

Translines EXPRESS

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Employee Recognition



Congratulations to the Access Database Migration Team for being selected as the Example of Excellence for the second quarter of 2014. The team worked together to quickly upgrade 90 databases across the state with little disruption of service. Pictured from left to right are (front row) Dianne Parker, Deidra Stanley, Catherine Patrick, Mike Hammes, (middle row) Alan Vitt, Jon Evans, Secretary Mike King, Patty Schalk, Brandy Bearse, Jerry Younger, (back row) Matt Preston, Wade Wiebe, Michael Huettich, Jeff Neal, Martin Arrendondo and Wayne Gudmonson. Not pictured are Jeremy Belleau, Cody Fief, Cindy Hale, Doug Schmitz and Steve Woodbury.

District Five



District Engineer Benny Tarverdi speaks at the U.S. 50/Anderson Road interchange project ribbon cutting Tuesday in Newton. The project involved constructing a new four-lane freeway from one mile west of Anderson Road to one-half mile east of Anderson Road along with the new interchange at U.S. 50. King Construction Co., Inc., from Hesston was the prime contractor on the \$21.7 million project.

Trivia!

American Football

1. A football field is 100 yards long (120 yards including the end zones. How wide is it?
2. When was the first game played?
3. Who invented the legal forward pass?
4. How high is the crossbar of the goalpost?
5. What is the chain crew?
6. What year did Monday night football begin? On what network?

Answers below

KDOT retirees interested in receiving Translines - send email address to Kimberly@ksdot.org.

Bicycle Map

New bicycle guide hits the streets: Eager to explore all that Kansas has to offer? Want to take an adventure on a beaten path and discover the Sunflower State? Look no further than the 2014-15 Kansas Bicycle Map.

"I'm excited to have the updated map available to help anyone who is curious about bicycling in Kansas," said Rebecca Pepper, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for KDOT. "There is a ton of information that can help riders plan a safer and more enjoyable trip."

The map includes information on traffic volumes and shoulder widths on Kansas highways, the rail-trails and byways in the state as well as bicycle facilities available in some Kansas communities.

Maps are available free of charge and can be requested by emailing BikePed@ksdot.org or calling (785) 296-8593. For more information on bicycling in Kansas please visit www.ksdot.org/bikeped/.



District Four



Crews place new concrete pavement on K-68 at the eastern edge of Ottawa. Emery Sapp & Sons of Kansas City is the contractor on the \$3.4 million project to reconstruct the pavement and shoulders from K-68/I-35 east for 1.3 miles. The project started in April and should be completed this fall.

Traffic Safety

Mom fights back: Wanda Stewart thought she was doing everything right, when she pulled 20 yards off the side of the road to feed her three-month-old son in 1981.

A drunk driver slammed into Stewart's car ejecting the baby from the car, causing his death and putting Stewart in the hospital for more than a week.

"The impact on our families was devastating, an indescribable pain," Stewart said at a news conference Aug. 13 in Wichita. "It was nearly 10 years before I was able to listen to the audio recording of the funeral."

Stewart spoke at the event announcing "YOU DRINK. YOU DRIVE. YOU LOSE.," KDOT's annual campaign to keep impaired drivers off the road.

"If you've been drinking, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation," Stewart said. "If you see a drunk driver on the road, call the police. You're not turning someone in. You are saving someone's life."



Before you get your motor running for the Labor Day weekend, think about these statistics:

◆ During Labor Day Weekend of 2013, there were five fatalities in Kansas, at least two of which were alcohol-related, equaling to about 40 percent of the deaths. On a normal weekend, 33 percent of deaths can be attributed to alcohol.

- ◆ On a typical weekend 11 percent of crashes are alcohol related, but during Labor Day Weekend, about 14 percent of injury crashes are attributed to alcohol.
- ◆ If you are having one last bash of the summer, provide non-alcoholic drink options for your guests and make sure they have a sober designated driver.



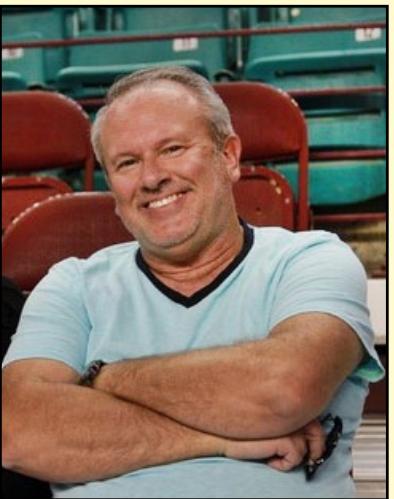
Shattered hopes: Doc Livingston from Bartlesville, Okla., shared an emotional and powerful story about his son, who caused a fatality wreck by driving drunk. He spoke during the fourth annual Kansas/Missouri/Oklahoma "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" news conference Aug. 14 at the Downstream Casino. Livingston, a member of the Victims Impact Panel of Oklahoma and a former law enforcement officer, told how his then 20-year-old son "defied everything that I stood for" by driving drunk. His son is now serving his fifth year of a 40-year prison sentence and won't be eligible for parole for at least another 29 years. "I had a lot of hopes and dreams for my son," Livingston said. "Don't forget your own children - drugs and alcohol just want your soul."

At left, Doc Livingston talks at the annual event on Aug. 14.

Wanda Stewart speaks at the traffic safety news conference on Aug. 13 in Wichita. Stewart's infant son was killed by a drunk driver more than 30 years ago.

Headquarters

Hall of famer: The past couple weeks have been pretty exciting for KDOT Utilities Technician Steve Kooser. He is the manager of the Canadian Kitchener Hallman Twins fast pitch softball team and they placed second in the 2014 International Softball Congress (ISC) World Fastball tournament in Kitchener, Ontario, on Aug. 16. And the week before, Kooser was inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame Class of 2014.



Steve Kooser

Kooser played baseball as a youth, then began playing

fast pitch softball after graduating high school. After several years, it got harder to find managers for the fast pitch team, so he decided to give it a try starting in 1985. The teams also evolved from playing in leagues to only playing in tournaments a few times a year. He has managed several teams in the past 29 years, both from the United States and Canada.

"I like the speed of the game and the strategies of baseball, and I've met a lot of really good people," Kooser said. "The hardest part is being away from my family and traveling."

Many of his teams have placed high in the ISC World Fastball tournament. In 2001, 2003 and 2004, his team, the Nebraska Broken Bow Travelers, was the champion each year. Then when he was the manager of the Broken Bow team from Jarvis, Ontario, the team won first place in 2010, 2011 and 2012 – the first time for a three-peat in the tournament since 1955.

Kooser's softball career was recently featured in the Topeka Capital-Journal - click [here](#).

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 53.33 yards
2. Nov. 6, 1869, between two college teams, Rutgers and Princeton.

3. John Heisman
4. 10 feet
5. A set of officials responsible for moving the chains along the sidelines.
6. 1970, ABC

KTA



Share and win: Turnpike travelers are asked to share their adventures by participating in the 'K-TAG Takes Me' contest now through September. To enter, travelers submit photos via Twitter with #KTAGtakesme. Four lucky winners will be awarded

\$25 VISA gift cards.

While KTA employees are exempt from the contest, everyone else is free to enter. Learn more by visiting the KTA News & Events website [here](#). Feel free to re-tweet contest details.

General



KDOT staff including Secretary Mike King, Deputy Secretary Jerry Younger, District Engineer Wayne Gudmonson, Area Engineer George Dockery and Community Affairs Manager Kristy Kelly met with several officials from the Oklahoma DOT, Oklahoma Turnpike, Missouri DOT and the Kansas Turnpike Authority to discuss ways to increase cooperation across the borders and interoperability. The meeting took place in the Wilkinson Alumni Center at Pittsburg State University on Aug. 14.

District Six



A surface recycle is the first phase of a project in Ford County on U.S. 50 that is tied to a project in Edwards County. The combined projects run from Spearville to Kinsley. The Ford County portion calls for the surface recycle followed by an asphalt overlay. The Edwards County portion calls for a mill and overlay. The contractor, APAC-Kansas, Inc., Shears Division, of Hutchinson, is now working in Edwards County. Once the mill and overlay portion is complete, the contractor will finish the overlay in Ford County. The two U.S. 50 projects total about \$3.5 million.

District Four



Work progresses on an asphalt overlay project on U.S. 160 in Elk County. Here the contractor, Shilling Construction of Manhattan, is heading east at Grenola. The construction cost of this project is \$3.8 million.

District Five



In a live radio interview with Wichita's KNSS 1330 AM on Tuesday, Secretary Mike King discusses T-WORKS, the Heartland Flyer, the partnerships with the Kansas Turnpike, Wichita highway projects and the challenges of melding overlapping goals for transportation interests.

District Five



Secretary Mike King spoke at the Kansas Highway Patrol ground-breaking event on Tuesday for the new Troop F Headquarters outside of Wichita. Gov. Sam Brownback and other officials also spoke at the event. The new Troop F building will be built on land owned by KDOT in Kechi just north of K-254 and west of Rock Road.

KDOT employees Marcus Leck, Kevin Zimmer, Ron Hall, Sheila Brown, Glenn Cunningham, Ted Vogan - their kids have been winners in the poster contest in past years – ALL Kansas kids ages 5-13 are eligible.

Deadline to enter is Sept. 19. This is also a great classroom project, feel free to pass along to teachers. For more details, go to KDOT's website, www.ksdot.org, and click on the third slide at the top. Don't miss out!

Poster Art Contest

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day
October 10, 2014

Traffic crashes are a leading cause of death in the U.S. for people age 3 to 34. "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" focuses on reducing traffic fatalities by encouraging motorists to take extra precautions.

Information on website - www.ksdot.org

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**
Courtesy of Safe Kids Kansas

RULES:

- Art MUST be on 8.5" x 11" paper. Any materials can be used including paint, crayon, pencil, pastel, and collage. No computer-aided drawings.
- All entries must be postmarked by **September 19, 2014**, to be eligible.
- Winners' names/artwork will be sent to media and posted on the KDOT website.
- **Mail entries to:**
AAA Kansas/Public Affairs
3545 SW 6th Street
Topeka, Kansas, 66606

Each entry **MUST** have this information on the back:

<input type="checkbox"/> _____	First Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Last Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Age _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Home Phone Number () _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Mailing Address _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	City _____ Zip _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	County _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Parent's First Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Parent's Last Name _____

One entry per child

Traffic Safety

With most schools in Kansas back in session, KDOT and the Kansas Highway Patrol are encouraging students, parents and motorists to think about safety first when traveling, on the bus or walking.

- Children should not hurry getting on or off the bus and should stand 10 away from the roadside while waiting.
- Drivers should be on the lookout for children walking or riding to school.

For more tips and information, check out the news release on the KHP website [here](#).



Students and parents walk in the crosswalks on the way to school.