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KDOT's Gale Hunninghake Retires After 38 Years of Service

Gale F. Hunninghake, Seneca Subarea Supervisor (District One Area One in northeast Kansas), with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is retiring after 38 years of service with the state of Kansas.

Hunninghake started at KDOT in 1978 as an Equipment Operator located in Seneca. Over the years he worked his way up through KDOT's equipment operator level progression program and into a maintenance supervisory position. He has served as the Seneca Subarea Supervisor since June 14, 1998.

In his current position, Gale oversees all maintenance activities and staff covering all of Nemaha County and a portion of Marshall County in the Northeast Kansas region.

One of the things he will miss most is "the friendships he has developed over the years with so many wonderful people that he has worked with in his KDOT family." Gale shares "I've enjoyed working with and getting to know all my colleagues at surrounding KDOT subarea offices including Atchison, Troy, Horton, Holton, Topeka and many others."

After retirement, Gale plans to spend time with his grandchildren, work on his family farm, play golf, fish, hunt and vacation a lot more. He and his wife, Mary Jane, reside in Seneca, Kan. and have three children: daughter Jenae and husband Brad Dalinghaus (Menifee, Calif.); son Kyle (Seneca, Kan.); and Kevin and wife Ashley

Hunninghake (Seneca, Kan.). Grandchildren include Kaiden and Kendal Dalinghaus (Jenae's children) and Dawson Hunninghake (Kevin's son).

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