



## Careers on Wheels



*Several youngsters wait their turn to get into the KDOT truck as their teacher and Steve Zimmerman, Equipment Operator in Dodge City, look on. About 130 kindergarten through fifth grade students explored a variety of vehicles during Spearville Elementary School's "Careers on Wheels" event on April 18. For more details, please see page 3.*

## KDOT's 2002 Ops meeting cancelled

KDOT's 2002 Operations Meeting in Great Bend will not be held this year and the future of the annual meeting is being examined by Construction and Maintenance.

The financial situation in the state may have triggered discussion about the Operations Meeting, according to Dennis Weinrich, Assistant Bureau Chief of Construction and Maintenance. However, it was not the reason for canceling this year's meeting.

"Financial concerns that influenced the decision focused on whether KDOT obtained a positive return on its investment rather than whether KDOT had the resources to fund the meeting," said Weinrich.

Weinrich said KDOT personnel attend a variety of meetings during the year and

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## Campaign aims to up seat belt use, save lives

KDOT observers found something puzzling when they took to the streets of Kansas last summer to monitor seat belt usage: Pickup truck drivers and their passengers were far less likely to buckle up than their counterparts in other types of vehicles.

In fact, the KDOT state survey revealed that, while overall 60 percent of vehicle occupants are

buckled up, a significant disparity occurs when observing pickup trucks. Only 40 percent of the drivers and passengers in trucks wore their seat belt. Of the 1.4 million vehicles registered in the state, almost half of those, or approximately 690,000 are pickups.

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From  
Where  
I Sit

by E. Dean Carlson

## Keep up the good work

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer (you have to wait until June 21 for the official start), and that means heavier traffic on our highways. Unfortunately, the busiest time of year for highway travel is also the perfect time of year for construction. This confluence of conflicting circumstances can lead to frustration, and sometimes drivers take out that frustration on those of us who work for KDOT.

It is hard not to take those verbal attacks personally. You work hard at what you do, and you're doing it to make the state's transportation system safer. The sorry truth is that most people don't know what we do or the hard work that goes into it. By the time they're upset at us, they don't want to hear it.


I'd ask you to keep that in mind the next time you're the brunt of KDOT jokes or complaints. You can look at these moments as "teaching opportunities," so that people will better understand what we do. You could start with the concept that every highway project out there exists for one reason - the traveling public's safety. You might also remind them that, when you take off your KDOT hat for the day,

you're a member of that traveling public, too.


I think another important point to make is the time involved in planning and designing these transportation improvements. Most people outside of transportation have no idea of the planning horizons we work with or the vast amount of study and design that has to be done before the first dirt is moved. People are amazed that a major project can take five to seven years to develop. Knowing this helps them understand that we didn't sit down last week and decide to reconstruct I-70 this week. They also need to understand that, even with all the planning we do, sometimes circumstances out of our control create situations we don't like either. We do care about their inconvenience (remember, it affects you, too) and we don't go out of our way to make travel more difficult.

One of the most frustrating questions I hear whenever we do a reconstruction project is, "Why did you guys tear up a perfectly good road?" The answer is that when it comes to highways, what you see is not always what you get. My favorite analogy for this is the house with termites. You can paint it and paint it and paint it, and it will look great - until it falls down because of the termite damage! The same thing is true with highways. People judge the road by look and feel. If we've done an overlay and it's smooth, people will think the road is just fine. But then we'll be back out there in a year or two doing another overlay because the underlying structure is losing its integrity. I know this may be obvious to you, but it is something most people have never thought about.

Explaining why we do what we do may not turn the upset customer into a KDOT fan but it will give them insight into the job you do. And understanding is the first step in easing frustration. Keep up the good work!



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### Calendar of Events

**May 27** - State employees off for Memorial Day Holiday.

**June 8** - KDOT Employees' Council softball tournament, picnic, and children's games, Shawnee County North ball diamonds, 300 N.E. 43rd, Topeka.

**June 11** - 11 a.m. - KDOT Employees' Council Meeting, Seventh Floor Conference Room, Docking State Office Building.

**June 14** - 9 a.m. - Highway Advisory Commission meeting telephone conference call.

**June 19** - 2 p.m. - Construction Bid Letting at Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel.

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## Students get a firsthand look at Careers on Wheels



*Megan Eddy climbs down after taking her turn in the driver's seat. Sitting at the wheel and blowing the horn proved quite popular among the Spearville Elementary School students.*

**NOTE:** *The following article is being reprinted from the District Six newsletter.*

What do the following things have in common: a KDOT dump truck, a tractor-trailer rig, a military vehicle, an ambulance, a police car, a concrete pumper truck, a tractor, and a hearse?

They all represent "Careers on Wheels"—the theme of a recent career day at Spearville Elementary School. There were several other vehicles on hand, as well. That hearse bothered me, though. I kept hoping they weren't looking for me.

Steve Zimmerman from the Dodge City Area Office brought over a truck all decked out with a snowplow and brine tank. He told the kids what it's like to drive the truck and answered their questions about it. "Can I blow the horn?" "Can I drive the truck?" We let them blow the horn.

When I asked the youngsters what they thought we used the truck for, I got some interesting answers. Hauling trash was the most popular answer, followed by hauling feed for cattle, hauling dead animals, and hauling tree limbs and grass clippings. A few kids figured we could carry sand or dirt

in it. A few others, seeing the brine tank in the back, thought it would make a good water truck for the fire department. Heck, with those spray nozzles on the back, you might even be able to put the fire out. One young man wanted to water farmers' fields with it. One adult thought it could be put to good use at an area dirt track.

We also had some students who looked at the contraption on the front and figured we used this truck to plow snow. Steve then explained that our trucks serve a lot of purposes and get used year-round. We talked to the kids about road work and how important it is for their parents or older brothers or sisters to drive carefully when they encounter people and equipment working on the highways. Hopefully, they'll pass that information on and remember some of it when they start driving.

Many thanks to Steve Zimmerman for his time and enthusiasm and a big thank you to Mark Davis, Area Superintendent, for freeing up a truck and driver. It was three hours well spent. Plus, we got Kool-Aid and cookies. *By Kirk Hutchinson, District Six Public Involvement Liaison*

# What employees can do with unwanted e-mails

By Marty Matthews

Most of us have had it happen. We log on to GroupWise and are greeted by e-mails with subject lines such as. "Great Stock Opportunity!" "You have got to see this to believe it!" "Important news for people who breathe air," or other come-on lines designed to pique your interest. These are unsolicited e-mails, the electronic version of junk mail - also called "spam." If you've been getting quite a few recently, you're not alone.

The Bureau of Computer Services says many employees are getting e-mail lately that they haven't asked for and don't have a clue as to why they're getting it. Much of it is just advertisements from various vendors touting wares such as home loans, get-rich-quick schemes, and the like. Some are adult in nature, and may even cause an employee to be flagged by the Internet Monitoring software if they open the e-mail.

So what should you do when you get one of these e-mails? Like many things in the world of computers, what seems obvious is the wrong thing to do. Most of these e-mails have a little blurb at the bottom that tells you to "Click here to unsubscribe," or "Send an e-mail to [xxx@company.com](mailto:xxx@company.com) to unsubscribe." So you figure that doing either of those will, indeed, get you off the darn mailing list so you don't have to keep getting these e-mails.

But the folks at Computer Services say that's not necessarily the case. Turns out that clicking one of those "unsubscribe" links can actually tell the "spammer" that they've found an active

e-mail account - one that would just love more e-mail. In other words, the exact opposite of what you intended. The advice from the BCS gurus? Unless the e-mail is from a vendor or organization that you remember subscribing to, just delete the e-mail without opening it. You can also set up a "rule" in your Group Wise to automatically delete all e-mail from the offending sender.

Some unsolicited e-mails will take the user directly to an "adult" site that violates KDOT's Internet policy. This will trigger the Internet monitoring software. If you click on one of these e-mails and get taken to one of these sites, immediately close that site, forward the e-mail to BCS Security Manager Patrick Tierce ([Patrick@ksdot.org](mailto:Patrick@ksdot.org)) **and your supervisor** so that **they** know what happened and can take action. This will save you having to explain later why your name ended up on the list of people who've visited adult sites using state computers.

Speaking of the Internet, there are some perfectly legitimate and useful sites out there that may ask you to sign up or to register for a service. Most of these are "free" services, but it's still not a good idea to be signing up unless it's a work-related site. Even then you should also read and understand the site's privacy statement and what it says about selling or giving away your e-mail address. Most sites share their information and, if you sign up at one web site, chances are extremely good that your information will end up in a spammer's hands. And that

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## Drop-in centers used for System Enhancement project

As part of the continuing public involvement efforts for the K-61 System Enhancement project, informational drop-in centers have been used to provide an educational opportunity for the public concerning this project's progress. These information booths are called drop-in centers because they are set up in public places during times of peak public activity to allow people a convenient location to walk in and gather information about a project.

David Greiser and Martin Miller, District Public Involvement Liaisons from Salina and Hutchinson, respectively, have been in charge of coordinating this public involvement effort with HNTB, the public involvement consultant for this project. The drop-in centers have been set up at the Hutchinson Mall during the Thanksgiving through New Year's holiday shopping time, at the Inman Public Library during Inman's city wide garage sale weekend, and one was recently setup in McPherson at the Dillons Store during the All Schools Day parade and carnival.

Informational handouts including maps, FAQ's (frequently asked questions), and survey results are available in the drop-in centers for people to read and take home. There is also a written comment form with a box to place them in to gather public



*Two Community Advisory Group members talk to local people at the Inman Public Library drop-in center.*

input.

Additional public involvement techniques also being used for this project include an Internet web site at [www.k61enhancement.org](http://www.k61enhancement.org), an e-mail contact address at [k61enhancement@hntb.com](mailto:k61enhancement@hntb.com), and a toll free telephone contact at 1-888-276-8787.

PowerPoint presentations provided for local governments and citizens groups and an area telephone survey have also been useful. A K-61 origin-destination survey and the establishment of a Community Advisory Group with 14 individuals representing the citizens of McPherson and Reno counties and the cities of Hutchinson, Inman, and McPherson serves to assist in public involvement while providing valuable feedback in defining the alignment of a four-lane K-61. *By Martin Miller, District Five Public Involvement Liaison*



### *Step Back in Time*



*The new Brickyard Bridge in Topeka is open to traffic on July 12, 1955. Now referred to as the northbound Westgate bridge, the structure was recently reconstructed.*

## Deaths

Condolences to the family and friends of two KDOT employees who recently passed away.

**Larry Walters**, 46, died May 4 in Topeka. Walters served as a KDOT Equipment Operator for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, Vickie, two daughters, his parents, a brother, two sisters and a granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas Wildlife Association and sent in care of Barnett's

Funeral Chapel in Meriden.

**Lanny Daniels**, 46, died April 5 in Denver. Daniels was a Decision Mapping Specialist in Planning before retiring because of poor health. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, a son, a daughter, his father, a brother and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Topeka Organ Transplant Organization and sent in care of the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

## Buckle Up

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"KDOT places a high priority on reducing the number of crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities on our roadways no matter what type of vehicle is driven," said Secretary Carlson. "Increased enforcement, targeted messages, and raising public awareness are important tools in getting the message to each Kansas citizen that safety belts save lives."

To try and increase the state's seat belt compliance rates — and save lives and reduce injuries — KDOT, in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign, launched the Kansas Clicks Buckle Up America! campaign on May 20 during a news conference in Topeka.

During the two-week enforcement period running through June 2, more than 200 participating law enforcement agencies in Kansas will redouble efforts to remind motorists of the importance of seat belts, and child safety seats, for drivers and passengers alike. Law enforcement officers in Kansas are planning to pay special heed to pickup trucks during the two-week mobilization effort.

Low safety belt use rates by pickup drivers and passengers may be tied to the belief that the size and weight of a truck offer more protection. That's a dangerous misconception. According to NHTSA, seat belts actually provide more protection in pickups than in cars. Use of seat belts reduces the chance that a pickup passenger or driver will be killed or injured in a crash by 60 percent, compared to 45 percent in cars.

Pickup drivers in rural areas also might be lulled into a false sense of security because of the often light traffic. That's another dangerous misconception. While it is true there are more crashes in urban areas, traffic fatalities are far more common in rural areas. According to KDOT's "Kansas Traffic Accident Facts, 1999," 63 percent of the vehicle crashes in the state were in urban areas, but 76 percent of traffic fatalities were in rural areas.

Kansas law requires all front seat occupants to be strapped in; that children under 14 anywhere in a vehicle be secured with a seat belt; and that children under four travel in an approved and properly secured child safety seat. During 2000, 504 people lost their lives on Kansas highways, 61 percent of them unbelted.



# KDOT employees help in recovery efforts, two lose homes in

**tornado**  
 KDOT's Pratt Area office and Subarea offices from Kingman, Greensburg, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, and the Pratt Area Crew had 20 people, 10 trucks, five loaders, and chainsaws dedicated to the cleanup of the damage that was caused by the May 7 tornado that swept through the Pratt area.

Kevin Thomas and Mike Fairleigh, two KDOT Pratt Area employees, lost their homes and most of their belongings in the tornado. Thomas is single; Fairleigh is married with three children.



***KDOT employees pick up limbs and debris while helping in the cleanup efforts in the Pratt area after a tornado.***

If people would like to send contributions to help them, please send checks made out to Thomas or Fairleigh to Martin Miller, District Five Public Involvement Liaison, at the Hutchinson

District Office, 500 N. Hendricks, Hutchinson, KS, 67504-0769. If you would like more information, call Miller at 620-663-3361.

## Buckle Up America Quiz

Just for fun, here's a word scramble to celebrate Kansas Clicks! Buckle Up America! All the words are related to this theme. **Good luck!**

*(If you get stuck, the answers are on page 11.)*

1. E I S R E L V A F \_\_\_\_\_

8. L B E K U C P U \_\_\_\_\_

2. L E S R U H D O T E B L \_\_\_\_\_

9. N A C T I C E D \_\_\_\_\_

3. O T O S B R E A T E S \_\_\_\_\_

10. C R E T P T O \_\_\_\_\_

4. T M C E F E N N O E R \_\_\_\_\_

11. P R E G S E S A N \_\_\_\_\_

5. I R R E D V \_\_\_\_\_

12. D R A W O Y A \_\_\_\_\_

6. L Y A T F I T A \_\_\_\_\_

13. S L E V I \_\_\_\_\_

7. F Y A E S T L E B T \_\_\_\_\_

14. K L I C C \_\_\_\_\_

# Trolling for training

By Ron Kaufman

I was sluggishly trolling the cable channels one recent evening when I came across one of those “let’s film a blind date and see what happens” shows. Never one to confuse culture with great television, I paused long enough to let my thumb rest. It was wearing a hole in the remote control.

The show was one of those series where we get to snoop on two people in the throes of either beginning or deep-sixing a potential relationship. After a few minutes of watching and listening to the blind-sided duo, we are treated to the opinions of the show’s host and guest commentators who critique the couple’s performances up to that point.

In this episode, it was obvious the young woman was struggling with past issues and wasn’t at all reluctant to talk about them.

Her self-focused banter dragged endlessly throughout the entire show. She scared her date and delighted the viewing audience. Whenever her date tried to change the subject or talk about his interests, she would turn the focus back to herself. So, the man sat politely, listened attentively, and occasionally asked his date questions. He successfully feigned an interest in the face of overwhelming odds to the contrary. Predictably, the date ended on a civil note with each party later commenting “privately” that they didn’t think they would continue the relationship. Of course, they never really had one.

Halfway through the show, the host remarked of the woman, “She likes to talk, likes to listen to herself talk, and likes to watch people listen while she talks.” Suddenly, my boredom crumbled away into the chasm between the couch cushions! I liked that remark! Was this show a cleverly disguised

training video?

What can we learn from this odd couple? First, think carefully before agreeing to a televised blind date. Do you really want the rest of the world learning from your experience? Second, it is all right to talk. Just don’t hog the airtime and do keep it interesting. In order to capture the other person’s interest, you have to include some elements that are relevant and meaningful to the other. Third, while the enjoyment of listening is commendable, it is best to enjoy listening to the other person talk. Asking questions to clarify the other person’s point of view is also helpful.

Focusing on the other’s words will increase your understanding and, perhaps, your chances for another date. Third, people-watching can be fruitful if you watch people while they listen and while they talk. More

than half of our communication

occurs through body language and facial expressions, not through conversation.

That is why it is sometimes so hard

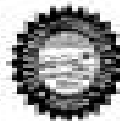
to achieve under-

standing over the telephone or through e-mail. If you have ever found yourself wanting to speak with someone in person, you might be unconsciously seeking the subtle communication help we get from body language.

Finally, maybe if we imagined that some of our encounters were being televised, we would be more attentive to good communication practices. Come to think of it, that kind of show probably would not sweep the ratings. Good communication is exciting if you are involved in it, but it probably wouldn’t attract an audience. The blind date shows can be fun to watch precisely because the people often make a mess of things. Well, the time has come to change channels. The thumb feels better and I might be able to snag another good training video.



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Welcome  
new KDOT  
employees!

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*The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies information for new employees to Translines*



*Motorists take advantage of the new K-96 bypass that was recently opened.*

## New K-96 bypass in Reno County now open to traffic

On April 30, the K-96 bypass in Reno County was opened to traffic by the KDOT Hutchinson Construction Office, along with the Wittwer Group, the project's prime contractor. This new 7.7-mile long highway bypass was constructed to replace the old K-96 alignment which carried traffic down Main Street in South Hutchinson and continued on through Hutchinson using Avenue A, Adams Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The new route will provide a safer and more efficient travelway for large trucks and other vehicles not seeking a destination within the downtown areas of these cities.

While the main bypass construction is finished, there does remain a small amount of work to be completed that could only be started after traffic was

removed from the old K-96 alignment. This work includes the final tie-in to K-96 between Hutchinson and Nickerson, and the final alignment of the Nickerson Boulevard (old K-96) and Wilson Road intersection which connects to the K-96 Bypass & Wilson Road Interchange. Additionally, interchange lighting and landscaping being installed by KDOT and maintained by Hutchinson and Reno County is close to completion.

After the K-96 Bypass work is completely finished, KDOT will begin an asphalt overlay and bridge repairs to the section of old K-96 being turned over to Hutchinson, South Hutchinson, and Reno County. *By Martin Miller, District Five Public Involvement Liaison*

## News conference delivers vital message 'There's no excuse for driving drunk'

KDOT is taking off its gloves and putting on the bracelets to launch a new anti-drunk driving initiative. The message is plain and simple: There's No Excuse for Driving Drunk.

A news conference was held at Sandstone Amphitheatre in Bonner Springs on May 7 to kick-off the new program that urges concertgoers not to drink and drive and rewards their designated drivers.

Designated drivers who report to Sandstone guest services receive a special bracelet that entitles them to two free soft drinks during each concert. Banners and posters, displayed by beer and concession stands, sport messages like "Have a blast, but find a safe ride home," and "If you're the designated driver, the soft drinks are on us." Signs by the restroom caution, "If you've been here more than twice, you need to find a designated driver."

"These bracelets are very special plastic that are designed to save lives," said Director of Planning and Development Terry Heidner, who was one of the speakers at the news conference. "They are part of a new and unique partnership between KDOT and Sandstone aimed squarely at the problem of drunken driving."

Although this is the first time KDOT and Sandstone have partnered to address the drunk driving problem that impacts young people, alcohol awareness and drunk driving prevention programs are nothing new to KDOT, according to Heidner. A variety of alcohol programs are currently directed and supervised by the Bureau of Traffic Safety in on-going efforts to make Kansas' roadways safer for everyone.

"We're excited about launching the Designated Driver program, but it's only one component of an even larger initia-



*Director of Planning and Development Terry Heidner was one of the featured speakers at Sandstone offering support for a new designated driver program. Radio host Murphy Wells from KQRC in Kansas City, far right, served as master of ceremonies during the news conference.*

tive that we're announcing today," said Heidner. "That initiative is called the No Excuse Program. The 'There's No Excuse for Driving Drunk' theme will serve as an umbrella for all of KDOT's alcohol awareness programs, of which the designated driver program is one."

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***'KDOT's purpose behind these alcohol awareness initiatives is to reduce traffic crashes, save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs and the tragedies related to drunk driving.'***

**Terry Heidner**

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The concept relays an unmistakable message: there is simply no excuse for any kind of irresponsible behavior involving alcohol.

◆ There's no excuse for drinking and driving.

◆ There's no excuse for not having a designated driver.

◆ There's no excuse for providing/selling alcohol to minors.

◆ There's no excuse for hosting a teen drinking party.

◆ There's no excuse for not taking the keys from a friend who's had too much to drink.

"KDOT's purpose behind these alcohol awareness initiatives is to reduce traffic crashes, save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs and the tragedies related to drunk driving," said Heidner.

Radio host Murphy Wells from KQRC in Kansas City served as master of ceremonies at the news conference. Other guest speakers endorsing the program included Kansas Highway Patrol Lt. Colonel Terry Maple, Bonner Springs Police Chief John Haley, Kansas City Kansas Police Lt. Henry Horn, SADD teens from Mill Valley High School and representatives from MADD. - S.W.

# KUDOS

## to KDOT employees

KDOT has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for its annual financial report. KDOT first received this award for its 1988 financial report and has received the award every year thereafter. No other Department of Transportation can match this record of accomplishment. The Bureau of Fiscal Services prepares the report.

**Ruby Bradley**, Applications Programmer/Analyst, was elected to a second term as Exor User Group chairperson for North America. KDOT is currently implementing the CANSYS Project with Exor asset management software.

## Training Opportunities

- ◆ **New Employee Orientation**, June 6.
  - ◆ **Competency Based Interviewing**, June 6, Topeka.
  - ◆ **Conducting Effective Performance Reviews**, June 5, Topeka.
  - ◆ **Turning Around Poor Performance**, June 4, Topeka.
  - ◆ **Basic Effective Supervisory Techniques**, September 10-13 and October 15-18, Topeka.
  - ◆ **Leadership Basics**, June 18-20, Hutchinson.
  - ◆ **Retirement Planning Seminar**, June 19, Hays; June 26, Topeka.
- All classes, except BEST, are available to non-supervisors with supervisory permission and where space is available. A *comprehensive training calendar is on the KDOT Intranet under Personnel, Training.*

## Ops meeting

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often hear the same speakers and information repeatedly. The Operations Meeting has evolved over the last 20 plus years, having begun as a combination of other meetings.

Presently, however, KDOT uses smaller, functionally grouped meetings. For example, KDOT has meetings involving District Maintenance Engineers, District Construction Engineers, Area Office Managers, Maintenance Superintendents, Lab Chiefs, Bureau Meetings,

District Construction and Materials Meetings, and District Maintenance Meetings.

“With the smaller more specific group meetings, there is more interaction between speaker and attendee,” said Weinrich. “The meeting then becomes a working meeting rather than an informational meeting. In addition, there are many people that attend the Annual Kansas Transportation Engineering Conference and the Asphalt Conference, both of which provide a forum for interaction.”

# M I L E S T O N E S

KDOT salutes its employees celebrating anniversaries in May

### 10 YEARS

Deryl Jamison ..... Topeka  
 Donna Jordan ..... Emporia  
 Michael Larios ..... Iola  
 Julie Lesslie ..... Topeka  
 Matthias Mackeprang ..... Wamego  
 Anthony Marstall ..... Eskridge  
 Charles Marchbanks ..... Oakley

### 10 YEARS

Rodney Porter ..... Iola  
 Kelly Simmonds ..... St. Francis  
 Doyle Tegethoff ..... Independence

### 30 YEARS

Ronald Edwards ..... Jetmore

This information is compiled by each Office, Bureau, Division, and District.

## Answers to Quiz

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Lifesaver     | 8. Buckle up  |
| 2. Shoulder belt | 9. Accident   |
| 3. Booster seat  | 10. Protect   |
| 4. Enforcement   | 11. Passenger |
| 5. Driver        | 12. Roadway   |
| 6. Fatality      | 13. Lives     |
| 7. Safety belt   | 14. Click     |

# BROWN BAG LUNCH

## Promotions/Transfers

### Headquarters

**Mike Branan**, Information Resource Specialist III, Computer Services  
**Daniel Crosland**, Engineering Technician Senior, Design  
**Karen Moss**, Engineering Technician Senior, Local Projects  
**Kent Schneider**, Engineering Technician Senior, Traffic Engineering  
**Ben Woodward**, Information Technol-

ogy Consultant III, Computer Services  
**Patricia Wright**, Senior Administrative Assistant, Computer Services

### District Three

**Robert Oliva**, Engineering Technician Senior, Hays  
*The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies information for promotions/transfers to Translines.*

**Topic:** GPS Survey Equipment Demonstration  
**Speaker:** District Surveyors  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 5  
**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Place:** Southwest corner of Lot #4, KDOT parking area.  
*All employees are invited to attend.*

## E-mail

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means you'll be getting even more e-mails you don't want.

One last caution about e-mails. They are the prime medium for transmitting computer viruses, worms, Trojan horses, and other nasty things that make computer systems go "thud." KDOT has invested a lot of time, effort, and money in establishing computer security. Some of this takes place

at the network level, some at the work station level. If the network catches a problem, the e-mail won't make it to your desktop. If the network doesn't catch it, your machine's anti-virus software should. You will get a message that says something like: "Virus detected. Unable to clean. Access denied. Message deleted." You should forward any e-mail like this to the HELP\_DESK account in GroupWise. This lets them track what kind of viruses are being encountered where.

With the proliferation of home computers and the growth of the Internet, the number and frequency of unwanted e-mails is likely to increase. There's no cost effective way to filter all of it at the network level without severely restricting our ability to use e-mail and the Internet for work-related purposes. So it's up to each one of us to properly handle these pesky annoyances that are part and parcel of our technological advances.

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