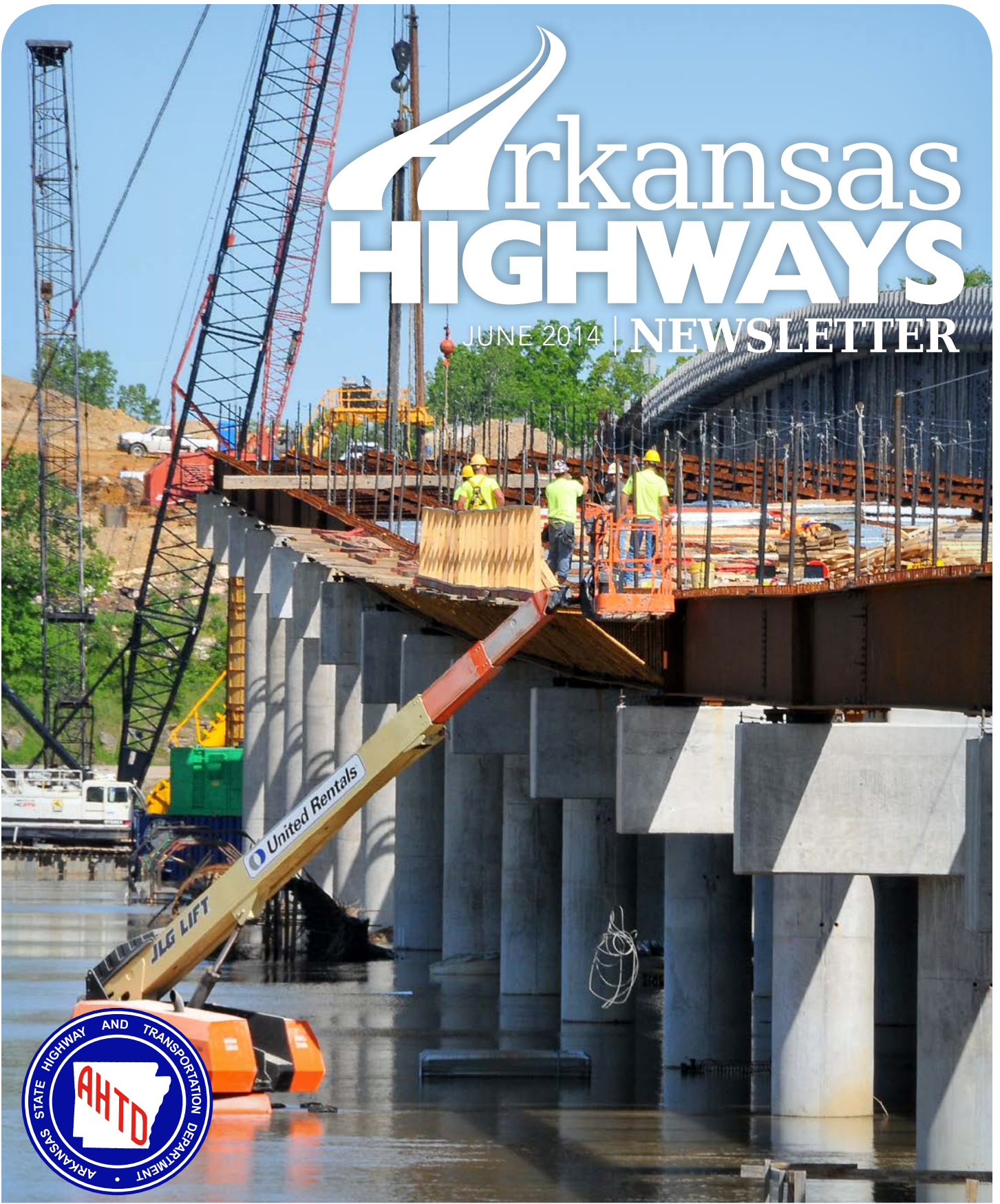


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# Ashley Receives DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**W**anda Ashley, Internal EEO Coordinator, received the Robert L. Bradley Distinguished Service Award at the 2014 National American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Civil Rights Conference on April 30th. The conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona, during the AASHTO Civil Rights Symposium.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates some or all of the following characteristics: inspiration to others; dedication to community service, exceptional dedication to civil rights programs; epitome of professionalism; exceptional character; and legendary champion of the profession.

The award is named after Robert L. Bradley, who directed the Georgia Department of Transportation's civil rights programs for many years. He left a legacy of exceptional dedication and commitment to the civil rights profession. His integrity, sacrifice and willingness to advance civil rights programs were unwavering and infectious to all who knew and worked with him.

Ashley has been with the Department for almost 23 years. Prior to joining the AHTD, she was Personnel Administrator and Employment/EEO Manager for the Gannett Company at the Arkansas Gazette newspaper, and Vice President of Personnel and Administration for Talley Construction Company.

Her past and present community service includes serving as a Commissioner on the Arkansas Real Estate Commission, Justice of the Peace on the Pulaski County Quorum Court, First Female President of the Leadership Roundtable, and Board Member of the Arkansas Minority Business Development Roundtable and the Arkansas Affiliation of the American Diabetes Association, among others. ♦

# Electronic Applicant Tracking System: A New Way to Apply For a Job

**T**he AHTD will soon be transitioning from a paper-based employment application and hiring process to a fully electronic system.

This system will allow job seekers outside of the Department to connect to a list of current job openings through a career portal link on the Department's website. Internal applicants will also be able to apply for advertised jobs through the public website as well as the AHTD Intranet.

The career portal is also mobile friendly so both internal and external applicants can apply for job openings using a smart phone or tablet.

The career portal will allow applicants to search for key words, locations, job titles, etc. to narrow down the list of job openings that might interest them. In addition, applicants may sign up for email alerts for job openings that fit their career interests. The system can provide applicants with a tool to create a resume.

The system will be used by managers to submit requests to advertise and will streamline the advertisement processes. It also provides supervisors with many tools to assist in the hiring process including various reporting tools and will allow new employees to complete new hire paperwork electronically. The new process will interface with the Department's current PAHR system to streamline the new hire process.

We anticipate the electronic system will be online and fully functional by early to mid-June. ♦



## AHP Golf Tournament is June 17th



**O**ur Arkansas Highway Police will be presenting the 20th Annual Special Olympics Classic golf tournament on Tuesday, June 17th. The 4-person scramble will be held at Harbor Oaks Golf Club in Pine Bluff.

AHTD employees are invited to put a four-person team together and be a part of this annual golf tournament. Spend a morning on the golf course and then stay for lunch and door prizes. There will also be prizes to the first, second and third place teams in each flight.

The entry fee is \$240 (\$60 per player) and includes green fees, golf cart, drinks and lunch.

Over the life of the tournament, the Highway Police Division has contributed over \$250,000 to benefit the special athletes of Special Olympics Arkansas.

For more information, contact Yolanda Gomillion at 501-569-2546 or mail your entry to her attention at: Arkansas Highway Police Central Office, P.O. Box 2779, Little Rock, AR 72203. Registration is first come, first served. Entry fee must accompany your registration form. Make checks payable to "AHP Charity Fund." ♦



# ELLIS Named **HEAD OF BRIDGE DIVISION**



Rick Ellis

**R**ICK ELLIS was named Division Head of the AHTD's Bridge Division on May 15th.

Ellis replaces Carl Fuselier, who retired recently after 29 years of service.

Ellis began work with the Department in 1992 as a Civil Engineer I in the Bridge Division. One year later, he advanced to a Bridge Design Engineer. In 1996, he obtained the title of Advanced Structures Engineer and was promoted to Advanced Bridge Design Engineer in 1998. He was promoted to Senior Bridge Design Engineer in 2000. Ellis obtained the position of Staff Bridge Design Engineer in 2007. Prior to being named Division Head, he was Assistant Division Head, a position he gained in 2011.

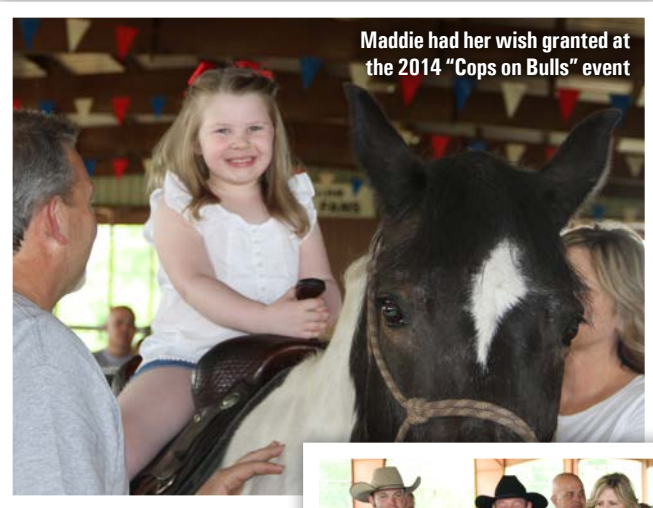
Ellis has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

## **AHP "Cops on Bulls" EVENT** Helps Grant Wish

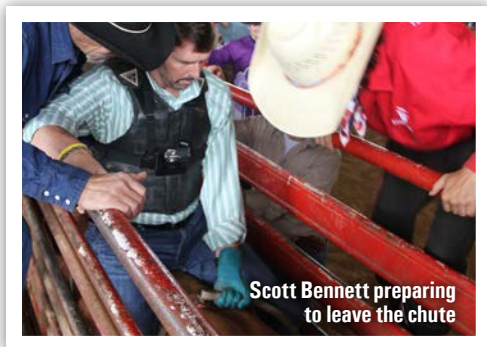
**M**ay 10th found members of the Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) and AHTD Director Scott Bennett at the Saline County Fairgrounds to participate in the "Cops on Bulls" fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Members of AHP and Director Bennett flew out of the chute riding bulls and hanging on for as long as possible. The goal of "Cops on Bulls" is to raise funds for Make-A-Wish in order to grant the wish of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

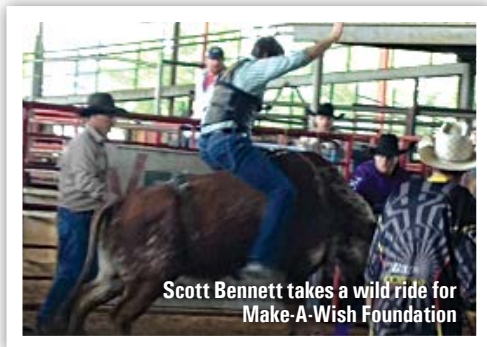
On hand was seven-year-old Maddie who was granted her wish during the event to travel to Disneyland. This year's event raised approximately \$9,000. This is the third year the AHP has hosted "Cops on Bulls". ♦



Maddie had her wish granted at the 2014 "Cops on Bulls" event



Scott Bennett preparing to leave the chute



Scott Bennett takes a wild ride for Make-A-Wish Foundation



Maddie and her family with Disney characters

# FINAL DEADLINE SOON FOR PHOTOS



## Capturing ARKANSAS' GREAT OUTDOORS

**H**ave you taken a photo of your favorite place in Arkansas? That place where you like to spend time outdoors?

Arkansas' highways lead to incredible views of the mountains, valleys, rivers and lakes, or any number of other places found in the "Natural State."

You probably know just the place and we want to see your picture of that place! *Arkansas Highways* will be featuring a selection of outdoor photographs submitted by AHTD staff members in the July issue of the magazine.

Make plans now because the FINAL deadline to submit photos is June 13th. **PLEASE NOTE: there will be no photos accepted after 4:00 p.m., June 13th.** Grab your camera, hit the open road and then send us your picture of a great view in Arkansas! The only requirement for consideration is that it captures the beauty of the outdoors! A lake, a waterfall, a mountain top... any outdoor place you choose. Just no people pictures please.

A variety of the photos submitted will be selected and featured in our July *Arkansas Highways* magazine.

Photos should be submitted as high-resolution, digital images saved as JPEG or TIFF format. Low-resolution images, or ones taken with a mobile phone, are strongly discouraged as they will not print clearly in the magazine. Hard copies of photos may also be submitted. Hard copies will be returned after the July issue has been printed. Limit two photos per person.

**FINAL deadline for photo consideration is 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 13th.** E-mail digital submissions to: [Paula.Cigainero@ahtd.ar.gov](mailto:Paula.Cigainero@ahtd.ar.gov).

Mail hard copy submissions to: AHTD Public Information, Attn: Paula Cigainero, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203. ♦

## WHAT'S AHEAD

### Upcoming Dates to **REMEMBER**

#### JUNE 15-27

- Summer Transportation Institute

#### JUNE 15 // SUNDAY

- Father's Day

#### JUNE 17 // TUESDAY

- Arkansas Highway Police Golf Tournament benefitting Special Olympics

#### JULY 4 // FRIDAY

Independence Day

- **AHTD Offices Closed for Holiday**

#### JULY 17-18 // TUES.-WED.

- Engineering Student Intern Orientation

#### JULY 23 // WEDNESDAY

- AHTD Commission Meeting  
Central Office, Little Rock, 10:30 a.m.
- AHTD Bid Letting  
Central Office, Little Rock, 10:30 a.m.





# DISTRICT 4 EARNS ROADEO Team Championship Title

**G**ood weather, good friends, good competition... that's how you could describe the 24th annual Equipment Operators Roadeo.

The event was held on May 21st in Little Rock and featured winners from each of the Department's ten Districts' roadeo competitions.

The weather couldn't have been better as the day started with cool temperatures and a nice breeze. Friends and family watched participants compete in the following categories: Single Axle Dump Truck, Tandem Axle Dump Truck, Tractor/Lowboy, Backhoe, Motor Patrol and Tractor Mower.

"It's great to have everyone here today," stated AHTD Director Scott Bennett. "This has been a nice competition over the years and a good way for each of you to display your skills."

He went on to add, "Over the winter months, you spent long hours clearing our highways from icy weather and debris. Everyone did a great job and I want you to know how much I appreciate the job you do."

Before awards were presented, special recognition was given to Ray Woodruff, District Engineer for District One. Woodruff has been instrumental in helping to coordinate the Roadeo over the years and will be retiring soon.

"This isn't Ray's first Roadeo, but it will be his last one," Bennett commented. He then presented Woodruff with a special plaque for his help with the Roadeo each year.

After a morning of competition and a catered lunch from BJ's Catering, the results were tabulated and, for the third year in a row, District Four came out on top and went away the Team Champion.

ABOVE, L. TO R. Back Row: Kenneth Tucker, Eric Brigance, Jason Rouell, Jonathan Koonce, Eric Hughes.  
L. TO R. Front Row: Mark Standridge, AHTD Director Scott Bennett, District Engineer Chad Adams, Serrita Pense and Jimmie Jetton.

District Four Engineer Chad Adams had this to say about the day's event.

"Whether it's football, racing, or an event like the Roadeo, everyone loves to watch a good, close competition. As with any competition, you expect to see everyone giving their best effort with the intent to win. And that's just what you get at the Roadeo. I believe the desire to be the best operator in the Department and win the Statewide competition is what makes this a worthy event. That desire to be the best will motivate most employees to improve their skills on the job daily throughout the year. The Department only benefits from having operators that are always striving to be better. The team competition is always close, usually decided by 1 or 2 points. Knowing that every team has the potential to win it every year always makes for an exciting event."

"I am grateful to be able to be a part of the championship with the District 4 team," Adams added. "I didn't contribute one single point to the total. All of the credit goes to the employees and their supervisors. I'm just glad to be surrounded by such a talented group of employees. My only complaint is that I don't get to accompany the first place winners to the Regional competition. I may have to talk to someone about that."

A team of winners from the Roadeo will travel to Roanoke, Virginia, in the fall to compete in the 12th Annual Regional Roadeo.

"As you travel to Roanoke to compete, I know you will represent the AHTD well," Bennett concluded. ♦



# AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO FINAL RESULTS

The 2014 AHTD Equipment Operators Rodeo finals were held at the Central Office on May 21. The first and second place winners shown here will represent the AHTD at the upcoming Regional Rodeo to be held in Roanoke, Virginia, in September. ALL PHOTOS BELOW SHOW WINNERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: THIRD PLACE, SECOND PLACE, FIRST PLACE.



## TRACTOR/LOWBOY

3RD PLACE ..... **BRAYDEN MIDDLETON – D9**  
2ND PLACE..... **CHAD MCMILLON – D10**  
1ST PLACE .... **ROBERT BENIGHT – D3**



## TRACTOR/MOWER

3RD PLACE ..... **RICKY CUMMINGS – D7**  
2ND PLACE..... **NICKLAUS ANGEL – D6**  
1ST PLACE .... **EUGENE FARRELL – Central Office**



## TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

3RD PLACE ..... **ROWAN DUNN – D9**  
2ND PLACE..... **KEITH CARPENTER – D9** (2013 State Champion)  
1ST PLACE .... **BRAD FULKS – D5**



## BACKHOE

3RD PLACE ..... **JOHN GORMAN – D7**  
2ND PLACE..... **DAVID KARNES – D1**  
1ST PLACE .... **ERIC BRIGANCE – D4**



## SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

3RD PLACE ..... **WAYNE HAMILTON – D1**  
2ND PLACE..... **PHYLLIS ASHBY – D10**  
1ST PLACE .... **ERIC HUGHES – D4**



## MOTOR PATROL

3RD PLACE ..... **JEREMY EVANS – D7**  
2ND PLACE..... **ROGER WILSON – D8**  
1ST PLACE .... **LANCE BAKER – D9**

# AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO // SEMI-FINAL Results

## DISTRICT 1 • APRIL 8, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Wilton Warren  
2nd Place ..... Michael Mann  
3rd Place ..... Shane Sisson

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Troy Tims  
2nd Place ..... Charles Crow  
3rd Place ..... Clay Melton

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Corey Crawford  
2nd Place ..... Gerry Washington  
3rd Place ..... Jason Pippenger

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... David Karnes  
2nd Place ..... Waymon Weeams  
3rd Place ..... Phillip Hunt

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Wayne Hamilton  
2nd Place ..... Ken James  
3rd Place ..... Mike Smith

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Jeremy Nelson  
2nd Place ..... Johnny Light  
3rd Place ..... Rommie Harris

## DISTRICT 4 • APRIL 10, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Mark Standridge  
2nd Place ..... Robert Dunmeyer  
3rd Place ..... Terral Scroggins

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Serritta Pense  
2nd Place ..... Jason Rouell  
3rd Place ..... Brandon Jones

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Tom Greenmyer  
2nd Place ..... Jonathan Koonce  
3rd Place ..... Scott Dunson

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Eric Brigance  
2nd Place ..... Bruce Summers  
3rd Place ..... Arrow Thornburg

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Eric Hughes  
2nd Place ..... Danny Loyd  
3rd Place ..... Kendall Toney

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Jimmie Jetton  
2nd Place ..... Brad McCurry  
3rd Place ..... Doyle Davis

## DISTRICT 5 • APRIL 15, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Rick Herring  
2nd Place ..... Elvis Garrett  
3rd Place ..... Johnny Jason

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Steve Sutton  
2nd Place ..... Brandon Carter  
3rd Place ..... Josh Smith

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Brad Fulks  
2nd Place ..... Johnny Raper  
3rd Place ..... Thomas Smith

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Bill Barker  
2nd Place ..... Teddy Blevins  
3rd Place ..... Jimmy King

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... C.D. Hall  
2nd Place ..... Michael Bassham  
3rd Place ..... Mary Turner

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Jimmy Edridge  
2nd Place ..... Matt Boyer  
3rd Place ..... David Taylor

## DISTRICT 6 • APRIL 1, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Derrick Marshall  
2nd Place ..... Dean Tarry  
3rd Place ..... Joseph Rapier

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Nicklaus Angel  
2nd Place ..... Alan Kumpfe  
3rd Place ..... Roger Taylor

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Phillip Andrews  
2nd Place ..... Robert Finnell  
3rd Place ..... James Johnson

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Rusty Bornemeier  
2nd Place ..... Ronnie Veazey  
3rd Place ..... Robert Phillips

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Brian Glenn  
2nd Place ..... Miguel Cossio  
3rd Place ..... Cory Lyman

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Jimmy Thrift  
2nd Place ..... Ross Reeves  
3rd Place ..... Jared Shinn

## DISTRICT 8 • APRIL 17, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... James Standridge  
2nd Place ..... Josh Hawks  
3rd Place ..... Doug Crider

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Trent Hudson  
2nd Place ..... Richard Flagg  
3rd Place ..... David Pruitt

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... David Pruitt  
2nd Place ..... Allen James  
3rd Place ..... Sage Whitelaw

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Portfirio Martinez  
2nd Place ..... Jacob Whitmire  
3rd Place ..... Scott Craig

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Scott Blair  
2nd Place ..... Terri Sheets  
3rd Place ..... Dale Carlat

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Roger Wilson  
2nd Place ..... Joe Shamsie  
3rd Place ..... Kyle Ritchie

## DISTRICT 9 • APRIL 24, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Brayden Middleton  
2nd Place ..... Jeff McFall  
3rd Place ..... Donnie Billups

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Travis Swanson  
2nd Place ..... Paul Deitrich  
3rd Place ..... Jeff Miles

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Rowan Dunn  
2nd Place ..... Chas Martin  
3rd Place ..... Brad Edgmon

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Chad Foster  
2nd Place ..... Cameron Whitney  
3rd Place ..... Darlin Henson

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Jeff Hudgens  
2nd Place ..... Michael Cross  
3rd Place ..... Lisa Drewry

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Lance Baker  
2nd Place ..... Chanda Horton  
3rd Place ..... Darren Ramsey

## DISTRICT 10 • APRIL 29, 2014

### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Chad McMillon  
2nd Place ..... Travis Henderson  
3rd Place ..... Mark Davis

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Jerry Yancy  
2nd Place ..... Eddie Pugh  
3rd Place ..... C.J. Hunt

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Tony Ruhl  
2nd Place ..... Jimmy Sturkey  
3rd Place ..... James Keasler

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Heath Eubanks  
2nd Place ..... Trent Melton  
3rd Place ..... Kevin Allison

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Robert Losh  
2nd Place ..... Phyllis Ashby  
3rd Place ..... Sammy Parrish

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Lenny Fulco  
2nd Place ..... Windell Rawls

## CENTRAL OFFICE • APRIL 1, 2014

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Robert DeLeon  
2nd Place ..... Fred Love  
3rd Place ..... Vincent Mitchell

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Eugene Farrell  
2nd Place ..... Tyrone Lee

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Reggie Veasley  
2nd Place ..... Kenneth Johnson

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Semi-Final Results for DISTRICT 2, DISTRICT 3 AND DISTRICT 7 were published in the April 2014 Newsletter.





# THE DEPARTMENT

## Service Awards



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**1. BRIDGE:** (CENTER) Carl Fuselier, Division Head, presents four Bridge Division employees with service awards. (L. to R.) Dale Heft, Advanced Structures Engineer, 10-Year Service Award; David Ball, Section Head, 35-Year Service Award; Gerard Thomas, Advanced Bridge Design Engineer, 5-Year Service Award; Steve Peyton, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, 15-Year Service Award.

**2. LEGAL:** (L. to R.) Rita Looney, Chief Legal Counsel, presents Mark Umeda, Staff Attorney, with his 5-Year Service Award.

**3. LEGAL:** (L. to R.) Rita Looney, Chief Legal Counsel, presents Melissa Mylym, Staff Attorney, with her 5-Year Service Award.

**4. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Glenn Cheatham, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents Al Hemmerich, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-Year Service Award.

**5. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Glenn Cheatham, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents Sam McIntare, Heavy Bridge Supervisor, with his 10-Year Service Award.

**6. ROADWAY:** (L. to R.) Eric Phillips, Staff Traffic Engineer, receives his 40-Year Service Award from Trinity Smith, Division Head.

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**7. ROADWAY:** (L. to R.) Frank Bray, Staff Design Engineer, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Trinity Smith, Division Head.



**8. ROADWAY:** (L. to R.) Scott Fisher, Hydraulic Engineer, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Trinity Smith, Division Head.



**9. ROADWAY:** (L. to R.) Micah Bryant, Senior Design Engineer, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Trinity Smith, Division Head.



**10. ROADWAY:** (L. to R.) Mark Earl, Staff Hydraulic Engineer, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Trinity Smith, Division Head.



**11. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** (CENTER) Andrea Zekis, Cartographer I, receives her 5-Year Service Award from (L.) Sharon Hawkins, GIS & Mapping Section Head, and (R.) Jessie Jones, Division Head.



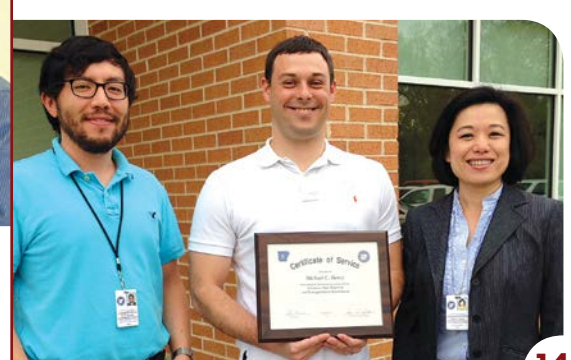
**12. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** (CENTER) Judy Young, Office Administrative Assistant III, receives her 10-Year Service Award from (L.) Jared Wiley, Assistant Division Head, and (R.) Jessie Jones, Division Head.



**13. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** (CENTER) Kassie Bornds, Publications Specialist, receives her 5-Year Service Award from (L.) Gill Rogers, Policy and Legislative Analysis Section Head, and (R.) Jessie Jones, Division Head.



**14. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** (CENTER) Michael Henry, Engineer IV, receives his 5-Year Service Award from (L.) Andy Brewer, Multimodal and Project Planning Section Head, and (R.) Jessie Jones, Division Head.





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**15. DISTRICT 1:** Receiving their 5-Year Service Awards: (L. to R.) Keenan James, Paver Operator; T.J. Willis, Welder; Jason Pippenger, Maintenance Aide I; Arther Hines, Single Axle Truck Driver; and Lela Jenkins, Single Axle Truck Driver. Rex Vines, Distict Maintenance Engineer, (far R.) presented the awards.

**16. DISTRICT 1:** (L. to R.) John T. Hartsell, Resident Engineer, West Helena, was presented his 10-Year Service Award Certificate by William Cheatham, District Construction Engineer.

**17. DISTRICT 1:** (L. to R.) Receiving their 15-Year Service Awards: (L. to R.) James Corley, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Terry Dildine, General Laborer; and Robert Gray, Area Maintenance Supervisor. Rex Vines, Distict Maintenance Engineer, (far R.) presented the awards.

**18. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Wallace Simmons, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Calvin Ashcraft, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, with his 5-Year Service Award.

**19. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Kelly Slater, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Gary Washington, Distributor/ Roller Operator, with his 5-Year Service Award.

**20. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Tim Kelly, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Otis Jones, Crew Leader, with his 20-Year Service Award.

**21. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Tim Kelly, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Sandy Pendergrass, District Office Manager, with her 15-Year Service Award.

**22. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Colin Lane Nine, Construction Aide III, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Jeremy Thomas, Resident Engineer.

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**23. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Jason Efird, Resident Engineer, presents Bill Ryan, Construction Project Coordinator, with his 20-Year Service Award.



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**24. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Jason Efird, Resident Engineer, presents Lee Swan, Inspector, with his 10-Year Service Award.



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**25. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Jack Rogers, Rest Area Attendant, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



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**26. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Charles Branham, Backhoe/ Front End Loader Operator, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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**27. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Receiving his 40-Year Service Award: Lyndal Waits, District Engineer; Receiving his 25-Year Service Award: Tim Hurtt, Crew Leader; Receiving his 15-Year Service Award: Carl Brad Davis, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Receiving his 5-Year Service Award: Willie Allen, Single Axle Truck Driver.

**28. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) H. Duane Cotton, Construction Aide II, receives his 5-Year Service Award from David Ross, Resident Engineer.

**29. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Don Baker, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Rosanna Blansett, Area Headquarters Attendant, with her 20-Year Service Award.

**30. DISTRICT 10:** (CENTER) Chancie Acosta, Construction Aide I, receives her 5-Year Service Award from (L.) Brad Smithee, District Construction Engineer and (R.) Johnathon Mormon, Resident Engineer.



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**31. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Receiving their 15-Year Service Awards: Brian Arford, Maintenance Aide I; Darsha Tipton, District 10 Bookkeeper; and Larry Henson, Motor Patrol Operator.

**32. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Receiving their 10-Year Service Awards: James Keasler, Sign Erector; Rochelle Moore, Distributor/Roller Operator; and Kristie Mott, Maintenance Aide II.

**33. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Greg Bailey, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Alan Walter, District Maintenance Engineer.

**34. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Craig Rosten, Senior Mechanic, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Alan Walter, District Maintenance Engineer.

**35. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Paul Vulner, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Alan Walter, District Maintenance Engineer.



# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

**1. HUMAN RESOURCES:** (L. to R.)

Chelsea Bolden and Steven Thorpe are the proud parents of Hudson Reese and Macy Lea. The twins were born May 9, 2014. Chelsea Bolden is the daughter of Brian Bynum, Crew Leader.

**2. HUMAN RESOURCES:** (L. to R.)

Brian Bynum, Crew Leader, is the proud grandfather of twins, Hudson Reese and Macy Lea. Chelsea Bolden is the daughter of Brian Bynum and the mother of Hudson and Macy.

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES:** (CENTER)

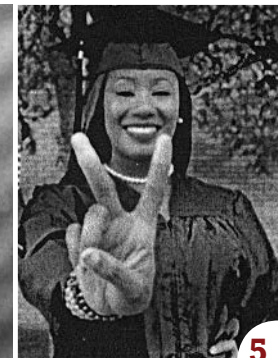
Tiffany Webster was selected to represent Conway in the Arkansas International Pageants – Teen Division that was held on April 6, 2014. Tiffany was presented the People’s Choice Award. Tiffany is the daughter of (L.) Brian Bynum, Crew Leader, and (R.) Dena Bynum.

**4. DISTRICT 1:** Noah Reagan Parker, daughter of Joey Parker, Construction Field Engineer II, and Allison Parker, was born January 9, 2014. Noah weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

**5. DISTRICT 1:** Carissa Kelly, granddaughter of Edward Glass, AHTD Retiree, recently graduated from the University of Arkansas. From (L.) preschool to (R.) college graduate, Carissa has made her grandfather proud!

**6. DISTRICT 5:** Jolene Marie Stout, granddaughter of Sherry Stout, Field Clerk II, and Michael Stout, was born on April 21, 2014. Jolene weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

### Family Focus





# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

### Family Focus



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**7. DISTRICT 5:** Darrell White, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, and his wife Jatesha were married on March 22, 2014 in Little Rock.

**8. DISTRICT 5:** Bryan Brown, Construction Aide I, and his wife Tracey were married on March 28, 2014 in Searcy.

**9. DISTRICT 6:** Elynn Whitlee Kester, daughter of Patricia Fletcher-Kester, Office Administrative Assistant V, and Jeremy Kester, Bridge Repairer I, was born on March 5, 2014. Elynn weighed 8 pounds, 0.6 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. She has an older brother Maverick 7, and older sister Irelynn 5.

**10. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) James Paulus, son of Eric Paulus, Garland County Maintenance Supervisor, graduated from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

### Hobbies, etc.



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**11. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Kristen Esquivel, Shop Crew – Skill Trades Trainee, with her 8 ½-inch beard turkey and her father, Kevin with his 8 ¾-inch beard turkey. These birds were killed this past turkey season while Kristen and Kevin were hunting at their family cabin in St. James.



# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

### On the Job

**12. ENVIRONMENTAL:** The AHTD Environmental Division celebrates Earth Day annually. They order and wear t-shirts to bring awareness, encourage, and motivate people, businesses and government to take responsibility for a greener way of life. (Top L. to R.) Lindsay Plunk, LynAnne Ivy and Lindsay Zweifel. (Bottom L. to R.) Joni Huber, Ruby Johnson, Gail Kendrick and Karla Sims.



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**13. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Steve Frisbee, District Engineer, presents the First Place Award in the District Three Bass Tournament to Aaron Morton, Lowboy Driver. Aaron and his teammate, Greg Plunkett, caught a string of bass totaling 17.43 pounds at Bois d'Arc Lake on April 26, 2014.



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**14. DISTRICT 3:** (CENTER) Jesse Arechiga, Bridge Repairer II, was honored at a recent reception. Jesse retired from the Department with 28 years of service. The crew presented Jesse with his old concrete finishing trowel from his early days with the Department.



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**15. DISTRICT 7:** A reception was recently held to honor and congratulate Johnny Brandon, Dallas County Area Maintenance Supervisor, as he celebrated his retirement from AHTD with 35+ years of service.

**16. DISTRICT 10:** (CENTER) David Pratt, Maintenance Aide II, recently retired from the Department with 30+ years of service. David is pictured with the current sign crew members. (L. to R.) David McCulley, James Keasler, David Pratt, Ben Denton and Todd Myrick

**17. DISTRICT 10:** Cecil Nelson, Maintenance Crew Supervisor, retired from the department with 34+ years of service. Cecil was joined for his retirement celebration by his wife, Brittany Nelson, Multi Axle Truck Driver.

**18. DISTRICT 10:** Regenia Landrum, Administrative Assistant V, was recently honored at a retirement reception celebrating her 11+ years of service to the AHTD. Regenia's husband, Floyd Landrum, joined her for the party.



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# AHTD PEOPLE

**EMPLOYEE STATISTICS** APRIL 2014

## NEW EMPLOYEES

**CONSTRUCTION** • William Keys, Construction Helper; Jesse Konstanzer, Assistant Resident Engineer; Bryce Flower, Construction Helper

**HUMAN RESOURCES** • Tony Wyatt, General Laborer

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Christopher Dailey, Engineer I

**DISTRICT ONE** • Kenneth Lofton, Rest Area Attendant

**DISTRICT TWO** • Alexander Moreno, General Laborer

**DISTRICT THREE** • Dustin McCorkle, Mechanic

**DISTRICT SIX** • Jerry Estell, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Jeremy Amerson, Welder; Alexander Cooper, Janitor; Billy Albritton, Single Axle Truck Driver; Jamie Waterfield, Single Axle Truck Driver; Dustie Byrge, General Laborer; Dan Divine, General Laborer

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • John Sanders, Single Axle Truck Driver; Bridges Crumrine, General Laborer; Stanley Stone, Single Axle Truck Driver; Cody Waln, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT NINE** • Grason Kelly, General Laborer; David McWilliams, Single Axle Truck Driver; Ethan Norman, General Laborer; Alfred Sams, General Laborer; Timothy Hoyt, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT TEN** • Christopher Easley, General Laborer; Wesley Phenis, General Laborer; Zachary Gilbee, General Laborer; James Golden, General Laborer; Kyle Metz, Single Axle Truck Driver

## PROMOTIONS

**FISCAL SERVICES** • Bobbie Tucker, Voucher Typist

**HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE** • Jeffrey Honeycutt, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor

**INTERNAL AUDIT** • Brandi Mayhan, Senior Internal Auditor

**MAINTENANCE** • Larry Phillips, Sign Crew Supervisor

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Michael Wolfe, Advanced Design Engineer

**SURVEYS** • Robert Blakely III, Surveys Technician II; Roy Harrelson, Surveys Aide I; Travis House, Engineer III; Zachary Powell, Surveys Aide II; Derick Reynolds, Surveys Technician II; Matthew Rowland, Surveys Technician II; Caleb Whitmire, Surveys Aide II

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Adnan Qazi, Staff Traffic Safety Engineer

**DISTRICT ONE** • Anthony Flex, Bridge Repairer II; Jeremy Nelson, Bridge Repairer II

**DISTRICT TWO** • Dwight Tippie, Maintenance Aide I; Justin Wilson, Mechanic

**DISTRICT THREE** • James Huckabee, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Michael Frazier, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Bruce Owens, Distributor/Roller Operator

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Sammy Edwards, Senior Mechanic; Mary Turner, Distributor/Roller Operator

**DISTRICT SIX** • Bradley Hubbard, Maintenance Aide II; Jeremy Kester, Bridge Repairer I; Rebecca Larney, Maintenance Aide II; Jonathon Ritchie, Bridge Repairer I; Bryson Whiteside, Bridge Repairer I

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • John Craig, Inspector; Bobby Hall, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Monte Launius, Bridge Repairer II

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Hershell Cotton, Construction Aide II; Cedric Cursh, Distributor Operator; Russell Meaders, Distributor/Roller Operator; Donald Pipkin, Construction Aide II; Jacquelyn Robinson, Distributor/Roller Operator

**DISTRICT NINE** • Jeff Shimko, Maintenance Aide II; Andrew Vining, Advanced Construction Field Engineer

**DISTRICT TEN** • Steven Bryan, Construction Aide III; Jeff Harlan, Construction Aide II; Kelly Mann, Field Clerk II; Kim Reeves, Lowboy or Float Truck Driver; Bryan Wilburn, Construction Aide II; Jack Wolf, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor

## SERVICE

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • Billy Brown Jr., AHP Sergeant, 25 years

**BRIDGE** • Steven Peyton, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, 15 years

**CONSTRUCTION** • Randy Still, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, 30 years; Armon Perrin Jr., Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 25 years; Sherry Stout, Field Clerk II, 20 years; William Ryan, Construction Project Coordinator, 20 years; Robert Swan, Inspector, 10 years; Hershell Cotton, Construction Aide I, 5 years; Demetrica Dotson, Construction Field Engineer II, 5 years

**ENVIRONMENTAL** • Langston Carr, Environmental Analyst I, 10 years

**MATERIALS** • Tracy Henderson, Geotechnical Drill Operator, 5 years

**PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS** • David Siskowski, Programs & Contracts Engineer II, 5 years

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Nathaniel Williams, Relocation Coordinator II, 5 years

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Jennifer M. Williams, Office Administrative Assistant V, 5 years

**SURVEYS** • Ernest Pointer III, Surveys Aide II, 5 years

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Kassie Bornds, Publications Specialist, 5 years

**DISTRICT ONE** • Jerry Mitchell, Bridge Repairer II, 30 years; Carlos Williams Jr., Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 years

**DISTRICT TWO** • Travis Bell, Crew Leader, 20 years; Gary Washington, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 years

**DISTRICT THREE** • Charles Rogers, District Bridge Inspector, 25 years; Gregory Morris, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 years

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Stacy Shields, Maintenance Aide II, 10 years; Michelle Yohe, Maintenance Aide I, 5 years; David Watts, Distributor Operator, 5 years; Lendal Williams Jr., Sign Erector, 5 years; Jack Imbush, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 years; Steven Kuakahela, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 years

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Bruce Street, District Maintenance Engineer, 25 years; Evan Higginbottom, Crew Leader, 10 years

**DISTRICT SIX** • David Tenner, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, 35 years; Steve McNeese, Single Axle Truck Driver, 35 years; Jerry Cantrell, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 years; Horace Rogers, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 years

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Dustin Tugwell, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Dennis Condley, Bridge Repairer II, 20 years

**DISTRICT NINE** • William Styles, Maintenance Aide I, 30 years; Rosanna Blansett, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20 years; Thomas Dixon, Crew Leader, 20 years; Joseph Andryscio, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 years

**DISTRICT TEN** • Craig Rosten, Senior Mechanic, 25 years; Alan Brand, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20 years

## RETIREMENT

**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE** • Linda Price, Administrative Assistant I, 36+ years

**MAINTENANCE** • Kenneth Leopard, Sign Maker II, 7+ years

**DISTRICT TWO** • John Breitenstein, Sign Erector, 16+ years; Gary Fletcher, Construction Project Coordinator, 37 years

**DISTRICT THREE** • Jesus Arechiga, Bridge Repairer II, 28+ years

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Peggy Hairgrove, Crew Leader, 28+ years

**DISTRICT FIVE** • George Taylor, Welder, 6+ years

**DISTRICT SIX** • Carl Efird, Construction Aide I, 17+ years

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Wesley Pierce, Construction Project Coordinator, 33+ years

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • James Rye, Maintenance Job Superintendent, 39+ years

## MEMORIALS

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • Steve Balch, 5/02/2014, retired; Tom C. Hale, 5/05/2014, retired

**DISTRICT ONE** • J. R. Proctor, 5/02/2014, retired

**DISTRICT THREE** • William F. Caton, 5/12/2014, retired

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Tony Leon Tullos, 4/16/2014, retired

**DISTRICT TEN** • Brian Lee Rowe, 4/26/2014, active

## ACTIVE DUTY

As of 6/09/14, the AHTD has four employees serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment dates are noted.

**SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH** • E. Wright-Kehner, Staff Research Engineer, 5/30/13

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Christina Simmons, Roller Operator, 10/16/13; Arrow Thornburg, Motor Patrol Operator, 5/1/14

**DISTRICT SIX** • Marco Newnum, Construction Helper, 6/5/14





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