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Winfield Subarea Supervisor John Berndsen retires

John Berndsen, Winfield Subarea Supervisor, has retired after 31 years of service to the Kansas Department of Transportation. His last day at work was Nov. 19.

After starting as an entry-level Equipment Operator in November 1990, John worked his way to Winfield Highway Maintenance Supervisor in 2006. He supervised a crew of 11. They maintain highways across Cowley County and parts of Sumner and Sedgwick counties.

On John's 30th anniversary with KDOT, when asked what he liked about his job, John said: "Each day is definitely different. Things change, and you have to kind of keep rolling with the flow and making things fit situations -- I enjoy that."

Now, he gets to think about what he will enjoy in retirement. That will include traveling. And it will be tinkering with and operating his collection of antique construction equipment. That includes a 1935 Caterpillar tractor/crawler and a 1950s John Deere tractor/crawler. "So I'll have plenty of things to do," including going to antique construction equipment shows, John said.

John lives in Winfield. He and his wife, Loma, have a son, Paul.

CAPTION: John Berndsen, Winfield Subarea Supervisor. Photo by Therone Askins

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