

Translines EXPRESS

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District One

A KDOT tractor was mowing along the westbound I-70 shoulder three miles east of the K-177/Manhattan exit in Riley County the morning of July 1 when a box truck left the roadway striking the mower from behind. Both the truck driver and the KDOT employee were taken to a hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. The tractor and the mower sustained heavy damage.

Headquarters

Stork named Bureau Chief:

Rob Stork has spent his 23-year KDOT career in the Bureau of Right of Way. Now, he's leading the bureau as he was recently named the Bureau Chief.

After graduating from Kansas State University, he started at KDOT in November 1991

as an Acquisition Agent. He worked in several other areas of the bureau, then was promoted to the Operations Assistant about 10 years ago. He has enjoyed working on past transportation programs and looks forward to continuing on T-WORKS.

Stork appreciates the philosophy of his former Bureau Chief Bill Vicory, who recently retired. "Bill would say, 'In ROW we want to do the right thing and do the right thing right,'" he said. "And I would add that we do it together."

Stork and his wife, Judi, reside in Topeka. They have two grown daughters who live in Kansas City.



Rob Stork

King to lead Design: Scott King spent two summers as an intern for KDOT starting in 1992 and decided working at KDOT full time would be a good thing to do. Now, more than 20 years later, it's still a good thing as he was named Chief of the Bureau of Design.

King graduated from the University of Nebraska and joined the agency in May 1994 as Engineer Associate. He was named Squad Leader in 1999, then Road Design Leader in 2001. He has been involved with the Gateway project as well as the I-235/Kellogg project for the past several years in addition to the 30 projects his squad is involved with. King serves on technical committees involving roadside safety, such as testing guardrail and other roadside safety hardware. He is excited about his new position in the bureau.

"With recent staff turnover due to people leaving, promotions and retirements, we're going to have to bring in some new people and continue to grow our staff," King said. "We also need to continue to enhance our technology use to make our daily work as efficient as possible."

King and his wife, Charity, have two boys and a girl and reside in Topeka.



Scott King

Headquarters

Orange is replacing purple in the Little Apple: In case you haven't heard, KDOT recently opened an office in Manhattan.

Several times a week Local Projects Bureau Chief Ron Seitz and Associate Local Road Engineer Tod Salfrank will head to the Little Apple to supervise a group of Kansas State University civil engineering student interns as they work on projects for KDOT. Starting in the fall, the two will supervise and teach four to six student interns, and then starting in January, up to eight interns.

"The purpose is to promote engineering and science within the state," Seitz said. "It's a great recruiting tool for us and the university to be able to work on projects while they are in school and we can get some

production out of it.

"It is real work for the students," Seitz said. "Several very small projects and design that the districts need - this will compliment and supplement the interns education."

In comparison with other internships KDOT hopes this job is different.

"They will do actual projects that will get built," Salfrank said.

A year from now Local Projects is hoping to have a full-time employee in the Manhattan office as well as looking for projects within the districts for the students to work on. If you have ideas for projects, contact Seitz at 785-296-3861.

District Three



Venture Corporation of Great Bend continues paving on K-25 south of Atwood. This 17-mile mill, inlay and overlay project is part of \$8.9 million of 1-R work in Rawlins County this construction season.

General

Added hours: The Topeka driver licensing office at 3907 S.W. Burlingame Road will be open two more Monday evenings in July. Kansas Division of Vehicles staff will be available until 9 p.m. on July 14 and 21 to help customers renew or get a new driver's license or photo ID. Customers will also be able to speak with driver control experts about what steps they need to take to regain their driving privileges, pay reinstatement fees or check their

driver's license status.

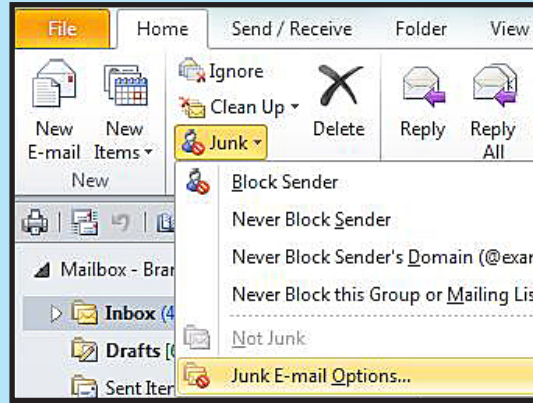
Customers will also be able to take written tests, drive tests until 8 p.m., and obtain a free copy of their driving record or duplicate letter. Written tests will be available for commercial driver's license but not drive tests.

The evening hours are in addition to the office's normal hours of 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. The QLess line management system will not be available in the evenings.

Junk E-mail

Junk email awareness: While KDOT takes measures to prevent junk email from reaching your mailbox, some unsolicited email may still get through to your Inbox. KDOT currently uses an email gateway device to pre-filter email in our system; however, no product is 100 percent effective. We would like to present you an additional tip to eliminate junk email in your Outlook Inbox.

You can easily block messages from particular senders by adding their email addresses or domain names to the Blocked Senders List. When you add a name or an email address to this list, your mail client automatically moves any incoming message from



that source to the Junk email folder. Messages from people or domain names that appear in this list are always treated as junk, regardless of the content of the message.

You can add a message sender or recipient to any junk email filter list by right-clicking the message in your Inbox or other mail folder, pointing to Junk email, and clicking on the desired option.

If you want to change any settings, Outlook Junk email options can be accessed from the Home tab from the Junk drop-down menu.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please contact the IT Service Desk at (785) 296-0315.

KTA/Work Zone Fatality

Work zone accident leads to fatality: A KTA truck that was part of a paint striping crew working on northbound I-35/Turnpike was hit from behind on July 2. The driver of the car striking the truck was killed and the KTA employee was treated and released from

a local hospital. Last week's accident reinforces work zone safety messages - 90 percent of all work zone accidents and/or injuries involve drivers not workers, which is why safety in work zones is stressed for everyone, both motorists and workers.

District Two

Highway improvements:

Road work is underway on U.S. 36 and K-139 in Republic County and on K-22 in Washington County as a chip seal is applied to the highways. On U.S. 36, the project starts at the east city limit of Belleville then east to the Republic/Washington county line. The K-22 project begins at the U.S. 36/K-22 junction then north to the south city limit of Haddam. K-139 beginning at the U.S. 36 junction south to the city of Cuba is included in this project. The chip seals are expected to be completed in early August.



A new seal is placed on U.S. 36 in Republic County.

Taylor King, left, and Caitlin Garcia at the Eisenhower State Office Building are ready to give out free K-TAGs.



K-Tag distribution efforts continue: KTA employees have been out and about registering people for free sticker K-TAGs as part of a community outreach initiative.

They visited state office buildings in Topeka, making it easy for state employees to receive free sticker tags, and they will be visiting other state office buildings soon.

K-TAG representatives were at 10 Wichita Wingnuts and Kansas City T-Bones baseball games as part of the 'Turnpike Showdown.'

They also attended the June Motorcycle Sunday in Cassoday. Based on what was learned at the Cassoday event, KTA has begun offering a "motorcycle special" for call-in customers and at events. Customers can provide their motorcycle license plate information and receive a free hard case tag.

The remainder of the summer will be busy for K-TAG representatives. They will be part of the Douglas County Fair in July and Blacktop Nationals car show Aug. 22-24 in Wichita. You will also be able to find them at select DMV offices and other community events.



Kansas Transportation Initiative Liaison Tara Mays gives out information about the free sticker tags to an attendee at a T-Bones baseball game.

Turbine donation: A study of wind turbines at two KDOT field offices has revealed they might not be practical in reducing energy costs at this time, but they will have an unexpected benefit, nonetheless. The two turbines that were used for about four years at the Osborne and Grainfield subarea offices have been donated to the "Wind for Schools" program. Through the program, which is operated by Kansas State University's Ruth Douglas Miller, an associate professor of electrical engineering, the turbines will be restored to working order and installed at Bennington High School north of Salina and Santa Fe Trail High School in Osage County. The value to the schools won't be as an energy saver, but rather as an educational tool, said Professor Miller. She said turbines can be used in math, science, physics and meteorology curriculums. Even social science, she added.



The wind turbine shown above is one of two being donated to the "Winds for Schools" program.

Trivia!

Softball

1. When was softball invented?
2. What was the original softball?
3. What was the first year that saw fast pitch softball as an Olympic sport?
4. How fast was a softball pitch clocked at these Olympic games?
5. How many innings are usually in a game of softball?
6. What is a windmill?

Answers below

HealthQuest

Earn the HealthQuest Reward for Plan Year 2015: Time is running out, but if you hurry you can still qualify for a \$480 premium incentive discount for Plan Year 2015 by completing a Health Assessment Questionnaire worth 10 credits and earning 20 additional credits by July 31, for a total of 30 credits.

- For details on all the options available to earn credits, visit www.kdheks.gov/hcf/healthquest/rewards.html
- Track your credits earned through your personal, secure account on the wellness portal at www.KansasHealthQuest.com
- Don't have an account yet? Follow these instructions to get registered: www.kdheks.gov/hcf/healthquest/download/How_to_Register_an_Account.pdf
- The HealthQuest Help Desk is available at 1-888-275-1205 (option 9) for login and technical assistance.

Freight Advisory Committee



KDOT leaders met with members of the Kansas Freight Advisory Committee this morning in Wichita for the third meeting of the committee since April. Among other things, the committee is charged with advising and assisting Secretary Mike King in identifying freight transportation issues. The final meeting of the committee will be Aug. 20 in Overland Park.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

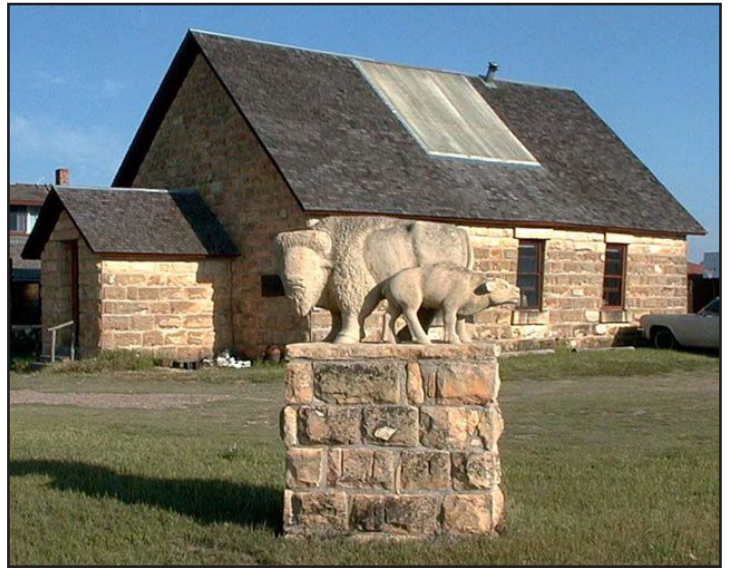
1. In 1887, George Hancock designed the game to be a form of indoor baseball to be played during the winter.
2. A rolled up boxing glove.
3. 1996.
4. 73.3 mph.
5. 7
6. A motion by a pitcher done by extending the throwing hand around the body and releasing the ball at about hip level.

Kansas Transportation Blog

Timely topics: The Kansas Transportation blog has recently featured:

- ♦ Kansas is one of 12 states that has effective programs for increasing seat belt usage among teens that can serve as models for other states. Increasing seat belt use in this age group is a big concern as more than half of teen drivers killed in 2012 weren't wearing seat belts.
- ♦ While motoring around Kansas, be sure to check out the Keystone Gallery in Gove County. Tucked away between Lake Scott State Park and Monument Rocks, the gallery is a combination museum, art gallery and gift shop.
- ♦ Check the status of our World Cup bracket that uses the world's best highways ranking as the basis for picking winners.

These stories and more can be found on the blog at kansastransportation.blogspot.com/



The Keystone Gallery opened in 1991.

Have an idea for a news brief or picture that could be featured in an upcoming edition of Translines Express?

Please e-mail your suggestions to translines@ksdot.org