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How Am I Lookin'?

The Brent Spence Bridge was restored to full traffic by Monday morning, Nov. 8, opening a week early. The \$35.8 million painting and cleaning project started in March. More than 35,000 gallons of paint was used to cover more than 1.5 million square feet of surface area for the maintenance project. The bridge was painted gray in accordance with KYTC Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. In addition to cleaning and painting, crews completed other routine maintenance tasks, including drainage work, signage repairs, and replacing interstate emblems on the roadway surface.

So What's Next? Current plans call for the construction of a new companion



Photo by Nancy Wood



ion bridge - NOT a replacement, to provide an additional river crossing to the west of the existing structure. New funding would also support improvements to the current bridge and interstate network throughout the entire eight-mile corridor. The bridge was designed to carry 80-100,00 vehicles per day. It currently carries twice that volume. The bridge was reconfigured in 1985 to provide an additional travel lane on each deck. Before there were three 12-foot lanes plus a 5-foot shoulder. Today there are four 11-foot lanes and a 1-foot shoulder. Work continues between Kentucky and Ohio as they work toward funding opportunities with the Infrastructure Bill. Until then, great job on the Brent Spence Painting Project!



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Who Was Clay Wade Bailey?

In the shadow of the recent focus on re-opening the Brent Spence, the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge is another important structure in the metro area that allows travel between the states of Ohio and Kentucky. The cantilever bridge carries traffic from U.S. 25, U.S. 42 and U.S. 127 across the Ohio River. The latest ADT taken in 2019 says the bridge carries 13,531 vehicles. Probably one of the most important aspects of this structure is that it is a three lane bridge, the middle lane being reversible. This means the direction of travel in the middle lane changes depending on traffic flow needs



as well as the time of day. The construction cost of the bridge was \$13.5 million. It sits aside to the C & O Railroad bridge (built in 1929). Daryl Greer, KYTC's Border Bridge Engineer, helped with information about this bridge. In an email he said, "From what I can tell from the old plans, the two main river piers were also part of the original RR bridge and were modified for the highway bridge. There was evidently another bridge there initially that shared the pier closest to Kentucky but had a different pier from the C&O RR bridge on the Ohio side. The plans show they strengthened the Kentucky side pier, and then added on to the Ohio side pier."

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They also demolished the old pier on the Ohio side." The bridge initially opened in October of 1974, and gets its name from a well-known political reporter for a now defunct newspaper, *The Kentucky Post*. The bridge was said to have been named after him because he was a friend amongst prominent legislators in Kentucky at the time who wanted to honor his memory in a special way. Clay Wade Bailey was born in Elliott County, Kentucky in 1905. He took courses at Sue Bennett College in London, Kentucky. According to the UK College of Communication and Information - School of Journalism and Media, Bailey was a Frankfort reporter for various newspapers, covering events in the state capital for 46 years. Knew every Kentucky governor or governor-to-be from J.C.W. Beckham to John Y. Brown, Jr. He started his journalism career in 1927 as assistant to chief of the Courier-Journal's Frankfort bureau, uncovering numerous scandals in state government. Served as reporter and columnist for the *Kentucky Post*. Bailey was a manager of the Frankfort bureau of United Press and correspondent for the *Lexington Herald* and the *Lexington Leader*. He was named state director of publicity in 1948, but returned to newspaper work eight years later. Had an uncanny photographic memory and the ability to read government documents upside down which he saw on officials' desks. Bailey died on February 19, 1974 and is buried in the Frankfort Cemetery.



Bridge dedication 1974

The picture above is on the Kenton County Library - Faces and Places section. This was taken by Terry Duennes with the *Kentucky Post* in January 1980. The Description says "Tim McCarthy works for State Highway Department. Checking for short circuit in traffic signal on Clay Wade Bailey Bridge ramp in Covington at 4th Street. Tim retired from KYTC in 2007."



SAFETY TALK *by Bobbie Joering*

Why Safety Matters to Me

Your personal safety is always top priority. We work in an extremely high-risk environment and it is imperative that we follow the safety policies put in place to prevent injuries. Workplace injuries not only impacts an employee, but it also has significant impacts on your family, friends and even the things you enjoy doing. This could be emotional, physical and financial impacts.

Emotional: You may become disconnected from your family due to the injury you sustained.

Your family must take on more roles to support you.

You cannot care for your family.

You are stressed about your finances and worried about lost wages.

Physical: You may not be able to do the things you did before the workplace injury.

You may miss out on outdoor adventures.

You may not be able to walk your dog or feed your animals on the farm.

You may have to cancel or stay home from a camping trip that your family planned.

Financial: Workers Compensation claims pay out 66% of your salary.

You are unable to meet your financial obligations.

Your lack of income can put a strain on your household.

You may endure additional expenses to care your family since you unable to.

Why Safety Matters to Me

- I am a mom of two, Jayde (11) and Jax (8) and they are my world! I want nothing more than to come home each day, so I can spend time with my kids, and be there to hug and kiss them goodnight. We enjoy vacations; Disney World, Holden Beach and KY State Parks are some of our favorite places to visit. My children would be devastated if their mommy was injured and unable to do all the fun things we currently do. I don't want to put that burden on them, and I strive to always work safely.



I encourage you to think of your "Why Safety Matters to Me". We would like to highlight your reason "Why Safety Matters to Me" by creating a billboard in the District Office. Please send photos to Bobbie Joering to be posted on our new Wall of Safety at the District Office.

Team Players



Tim Hayes has been with KYTC since 2016, but has a lifetime career in public service, beginning in 1984 with 23 years as a Kenton County Police to his present role with our Permits Section here at D6. Although Tim now resides in Villa Hills, he lived most of his life in Independence and was a 1979 graduate of Simon Kenton. He went on to earn an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, both from NKU and is currently working towards a graduate degree in Information Science from UK. Tim also has been recognized with numerous awards throughout his career, including a Medal of Honor for Life Saving from KCPD, and has completed numerous certifications such as Open Water Advanced Scuba Diving and EMT/CPR instructor. Apparently, Tim has passed on his "smarts" to his daughter Cassidy (18), who skipped her last two years of high school and went straight into college. She is currently enrolled at UK on a full scholarship as a Junior, majoring in Medical Biology. In addition to being the proud papa to Cassidy and to his two cats, Tanis (6) and Claire (16), Tim's interests include motorcycles, music, ancient history, astronomy, and fencing/Kendo.



Craig Walker is an Engineer Tech III for Planning Section Crew 202. He is from Frankfort, Kentucky and graduated from Franklin County High School in 2003. He continued his education at the University of Kentucky and graduated in 2007 with a degree in GIS/Geography. Fun fact - Craig was a member of the University of Kentucky marching and pep band, playing the trombone. He has been with the state for 13 1/2 years, starting his senior year as an intern through UK's GIS/Cartography program with Central Office Planning. He transferred to District 6 in the fall of 2019. He and his wife Tara have been married for 13 years. They reside in Independence with their 13 year old Daisy, a Boston Terrier and 4 year old Great Dane named Gracie. Tara and Craig met at UK. She is the Diversity and Inclusion Manager for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA). Craig played tennis while in high school and still continues to play. He likes to work on projects around the house. Craig and Tara like to travel, spend time with family, friends and their dogs. Craig loves his sports. He enjoys watching baseball, basketball and football. His favorite teams are Kentucky football and basketball and the Atlanta Braves.



The Eising's added a new member to their family. Say hello to Ellie Gale. She was born on October 20, 2021 at 5:24 p.m., weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz and measuring 20.5 inches. Her big brother Boone is 2 years old. The proud parents are **Emily Eising**, District 6 Engineer II for Utilities and **Kyle Eising**, an HT I for Burlington Section Office Crew 340.



New Chapter

Nikki Hill is moving on from District 6 to take a new position with Prime AE, which was previously Integrated Engineering. She's been with District 6 since May of 2016 and worked several summers while she was on the transportation scholarship.

We wish you the best Nikki!



Proud Parent Moments

District 6 Road Masters - Road Scholars 2021

The Roads Scholar and Road Master Training Program's newest graduates were recently recognized in completing the Technology Transfer Program (T2) promoted by the Kentucky Transportation Center.

The Roads Scholar and Road Master virtual graduation was held on December 16 from 2:00pm-3:00pm Dr. Doug Kreis, Kentucky Transportation Center Director, spoke and then introduced Secretary Gray. Secretary spoke about maintenance activities and preparation for the winter. He congratulated individuals on all their accomplishments.

There was much effort put in by the District Office and the Maintenance Barns to transition from in-person to virtual learning. This new virtual format was implemented from Mid-March of 2020 and lasting throughout the remainder of 2021. Even with the challenges faced with switching to this format, the graduation numbers remained on par with the previous years. Well done to all the graduates!

The mission of T2 is to promote efficiency in Kentucky's transportation system by presenting state-of-the-art technology for application by governmental agencies.

There were 214 Roads Scholars and 260 Road Masters graduating this year from city, county and state governments.

Of those, 152 Roads Scholars and 212 Road Masters were from KYTC!

The Roads Scholar program since 1988 and has produced 4,310 graduates. The Road Master program since 1998 and has produced over 3,441 graduates.

District 6:

Since the programs began, 228 Roads Scholars and 168 Road Masters have come from District 6.

2021 Road Scholar/Road Master Program	
Drew Fulmer, Isaac King	- HTA I - Boone Co Crew 342
Aaron Mason	- HTA I - Boone Co - Sign Crew 216
Austin Reese	- HTA I, Derek Thomas - HTA II - Boone Co Crew 342
Payton Autry, Landon Bishop, Bill Boling, Mike Gregory	- HTA II - Bracken Co Crew 364
William Gallagher	- HTA II - Campbell Co Crew 304
Mark King	- HTA II - Gallatin Co Crew 386
Andrew Gay	- HT I - Grant Co Crew 322
June Howard	- HT II, Troy Riley - HT I - Covington Section Office Crew 300
Lee House, Adam Peace	- HTA I, Steve Mason - HTA II - Owen Co Crew 382
Brandon Figgins	- HT II - Falmouth Section Office Crew 360
Wesley Gay	- HTA II - Robertson Co Crew 366
Ethan Lankford	- HT I -



The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety's mission is "To support effective and collaborative partnerships to advance traffic safety awareness, education and enforcement in an effort to save lives on Kentucky roadways." Since 2005, KOHS has kept a report of the daily fatality statistics update. The report comes out daily and can be found on their webpage. The report includes several breakdowns of info: The 15

Area Development Districts (ADD), the 16 Highway Districts and the 16 Kentucky State Police Post (KSP). It provides the number of fatalities caused by alcohol/drugs. It breaks down ages in 12 classes, if a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) was involved and number of those that were motorcycle fatalities. If seat belts were used/not used and helmets/no helmets. Of the 780 highway fatalities last year (2020) in Kentucky, 57.1 percent were not wearing a seat belt and 15.9 percent involved alcohol. Approximately 32 percent involved speeding or aggressive drivers and 19 percent involved driver distraction. Pedestrians and bicyclists accounted for 97 deaths and motorcyclists accounted for 74 deaths. "While numbers are important to identify potential issues and areas of concern, highway safety is not all about numbers – it's about people," said Secretary Jim Gray.



Highway Fatalities

Year	Statewide	D6
2001	843	68
2002	915	80
2003	928	59
2004	964	72
2005	985	83
2006	913	65
2007	864	69
2008	826	50
2009	791	67
2010	760	50
2011	721	52
2012	746	73
2013	638	39
2014	672	41
2015	761	62
2016	834	56
2017	782	70
2018	725	55
2019	732	52
2020	780	70
2021	*744	*33

* As of Dec. 21

New Gigs



Wesley Nelson
HTA I
Bracken County Crew 364

Will Butke
HTA I
Campbell County Crew 304



Jeremy Frasure
HTA I
Kenton County Crew 302



Faith Houze
HTA I
Structures Crew 214



Kenon Bolog
HTA
Boone County Crew 342

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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QAYURR
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FELUUS
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TRIVEN
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW
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Bridge Turkey, Richard J. Seiple, 78, Corvallis Township



Brent Vanover Turkey, Myrtle Hayes, 71, Hilliard



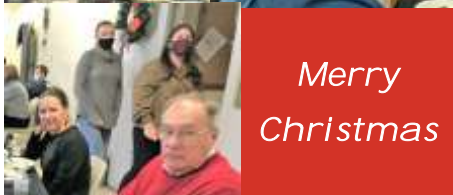
Since 1988, The Enquirer has had a Dress the Turkey contest where folks could submit their creativity. This year the Brent Spence Bridge gobbled its way in several submissions. There were 3 different age groups. The finalists were announced on Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy!

Don't believe anything you hear and only half of what you see ~ Bob Yeager



Here's your sign - Funny Puns from the Indian Hills Community Center in Indian Hills, Colorado

Christmas Word Search



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| Advent | Jesus | Worship | Purple And Pink | Saint Nicholas Day |
| Angels | Mary | Egypt | Holy Family | John The Baptist |
| Assemble | Elizabeth | Donkey | Zachariah | Incarnation |
| Bethlehem | Jesse Tree | Herod | Caesar Augustus | Immaculate Conception |
| Messiah | Joseph | Martyr | Light Of The World | Calendar |
| Camels | Gabriel | Humble | Astrologers | Star |
| King David | Shepherds | Stable | Solemnity | Infant |
| Christian | Gold | Ox | Christ The King | Hymns |
| Creche | Family Tree | Sheep | Reverence | Myrrh |
| Emmanuel | Manger | Temple | Betrothed | Epiphany |
| Tax | Magi | Jerusalem | Swaddling | Heavenly Host |

