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District Four

Surveyors from KDOT and George Butlers Associates have been working on the U.S. 169 right-of-way in Neosho and Allen counties since late March. Survey findings will be used to design a proposed pavement reconstruction project for the highway from south of Earlton north to U.S. 54 at Iola. From left to right, KDOT surveyors Kara LaRiviere, Bill Haverkamp, Don Benyshek and Bryan Shaw work in Neosho County. Scott King's road squad and Mark Hurt's bridge squad are designing the projects.



In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree Freeman Merrifield Vicory who died May 13 in Topeka. He was a Squad Chief in the Bridge Design Section before retiring in 1988.

Condolences to friends and family of KDOT retiree Darrell Steele who died May 15 in Topeka. He was an Engineering Technician in the Bureau of Materials and Research before retiring in 2002.

District Six



A surface recycle project on K-51 in Morton County skirts the eastern edge of the Cimarron National Grasslands. Dustrol, Inc., of Towanda, is the contractor on the \$2.5 million project, which will resurface 17.5 miles of K-51 and K-27. The surface recycle will be followed by a chip seal.

Personnel

New to KDOT: Halee Lindstrom has joined KDOT as the State Legislative Affairs Director. For the past two years, the Overland Park native, has worked in the Governor's Office as a Legislative Liaison.



Halee Lindstrom

"I am appreciative of this opportunity to serve Kansas in another capacity," Lindstrom said. "I'm excited to be on a team that works very hard to meet the customer service needs of all Kansans."

In her spare time Lindstrom enjoys horseback riding, volunteering and cheering on the Chiefs.

Email Concerns

Be cautious with email: Currently, the KDOT email system is receiving an extraordinarily large volume of email. From April 13 to 22, our system processed 66 million email messages (we typically handle between 6-8 million messages per month). Much of that is in the form of spam and malware or phishing attacks. Previously, we might see questionable emails get through once or twice a month, now it is a daily occurrence. Some of the more recent attacks have started to do a better job of looking like they are from internal sources, by falsifying header information.

It's a good time to remind KDOT personnel of email security and share some information:

1. Never click on a link in an email unless it's an email you expected, from someone you know.
2. The quarantines for compressed (zip) files and executable files (exe) only effect email from outside KDOT. If you receive a notification that an email was blocked, it is not from within KDOT.

Please keep in mind that we are doing all we can to keep objectionable and possibly dangerous email from ending up in user's inboxes. But it's important that KDOT personnel do their part in recognizing that they may receive unwanted and possibly dangerous emails and be mindful of that in handling their email.

If you have any questions or receive a suspicious email please notify the KDOT IT Service Desk at 785-296-0315 or toll free 1-877-532-7381.

Jeff Neal, Chief of Information Technology

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

Vacation Leave

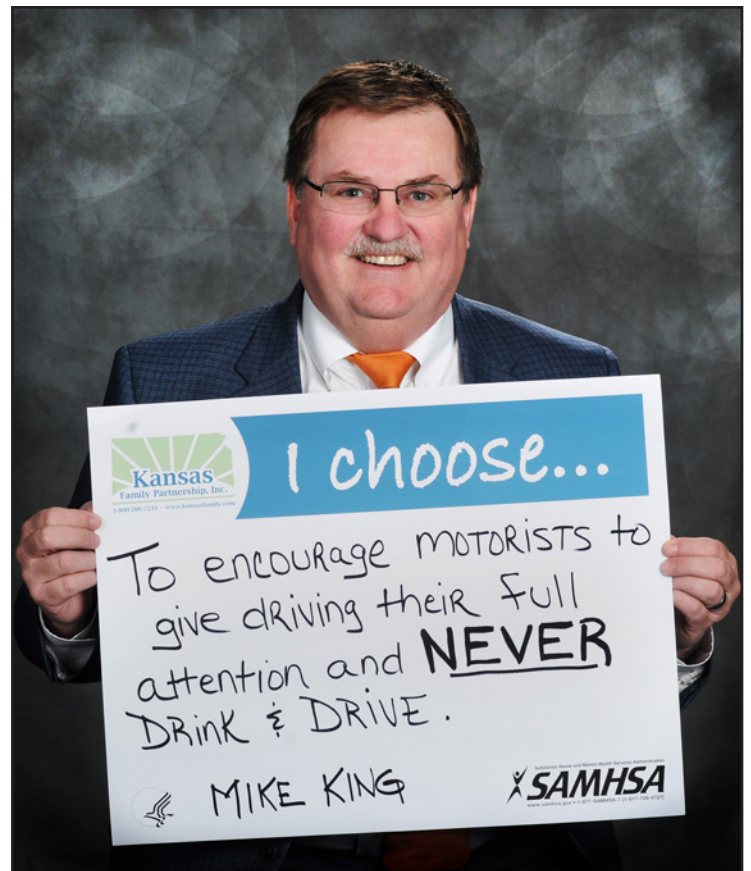
Vacation leave: June 7 is the last day to use vacation leave that is over the maximum amount allowed in FY 2014. Up to 40 hours of vacation leave over the maximum allowed can be converted to sick leave at the end of the fiscal year.

New annual leave hours earned during the May 25 to June 7 pay period will not be counted towards the overage amount. Accumulation limits are:

Length of Service	Maximum Accumulation
Less than 5 years	144
5 years and less than 10	176
10 years and less than 15	208
15 years and over	240

Please contact your Personnel Clerk/Timekeeper for more information about leave balances.

General



Secretary Mike King was one of several people who participated in the "I Choose" campaign to help promote National Prevention Week, an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness on substance abuse and mental health issues. Kansas Family Partnership promotes the campaign to increase prevention efforts and education as well as strengthen community partnerships. For more information, go to kansasfamily.com.

Run for the Wall

Run for the Wall riders: Hundreds of motorcyclists traveled through Kansas en route to Washington, D.C., to honor military veterans May 17-19. Many of them stopped at the Kansas Turnpike Topeka service area on May 19 where they were welcomed by the KTA, KDOT and the Kansas ABATE chapter. "The KTA and KDOT have partnered with the Kansas ABATE chapter to host this unique event and welcome riders on their trip through Kansas," said Secretary Mike King. "On behalf of all Kansans, I thank the veterans for their service to our country." This is the 26th annual Run for the Wall.

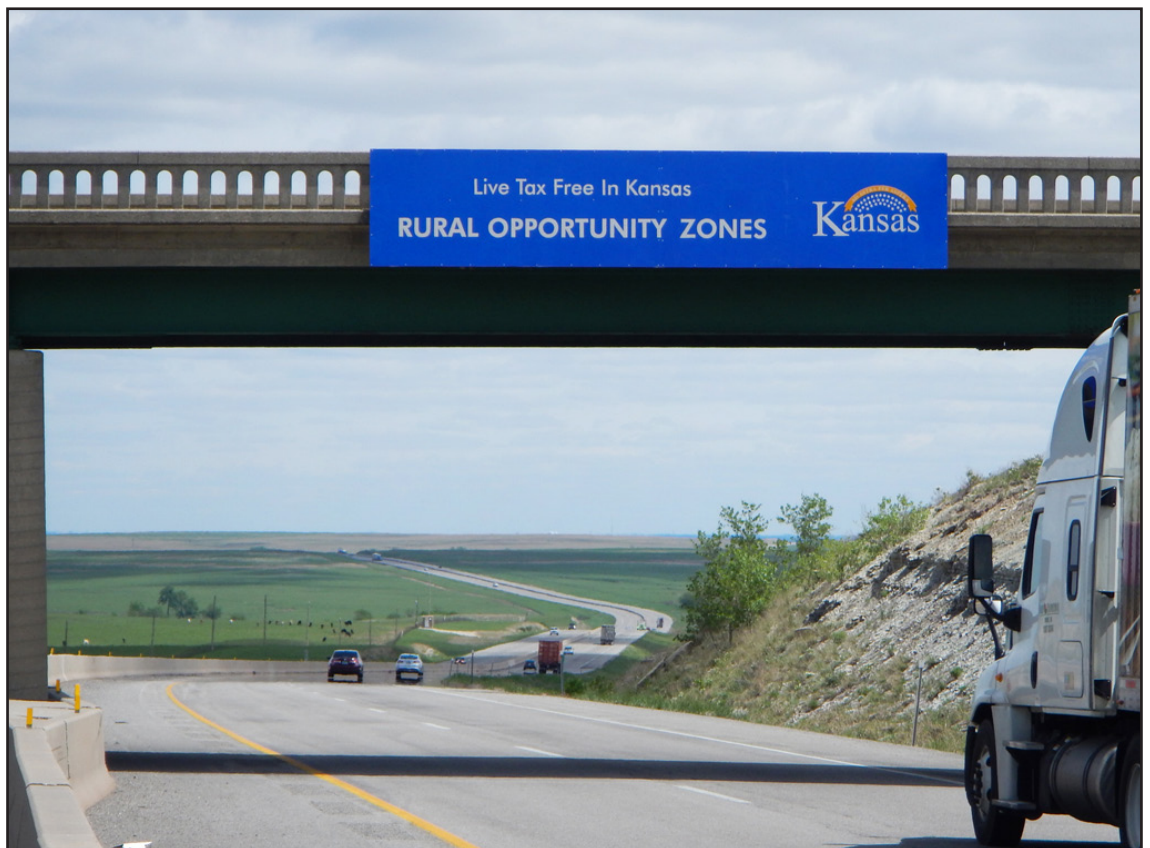


Motorcyclists travel along the turnpike (top photo), pull into the service area (above) and line up after getting gas (right photo).



Volunteers help the motorcyclists get gas as quickly as possible (above). At left, Frank Burkdoll of Lyndon salutes the riders as they leave the service area.

In mid-May, KTA partnered with the Department of Commerce to install signs on three Turnpike bridges alerting travelers to Rural Opportunities Zone incentives. Two signs promote the student loan repayment program and a third sign highlights that people who move to Kansas from out-of-state can have up to five years of their state income taxes waived. The signs are located on a bridge just north of El Dorado (near MP 71) and on two bridges near Emporia (near MP 113 and 114).



CAPITOL MID-WEEK

FARMERS' MARKET



TOPEKA

Every Wednesday

7:30 a.m. to noon
from May 14 to Oct. 15

10th Street - south side of Capitol

Common items you can buy:

- Fresh local fruits and vegetables (seasonal)
- Farm made jams/jellies/baked items/cider
- Potted plants/fresh cut flowers

Boat Safety



This past weekend was the unofficial start of summer with people heading to the lakes and rivers across Kansas. For safe boating tips and other helpful information, check out the Kansas Transportation blog at <http://goo.gl/GFZ98T>.

District Six



A mill and overlay project is under way on U.S. 160 in Grant and Haskell counties, with work between Hickok and Ulysses pictured above. J & R Sand Co., Inc., of Liberal, is the primary contractor on the \$3.5 million, 26-mile project.

Trivia!

Golf

1. Who was the first female golfer to make the cut at a PGA tour event, shooting 76 and 81 during the first two rounds of the 1945 Los Angeles Open.
2. Golf and what other sport have been played on the moon?
3. What is the longest putt in tournament golf?
4. Where was the first 18-hole golf course in the U.S.?
5. How many clubs can a player have in their bag at one time during a round?
6. Which actor has a contract clause to play golf twice a week whenever filming a movie?

Answers below

Freedom Rally



June 7, 2014
Heritage Park, Junction City

Food + Fun + Live Entertainment
Bike Show
Governor's Ride Through Ft. Riley
Awards + Live Auction

FreedomRally.KSOutdoors.com

For more information on the event, go to fhfreedomride.ksoutdoors.com/

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Babe Zaharias
2. Javelin throw – on Feb. 6, 1971. Alan Shepard hit golf balls and Edgar Mitchell threw a javelin.
3. Bob Cook made a 140-foot, 2 ¾-inch-long putt at St. Andrews' 18th hole in 1976.
4. On a sheep farm in Downers Grove, Ill., in 1892.
5. Maximum of 14.
6. Samuel L. Jackson

District One

JoCo Gateway construction begins: The Kansas City Metro Area will see a lot of construction work taking place this summer, including the start of the Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Design-Build Project. Planning for the JoCo Gateway Project has been gearing up for months and construction began yesterday on this three-year interchange improvement project.

Work is now taking place at the interchanges on I-435/Lackman Road and I-435/I-35.

Next week, construction work will begin on the College Boulevard improvement project. Initial work will include fence relocation, clearing topsoil, grading and work on the north side of College Boulevard. It is anticipated that the additional two lanes of College Boulevard will be completed this November, weather permitting.

You can keep up-to-date on all the JoCo Gateway project activities at jocogateway.com.



District Four



Crews with the South Kansas & Oklahoma (SKOL) Railroad replace tracks at the crossing on U.S. 169 southwest of Cherryvale. KDOT closed the highway at the crossing May 19-22 for the project.