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SAFE PATROL VAN DRIVERS LEND A HELPING HAND

Ever been stranded on the side of the road—out of gas, car overheated or some other problem—and you keep looking in the rear view mirror hoping and praying that someone will come to your aid. Even if a vehicle does pull over—who are they? Should you trust them?

Now free and trustworthy help is on its way. Earlier in October, KYTC launched a pilot program that provides courtesy van routes in Districts 5 and 11 to assist stranded motorists and keep the highways open. After a few months, the program will be evaluated and hopefully expanded to other areas.

The Safety Assistance for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) patrol vans are operating on I-64 between Frankfort and Shelbyville and on I-75 in Laurel County between exit 25 and 49. The two ½ ton cargo vans, already owned by the state, have been equipped with jumper cables, tools for general maintenance, first aid equipment, cell phones and two-way radios. The vans make continuous loops on an approximate 20 mile route at least once every hour. They operate from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and are on call on weekends and holidays if an emergency situation arrives. Lettering on the front of the van identifies the program and yellow flashing lights add credibility for the drivers.

Ten KYTC employees participated in a two-week training session to prepare them for their new assignment. The four regular drivers are Berton Asher

and Stanley McFarland in District 11 and Chester Tipton and Larry Bertrand in District 5. The other employees who were trained are considered back-up drivers at this point. In addition to learning about regular vehicle maintenance and hazardous materials, their coursework included techniques necessary for closing lanes of traffic, CPR training and tips for identifying suspicious vehicles or objects.



Berton Asher (left) and Stanley McFarland (right) are the SAFE Patrol drivers in District 11.

Sam Beverage, Chief District Engineer for Districts 10 and 11, praised the new service. Beverage said, "This new project ties into several important services. Tourism is important and providing this friendly service to visitors is important for tourism. The van drivers remove dangerous items from the roadways and are trained to look for suspicious items on the roads, making them safer for everyone."

That training paid off right away for a District 5 van driver who found an



Larry Bertrand changes a blown-out tire for a UK student.

iguana in an abandoned car. Like any good fish story, the size of the reptile varies (2-4 feet), depending on who is telling the story. Of course, no one has a photo!

Then in District 11, Berton Asher stopped to check on a jeep parked on the side of the road. The driver of the jeep ditched a meth lab beside the road and drove off! Upon

inspection, Berton found that the meth lab was still smoking. The KYTC employee informed law enforcement officials of the license number and car description.

Nancy Albright, branch manager for systems operations, is really proud of the new service. Albright explained, "We are providing a higher level of service for the motoring public and better managing our roads." She believes that being able to serve people and keep roads open are both important and with this project both goals are being accomplished.

After receiving the service, motorists are given a postage-paid comment card to return to the Cabinet. Several dozen comment cards have already been received about the service and the feedback is excellent! Some of the comments received have included the following: "Thank you for the help in my time of need." "This man provided quality assistance." "I was lucky—you guys are great." "I am a 25-year old woman. Being stranded on the side of the road is my worst fear. I can't thank you enough for saving me."

A few weeks ago, a KONNECTION reporter rode in one of the vans. The morning driver was Larry Bertrand and the route was Frankfort to

Shelbyville—east and west down I-64. It turned out to be a busy morning and the "customers" were very happy to see the van pull over behind them.

Larry Bertrand, driver in District 5, is a natural for this job because he likes to help people and he likes to drive. He is currently working the 4:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. shift and is driving about 250 miles a day. While some of the duties in this position are new, Larry is no stranger to helping people on the roadside. While working as a flagger and following mowing crews, he often encountered people in need of help. One South Carolina couple he helped a number of years ago still sends him a Christmas Card each year.

Courtesy-type patrols have operated in the Louisville and Northern Kentucky area for a num-



Larry Bertrand poses with a grateful motorist who had run out of gas.

ber of years and have been very popular with motorists. These vans are co-sponsored by AAA and CVS Pharmacy and are not operated by Cabinet employees.

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BAILEY

As part of the Federal Transportation Center and Mr. Du-Highway Highway Administration's International Technology Exchange Program, transportation officials from Kentucky and Perm, a state in Russia, have developed a strong relationship sharing cultures, ideas and experiences. For the past five years, the Transportation Cabinet, the Perm Road Committee (PRC) and other partners have worked together to improve both Kentucky and Perm highway systems.

The international technology exchange program allows federal, state and local transportation agencies to access state-of-the-art technology and the best practices used worldwide. Because of the program, FHWA has seen significant improvements and savings in U.S. road program technologies and practices dealing with structures, pavements, safety and winter road maintenance.

In 1999, FHWA and the Russian Association of Regional Highway Administrations sought to develop a technology-exchange relationship between transportation officials. A search was conducted throughout Russia to find the most qualified candidate to match up with Kentucky, and Perm was selected.

Nikolai Dudarev of the PRC was chosen to visit Kentucky to learn about Kentucky's transportation system. At this visit, members of the Cabinet, the University of Kentucky, FHWA, the Kentucky

Dudarev all agreed to develop and maintain a long-term relationship between the two states and signed a "Letter of Intent for Mutual Cooperation." The letter of intent outlined the goals the group would strive to achieve - collaboration and exchange of technical information, conduct research on the critical problems in Perm, arrange advanced academic study for transportation engineers and strengthen cultural ties.

Since the agreement, several KYTC employees have visited Perm and several Russians have traveled to Kentucky to keep the alliance strong. In July, Transportation Cabinet employee Jim W. Simpson and Dr. Isaam Harik with the University of Kentucky traveled to Perm to conduct a bridge rehabilitation workshop for the PRC. Simpson and Harik shared their knowledge of carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) in hopes that this technology would be beneficial in the rehabilitation of the Tiskovka Bridge in Perm.

As a result of the workshop, PRC engineers decided to use the CFRP material on the Tiskovka Bridge. The PRC says the bridge rehabilitation project is on schedule and they are pleased with the progress. *(Read more about Jim's trip to Russia and the workshop on page 4.)*

Other major accomplishments of the technology exchange include:



- establishment of a Technology Transfer Center in Perm
- introduction of the U.S. bridge management system practices in Perm
- initiation of a training process for Perm bridge inspectors
- studying several Perm technologies for possible use in Kentucky such as tunneling technology, vertical welding, concrete test methodology, maintenance contracting and prefabricated construction.

In the future, the cabinet hopes that other achievements will arise from this program. It is important that we continue this Kentucky-Perm relationship. As long as we keep sharing ideas and knowledge, the possibilities for our highway systems are limitless.

Clay Bailey

KYTC EMPLOYEE TRAVELS TO RUSSIA, SHARES TECHNOLOGY WITH PERM ENGINEERS

Jim W. Simpson, engineering technician in the Division of Maintenance, recently made front-page news for his trip to Perm, Russia. On October 14th, the Frankfort State Journal ran a story about his mission to Russia where he conducted a bridge rehabilitation workshop for Perm engineers. This mission was part of the Kentucky/Perm Technology Exchange Program in which the cabinet is involved (see story below).

Kentucky, Russian engineers compare notes

By Ester Marr
State Journal Staff Writer

The once-thought-crazy notion of using carbon fibers to repair bridges is now spreading to places that Kentucky engineers never thought possible.

The Japanese-created Carbon Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) first gave new life to a crumbling Carter County bridge in 2001 with the help of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet engineers and crews.

On a recent trip funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) from July 13-23, engineers Jim Simpson of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Dr. Issam Harik of the engineering department at the University of Kentucky were whisked away from the worlds they knew.

Their mission was to share the wealth of their experiences with CFRP by expanding them to the rest of the globe, starting with their sister state, Perm, Russia.

For 10 days, Simpson and Harik helped to continue the five-year "Technology Exchange" between Kentucky and Perm by teaching a workshop to Russian engineers on CFRP usage to rehabilitate their Tiskovka Bridge.

CFRP is a fabric that is

strong as steel, lightweight and resistant to corrosion, making it ideal to repair existing highway bridges. Simpson said that this fabric is also used in the production of space shuttles.

The relationship between Perm and Kentucky began when the FHWA selected Nicholai Dudarev from dozens of other qualified transportation officials in Russia.

Dudarev made an initial visit to Lexington in 1999, where he met with highway engineers and transportation officials to gain knowledge of how Kentucky highways and bridges are planned, designed, built and maintained. When he departed, a "Letter of Intent" was signed by both parties to continue cooperation as "sister states."

Since then, several delegations from Perm and Kentucky have visited back and forth.

As guests of the Perm Road Committee this summer, Simpson and Harik showed their Russian counterparts how they had glued CFRP to the beams of the Carter County Bridge to restructure and support its cracking walls.

Since the Carter County Bridge is very similar in structure, that made the deteriorating Tiskovka Bridge an "attractive" possibility for the use of CFRP.

Simpson talked about the



Left to right - Jim W. Simpson and Dr. Issam Harik at the Red Square in Moscow, Russia

success of the Carter County bridge project and the fact that it is now stronger than ever before with the help of CFRP.

"We've been monitoring (the Carter County Bridge) closely and there has been no deterioration in the last three years," he said.

The Carter County Bridge project was a joint effort between UK where Simpson is finishing his degree, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet where he is currently employed.

"It worked well for everyone involved," said Simpson, who gained both college and work credit for the assignment. Simpson said they were able to repair the bridge for the relatively low price of \$100,000 compared to the \$300,000 to \$400,000 it would have cost to replace the entire structure.

Helping the Russian engineers see the amount of cost-cutting that is possible with CFRP bridge repair was beneficial, since their country is experiencing financial binds and struggling economically.

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"It is difficult for them to find the tools and resources to complete a project like this," said Simpson. "They do have an abundance of manpower, however...if they can get the materials, they can do the work."

Simpson said that engineers in Perm are trying to create their own company to develop the laminate and cloth for CFRP.

Part of Simpson and Harik's workshop involved an actual field demonstration in which a sample beam, similar to beams on the Tiskovka Bridge was used to demonstrate the application techniques covered in class the previous day.

Working together at Perm Bridge Enterprises, Simpson, Harik and the Perm Road Committee prepared the CFRP fabric, mixed the two-part epoxy and applied the fabric and laminate to the beam.

At the conclusion of the workshop, attendees received certificates of completion and congratulations on a job well done.

After Simpson and Harik's return to the states, the term "technology exchange" no longer seemed to express the friendship that had formed between the states. The bond was created as a result of mutual respect and cooperation between the groups of engineers, as they encouraged each other in capitalizing opportunities.

"It's really an exchange of information - learning and practicing what can be useful to each state," said Harik. He related that the Perm engineers had taught them many things over the years, such as construction technology for cold weather, with which they have extensive experience.

"They are such a generous and gracious people," said Simpson. "The things we take for granted they don't have."

Harik agreed with Simpson and added that the exchange had allowed a great chance for Russians and Kentuckians to learn from each other.

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Dr. Harik, Simpson and Nikolai Bogoyavlensky, bridge engineer with the Perm Road Committee, at the Tiskovka Bridge



The PRC bridge crew assist Simpson during his demonstration.

Eight weeks after the workshop, Perm engineers had the CFRP laminate in place on the Tiskovka Bridge.



Attendees of the workshop, the Russian Association of Regional Highway Administrators and the Perm Road Committee, joined Dr. Harik and Simpson for this photo.

GRIP Program Receives AASHTO Award

Division of Employee Development Recognized at Annual AASHTO Meeting in Philadelphia

The AASHTO Standing Committee on Quality recognized the Transportation Cabinet's Division of Employee Development for the creation of the *GRIP* program. James D. Smith, Training Development Specialist, accepted the award on behalf of the Cabinet on September 21st the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

The Employee Development Team, James Hale, James Smith, Linda Pollock and Carroll Young, worked with a District Training Coordinator Advisory Group composed of Libby Carty (D12), Evelyn Emmons (D9), Carol Shanklin (D7), Stephanie Mullins (D5), Ron Brown (D4) and Helen Morgan (D3) to design the award-winning program.

Get a Grip! Four Strategies to Successful Time Management is a unique, non-traditional program emphasizing personal responsibility. The program's goal is to help people "take control" of their time and their lives. In considering ways to best meet the needs of Cabinet employees, the Division designed the program to be offered in short focused classes.

GRIP Team Leader James Smith said that 113 employees have taken the class to date and that overall improvements in goal directness, effectiveness, time management and optimism for the future improved over 130%. The *GRIP* program has been enthusiastically endorsed.

"*GRIP* is a life-changing event more than a class. I recommend it for everyone."



(Left to right) John Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation and immediate past President of AASHTO, James D. Smith, Training Development Specialist, Division of Employee Development and Rhonda Faught, Secretary New Mexico Department of Transportation and Chair of the AASHTO Standing Committee on Quality

said Don Delaney, auto parts specialist.

"Throughout my 10 year career with KYTC, there has been no better class I have taken that has benefited me personally and professionally. The content and instructor's focus on what is truly important in our lives is what made me realize that it was critical to make serious changes to reach daily and long term goals that make the difference," Brian Billings, engineer, said.

For more information on the *GRIP* program, contact James D. Smith, Division of Employee Development, (502) 564-4610.

New safety programs unveiled at “Put the Brakes on Fatalities” event

At a recent press conference to kickoff “Put the Brakes on Fatalities” week in Kentucky, two new safety initiatives were announced.

Beginning this fall, new "Move Over" signs will be placed along Kentucky's major highways to remind motorists that by state law, they are to yield or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles. Plans call for 100 "Move Over" signs to be placed on Kentucky's major roadways by next spring.

KRS 189.930, the “Move-Over” law, enacted in July of 2000 and revised in June 2003, is a law designed to protect police officers and other emergency workers stopped alongside the highway. It requires motorists to approach with caution when an emergency vehicle is stopped with its lights flashing. Motorists must change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if they are traveling on a multi-lane highway and can do so safely. If drivers can't change lanes safely or are traveling on a two-lane highway, they must



The other program unveiled was the new motorist assistance program, "KY SAFE (Safety Assistance for Freeway Emergencies) Patrol" (as seen in this month's cover story). The pilot program provides basic mechanical and emergency assistance to drivers through patrolling vans on Interstate 64 in Franklin and Shelby counties and Interstate 75 in Laurel County.

slow down while maintaining a safe speed so as not to impede other traffic. Motorists violating this law face fines from \$60 to \$500 or jail sentences of up to 30 days, or both.

On October 22, the cabinet announced that thanks to the success of the “Put the Brakes on Fatalities in Kentucky” week, Kentucky had fewer highway fatalities during October 4 through 11 than the same time period last year. Due to the efforts of the public to slow down and obey traffic laws, 17 fewer people died on Kentucky’s roadways during the weeklong blitz. That is the lowest number of fatalities for that week since 2001. The number is much lower than the number of fatalities for that time period in 2003, when 28 people were killed in crashes.

KYTC's One-Stop Shop Serves 20,000 Customers

On October 7, Mary Cornetet of Pendleton, Kentucky became the One-Stop Shop's 20,000th customer. Mary was visiting the shop for the second time this year. When she came in



to pick up her rebuilt titles she was informed that she was "Customer Number 20,000."

Vehicle Regulation Deputy Commissioner Mack Bushart, Mary Cornetet and Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Roy Mundy

When asked what she thought about the One-Stop Shop, Mary replied, "I like this facility. It's much nicer than the old building and the parking is great!" She continued, "The customer service here is exceptional."

The One-Stop Shop has proved to be a beehive of activity since it opened its doors on February 26, 2004. On an average day, 130 customers are served.

CEREMONIAL PAINTING ON LOUISVILLE'S KENNEDY BRIDGE MARKS BEGINNING OF PROJECT

“Painters” Secretary Bailey, Commissioner of Highways Marc Williams and District 5 C.D.E. Barry Sanders displayed the colors that will be used on the John F. Kennedy Bridge by painting a ceremonial beam recently at Waterfront Park. The beam will remain at the contractor's staging lot throughout the project.



A contract was awarded in June to Atlantic Painting Company, Inc. to paint the bridge, which connects downtown Louisville and Jeffersonville, Indiana. Atlantic, of Oak Lawn, Illinois, began working on site in August and the entire project will be completed by July 31, 2006. Work will involve the complete removal of lead paint through abrasive blasting and repainting of the entire bridge using an environmentally approved process. This paint job is expected to last 30-40 years.



The paint, supplied by Sherwin Williams, will be green, beige and chestnut brown.

Michael Baker, Jr. Inc. was chosen as the firm to design the new Downtown Bridge in Louisville. This bridge is part of the Ohio River Bridges Project. The firm, headquartered in Pennsylvania but with an office in Louisville, designed the William H. Harsha Bridge in Maysville. The company has also been involved in the design of 11 Ohio River bridges.

HEROIC KYTC EMPLOYEES RESCUE KITTEN DURING BRIDGE INSPECTION

Inspecting bridges is nothing new for Darrell Dudgeon, an employee of the Division of Operations in the central office. But he never expected to see what he encountered September 27 while conducting an inspection on the Brent Spence Bridge.

While Darrell and others from the Cabinet and the Ohio Department of Transportation were walking along the catwalk underneath the heavily traveled bridge, he saw an unusual sight.

“There was a kitten stuck on a 6” X 12” plate that connected a finger joint,” Darrell recalls. “It was shivering and meowing for help. It looked like it had tried to climb up to the light of the open joint, but couldn’t.”

Darrell asked his group if they would mind doing an animal rescue and everyone agreed to help. Kenton County Maintenance was on hand providing traffic control. Darrell retrieved his rappelling gear and lowered himself down to the lower cord. This was on the right hand side on the northbound lane of the bridge. Darrell worked his way to the other side of the floor beam where he could see the kitten.



Darrell strapped on his rappelling gear in attempts to rescue to the helpless kitten.

The veterinarian said that the animal had probably been trapped under the bridge for three to four days when it was found. No one really knows how it got there but Darrell and Brian assume that the kitten was thrown from the bridge. Because of the kitten’s will to survive, Brian decided to name the kitten “Spirit.”



Spirit the kitten

“Each day our employees are tasked with many things to provide a safe and reliable transportation system for our citizens,” said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Maxwell Clay Bailey. “But what Darrell and our employees along with ODOT workers did that day was above and beyond their normal duties, and they are to be commended for it.”

Darrell and Brian’s rescue has made them celebrities. They were asked to be guests on the FOX 19 morning show on October 15th. News anchor Sheila Gray interviewed them as they told their heart-warming story.



Left to right– “Kitten Rescuers” Steve Coakley (District 6), Joe Mellman (ODOT District 8), Chuck Cvitkovich (HNTB Cincinnati) and Darrell Dudgeon (Central Office) pictured with the kitten

The little gray kitten offered no resistance as Darrell picked it up and put it in a drawstring bag that was attached to his harness. Once Darrell and the kitten made it back to the deck, Steve Ellis (District 6) and Joe Mellman (ODOT District 8) took it to a nearby store to get it some water and food.

The men agreed the kitten needed to be taken to a shelter but when Brian Huber, Kenton County state maintenance operator, heard about the kitten, he decided to adopt.

Brian then took the kitten to a nearby veterinarian to treat its broken leg.



Brian Huber with Spirit and Darrell Dudgeon



Beth Gordon (left) and Megan Tillman, central office employees, helped pass out KYTC goodies and brochures to students at the 2004 Kentucky State University Career Expo. The KYTC booth provided a great opportunity to promote careers in transportation. Thanks to the other employees who participated in making this booth a success.

KYTC and FHWA Provide Funding for the Women-In-Construction On-the-Job Training Program

KYTC and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) joined Kentucky State University (KSU) today to announce the beginning of a partnership in the Women-In-Construction On-the-Job Training Program. The Cabinet has awarded Kentucky State University \$330,000.00 to provide a supportive services program for Women-In-Construction, On-the-Job training. The funds were provided through the Cabinet and the FHWA.

The primary purpose of the

men for entry-level jobs in construction. Participants are recruited, screened and enrolled into the program. Enrolled students will receive technical training combining both classroom and hands-on construction. This program will prepare students for the challenges they will face as they enter the workforce. Students are offered the opportunity to obtain a Class B Commercial Drivers License (CDL). Upon completion of the program, graduates are offered placement assistance and

On-the-Job post-graduate support from the project staff to assist them with their transition into the non-traditional train women and workplace.

“It is the Cabinet’s goal to work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to provide opportunities for these institutions to engage their faculty and students into the transportation-related industry,” stated Transportation Secretary Maxwell C. Bailey. “The Cabinet and FHWA are committed to improving their workforces by recruiting and training women and men for entry-level jobs in construction.”



Did you see the magnificent sunrise on October 12th? This photo was taken at 7:00 AM by Jim Webb in the Office of Public Affairs from the central office building.

Trick-O-Treating with KYTC Employees



In keeping with the Halloween traditions, the Division of Accounts in the central office shows off their spirit by dressing up as characters from the Wizard of Oz, Pocahontas, and a French maid...



...And David Kratt from the Division of Program Management dons a blow-up costume.

TRANSPORTATION CABINET EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

September 2004

Ada M. Knight
Highways/District 11
7 Years 11 Months

Kenneth E. Blackwell, Jr.
Office of Budget &
Fiscal Management
24 Years 11 Months

Janice E. Walton
Administrative
Services/
Toll Facilities
25 Years 6 Months

Douglas L. Watts
Highways/District 10
30 Years 7 Months

James K. Hurt
Highways/District 7
26 Years 9 Months

Montie R. Redd
Highways/District 1
18 Years 10 Months

Robert L. Winkfield
Administrative
Services/
Fleet Management
26 Years 2 Months

Roy L. Rose
Highways/
Multimodal Programs
28 Years 7 Months

David W. Brewer
Administrative Services/
Technology
17 Years 10 Months

Leroy Zornes
Highways/
District 9
24 Years
11 Months

Donna L. Tupman
Highways/District 6
20 Years 2 Months

Kim B. Lee
Administrative
Services/
Employee Safety &
Health
25 Years 8 Months

Timothy R. Sparks
Highways/District 3
31 Years 2 Months

William G. Williams
Highways/District 7
30 Years 4 Months

Jack R. Williams
Highways/District 6
27 Years 11 Months

Jeffrey W. Painter
Highways/District 1
26 Years 6 Months

Marion I. Caudill
Highways/District 9
19 Years 8 Months

John L. Frye
Highways/District 5
24 Years 11 Months

James L. Mason
Highways/District 1
23 Years 1 Month

Gary W. Ballenger
Highways/District 8
26 Years 9 Months

Robert Garms
Highways/
District 5
27 Years 1 Month

James J. Ball
Highways/District 11
24 Years 7 Months

Dennis W. Staggs
Highways/District 6
24 Years 11 Months

Ricky E. Whisman
Highways/District 5
21 Years 11 Months

Rudene L. Runyon
Highways/District 7
30 Years 11 Months

Ellis L. Ferguson
Highways/District 12
14 Years 11 Months



Watch for Deer in Your Headlights

Brought to you by the Department of Fish & Wildlife

The phrase “like a deer in the headlights” is used to figuratively describe a person who appears caught off guard, but can be interpreted by Kentucky motorists in a literal sense over the next two months as the peak of the whitetail deer mating season approaches.

Officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) are reminding, and cautioning drivers that October and November are the months when deer movement is greatest, and collisions with deer on roadways are most common.

As fall days grow shorter, and temperatures get cooler, Kentucky’s deer population starts to transition into its breeding season. The peak of breeding activity is usually in mid-November; however, it can begin in October and continue into January.

During this time, adult doe deer will cycle into heat each month until she is able to breed with a buck. Bucks will become very active, especially after dark, in traveling and actively searching for does that are ready to mate. Not all does are ready at the same time, and therefore bucks are continuously on the move to find those that are. When a buck finds a doe in heat, he will pursue her until she allows breeding to take place, and then he will resume looking and chasing other does.

This behavior, along with an increase in human presence in the fall woods during hunting season, ups the chances that deer will cross roadways more often than at other times of the year. Motorists should take special care when driving at night, or in areas where woodlands and grown-up fields are located close to the road.

Deer often prefer to remain hidden as long as possible before having to cross an open area. This is why watching for, and anticipating that a deer may step out into the road in woods-lined areas, and elsewhere where they feed at night, is important to safety. At times though, whitetails can just as easily travel along fence rows and tree-lined corridors through open fields for long distances. Bucks may range five square miles or more during the breeding season, and in more urban areas, that’s almost impossible without crossing a highway somewhere at some time.

The best defense if you do see “a deer in your headlights”, is to slow to a stop if possible and safe to do so. Traveling speed should be reduced in deer crossing zones as noted

by highway signs, and in spots where there is less distance between what looks like potential deer cover from one side of the road to the other.

Bright lights tend to confuse and freeze deer in their tracks. When they do move, they may go any direction. When traveling through “deer country”, slow down a little and give yourself more reaction time should you need to stop or let the animal get out of the way. — Also, being aware that deer can cross a highway about anywhere is to your advantage. Keep your eyes on the road, and don’t expect deer on the side of the road to stay there until you get by. Be ready to react.

Another item to note is that often the sound of an oncoming vehicle, or a horn blowing will make no difference in getting the animal to immediately move. Startled deer don’t think and react like people do. Trying to scare them out of the way by landing hard on the tooter is a poor response. Take a



few seconds and stop the vehicle, again, when you can. One more minute is well worth spending to save a trip to the auto body shop.

Remember, too, that often a doe that crosses the road in front of you may have a rather persistent suitor not far behind. Be as sure as you can that a buck isn’t a few seconds behind the doe that you just saw before you proceed. Sometimes it’s what you can’t see that gets you, and when bucks have “lovin” on their minds, well – that’s, uh – what’s on their mind.

Using these tips should minimize the chances of picking up a new, and perhaps unwanted hood ornament too far ahead of Christmas holidays. Keeping these thoughts in mind will certainly be to your advantage, and the deer would probably benefit from it even more.

Comic Corner

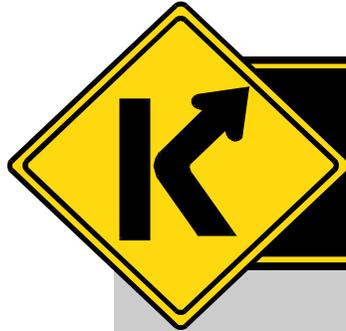
A little humor about complaining—

A young man joined a monastery which required recruits to abide by strict behavior guidelines. Each person took a vow of silence with the understanding they could speak two words a year with their superior. At the end of the first year, the young man was called by his superior to make his first two-word statement. He said, “room smells.” Another year passed and he got his second chance. His next two words were “food bad.” At the end of the third year, he approached his superior with clenched fists, tension-filled face and with a shout said, “I quit!” The superior remained calm and responded, “I’m not surprised. All you have done since you got here is complain, complain, complain.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

—Helen Keller



News From Districts 1 & 2

Jim LeFevre Prepares for Mid-East Deployment With National Guard Engineering Brigade



Jim LeFevre (seated second from left) chats with co-workers during a reception in his honor at the District One headquarters in Paducah.

Jim LeFevre, the Materials Engineer at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways District One in Paducah, has been called up for deployment to the Mid-East.

LeFevre, a member of the Tennessee National Guard 194th Engineering Brigade, reports for duty November 1 for deployment to the Mid-East. LeFevre was honored with a reception by his co-workers at the Department of Highways District One Headquarters in Reidland.

"Officially we've been told not to comment on where we are going. All we know is that we report November 1, then head to Fort Bragg for about a month of intense training before deploying overseas," LeFevre said.

During his 17 plus years in the National Guard, LeFevre has been de-

ployed to Germany, Dominica West Indies, Italy, Honduras, Bulgaria and other countries. This will be his first potential assignment to a combat zone. "Primarily we've done engineering on various building projects in the past. The army calls that vertical construction. We also do horizontal construction projects such as roads," LeFevre said. "We'll be doing a lot of different projects from what we've been told. Our vertical projects will be geared toward improving the living conditions of the soldiers who are there now. Probably the horizontal work will involve improving and maintaining supply routes."

The most difficult prospect of his 18-month overseas assignment is being away from his wife, Whitney, and their three children, ages six, four, and three.

"Although I hate being away from my family, I've been training to do missions like this for 17 years, so it's exciting in a way. It's a little bit scary, too. I'm ready to go and get started. The quicker we go the quicker we get back is the way I look at it," LeFevre

said.

"My philosophy is like a lot of other soldiers. It's better to be fighting over there than to have to fight terrorists here," LeFevre said. "I'm just hoping that by me being willing to serve today maybe the world will be a safer place for my children."

Most of LeFevre's previous assignments have been goodwill-type missions involving work to renovate clinics and hospitals, and other similar humanitarian projects.

"We are making progress in the Middle East. What people have to realize is that all they see on the news is the bad things because that's what makes the news. From what we're hearing from soldiers returning from Iraq, much of the country is peaceful. We are making progress. The fact that we haven't had terrorist attacks here says that something is working," LeFevre said.

The 39-year-old engineer is taking some vacation time to spend time with his family before the deployment.

"My children are out of school for a week on fall break, so I'm taking some time off to spend with them before I go. Then the next week I'll be in Jackson, TN, packing gear for transport, then we leave for Ft. Bragg on the first of November for additional training," LeFevre said.

LeFevre went through ROTC at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN, then immediately joined the National Guard. LeFevre is the Materials Supervisor at the Department of Highways District One Headquarters in Reidland.

District Two Participates in U.S. 60 Corridor Safety Task Force



Nick Hall and Mark Brasher (foreground) of District Two are among more than a dozen traffic, law enforcement and emergency response personnel to participate in the U.S. 60 Corridor Safety Task Force. The group met recently at the Green River Area Development District headquarters in Owensboro with the goal of decreasing the accident rate along U.S. 60.



Oldest Home in Greenville Receives State Historic Marker



Ted Merryman (L), Chief District Engineer for Districts One and Two, participated in the dedication of a historic marker at the George Short House in Greenville.

Built in 1841, the George Short House is one of the oldest homes in Greenville. In 1980, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Materials for the house and its detailed interior woodwork came by flatboats from Cincinnati. George Short (1805-1849), a prominent businessman, tobacconist and a state legislator, had the house built for Tabitha A. Brank in hopes she would marry him, but she refused. Tabitha was the daughter of Ephraim M. Brank, hero in War of 1812. Short gave the house to his sister, Susan Ann Short Harbin. Her children became civic leaders and benefactors of the Harbin Memorial Library.

Drive Smart Program Encourages Seat Belt Use Among Youngsters



Jimmy Morphew (R) talks to kindergarten students at Reidland Elementary School about the importance of using seat belts during the school's Healthy Me Day.

Getting youngsters to use seat belts and to encourage their parents and grandparents to use seatbelts is a key part of the Drive Smart Program. Each year Drive Smart Coordinator Jimmy Morphew travels to schools throughout District One to talk to elementary students about safety.

On October 13, Morphew talked to third graders and kindergarten students at Reidland Elementary School in McCracken County as part of the school's Healthy Me Day.

"Hopefully children can start to develop good seat belt habits from birth, but we've found that students begin to really comprehend the importance of safety starting in about the third grade. That seems to be about the age where youngsters can fully understand the benefits of wearing a seat belt and the need for safety awareness," Morphew said.

The safety presentations for elementary students take about 20 to 25 minutes, depending on the group. Morphew says smaller class size groups allow more direct interaction with students and seems to improve the effectiveness of the presentation.

"We're trying to reach all of the third graders in the district each year. As they become teenagers and begin driving, our hope is that they'll carry safety awareness with them. If we waited until they were teenagers to try to promote seat belt use, it would be a much tougher sell," Morphew observes.

Car crashes are the leading killer of children under the age of 14. By promoting safety awareness at a young age, the program hopes to help children develop a lifetime of safe habits.



News From District Three

Governor Fletcher
Delivers \$250,000 Check
to Warren County



Governor Fletcher visited the District #3 office in September for a check presentation to Warren County. A check for approximately a quarter of a million dollars was presented to County Judge/Executive Michael O. Buchanon for Rural Secondary needs in Warren County. Pictured: Sen. Brett Guthrie, Governor Ernie Fletcher, Bowling Green Mayor Sandy Jones, and Judge Michael Buchanon.

KECC Golf Scramble

A golf scramble was held on Thursday, September 23rd with proceeds collected going towards KECC. Sixteen teams participated in the day's activities that began at noon with a shotgun start at the Trace at Bays Fork. First Place (Eddie Miller, George Brown, Bob Burden, Dan Blanchard) received \$40 each, Second Place (Todd Stearns, Gene Helm, Robbie Stapp, Brian Wilson) received \$30 each and Third Place (Anthony Eckoles, Charles Eckoles, Barry Philipp, Floyd Watt) each received \$20. Each participant received a sleeve of balls and was provided with lunch. Don Goodman, Carolyn Utely, Helen Morgan, Debbie Potter and Paul Keith did a great job of putting this event together and we thank them for all of their hard work!



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

Drive Smart Participates in Safety Fair



Barren County Safe Communities and the Barren River Area Development District along with several other community partners provided the 2nd Annual Community Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, September 23. The event took place at Western Kentucky University's Glasgow Campus from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Numerous activities and a variety of health screening services took place. Kentucky State Police provided presentations using the rollover simulator while Glasgow's police department provided photo IDs for children and local firemen taught them how to escape burning buildings. The event highlighted the beginning of Farm Safety Week and Get Moving Kentucky: Step-Up Barren County Project, with proclamations being signed for both.

Pictured: Crash Test Dummies Paul Kelly and Kent Charlton along with Drive Smart Bear Marlin Milam shared some safety tips with some of the younger attendees at Glasgow's Safety Fair.

POTTER RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

After 30 years at District #3, sixteen of those as the Highway District Administration Manager, Debbie Potter has decided to retire. "It will be nice to sleep in past five o'clock," said Debbie at her retirement breakfast on September 29. "My husband Terry will be more delighted with that, I think, than I will. For years I have been "disturbing" him when I get up that early. Now when he gets up at six, I'm sure he will enjoy waking me up!" Past and present employees from around the state as well as family members dropped by to help her celebrate the occasion and to wish her well with her retirement. Professional, knowledgeable, caring and helpful were some of the words used to describe her by fellow employees who had worked with her over the years. Lencie Meredith, recently retired Traffic Branch Manager, said he was pretty sure he had made her madder than anyone else. But, Mike Large chimed in and said he probably ran a close second. "Debbie had made my job a lot easier and made things run smoother because of the way she handled her position. She was a great sounding board for ideas and helped me in a lot of ways," said Greg Meredith, CDE. Money collected for her going away gift will be used towards the purchase of a new computer for her home. Good Luck with everything Debbie!





News From District Four

DRIVE SMART & WAL-MART TEAM UP

What's the best way to educate the public? Be there and be seen...Wal-Mart employees, along with Wal-Mart shoppers, were there for Safety Week at the Elizabethtown Wal-Mart Super Center recently to find out for themselves what it's like to be on the road with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Becky Judson, District 4 PIO, set up a booth at the Elizabethtown Wal-Mart celebrating Put the Brakes on Fatalities Week, October 4-10, and demonstrated the Drive Smart Fatal Vision Goggles to the public. To their surprise, most shoppers and employees were unable to walk a straight line with the fatal vision goggles.



SURPRISE !! — 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND COUNTING



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at the same place for 50+ years? Well, there probably aren't too many people who can answer this question personally. However, District 4's Branch Manager of Traffic can. Leo Lewis was surprised when he walked into the district office conference room, for what he thought was a meeting for

the Branch Managers, and found himself in the midst of his family and co-workers honoring him for his 50+ years of service with the Transportation Cabinet.

Mr. Lewis began working for the State Department of Highways in December 1948 under the watch of Governor Lawrence Weatherby. Mr. Lewis was drafted into the army in 1950 and served in Inchon, Korea until 1952. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1956 with a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and has served as Branch Manager of Traffic in Elizabethtown since 1983, 21 years.

On September 30, 2004, Commissioner Marc Williams and Gary Raymer, CDE, presented Mr. Lewis with his 50 year certificate. Needless to say, Mr. Lewis was very surprised to see his children and grandchildren at the "Branch Manager's Meeting". At this time, Mr. Lewis has no immediate plans to retire and is good health. When asked about his years of employment, Mr. Lewis said, "There have been some ups and downs, but I do appreciate the opportunity to be able to work this many years."

Mr. Lewis resides in Elizabethtown with his wife, Joyce and has 6 children and 3 stepchildren, 6 grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren. In his spare time, Mr. Lewis likes to read, watch movies and participates in photography and videography.

Mr. Lewis "THANK YOU" for your 50+ years of service, (December 2004 will be 51 years of service) and CONGRATULATIONS for reaching such a rare milestone.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ... AND WELCOME BACK TO WORK!



When Al Wesley joined the Army Reserves eighteen and one-half years ago, he thought it was going to be part time. He was partially motivated to join by an opportunity that allowed him to pay off some student loans he had acquired. While serving full-time recently as a Dental Technician in Camp Atterburg, Columbus, Ohio; Fort McCoy in Wisconsin; Fort Hood in Texas and at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Al has returned to his other full-time job as Utility Inspector – Transportation Engineering Technician II. Al has been with the Department of Highways in Elizabethtown for 23 years. For the past eighteen months, Al has been working in hospitals identifying medical and dental problems for soldiers who were being deployed to Iraq.

Al said, “The best

part of my eighteen months away was working with and helping some really good people. I have a new appreciation for people who are making sacrifices for our country. The worst part of my job was seeing the young men and women who feared going to war and being away from their families. But, lifting people up, made it all worth it.”

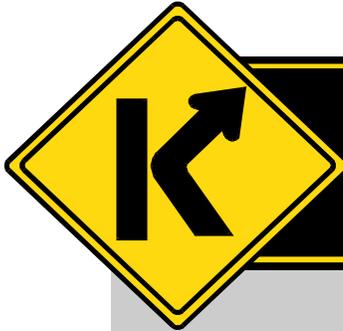
As for Al and his family, he said, “My wife has been raised in a military environment all of her life so she understands the call of duty and deals with it on a daily basis. My wife is a full-time teacher at Van Boorhis Elementary School at Fort Knox. She interacts constantly with children and parents whose spouses are away serving our country. She also knows the sacrifices she is making while raising our two children, Johnathon, 16 years old and Daniel, who is 8. We talked daily by cell phone and supported one another mentally.”

Asked if he is ready to go back anytime soon, he said, “I only have one and one-half years left before I will retire from the Reserves and several more years before I can retire from the State. I now know that my

calling is not a Utility Inspector or a Dental Technician. God has called me to minister full time. I have been ministering between working hours since 1995 and know that when I retire, I will be able to give completely to God. Other highlights of this tour of duty were meeting people who had strong faith. I know this is what I have been called to do when I retire.” Al and his family worship at the Christ Dependent Community Church in Radcliff, Kentucky.

A lot of changes awaited Al when he returned to work. The old district office building was gone and the spacious new building was a bit different. He said, “I really did learn not to take anything for granted anymore, things can change that quickly, in many ways. While I was away, I hardly saw the same people each day and that’s the good part about coming back to work, knowing you will be able to see the same people from day to day.”

Al, we have missed your kind personality around the office and are very appreciative of your service to our country, THANK YOU!!!



News From District Five

New Faces in the Office



Dionne Caples is the DO's new Receptionist/Switchboard Operator. She has two sons, Tristan, 8 yrs old and Travis, 6. Dionne enjoys reading, watching movies, and sings in her church choir.

Susan Chaplin has been with the Transportation Cabinet for over 3 years as a staff attorney in Frankfort. She and her family, which includes daughters Chloe and Elise, live out in the St. Matthews area of Louisville so she says the one of the best things about ending her commute is not having to get up so early to make her morning run!

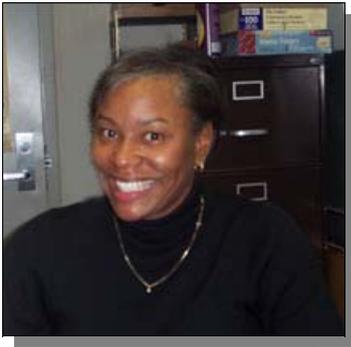


Elizabeth Wise loves working for KYTC & Hwy District Five. She is in Administration, and as Stephanie Mullins has left recently for the Fair and Exposition Center next door, Elizabeth has been helping out with Personnel duties too. She has 4 wonderful kiddoes, enjoys writing music, doing research, collecting miniatures and frequent times with Hershey chocolate bars and peanut butter.

Louise Sumner comes to us after 2 years in Roadside and takes care of our payroll. She has a CDL license and has driven plow trucks and chemical spray trucks. Louise enjoys most all the outdoor activities like hunting, fishing and gardening. She has 4 children and 5 grandchildren.



More New D5 Faces



Robin Harris joined Maintenance recently and says "Thank You" to her D5 family for welcoming her. She really enjoys family gatherings and her church fellowship. She likes movies and going to live stage performances.



Debbie Mathis transferred from the KY State Fair Board after 18 years in Personnel to our very own Traffic and Permits. When she married Dwight over 6 years ago, they created their very own "Brady Bunch" with a total of 6 kids, 5 boys and 1 girl ranging from 28 yrs old to 12. Dogs Booger and Allie and 3 granddogs round out the bunch!

"At Your Service..."



Gordon Guy
20 years



Steve Hartlage
30 years



Linda Young
30 years

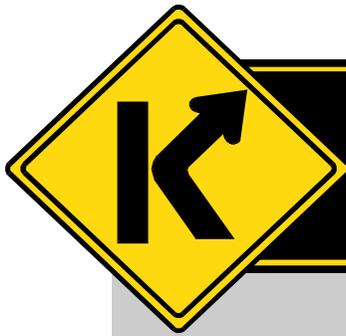


Jere Kennedy
25 years



Mary J. Bond
20 years

**Coming Next
Month
More Service
Awards and Some
Familiar Faces in
New Places**



News From District Six

The 10th Street Bridge in Newport recently reopened for traffic.

The \$3.9 million project began in August 2003. The new bridge and approaches, which cross over the CSX Railroad, will provide new eastbound and westbound 12-foot lanes and a turning lane at Park Avenue East. It will also have pedestrian sidewalks. The new bridge will have more vertical clearance for a placement of a future railroad track.

10th Street Bridge is Open for Vehicles



Motorists now drive on a new improved section of US 42 in Northern Kentucky.

Construction on the new roadway began in October 2002 and cost \$9.3 million to complete.

District Office folks Clean up KY 317

Pictured left to right is Nancy Wood, Geneva Gullion, Mike Frisch and Ardonna Brown took part in the District Office Adopt a Highway Clean-up on KY 317. Nancy, Mike and Ardonna participated in all the scheduled clean-ups for the year.



KECC "FUN-Raisers"

The people of District 6 were very giving during the months of September and October. District 6's goal was to raise \$10,000 for KECC. "FUN-raisers" included a chili cookoff, silent auction and golf scramble. District 6 came very close to reaching their goal - a total of \$9,801.00 was raised.

Nancy Wood, District 6 public information officer and KECC coordinator, wanted to personally thank Verda Wylie, Becky Powell, Ardonna Brown, Genita Kiser, Darlene McGowan and Norma Daum for their help in coordinating the many fundraising events. Everyone should pat themselves on the back for a job well done and take pride in knowing that District 6 people are helping many.



*Nancy Wood,
District 6 KECC
Coordinator*

Crew Chili Cook-off fundraiser — All crews and departments were encouraged to participate. There were four sectionals or "Chili Centrals" located throughout the district where chili-tasting would take place. Crews picked someone to make a batch of chili to represent their crew. Judges at each sectional taste-tested the chili and a sample of the favorite chili was then sent to the District Office for the finals.



*Greg Smoot
was the Chili
King.*

Carrollton Garage was one of the sectional locations. Crews from Owenton RE, Owen County, Carrollton and Carrollton Garage participated in this "bash of the bowls." Karla Maiden made "Karla's Country Chili" for the Carroll County crew. From Owen County came "Swigert's Chili," made by Robert Swigert. Carrollton Garage entered "Danny's Red Chili" which was made by Danny Beckham and the eventual winner, "Smoot's Ridge Chili," made by Owenton RE's Greg Smoot. Judges were

Janice Tritsch, Becky Powell and Charles House.

Grant County Maintenance Barn was the location for Grant, Pendleton and Williamstown. Pendleton Crew 096 submitted Stroud Hamilton's "Poorman's Chili." Grant County had two crew members bring chili in for them. They were Danny Dezarn and Darian Carter. Bruce Shockley, brought his "3 Alarm Chili" in for Williamstown Crew 311. Pendleton County Crew 096 won the sectional with Stroud's chili. Judges were Terry Courts, Ardonna Brown and June Osborne.

The Boone County Chili Central had two entries. Jason Braun entered "Double O 8 Fire Chili" for Boone County and Heather Walton entered "Heather's Hootin' and Hollerin' Chili" for Covington RE Crew 312. Darlene McGowan, Gary MacIntosh and Jeff Hampton were the judges. Boone County won this sectional.

At Robertson County's Chili Central, there were Monica Fryman's "Chili 101," Harrison County's Darryl True made "Harrison Heartburn Chili" and Bracken's Bill Riley made his special "Cockroach Chili." Judges were Dwight Houchens, former Bracken Superintendent Larry England and Nancy Wood. "Harrison County Heartburn Chili" won this sectional.

The District Office had their competition entitled, "Let the Beans Begin!" Eight departments submitted their special chili entries. Richard Deters made his first ever pot of chili called "Motion Potion" for the Legal Department; Todd Riley made "Under Construction Dig In Chili" for Construction; Vinnie Perry made "Perry Good Chili" for Administration; Steve Ellis made a white chili called "Snow, Ice and Fire Chili;" Verda Wylie made "Chili by Design" for Preconstruction; Permits submitted Ed Thompson's "Stop-Yield-One Way to the Rest Area Chili;" Jason Ran-

kin made "The Right of Way Chili That Can't Go Wrong" and Traffic entered Bill Madden's "White Edgeline Chili." Judges Valerie Januski, IT Tech Travis Wagers and Larry McClanahan picked "Chili by Design" made by Verda Wylie as the District Office Winner.



Scott Huelsmann, Larry Roberts and CDE David Jones were judges for the overall winner.

Samples from the five winning batches of chili were gathered for Judges Scott Huelsmann, Larry Roberts and David Jones to taste test. They picked Owenton's RE, Greg Smoot's chili as the winner! Congrats to Owenton RE Crew 317 and Greg.



Owenton RE Engineer Brian Young accepted the KECC Chili Cook-Off award on behalf of the Owenton crew for having the best chili.

Thanks to everyone who participated. KECC received **\$271.00!**

KECC Golf Scramble — Seventy-one golfers participated in the scramble which was held at the Fairway Golf Course in Owen County.

Verda Wylie's team of four, with a shot of 57, came in first place. In second place, Ed Thompson (District Six Department of Permits) led a foursome that included retirees Jim Shea, Mike Reckers and Forrest Rankin. They shot a 58. District 6 Right of Way Branch man-

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ager Hank Germann's team (Wayne Hafer, Tom Kerns and Steve Moore) came in third place with a score of 59. Hank's team also walked away with \$320 worth of "skin" money. Some other scramble prizes went to Tom Kerns-Longest Men's Drive and Marke Hayden -Closest to the Pin. Marcie Mathews won both Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive for the women. In all, the golf scramble raised \$3295 for KECC. Special thanks go to Verda Wylie (District Office Department of Design) and Nancy Wood (District Office PIO and KECC Chairperson) for organizing the event, David Jones for the first, second and third-place medals that were given to the teams and Mimi Merrill for donating the country ham that was used for the ham biscuits. Kudos to Norma Daum for doing the shopping for the supplies and a special thanks to Genita Kiser and Ardonna Brown for helping with the registration and food preparation on the day of the scramble. Most of all, we want to thank all those that participated in the scramble. We hope you had a great day with friends and co-workers. Your generosity will help reach many people through KECC.

Silent Auction—Let the bidding wars begin! Throughout the day, district employees bid on many coveted items available at the auction. As part of fundraising efforts, District C.D.E. David Jones had made a promise to shave off his beard for a donation of \$100. Jim Brannon, Branch Manager of Planning, said for \$200 he would grow a goatee. Thanks to an anonymous donor at the District Office, David's loss was Jim Brannon's gain! Almost \$800.00 was raised in the silent auction and the "Bidding the Beard Adieu."



David before...

...during...

... 'aftershave.'

SCENES FROM THE SCRAMBLE



Roger Wofford, Joe Kearnes, and Lonnie Taylor



Tom Askin from the Pendleton County Crew 096 won the Speedway Basket during the KECC fundraising drive.



Verda Wylie's team of four, with a shot of 57, came in first place.



Bill Witte and Dan Janson



Ed Thompson



L to R: Tom Kerns, Steve Moore, Hank Germann and Wayne Hafer

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Lisa Dedden

New Faces



Jarrold Stanley (above) is a new maintenance engineer for Operations in District 6. He previously worked for the Division of Maintenance in Frankfort and has been with the cabinet for over 4 years. A native of Pikeville, Jarrod went to the University of Kentucky and majored in civil engineering. He and his wife Cindy currently live in Scott County.

Travis Wagers (below) is the new information technology coordinator in District Six. Travis is filling the job once occupied by Mike Schneider. He began his new job on September 16 after two weeks of training in Frankfort. Travis is a telecommunications graduate of the University of Kentucky. Prior to his current job, Travis worked as an internet service provider at an oil company. A native of Manchester, he is currently living in Florence. Travis is looking forward to working with everyone at District Six.



District 6 has Halloween Spirit!

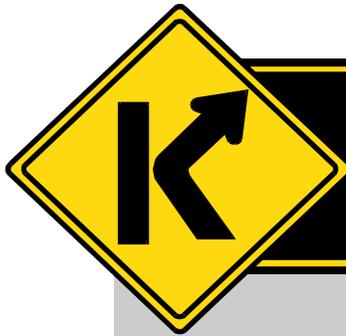
Janet Feinauer and Bonita Marshall of the Legal Department at District 6 got the District Office in the Halloween spirit. They coordinated a law conference room with lots of snacks and treats for all to share. Janet dressed up as an inmate and Bonita clowned it up. Traffic engineer Laura Mitchell had her waders and fishing pole. She didn't have to fish far with all the goodies we had to enjoy.



Congratulations!!



Janice Tritsch (right), a Clerk III with the Carrollton Garage Crew 711, recently received her 30 Years of Career Service Certificate. Donna Tupman, who recently retired from Permits at District 6, received her 20 years Career Service Certificate. Tony Perkins (not pictured), superintendent I with the Owen County Crew, recently retired and received his 25 Years of Career Service Certificate.



News From District Seven

Employees take a Pie-in-the-face in Support of KECC

District Seven held its final KECC fund raising event by hosting on a “Fun Lunch” consisting of Chili, Soup Beans, and Fried Corn Bread. As part of the activities, Branch Managers, Brian Billings: Construction, James Ballinger: Pre-Construction, and Stuart Goodpaster: Planning, participated in a pie throwing contest.



Larry Martin takes a shot at Brian Billings.

Laura Boone enjoys the opportunity to throw pie in the face of her boss James Ballinger.



Phyllis Biggerstaff is just a bit outside with her pitch to Stuart Goodpaster.

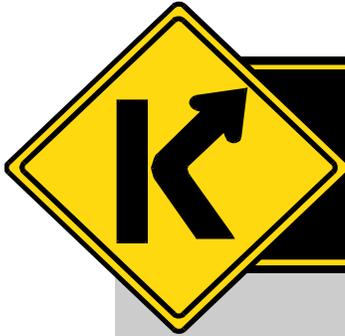
Crews Show Their Skills in Annual Snow & Ice 'Rodeo'

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District Seven Department of Highways held its annual *Snow and Ice 'Rodeo'* at the Kentucky Horse Park.

State Maintenance Crews from Fayette, Scott, Bourbon, Clark, Madison, Jessamine, Boyle, Garrard, Anderson, Mercer, Woodford and Montgomery Counties participated in the 2-day event designed to prepare for the upcoming winter season. Crews participated in morning classroom training in which day-to-day operations as well as emergency call out procedures were discussed. In the afternoon, crews competed in a Snow Plow Obstacle Course designed to test their maneuvering and driving skills.

On the course, drivers are faced with tests to challenge driving ability as well as finesse such as the “Barrel Slalom” and the “Tennis Ball Challenge.” Drivers are graded on their time with a point deduction for downed barrels or cones.



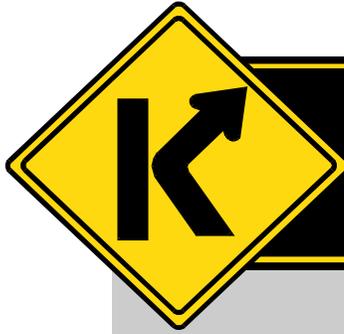


News From District Eleven

NEW SECTION OF U.S. 421 OPENED IN HARLAN COUNTY

A new section of US 421 in Harlan County was opened to traffic on September 27th. This section which runs 4/10 of a mile east of KY 1137 to Barn Branch Road was completed after being under construction for more than two years. The narrow, winding road was straightened, widened and leveled, making it much safer for motorists. Passing lanes allow traffic to flow smoothly and co-exist with the numerous coal trucks that use the road. Two additional sections are currently under construction and expect to be completed by Spring 2005. Elmo Greer & Sons, LLC was awarded the \$15 million contract in the spring of 2002.





News From District Twelve

Golf Scramble at Paintsville Country Club nets more than \$6000 for KECC

The third annual KECC Golf Scramble sponsored by Highway District 12 raised more than \$6,000 for KECC member charities. Held on Monday, October 18, at the Paintsville Country Club, the event featured 72 golfers and a few wannabees. No one claimed the hole-in-one prize, a Jeep truck offered by Deskins Motor, but D-12's John Montgomery came within three feet!



Lunchtime entertainment after the morning scramble included songs, poems, and jokes from Kentucky Opry's Munroe (a/k/a Freddie Goble, D-12's former chief bridge inspector), who played on CDE Danl Hall's team with Darold Slone and Paxton Weddington.



295 years of service to Commonwealth honored through career certificates

Eighteen employees of Highway District 12 were recognized recently for a combined 295 years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Thirty Years
Roe Sammons

Twenty-Five Years
Jimpie Slone Jr.

Twenty Years
Hugh Sammons
Gregory C. Wills

Ten Years
Kermit Boleyn
Glenn Dobson
Harold D. Kincer
Richard S. McCune
Douglas R. Scaggs
Jerry K. Spears

Five Years
Mary Westfall-Holbrook
Orlance B. Lamb
Garland Rogers
Michael P. Slone
W. Joseph Stanley
Scotty D. Tackett
Nelson Thompson
Barry M. Ward



Jimpie Slone Jr., left with CDE Danl Hall, has worked at District 12 for 25 years. He is a member of the Shelbiana Maintenance Crew in Pike County.



Above, from left, Kermit Boleyn, Glenn Dobson, Douglas R. Scaggs, CDE Danl Hall, Rich McCune, and Jerry Spears. Below, from left, Michael Slone, Garland Rogers, Scotty Tackett, Hall, Nelson Thompson, and Mary Westfall-Holbrook.



Snow and Ice skills tested during Equipment Roadeo

Each year in October, maintenance specialists from District 12's 10 crews come together to prepare for the upcoming snow and ice season. Part of their yearly readiness activities includes a skills competition known as the Snow and Ice Roadeo.

Workers compete in three categories: snow plow, backhoe, and low boy (alley dock). Snow plow drivers maneuver their trucks through a tight maze. The person who finishes the course in the least amount of time without touching any of the barriers is the winner. In the low boy competition, the person who backs up his truck closest to the dock in the least amount of time wins first place. Backhoe operators place a tennis ball on a post, pick it up again and move it to a small cardboard box. The winner is the one who does it in the least amount of time without touching the post or losing the ball.

"It's amazing to watch the degree of skill these drivers have," said Sara George, Information Officer. "They know their trucks and they know their roads. I would feel absolutely safe on any icy mountain road in Eastern Kentucky as long as one of these men were driving!"



Right photo: backhoe winners, from left, Tim Carr, Sammy Sumpter, Jason Spence. Bottom left photo, from left, snow plow winners Jim Wilkinson and Stevie Smith (not pictured), Dwayne Combs). Bottom right photo, from left, low boy winners Dennis Dotson, Danny Smith, and Scott Fyffe.

