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Randy Rainbolt retires from KDOT's Larned Subarea

Randy Rainbolt has spent much of his life operating equipment, first with his father's earth-moving business and later with the Kansas Department of Transportation. After almost 19 years of dedicated service, Randy has retired from KDOT.

He was Equipment Operator Senior with Larned Subarea. Randy's last day on the job was Sept. 16.

Before his KDOT career, he noted, "I kind of grew up on equipment." His father did earth-moving on farms for features like terraces and ponds.

Randy worked about nine years at Larned and about 10 years before that with the Kinsley crew.

One of the tasks Randy enjoyed was mowing. Why? "By myself, and I got an AC and radio," he answered. "To me, it's relaxing."

When Randy was employed at Kinsley, he dealt with a health condition that required him to miss work for a considerable period. But other KDOT workers aided him – by giving him some of their accrued leave through the shared leave program. Their giving enabled Randy to get well and return to work. And he remains appreciative, he said. "I was sick and needed time, and they donated."

In his retirement, what will Randy do? Still run equipment around Larned, of course. He expects to do some farm work, especially at harvest.

Randy's family includes his wife, Debbie; son, James; daughter, April; granddaughters, Hayleigh and Atleigh; and grandsons, Mason and Taylor.

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