

District Three

New lanes: Work continues to rebuild I-70 from the Colorado/Kansas state line to the Caruso Interchange (Exit 12).

The \$48 million, two-year project includes pavement removal, reworking the base, and placing 11.5 inches of new concrete material along this section of the corridor. Last year the westbound lanes were completed.

This construction season, the eastbound lanes are being rebuilt. Several exits have been closed throughout the construction process and the port of entry/ weigh station was temporarily relocated to the eastbound rest area near Colby. Access to the Visitors' Center at Ruleton will be maintained throughout all phases of the I-70 construction. The project should be complete by this fall.

Koss Construction Co., Inc., of Topeka is the prime contractor on the construction job.

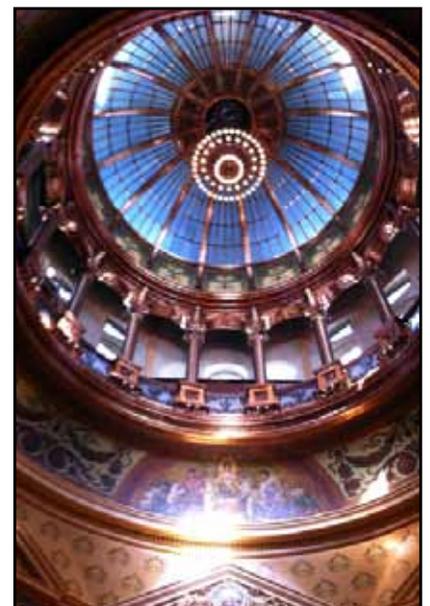


Rain looked like a definite possibility in this photo taken recently by Engineering Associate II Rob Percival of the Atwood office of reconstruction work on I-70.

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

Legislature

It's a Wrap! Although it took a little longer than expected, the 2013 legislative session has concluded. All in all, it was a great session for transportation. The Governor and the Legislature continue to support the T-WORKS program. There were no diversions of the new sales tax the State Highway Fund is anticipated to receive beginning in FY 2014. While there are transfers from the SHF in the final FY 14 and FY 15 budgets, KDOT will continue to deliver T-WORKS as promised. In addition to serving as the Secretary of Transportation, Mike King will also be serving as the Director of Operations for the Kansas Turnpike Authority. Legislation signed by the Governor in April permits both entities to contract with one another, which will allow for efficiencies in the entire state transportation system. The Secretary's dual role will allow for a formalized partnership between the two organizations and will result in significant cost savings for the state.



Trivia!

State of Kansas records - part one

From the National Weather Service

1. What is the record high temperature?
2. What is the record low temperature?
3. What is the record rainfall in a 24-hour time-frame?
4. What is the record precipitation amount for an entire year?

ANSWERS BELOW

Transportation Enhancement

TE projects: KDOT has selected 35 projects for inclusion in its Transportation Enhancement program.

Transportation Enhancement is a federally-funded program that provides funding for a variety of facilities, education/safety activities, scenic/historical, beautification, historical preservation and many other transportation-related areas.

Estimated cost of the 36 selected projects is \$17.9 million. A minimum of 20 percent of the project cost must come from the applicant. KDOT received 91 applications from local units of government requesting more than \$63 million. For a complete list of the selected projects, go to the news release on the KDOT website at www.ksdot.org.

District Two



U.S. 81 in Saline County is in the process of being milled and overlaid. The mill and overlay project begins at the I-70/I-135/U.S. 81 interchange and has now reached the K-143 Interchange moving north to the Saline/Ottawa county line. As part of the work, K-143

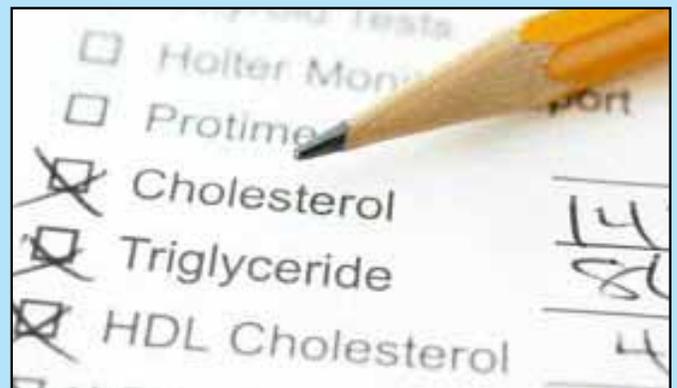
will also have a mill and overlay project starting June 17. The pavement patching followed by an ultra-thin bonded asphalt surface on U.S. 81 from the Saline/Ottawa County line north to U.S. 81/K-106 junction begins June 12.

HealthQuest

The clock is ticking: Time is running out to qualify for a premium incentive discount for 2014.

Completing the health assessment questionnaire (worth 10 credits) and earning an additional 20 credits (for a total of 30 credits) by July 31, 2013, is how employees qualify for a \$480 premium incentive discount for plan year 2014.

Employees can confirm their credits and discount status by following these instructions: <http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/healthquest/trackcredits.htm>. Full details on the Rewards Program are available at <http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/healthquest/rewards.html>.



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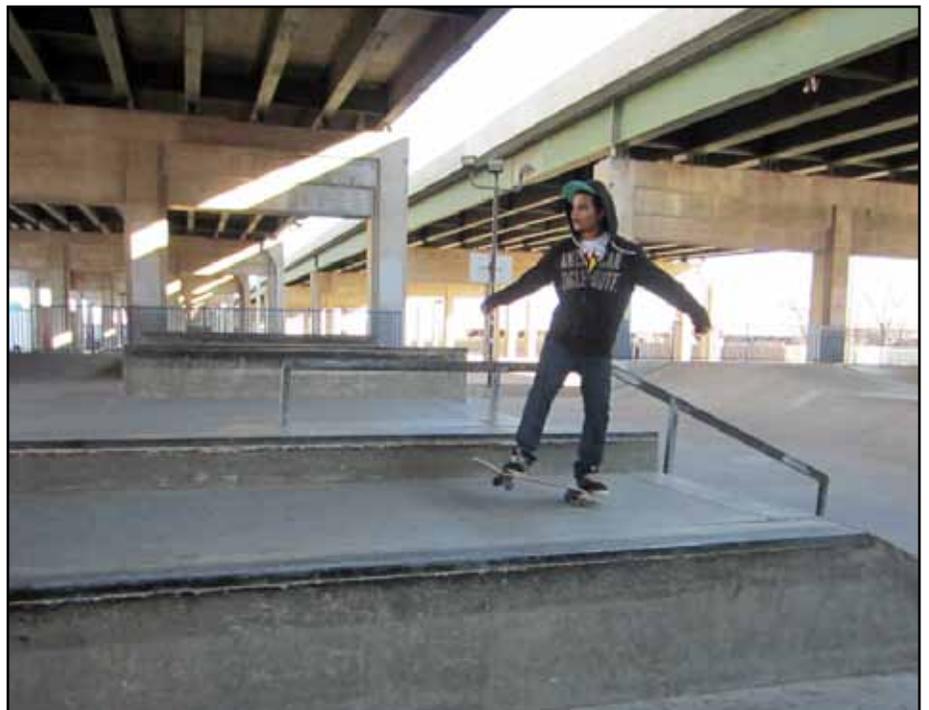
Give thanks, be positive: The reigning “Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2013” has close ties to KDOT. Angel Shaver, who won her crown and the distinguished title this past March in Topeka, is the wife of Equipment Operator Eric Shaver on the WaKeeney Subarea crew. Since her crowning, Angel has been busy speaking to groups and schools and also making appearances at events like the Special Olympics, the Challenge Games, the Kansas Sampler Fest and the Stevens Johnson Syndrome 5K Race. As Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, Angel gives her platform of “Maintaining an Attitude of Gratitude.” In her message, she reminds people to be positive. “You are not thankful because you are happy. You are happy because you say thanks,” she explains. “Even though I am in a chair, I have amazing things to offer.” During the upcoming weeks, Angel will be making big preparations to compete for the national title of Ms. Wheelchair America 2014. She and Eric and their children, Hannah and Noah, and service dog, yellow lab A.J. - will make the trip to Houston, Texas, for the Ms. Wheelchair America competition July 15-21. To learn more about Angel’s journey, check out mwk13.blogspot.com or contact her directly at angelshaver@hotmail.com.

At left, Angel is pictured with her yellow lab and service dog A.J. at the WaKeeney Public Library.

Memorial

Historical film: Officials working to build a memorial honoring President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington launched a new short film online last week to mark the 69th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Europe during World War II, according to an Associated Press article. The film and interactive features are part of a digital memorial to accompany the physical memorial once it’s built in Washington. D-Day will be one of seven “pivotal moments” of Eisenhower’s legacy. Eventually, visitors will access videos and interactive elements through their smart phones while visiting the Eisenhower Memorial. Designers used rarely seen footage of the D-Day landing. To see the video and other information about the memorial, go to <http://eisenhowermemorial.gov/>.

District Five



A skate park installed by the City of Wichita makes good use of the area under U.S. 54/400 through downtown Wichita.

Traffic Safety



KDOT's home page at www.ksdot.org now has the most recent fatality count for 2013. There is also a link to the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, a program of KDOT, where you can find additional information on Kansas fatalities along with traffic safety resources and materials that are available to the public.

Biking Across Kansas

Lots of wheels: Participants in the 39th annual Biking Across Kansas are trekking across the southern part of the state this week. The event started Saturday at the Kansas-Colorado state line west of Johnson City. Overnight stops are scheduled in Sublette, Dodge City, Coldwater, Anthony, Arkansas City, Sedan and Oswego. More than 800 cyclists will travel along the 507-mile route. It ends this Saturday as they cycle to the Missouri border east of Galena. Follow Tweets of their journey at <https://twitter.com/bikingkansas>.



Cyclists participate in the 2013 Biking Across Kansas. (Submitted photo)



District Five

A project to repair two bridges on I-135 over 53rd Street North will restrict traffic on I-135 to one lane for each direction starting Monday, June 17. The relatively short work zone (1/2 mile) will have a 50 mph speed limit. The ramps to and from 53rd Street will remain open. The work should be completed in mid-August.

Topeka

Cayman Barnes (right), niece of KDOT employee Denise Petet, and Shawn Preston, son of KDOT employee Matthew Preston, watch KDOT employee Kendra Stevenson test the strength of his gum drop bridge by setting it between two chairs and placing books on top to test how much weight it holds. Children learned about bridges, ITS/safety, equipment and material testing during Bring Kids to KDOT Day on June 11 in Topeka. Below, Leah Strunk, granddaughter of KDOT employee Lori Jones, shows off her gum drop bridge.



Olivia and her Dad, KDOT employee David Schwartz enjoy ice cream at the Employees' Council Ice Cream Social on June 11 after the tours.

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At right, a May hail-storm damaged an antenna on a recently installed ITS camera pole in Wichita. The antenna no longer functioned and was replaced. It is part of the latest Intelligent Transportation System deployment on K-96 in northeast Wichita. You can see the camera views at the website www.WICHway.org.



ANSWERS

1. 121 degrees in Alton on July 24, 1936, and also in Fredonia on July 18, 1936.
2. -40 degrees in Lebanon on Feb. 13, 1905.
3. 12.59 inches in Burlington on May 31/June 1, 1941.
4. 71.99 inches in Hiawatha in 1973.

KDOT Tours

Summer tour: Secretary King's summer tour of KDOT's districts continues next week when he will visit District Three June 19-21. While in northwest Kansas he will tour the I-70 reconstruction project, attend a public meeting in Hoxie, speak at the U.S. 36 Highway Association annual meeting and visit KDOT offices and shops. The Secretary will continue the summer tour June 25-26 in District Four. He toured District Six in May.