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## Texas Turnaround Comes to Kentucky

A project to improve safety and access for traffic heading northbound into Ohio from Covington, Kentucky, by giving drivers more time to move to their intended lane, started the end of March.

Named because of its beginning and subsequent popularity in the State of Texas, the Texas Turnaround is a travel pattern that helps traffic move more efficiently through busy highway interchange areas.

Once construction is completed, the existing entrance ramp from 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Downtown Covington to I-71/75 northbound will be permanently closed. Following clearly-marked signage, drivers will access Pike St. by using the existing ramp that carries traffic to I-71/75 southbound, then turn left onto a new ramp, then left again onto I-71/75 northbound. There will be no traffic signals throughout this movement.

Additional project components include: Restriping the travel lanes on I-71/75 northbound to provide an additional travel lane from Pike St. to the Brent Spence Bridge. Reconstructing the bridge that carries traffic from I-71/75 northbound to 5<sup>th</sup> St. to accommodate the new traffic pattern. Upgrading traffic signals for local traffic at Pike St. Building various safety features, including crosswalks and new sidewalks, for pedestrians in the Pike St. area.

"Currently, a northbound driver who enters I-71/75 northbound from the 4<sup>th</sup> St. on-ramp in Covington and wants to continue north to I-75 in Ohio has to cross multiple lanes of travel – on the bridge," said Bob Yeager, Chief District Engineer of KYTC's District 6 office. "The new travel pattern will provide more time for drivers to safely change lanes," he continued.



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## Back 2 Back!

KYTC Secretary Jim Gray and the Secretary's Office of Safety awarded District 6 the 2021 KYTC Safety Excellence Award. District 6 also won in 2020. The award is based on Management Leadership and Involvement, Hazard Recognition and Controls, Employee Engagement, Evaluation and Improvement, Training and Competence, and Number of Injuries/Incidents. A strong Safety Committee is also a huge factor in meeting all these leading indicators. Pictured left to right: **Jonathon Bradford, Chris Reis, Stewart Stephens**, Chief District Engineer - **Bob Yeager**, D 6 Safety Coordinator - **Bobbie Joering, Eric Cain**, Secretary. Jim Gray, **Jeremy Hensley, Michael Gregory, Maggie Enzweiler, Adam Logan**. Missing: **Emily Eising, Adam Fox and DJ Imfeld**.





The Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network (KEEN) is doing great things in District 6! KEEN offers fun, interactive activities to get students interested in Engineering. Whether students are counting how many coins the boat they built can hold or building bridges out of spice drops and toothpicks; they're learning about the engineering process. Students are given a basic understanding of the different types of engineers and what jobs they perform. Many respond positively and express their interest directly to our presenters. This year KEEN presenters gave 43 presentations while visiting 16 different schools. That means KEEN has reached over 1000 students this year alone! Out of those 1010 students, 482 were females and 120 were minorities. Inclusivity is an important goal within KEEN.

The obvious problems that arose with the pandemic, mainly the inability to visit schools in person, did not hold the program back. KEEN is proud to say that this school year saw the most presentations since the 2016/2017 school year! KEEN is not only breaking records in presentations done; there's record involvement too. Our group of volunteers is the largest it's been since the 2017/2018 school

year. The program has an excellent team of volunteers; many of whom got their start in engineering from KEEN themselves. Five new presenters have joined this year; Brooke Collins, Walter Johnson, Matt Yeager, Matt Blankenship, and Tonya Riley. However, just because there's been growth doesn't mean there isn't more room to en-

courage it. The more people involved; the more kids we get to reach. The program always has room for volunteers and it's not just for Engineers! All help is welcome and deeply appreciated. If you're interested in getting involved (whether through contacting schools, interacting with students, or anything in between) email Kyle McMahon at [kyle.mcmahon@ky.gov](mailto:kyle.mcmahon@ky.gov).



## SAFETY TALK

by Bobbie Joering

### Distracted Driving – Cell Phone Usage

Distracted driving is a major public health and safety issue and is increased by using cell phones. When you use your phone (texting or calling) you are taking your eyes off the road for 5-10 seconds, or essentially driving on the roadway with your eyes closed. Many thrive at multitasking but multitasking behind the wheel is life threatening to you and to others.

Hazards associated with cell phone usage and operating a vehicle:

- Cell phone conversations can be more intense and distracting than casual conversations with a passenger.
- Cell phone users are less likely to react quickly enough to a traffic situation if they are on the phone and not paying attention to the roadway.
- Drivers focus on the handheld device to make calls instead of paying attention to the roadway.



KYTC Policy: SHA -1704 - Employees shall not use cell phones or other electronic devices while operating state-owned or state-leased vehicles or equipment.

Employees shall not use cell phones or other electronic devices while working around or in close proximity to vehicles or equipment while they are in use.

Safety Reminder:

If you must make a phone call from your vehicle, pull safely off the road, stop, then dial.

Find a parking lot, rest stop or normal parking area. Pulling off on the shoulder of the roadway for a phone call puts you in unnecessary danger.





# Team Players

**Tyler Clemons** is a Highway Technician I for Harrison County Crew 324. This August he will be with D6 for six years. He previously worked at 3M in Cynthiana. Tyler is a 2011 graduate of Harrison County High School and has been a lifelong resident. He and his wife Kendra have been married for seven years. She works for the Harrison County school system. They have two sons; Rhett is seven and will be in second grade this upcoming school year, and Easton is three. Tyler likes fishing. Besides the local water holes, he likes to fish for bass and catfish at Lake Cumberland. Bowhunting is also a passion of Tyler's. His biggest to date was an 11-point buck. Tyler likes to follow the Clemson Tigers in football. The Clemons' favorite vacation spots are Daytona, Florida and Gatlinburg/ Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

On May 12, 2022 the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held the 2022 Boone County Preservation Awards "People Saving Places." The event had been postponed for two years due to the pandemic. **Rob Davis**, Right of Way Unit Leader for Right of Way Section Crew 206 received an award for his efforts in preserving archived highway plans. Matt Becher, President, visited Rob's house to receive a truck load of old plans in the spring of 2020. The Boone County GIS mappers soon digitized the plans into their database. Presenting this award is Bridget Striker Board Member of BCHPRB. Rob is proud that he was able to find homes for all the highway plans, by contacting either the county library, historic society or mapping agency for the counties within D6. There was great interest in preserving these documents within each county. The KYTC website does post old highway plans, but the public may not be aware of our website. Plus many folks like to roll out the printed blueprint plans to study how highway alignments changed over time. The plans in D6 date as far back as the early 1920s.



## New Gigs

**Christy Manhardt**  
Administrative Specialist II  
Burlington Section  
Crew 340



**Chris Cobb**  
HTA I  
Grant County Crew 322

**Hogan Federmann**  
GEA  
District Office Crew 200



**Mitchell Dawn**  
Right of Way Agent I  
Right of Way  
Section Crew 206

**Craig Smith**  
HTA I  
Pendleton County Crew 362



**Jason Rider**  
HTA I  
Boone County Crew 342

**Sam Holt**  
Right of Way Agent I  
Right of Way  
Section Crew 206



**Tim Russell**  
HTA I  
Kenton County Crew 302



If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how *amazing* you can be.  
~ Maya Angelou



**Ben Spratt** is working in the Traffic & Permits Section Crew 216. He will be a senior at UK and will graduate in the Spring 2023 with a Civil Engineering degree.



**Jack Lord** is working in the Traffic & Permits Section Crew 216 this summer. He will be starting his sophomore year at WKU in the fall.

**Cole Januski** will be entering his senior year at UK and will be graduating with a Civil Engineering degree in Spring of 2023. He is working with the Structures Section Crew 214.



**Nick Brown** will be going into his 3rd year at UK and graduating with a Civil Engineering degree in Spring 2023. He is working with the Structures Section Crew 214.



**Tristan Remley** has one more semester at UK and will graduate with a Civil Engineering degree in December 2022. He is working with the Covington Section Crew 300.



**Parker Schimpff** will start his freshmen year this fall at UK. He is working with Traffic & Permits Section Crew 216.



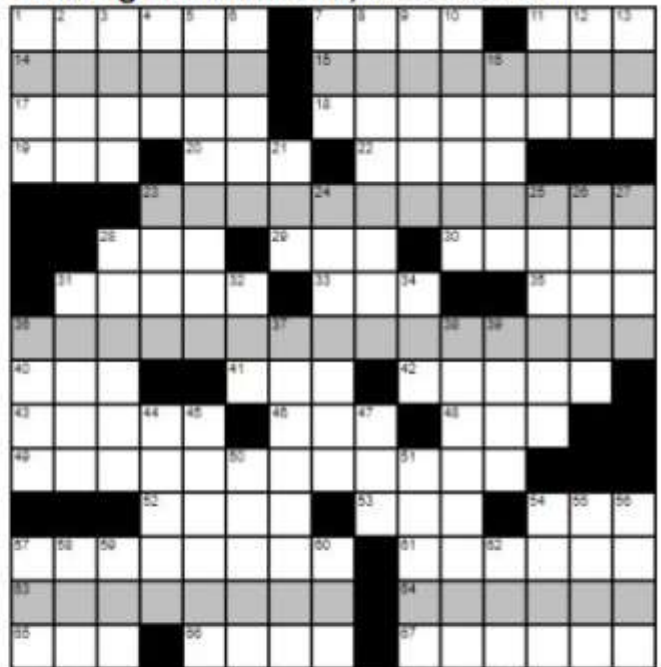
Across

- 1 Resume speed, on a score
- 7 4,840 square yards
- 11 Dot on a die
- 14 \*Interstate 471 carrier
- 15 \*KY 17 carrier
- 17 Start to talk about
- 18 Brings to trial
- 19 Positive response
- 20 Letters at the end of a proof
- 22 "Nick at \_\_\_" (TV block)
- 23 \*Pedestrians
- 28 "... or \_\_\_ thought."
- 29 Suffix for tutor or editor
- 30 Slow-moving bug
- 31 Weasel-like animal
- 33 \_\_\_-ray player
- 35 Org. for the Bengals
- 36 \*US 27 carrier
- 40 Wrestler, on some tables
- 41 Pirate's shout
- 42 Holds a modern meeting, maybe
- 43 Blues singer Bonnie
- 46 "I've seen better"
- 48 "Cry \_\_\_ a river!"
- 49 What the shaded answers all cross
- 52 Say it ain't so
- 53 Ctrl+Alt+\_\_\_ (computer shortcut)
- 54 Corn serving
- 57 Woos
- 61 Hard, Italian cheese
- 63 \*with 64-Across, US 25, US 42, and US 127 carrier

64 see 63-Across

- 65 Use a needle and thread
- 66 The A of TA (Abbv.)
- 67 Chips and dip, etc.
- Down
- 1 "Dear \_\_\_" (advice column)
- 2 It's changed at a pit stop
- 3 Big personalities
- 4 Fighter's org.
- 5 Former Filipino boxer Manny
- 6 Brownish-yellow color
- 7 Football coach Parseghian
- 8 NCAA's Big Red
- 9 Tear again
- 10 Groupon offers
- 11 Sty resident
- 12 Travel lodgings
- 13 A phonebook has many (Abbv.)
- 16 Use like a bed
- 21 PC mouse setting, for short
- 23 One might be Olympic-sized
- 24 Working person
- 25 Canal spot
- 26 Gets in some sets at the gym
- 27 Palindromic women's magazine
- 28 Throw a monkey wrench into
- 31 Comedian Sherman seen on SNL
- 32 Have a crack at
- 34 Big name in pretzels
- 36 Sour-tasting
- 37 Fluffy white dogs
- 38 Bank offering for a property-buyer
- 39 Frequent attendee

Crossing the Rubicon by Walter Johnson



- 44 The here and now
- 45 "\_\_\_ Legacy" rap album featuring "Straight Outta Compton"
- 47 Lied low
- 50 Ancient Peruvians
- 51 Action words
- 54 Higher-ed math course, briefly
- 55 Short run dist.

- 56 "The \_\_\_" (Amazon superhero show)
- 57 Alternatives to Cokes or Pepsis
- 58 Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- 59 Monster's mouth
- 60 Ready to go
- 62 "Mamma \_\_\_!"