like before the project took place.



And thanks to KDOT's airport improvement program funds, the top right photo is what the runway looked like after the project was completed.

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



Not only did this improve accessibility for the airport, it helped generate additional development around the area. Check out below what it looks like today.



To learn more about KDOT Airport Improvement Program, click [here](#).

Maintenance

Lighting the way: According to a Better Roads article, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has added light sticks to the ends of wing plows used in operations in the Upper Peninsula to make the machinery more visible to motorists. The lighting system has been dubbed the Superior Stick.

Wing plows can help a standard plow truck clear 14 feet in one pass, increasing its capacity by nearly half. This speeds up the work, and cuts down on fuel costs and labor time.

The Superior Stick attaches to the end of the plow and extends and retracts with the blade. They do not require their own hydraulic systems to extend them from the body of the truck, as do existing lighting systems.

"We have this innovative wing plow but, where we needed it, we had a lot of intersections, passing relief lanes and business entrances where we couldn't use it," said L'Anse Maintenance Supervisor John Dault. "This light makes the wing plow acceptable. We've innovated a



The Superior Stick on the wing plow increases visibility to motorists while highways are being cleared.

feature that really works."

MDOT says it will share the original concept with other interested manufacturers. All MDOT trucks with wing plows in the agency's Superior Region are using the new lighting stick, and a few trucks with wing plows near Traverse City and the Lansing/Ann Arbor area have been outfitted with the devices as well.

Trivia Answers - Part Two

1. She was born in Atchison, Kan., on July 24, 1897.
2. No, she was not the first woman to receive a license.
3. 15 women received their license before she did. Earhart was number 16.
4. Yes, she was married to George Putnam on Feb. 7, 1931.
5. The government spent \$4 million in the air and sea search making it the most costly search ever at that time.