

Translines EXPRESS

Sept. 21, 2016

District Three

Rainy days: It was a wet Labor Day weekend for much of District Three as heavy rains caused flooding in areas. The Solomon River Basin, which runs along K-9 between Lenora and Logan in Norton and Phillips counties, received up to 12 inches of rain that covered some roadways, prompting closures. Ellis and Russell counties also received eight inches of rain, causing flooding on the Saline River and Paradise Creek.



Top right: This camper and boat floated from a farmstead upstream and under the North Fork Solomon River bridge on U.S. 283, ending up approximately 600 feet downstream and hung up in the trees. Above: Rushing waters swept this vehicle off of K-9 near Edmond in Norton County. The vehicle floated approximately 100 yards before becoming lodged against a tree. The occupants were forced to evacuate into the tree where they were later rescued.



The flood waters cut deep crevices around several bridges along K-9.

Thunderclap

Promote safety: Support KDOT's safety efforts and join the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day Thunderclap. Thunderclap is a social media platform that sends a one-time message to a person's Facebook or Twitter followers at 2 p.m. on Oct. 10, the same time as the statewide safety news conference.

It doesn't put you on any mailing list, it's strictly a one-time safety message. The message is, "Let's work together to improve safety on our roadways across the U.S. and put the brakes on fatalities." To sign up through Facebook or Twitter on a home computer, go to <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/46761-put-the-brakes-on-fatalities>

Trivia!

Fall

1. When is the autumnal equinox?
2. Many birds prepare for winter migration during the fall. On average, how far does the Arctic Tern migrate?
3. What other species is known to migrate from North America?
4. Leaves start turning colors in the fall because they no longer produce what?
5. Geomagnetic storms happen twice as often during the fall. What are they called?

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree Virgil "Jake" Jacobs, who passed away on Sept. 3 in Hays. He worked for KDOT for 37 years, retiring as Subarea Supervisor from the Russell Subarea.

Milestone



Eric Henderson (right), Engineering Technician Senior in the Bureau of Construction and Materials, is congratulated for 40 years of service by State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick at the Governor's Pin Ceremony on Sept. 13. The event took place at the State Capitol for employees celebrating 40 or 50 years of service in Fiscal Year 2016.

Don't Text #Just Drive

Safety pledge: Students and supporters of seven Kansas universities can advocate for friendly competition this fall while challenging themselves and others to stop texting and driving. The Kansas Insurance Department, insurance companies and governmental sponsors have created the "Don't Text #Just Drive" campaign to get university students and supporters to pledge to stop texting while driving. "We think this is a great way to promote a worthy goal of saving lives," said Ken Selzer, CPA, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance. "You pledge to not text and drive, you pick your school and you cast your vote. Alumni, supporters and students of these Kansas schools show their support for the campaign and participate in a friendly competition at the same time." Supporters of each participating university will be able to take the pledge two ways: Online or by text messaging. The number of pledges each school

receives will be compared to its official fall 2016 enrollment to calculate a percentage. Results will be tabulated and the winner announced during university athletic contests this fall and winter. Participating schools are - University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Wichita State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University, Washburn University and Emporia State University. Voting begins today and ends Nov. 22. Pledge votes can be cast by texting 50555 and choosing one of the school keywords: KU, Wildcat, Shocker, Tiger, Gorilla, Ichabod, or Hornet. Voters can also go online at engage.att.com/icwkansas. More information about the campaign can be found at www.ksinsurance.org/justdrive. Kendall Schoenekase, Miss Kansas 2016, is promoting the campaign as well. She has chosen "Stay Alive, Don't Text and Drive" as her campaign issue during her reign as Miss Kansas.

District Two

Memorial highway:

More than a year ago, a class reunion took place in Hanover. The class decided to honor their fallen classmate LaVern Tegmeier who had died trying to save a fellow soldier in Vietnam. Getting a portion of K-148 near Hanover dedicated in his name became the class's goal. The goal was achieved, and nearly 100 people gathered on Aug. 10 to dedicate a portion of K-148 as the SSgt.



A smaller version of the SSgt. LaVern W Tegmeier Memorial Highway sign was unveiled by family members at an Aug. 10 ceremony near Hanover.

LaVern W Tegmeier Memorial Highway at a ceremony just north of Hanover. A mock-up of the sign was revealed and Tegmeier family members were presented with commemorative plaques in remembrance of the dedication.

The signs were delivered and posted by Washington Subarea office crew members recently. The memorial highway extends from the K-148/K-243 junction north to the Kansas/Nebraska state line.

KTA



Nearly 90 vendors gathered to bring information to attendees at the KTA's second Kansas Winter Expo that took place in Wichita on Sept. 7 and 8. More than 600 people attended - doubling the number of people who attended last year. In addition, almost 200 high school students attended the job fair.

Safety blog series

The annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day blog series includes 20 people telling personal stories about traffic safety that either they, family members or friends have experienced. This is the seventh year of the series and it shows why traffic safety is so important.

The series kicked off last week with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx and new blogs will be posted each weekday until Oct. 10. To see all of the stories as they are posted each day, click [here](#).



KDOT Blog

Kansas Transportation

Thursday, Sept. 8

#IAMKDOT kicks off: Cole Peterson

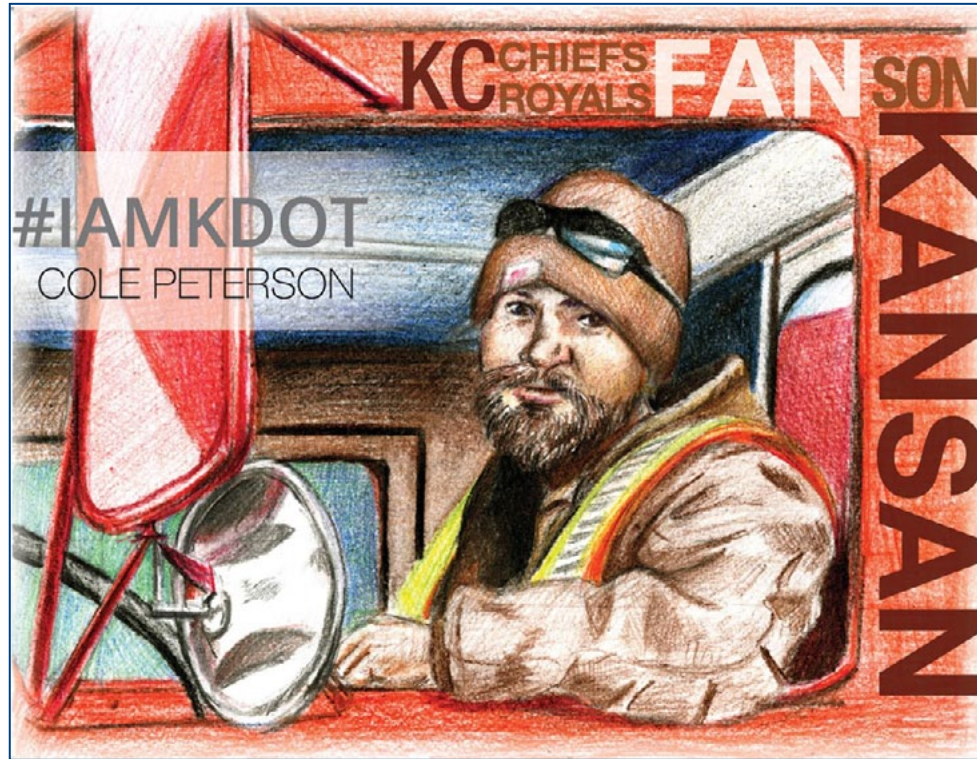
Working in the field for KDOT can be a rewarding but dangerous career. KDOT workers face oncoming traffic, impatient and unsafe drivers, extreme weather conditions and many other hazards while maintaining our roads and infrastructure so communities can thrive.

It is time to recognize those hardworking individuals who risk their lives to keep Kansas moving.

This semi-regular illustration project, titled #IAMKDOT, is intended to highlight and bring awareness to the incredible work that KDOT employees do for our state.

These #IAMKDOT illustrations will be posted to our blog and other social media to remind everyone that these hardworking men and women aren't robots. They aren't slowing down traffic to irritate or inconvenience. They are working hard to ensure that our way of life is maintained and improved upon. It is our hope that #IAMKDOT illustrations will encourage the public to slow down, and treat KDOT employees with more respect and patience.

Featured today is Cole Peterson. He has worked with the District Three Bridge Crew for four years.



Peterson, 24 years old, said that he enjoys watching the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals. He also enjoys working on vehicles. In this illustration, Peterson is getting ready to take the giant snowplow, Big Bertha, out to clean up snow and ice from the February snowstorm that impacted much of the state earlier this year.

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

TransComm



District One Public Affairs Manager Kimberly Qualls, right, and Robyn Arthur, of HNTB, speak at the AASHTO Transportation Communications Subcommittee conference, also known as TransComm, in Charleston, W.V., on Sept. 13. The two made a presentation about the Johnson County Gateway titled, "How to Effectively Engage and Entertain."

Retirees

The following employees will retire on Oct. 1.

Headquarters

Robert Henthorne, Professional Geologist

Supervisor, Structures & Geotechnical Services

Rodney Montney, Professional Civil Engineer II, Research

James Morrissey, Environmental Compliance Regulatory Specialist, Right of Way

William Parcels Jr., Professional Civil Engineer I, Research

Jerome Younger, Deputy Secretary/State Engineer, Office of the Secretary

District One

Timothy Horgan, Equipment Operator Senior, Blaine

Michael Lyhane, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Marysville

James Olberding, Equipment Operator Senior, Seneca

Joe Quigley, Equipment Operator Senior, Blaine

District Two

Wendell Cooper, Equipment Operator Senior, Strong City

Jose Maldonado, Equipment Operator, Salina

Paul Splichal, Equipment Operator Senior, Belleville

District Three

Timothy Hansen, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, Oakley

District Five

Steven Murphy, Equipment Operator Senior, Larned

Leland Oller, Equipment Operator Senior, Kingman

CAPITOL MID-WEEK FARMERS' MARKET



Topeka - every Wednesday
7:30 a.m. to noon

10th Street - south side of the
Statehouse grounds

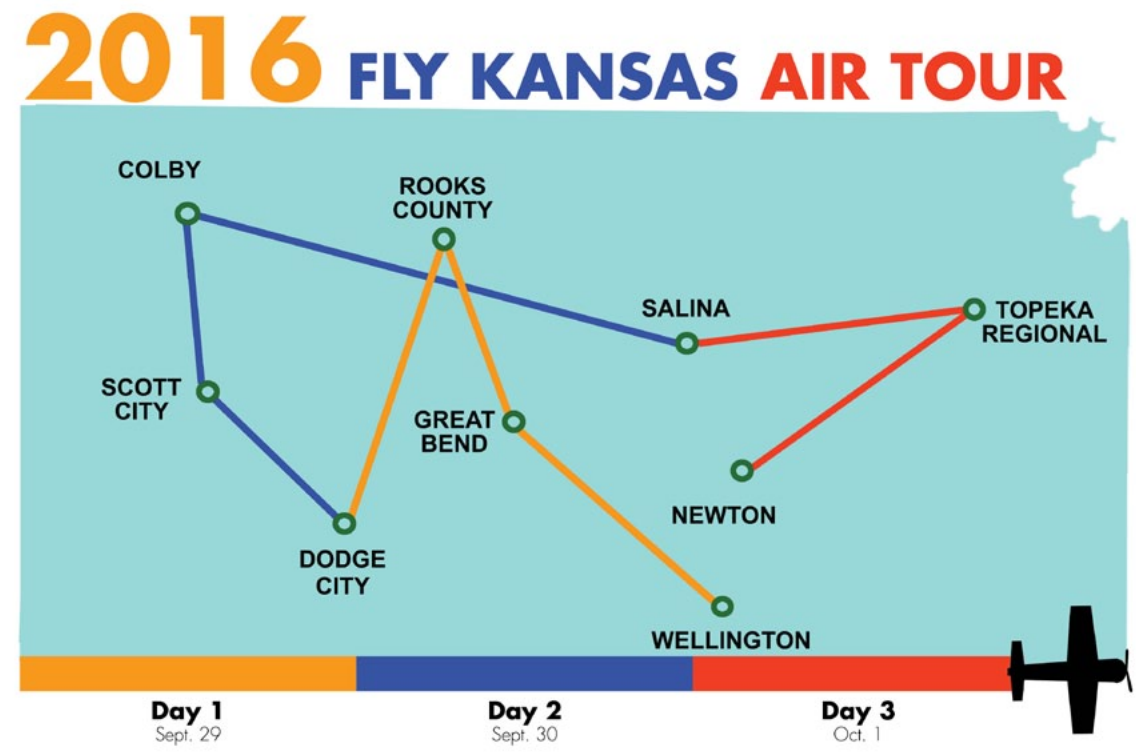
To locate/find out more about other farmers markets, check out the From the Land of Kansas website at <https://fromthelandofkansas.com/discover-resources/farmers-market-resources>

Aviation

2016 Fly Kansas

Air Tour: The 2016 Fly Kansas Air Tour lifts off from Wellington on Sept. 29 for a three-day, nine-city celebration of Kansas aviation. This year's tour, presented by the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education and KDOT, will focus on raising awareness of the importance of community airports and promoting aviation to young people. More than 500 students are expected to visit their airports during the tour. Several dozen aircraft are expected to participate.

"The air tour is an opportunity to promote Kansas aviation. Kansas ranks number one in the country for per capita economic benefit from aviation," said Ed Young, president of the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education and Fly Kansas Foundation. This is the third consecutive year for the revived tour, which first took place in 1928. The goal of that first tour was to promote the fledgling aviation industry in Kansas. After the next year's tour in 1929, there was a 79-year gap before the next tour in 2008, which included 28 stops and attracted more than 10,000 people across the state during the seven-day tour. After a short hiatus, the tour took wing again in 2014. "This is a great opportunity for us to promote one of the largest industries in Kansas and provide an avenue for students to connect with aviators," said Merrill Atwater, KDOT's Division of Aviation Director. "With a specific focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) education and aviation history, we highlight the benefits of local airports to their communities, Kansas



and the nation."

The public is encouraged to visit the local airports during the tour stops to see the airplanes up close, talk to the pilots and learn about the role of aviation in Kansas. For more information, visit <https://2016flykansas.eventbrite.com>. The tour schedule is:

◆ Thursday, Sept. 29

Wellington - 8 a.m., aircraft arrival; 10 a.m., departure

Great Bend - 11:15 a.m., aircraft arrival; 12:30 p.m., departure

Rooks County - 1:15 p.m., aircraft arrival; 2:30 p.m., departure

Dodge City - 4 p.m., aircraft arrival

◆ Friday, Sept. 30

Dodge City - 9:30 a.m., departure

Scott City - 10 a.m., aircraft arrival; 11 a.m., departure

Colby - 11:40 a.m., aircraft arrival; 1 p.m., departure

Salina - 3:15 p.m., aircraft arrival

◆ Saturday, Oct. 1

Salina - 9:30 a.m., departure;

Topeka - 10:30 a.m., aircraft arrival; 1 p.m., departure

Newton - 2 p.m., aircraft arrival

Do you know of a KDOT retiree not receiving Translines?

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

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Usually Sept. 22 or 23. This year it's Sept. 22.
2. 11,000 miles
3. Monarch butterfly
4. Chlorophyll
5. The aurora borealis, or Northern Lights.

Awards

Maddox, Swartz honored:

Two KDOT employees have been recognized for their efforts, one by Amtrak and one by AASHTO.

Rail and Freight Manager John Maddox was named the winner of a 2016 President's Service and Safety award in the Amtrak Champion category on the Southwest Chief TIGER Grant Team. The award recognizes employees and external business partners who have made contributions toward improving Amtrak's safety, security and customer focus. This is the 36th year the award has been given.

Steve Swartz, Chief of the Office of Public Affairs, was honored at the annual meeting of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Transportation Communications on Sept. 13. Swartz was named recipient of the Founder's Award, which is presented to "individuals who have made long-term positive impacts on the public affairs profession and served on the AASHTO Subcommittee on Transportation Communications."

He has been a member of the group since 2004 and has held a number of TransComm leadership positions, including vice chairman, secretary and regional representative.



John Maddox



Steve Swartz

Kansas State Fair



Above, Special Crew Supervisor Frank (Pancho) Smith (right) and below, District Materials Field Chief Jason Brown (center), both from the District Five office, talk to Kansas State Fair attendees and hand out informational brochures and state maps to those who stopped by the KDOT booth. The fair took place from Sept. 9-18. Nearly 70 employees and retirees also stopped by the booth.



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

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General

State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick gives a presentation to area high school students at Engineering Hot Career Night on Sept. 13 in Topeka. The event encouraged and informed students who were interested in engineering as a career path after high school. Patrick's shared the variety of engineering careers that KDOT has to offer.



Retirement

Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer Jerry Younger had a packed house at his retirement ceremony on Sept. 7 in Topeka. In that group were a number of KDOT retirees who came back to wish him well. A few of them include: at right, retired State Transportation Engineer Warren Sick; below, retired Osage Area Superintendent Gary Moulin (left) and retired Engineering Technician Specialist Keith Horinek (right); and below right, retired Engineering Manager Jim Brewer.



Deadlines are this Friday and Sunday to enter!!

Poster Art Contest

Kansas kids ages 5 through 13 are invited to enter artwork representing their thoughts on "Put the Brakes on Fatalities." Three statewide winners will be selected from the 18 regional winners!

Age Categories

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

Each regional winner will receive a **BICYCLE** and **HELMET** from Safe Kids Kansas

Statewide prizes – \$50 Visa cards, movie passes, PLUS family hotel and entertainment packages:

- ◆ **Wichita:** Best Western Airport Inn/Exploration Place
- ◆ **Topeka:** Capitol Plaza Hotel/Kansas Children's Discovery Center and Topeka Zoo
- ◆ **Kansas City:** Crowne Plaza Kansas City-Overland Park Hotel/Prairiefire

Visa cards courtesy of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas/Movie passes courtesy of AAA Kansas

◆ All entries must be postmarked by **September 23, 2016**, to be eligible.

For rules and more information, go to www.ksdot.org

A promotional graphic for the 'Put the Brakes on Fatalities' campaign. It features a blue background with a white car wheel and a hand holding a 'STOP' sign. Text includes 'SUBMIT VIDEO & WIN', 'CALLING ALL TEENS IN GRADES 8-12 TO HELP PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES', and 'Submit your short 6-60 second video and you could win an iPad, GoPro camera, or a DJI Osmo camera!'. A video player interface is visible in the top right corner.