



News From District Two

**GOOD
JOB!**

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leaving

stances, relatively poor alignment. Two of these sections were in District 2 and one was located in District 1. In May of 2002, it was determined that

When US 68/KY 80 from Bowling Green to Cadiz was reconstructed from two lanes to four lanes, parts of the existing road were utilized. There was a concern that there would not be enough money to the project unless portions of the old road were used.

Therefore, some sections were simply resurfaced,

narrow shoulders, poor sight distance and in some in-

there was some bond money that could be used for this project but would have to be spent by September 30, 2003.

Contractors were invited to a pre-bid conference in Hopkinsville to discuss the work and explain the ground rules under which this work was to be let. The meeting was held on May 24, 2002. The work was to be let as a design build project and would be three separate projects with each being bid separately. The time between the pre-bid conference and the time bids were received was less than a month because the awards were issued on June 20, 2002. Rogers Group, Inc. of

Hopkinsville was the low bidder on all three projects. The team that Rogers Group assembled included: QK4, Scotties Contracting, Scott-Murphy, N.H. Stone, Charbon Bridge Co., Mid-America Milling Co. and Reynolds Striping. All of the projects were under the supervision of Project Engineer Glenn Bradley, P.E. and his crew 317, stationed in Hopkinsville.

Prior to beginning the work, a formal partnering meeting was held on June 20, 2002 at the Pennyrile State Park Lodge. As part of the workshop, work products were developed which include the Partnership Mission Statement, the Partnership Goals,

and Action Plans to identify, define and recommend a resolution to many of the Critical Issues on the project. As a result of this coordination and pre-planning, there was not one claim on any of the projects. Any issues encountered were resolved at the job level with no problems ever reaching the district level. This was due to good communications and weekly progress meetings.

Congratulations to District 2 for not only doing a fantastic job and finishing the work four months ahead of schedule but also for having no construction related accidents, even while working at night and under traffic.





News From District Three



BUCKLE UP AMERICA!



Buckle Up America Week was kicked off May 19 with the largest-ever nationwide law enforcement program to increase safety belt use. The May enforcement effort was specifically targeting young drivers. "Teens and young adults are killed at far higher rates in crashes because they are caught in a lethal intersection of inexperience, risk taking and low safety belt use," according to U.S. Secretary Norman Y. Mineta.

Angie Rush's class at Barren County High School can tell you firsthand the dangers of driving unbuckled. They recently participated in and won a Public Service Announcement Contest with the subject being safety belt use. Students were given seatbelt data as it relates to their county to use for the PSA and were encouraged to do additional research for the project. Barren County was one of four schools in the District #3/BRADD area that sent in a PSA about safety belt usage.

"We received entries from four high schools: Hart Co., Barren Co., Franklin Simpson and Monroe Co.," said Greg Meredith, Chief District Engineer for District #3. Meredith along with KSP Trooper Nick Stephens and Steve White, WKU, served as judges for the contest. It was hosted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Barren River ADD and sponsored by Houchens, the BBQ Inn, Flora Templeton Stuart, State Farm Insurance, Martin Automotive and Jim Johnson. Sponsors provided gift certificates for the students who turned in the winning video. They will also receive a traveling trophy.

The gift certificates were presented to the students during the original date for the event, February 14. The rest of the activities for that day had to be canceled because of rain. The remaining activities were rescheduled for May 22 at Barren County High School. As part of the prize for submitting the winning video, Drive Smart will be on hand with a roll-over simulator and a no-zone truck; two exhibits that promote driver safety.

Angie Rush, Business/Marketing teacher at Barren County High School, commented about the contest, "This project was a wonderful opportunity for my students to build and display leadership, team organization and communication skills, as well as responsibility.....as a result of this project's focus, the class came together as one unit in a way that I had not witnessed before. My students and I have enjoyed this project more than I ever anticipated and I thank the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and BRADD for giving my class the opportunity to work on this PSA."



Dennis Gardner, Drive Smart, explains the importance of wearing a safety belt to a group of seniors at Barren County High School.

Cemetery Road/Interchange Ribbon Cutting

Governor Paul E. Patton was one of five speakers on the agenda Wednesday, May 23 for the long-awaited ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Cemetery Road/Interchange. It was held at 9:00 AM at the St. James Methodist Church located on the project.

"This new gateway will improve the access and mobility for the citizens of Bowling Green/Warren County as well as being an aesthetically pleasing entrance to the community," stated Governor Patton. "I'm very pleased we were able to plan and complete this important project in a cooperative spirit with both local residents and the community at-large. This new entrance also provides Western Kentucky University as well as downtown Bowling Green with a more direct connection to the interstate," said Patton.

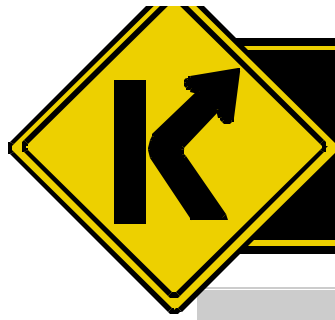
Although the project has been open to traffic since December 17, 2002, it was decided to wait until the landscaping was completely installed before holding a celebration for the Cemetery Road project. Public opposition was the circumstance that pushed the design for the project built today which includes the landscaping and walking path. The walking path serves as a connector between Keriakes Park and the Lover's Lane Soccer Complex while the entire project has long been touted as the "Green Gateway" to Bowling Green.

The project is a widening and partial realignment of 2.42 miles of KY 234 (Cemetery Rd) including a new interchange with I-65. The project begins near Collett Lane, crosses I-65 and ends at Drakes Creek Bridge. The project need was first recognized in the 1982 Update of the Bowling Green Transportation Plan.

Work for the 12.5 million dollar construction project was originally anticipated to take place in the 80's but was stopped due to public concerns, one of those being commercialization of the corridor. The project was brought back on line a decade later to alleviate traffic congestion along Cemetery Road and also at Exit 22 (Scottsville Road and I-65). The project ran a smoother course during the second try thanks to the collaboration of city, county and planning representatives in the creation of a project that is sensitive to the community needs and character.

Pictured from left to right: BG Chamber Ambassador Howard Surface; State Highway Engineer Mac Yowell; Speaker Jody Richards; Mayor Sandy Jones; Judge Michael Buchanon; Governor Paul E. Patton; Director of Operation Pride Susan McCue; Chief District Engineer for D-3 Greg Meredith; and BG Chamber Ambassador Charles M. Moore, Jr.





News From District Four

FLYING HIGH

Tony Buckner raises the flags on the new flagpole that was installed recently at the District Four new office building. Contractors are still working on the landscaping, parking lot and other finishing touches. An Open House for the new District Four Office Building will be announced soon.



RIGHT OF WAY INFORMATIONAL MEETING



Citizens of Grayson County met with Chief District Engineer, Tom Jobe (left) and Right of Way Supervisor, Dean Loy (right) at the Clarkson Elementary School to discuss the proposed completion of the Wendall Ford Parkway Interchange with KY 224. The meeting gave property owners an opportunity to discuss the project prior to the initiation of the right of way acquisition process.

SKYWARN

Norm Reitmeir, with the National Weather Service (SKYWARN), conducted two "Weather Spotter" classes for District Four employees on June 4. Severe weather conditions such as funnel clouds, hail, wind speed and excessive rainfall, flooding and tornadoes were discussed. The two-hour class consisted of videos, with a question and answer session. To report any type of severe or unusual weather, call the National Weather Service at 1-800-292-5588.



Just Memories

As District Four employees moved into their new building, the only thing left of their old building were memories and Old Glory. Contractors demolished the building a couple of weeks ago. Tom Jobe said, "The Highway Department has been good to me and I have spent a lot of hours in that old building. But, I'm also glad to be in our new building".



SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Thank
You!

Tom Jobe presented employees with service certificates recently. After thanking employees for their years of service and hard work, he treated everyone to donuts, cookies and coffee. Pictured below are employees who received certificates from the District Office, Traffic, Garage and Special Crew. Again, thank you for your dedication to the Highway Department.



Special Crew

Timothy Whelan-20yrs
Kenton Riggs-16 yrs
Terry Paxton-16 yrs
Donald Parrish-30 yrs
Allen Durrett-25 yrs
Dale Martin-25 yrs
Larry Hornback-30 yrs

District Office

Beverly Bishop-30 yrs
Katie Dailey-30 yrs
Bill Dean-25 yrs
James Lewis-16 yrs
Bob Harrison-25 yrs
Kevin Cartwright-16 yrs
Janice Mozeleski-20 yrs
Rusty Wallace-20 yrs

Traffic

Roger Embree-16 yrs
Raymond Gribbins-16 yrs
Barth Spalding-16 yrs
Allan Anderson-16 yrs



Garage

Noel Bradshaw-16 yrs
Justin Sallee-16 yrs
Kenneth Embree-16 yrs
Terry Allen-25 yrs



MARCH OF DIMES



Thanks to the efforts of Mary Lynn Warren (left) and Katie Daily (right), District Four Coordinators for the March of Dimes, employees contributed \$1,200 to the 2003 campaign, exceeding their goal by \$1,000.

Mary Lynn Warren
presents
Glenn Shoffner with
the weed eater that he won
in a silent auction
for the March of Dimes.



Based on the number of dollars donated, District Four Garage employees were the winners of a breakfast, followed by a pie-throwing contest. Below, left to right, Larry Smith, Jean Moore, Tom Jobe, Rusty Wallace and Charlie Allen were some of the employees who volunteered for the pie-throwing contest. Other volunteers not included in the picture: Gary Raymer, Dianne Whitworth, T.J. Gilpin, Adrian Gedling, Steve Hall and Lester Carter.



News From District Five

District 5 KECC Golf Scramble
August 14, 2003
Weissinger Golf Course in Shelbyville, KY
\$45.00 per person which includes lunch &
soft drinks
Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place Teams
Door Prizes Too
Contact Andrea Clifford or Marie Holtz
at 502-367-6411 for more details.



Chief District Engineer, Bill Monhollon, joins Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, U.S. Congresswoman Anne Northup, and Waterfront Development Chair, Charles I. McCarty at a groundbreaking ceremony for improvements along River Road in downtown Louisville.



Jeff Proctor of District 5 was the Overall Champion of the 2003 Louisville Chapter APWA Roadeo. Jeff took first place in three categories and 2nd and 3rd in two other categories. In addition to earning the traveling trophy pictured here, Jeff also won \$400. Congratulations!!



On Thursday, June 19, 2003, District 5 held an appreciation luncheon for the 2002-2003 KEEN presenters. Everyone enjoyed lasagna, breadsticks, and salad. A "Thank You" cake was provided by District 5 KEEN Coordinator, Jan Cunningham. While not all of the presenters were able to attend the luncheon, we want them all to know how much we appreciate them. Thanks so much for all of your efforts during the past school year!! (Pictured from left to right are Kevin Bailey, Barry Sanders, Jan Cunningham, and Huy Ly.)

District 5 Service Awards



CDE Bill Monhollon (left) presents Ed Freeman with a certificate for 30 years of service. Ed is a right of way agent in the Preconstruction branch.



Elaine Daniels (left) is given a certificate for 20 years of service by Barry Sanders, Construction Branch Manager. Elaine is a member of one of the Jefferson County construction crews.



Jefferson County Maintenance Superintendent Tony Basham (left) presents a 25 year service certificate to Jeff Proctor. Jeff serves on the 24 hour emergency line at the Poplar Level Road maintenance facility.



Jeff Bibb (left), Director of the Driver Safety Division, spoke at a memorial event honoring those who lost their lives on Kentucky's highways during 2002. The event was held at the Welcome Center on Interstate 65 in Bullitt County. Gary & Vickie Feltman of Louisville and Ramona Willis of Hodgenville shared of their experience with losing a loved one due to a traffic accident. A new number plate indicating the 917 lives lost during 2002 was placed on the monument shown above. As the plate was installed, family members present came forward and told the name and home town of their loved ones.



News From District Eight

PARKWAY TOLLS REMOVED



May 31, 2003, was the last day that motorists paid tolls on the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway. Governor Louie B. Nunn for whom the Parkway is named was the last person to pay a toll at the Russell Springs Toll Plaza. When the Parkway opened in September, 1973, Mr. Junior Johnson, the man in the backseat behind Governor Nunn was the first person to pay a toll at this Plaza, and Mr. Garfield Gosser, the grandfather of Mataia McFarland, the toll collector in the picture, collected the first toll from Mr. Johnson.



News From District Eight

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



Tammy Wilson, District 8 Traffic Engineer, is the Pulaski County Chairperson for the American Cancer Society. At lunch on June 10, hotdogs were sold and a dunking booth set up at the Traffic Barn to help this deserving cause. \$480 was raised for the American Cancer Society, and everyone enjoyed themselves except some who were dunked said that the water was **ICY** cold.





News from District Nine

Overcast skies, cool gusts of wind, and an occasional rain shower could not deter approximately 30 bikers from riding in the Relay for Life Poker Run, Saturday, May 31, 2003. Engines roared as they exited the Industrial Park at 11:05 to begin their 3-hour run.

The route ran from KY 32 to the Goddard Bridge across Rawlings Road to Ringos Mill Bridge, up KY 158 to KY 801 with a stop at the Interstate BP.

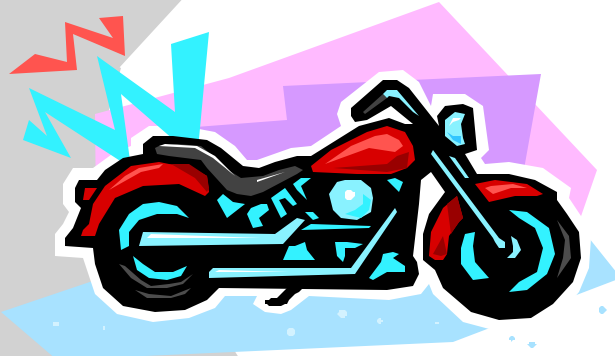
They continued on KY 801 and crossed Cave Run Dam stopping below the Dam. From there they turned left and proceeded up US 60, turned left onto KY 965 then right onto KY 36 to Owingsville. After a stop at the Lions Club Park they cruised on down KY 111 back to the Industrial Park. At each stop the riders drew a card. Card hands were compared and prizes awarded

upon arriving back at the Park. "Bikers Cuisine" –

brown beans, hotdogs, and sauerkraut- was served to all participants. District Nine Participants Included: Jeff McIntyre, Crew 810 Traffic; Richard & Regina Hardyman, Crew 800 Traffic; Chris & Juanita Fern, Fleming County Maintenance; Tommy Whisman, District Office; John Moore, Crew 811 Traffic; Debbie Jolly, Crew 810 Traffic; Margaret Tranbarger, Crew 200 Traffic; Billy Ray & Norma Darnell, Crew 810 Traffic.

District Nine

Relay for Life Poker Run



D9 Poker Run Photos



Pictured Left to Right: Jimmy and Candy Jones; **Jeff McIntyre**, Traffic Crew 810; **Richard** and Regina **Hardymon**, Traffic Crew 800; **Chris** and Juanita **Fern**, Fleming Co. Maintenance; **Tommy Whisman**, District Office.



Division of Traffic's **Margaret Tranbarger** is trying Tommy Whisman's 1988 Harley on for size!

Debbie Jolly, Traffic Crew 810, wishes **John Moore**, Traffic Crew 811, a safe trip as he begins the day's journey





News From District Eleven

WASTE TIRE AMNESTY

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) hosted the state's second Tire Amnesty in The Cumberland Valley Area Development District (ADD) this spring.

The DEP coordinated with the solid waste coordinators in the counties, seven of which were in District 11. Our Maintenance Facilities in each county were the designated drop off points. The program began May 8th in Jackson Co. and will end in Harlan Co. on June 28th.

In Laurel County the project brought in over 60,000 tires, over 400 people participated in the program with 27 loads of tires shipped out for recycling.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

District 11 is proud to have someone from our area receive a Civil Engineering Scholarship with the Cabinet. Mr. Quentin Smith, Pre-Construction Section, presented a certificate to Mr. Aaron Renfro, at his recent graduation ceremonies at Williamsburg High School. Mr. Renfro has the opportunity of working with us this summer and will be offered permanent employment immediately upon graduation from the University of Kentucky.

These scholarships are worth over \$38,400 over a 5 year period making them unique because “there is no other scholarship like this one in the nation”.



**District 11
Welcomes
Toll Workers**



District 11 welcomed 40 employees from the former Daniel Boone Parkway on June 16th. Clay County Maintenance Superintendent, John Ed Pennington hosted a Fish Fry for the new employees on Wednesday, June 18th.



TONY TURNER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

On Wednesday, June 25th, 2003 Secretary James C. Codell, III along with State Representatives Brandon Smith- Perry County, Rick Nelson-Bell Co. and other dignitaries from Perry & Harlan Counties dedicated to Tony Turner a portion of US 421 from the northern city limits of Harlan in Harlan County to the southern city limits of Hyden in Leslie County, naming it the "Tony Turner Memorial Highway." Tony traveled this road on a daily.

Eastern Kentucky was very special to Tony Turner and Tony was very special to the people of Eastern Kentucky. Tony grew up in a coal camp in Harlan County and began his broadcasting career at WFSR radio where he was general manager from 1976 until 1986 when he moved from radio to television and joined the staff of WYMT-TV. At WYMT he worked as a general assignment reporter for about a year before he was named news director and anchor of the six o'clock news program- a position he held for sixteen years before being named station manager and vice-president in 2001.



He did great things for this area such as his involvement with the PRIDE cleanup program, the rural development committee and his commitment to the development and enhancement of Eastern Kentucky. He anchored a show for many years called "Issues and Answers... The Mountain Edition" that featured guests from all walks of life, including local mayors and former presidents.

Turner was involved in a head-on collision on KY 92 in Whitley County on June 10, 2002. He died three weeks later on June 30th from injuries sustained in the crash.

Secretary Codell emphasized how important it is for everyone to BUCKLE-UP and stressed that education and enforcement were crucial in saving lives and that many lives could possibly be saved if we only take those few extra seconds to fasten our seatbelts.



News From District Twelve

Traffic installs D-12's first LED signals in Whitesburg

They are brighter, and sometimes even seem to flash a little, although the Traffic Crew denies that's so. Maybe it's just the sun reflecting off the new LED-type signal heads installed in Letcher County at the intersection of KY 15 and KY 15X, near Whitesburg High School.

Eric Stephens explained that this new technology significantly reduces the maintenance chore of replacing incan-



descent bulbs and also reduces the District's monthly electricity costs.

Will we see more LED signal heads throughout the District? You bet!

When traffic signal heads are changed, they will be replaced with

LED-type heads. For example, Stephens said, all the rehab projects now underway will include LED installations.



Sammons family single
climbs to #38 on Christian
Country Music charts
Dewey Sammons's
day job is at D-12;
first love is
Christian music

The Sammons Family's single *Across the Miles* (*There's someone praying for me...*) started at #89 on *Power Source* magazine's Country Christian Music charts in February. In June it had climbed to #38. The single, written by Karen R. Staley and originally released by the bluegrass group Third Time Out, is a cut from The Sammons Family's CD *Timeless*, which features District 12 Utilities Coordinator and ROW Agent Dewey Sammons and his family.

The Sammons Family includes Dewey's parents, Arliss and Priscilla; his wife, Pam; their daughters, Kendra and Marisa; and Dewey's brother, Tim. Arliss and Priscilla were married in 1955. He sang on occasion with the original Sammons Quartet in the '40s and '50s, and now sings tenor and is the spokesman for The

Sammons Family. Priscilla sings alto and plays acoustic guitar. She works in the Floyd Circuit Clerk's Office.

Dewey and Pam were married in 1983. He sings tenor, writes songs, and works with Tim on their musical arrangements. Dewey also plays lead guitar, banjo, fiddle, and harmonica. Kendra, who will be a ninth grader at Paintsville High School this fall, plays fiddle and sings harmony. Marisa, a fifth grader at Mountain Christian Academy, also plays fiddle and sings harmony. Pam sings alto and lead and coordinates the group's appointments. Pam is an Administrative Assistant at Mountain Christian Academy.

Brother Tim, an employee of SouthEast Telephone, sings lead and plays piano, bass guitar, and mandolin.

You can hear clips of "Across the Miles" on The Sammons Family website, sammonsfamilymusic.com. *Timeless* was recorded by Tranquillity Records at Long Island Recording Studios in Lexington. D-12's Planning Branch Manager Keith Damron did the photography for the CD, and ROW Agent Kathy Chapman served as photo set assistant.

The Sammons Family makes about 125 appearances each year, throughout the Eastern United States and to the edge of the Mid-West.

