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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUGUST 17-20 | SATURDAY - TUESDAY**

SASHTO Annual Meeting  
Embassy Suites NW Hotel • Rogers

**SEPTEMBER 2 | MONDAY**

Labor Day Observed  
Offices Closed

**SEPTEMBER 16-20 | MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Regional Rodeo Finals  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**SEPTEMBER 18 | WEDNESDAY**

Virtual Highway Commission Meeting  
10 AM

**SEPTEMBER 18 | WEDNESDAY**

ARDOT Bid Letting  
Central Office • Little Rock

**OCTOBER 2 | WEDNESDAY**

Highway Commission Meeting • Jonesboro  
10 AM



## **BOYKIN NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION**

**BY MARK WOODALL**

Kristina Boykin has been named Assistant Division Head of the Environmental Division effective May 4, 2024.

Boykin began her career at ARDOT as an Environmental Analyst I in the Environmental Division in January 2012. She was promoted to Advanced Cultural Resources Specialist in March 2016 and to Lead Cultural Resources Specialist in June 2018. She was promoted to Section Head – Cultural Resources in October 2018.

Boykin has a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. ◆

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## **BUSICK SELECTED AS STAFF STRUCTURES ENGINEER**

**BY MARK WOODALL**

Michael Busick has been named Staff Structures Engineer in the Bridge Division effective May 4, 2024.

Busick began his career at the Department as a Civil Engineer in the Bridge Division in June 2008. He followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Advanced Engineer in 2011. In March 2014, he became Consultant Coordinator in Consultant Contracts. He returned to the Bridge Division in 2018, where he served as Senior Engineer.

Busick has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ◆





## LOYED SELECTED AS DISTRICT 3 AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

BY MARK WOODALL

James Loyed has been named Area Maintenance Supervisor in District 3 effective April 6, 2024.

Loyed began his career with ARDOT in June 1988 as a General Laborer in District 7. A year later, he was promoted to Vegetation Controller.

In May 1991, he moved to the Motor Patrol Operator - Rough position. In August 1995, Loyed was promoted to Motor Patrol Operator – Finish and then to Crew Leader in August 2007. ♦



## HUCKABEE CHOSEN AS SEALING SUPERINTENDENT FOR DISTRICT 3

BY MARK WOODALL

James "Kyle" Huckabee has been named the Sealing Superintendent for District 3 effective May 18, 2024.

Huckabee began his career at ARDOT in April 2005 as a single-axle truck driver. He advanced through the maintenance career path and was promoted to Crew Leader in September 2020. ♦

# JOHNSON

## NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR FOR DISTRICT 2

BY MARK WOODALL

Jeffrey Johnson has been named as the Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 2 effective May 18, 2024.

Johnson began his career with the Department in November 2006 as a single-axle truck driver. He advanced through the maintenance career path, reaching the position of Crew Leader in October 2021. ♦



# KIRK

## NAMED RIGHT OF WAY ENGINEERING SECTION HEAD

BY MARK WOODALL

William Kirk has been named Right of Way (ROW) Engineering Section Head in the ROW Division effective May 4, 2024.

Kirk began his career at ARDOT as a Right of Way Plans Designer I in February 2009. He advanced to Right of Way Plans Designer II in July 2013. In February 2019, Kirk was promoted to Lead Right of Way Plans Designer. He obtained the position of Right of Way Engineering Specialist in August 2020.

Kirk has an associate degree in computer-aided drafting and design from ITT Technical Institute. ♦

# RIOS

## NAMED SPECIAL MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

BY MARK WOODALL

Miguel Rios has been named as Special Maintenance Superintendent in District 2 effective June 1, 2024.

Rios began his career with the Department in November 2010 as a single-axle truck driver. He advanced through the maintenance career path. Prior to this promotion, Rios served as Crew Leader. ♦



# TREADWAY

## NAMED DISTRICT 5 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

BY MARK WOODALL

Dustin Treadway has been named District Construction Engineer for District 5 effective April 20, 2024.

Treadway began his career with the Department as an intern prior to being hired in 2002 as a Civil Engineer in the Batesville Resident Engineer Office. He followed the engineering career path until becoming Resident Engineer in 2021.

Treadway has a bachelor's degree in engineering from Arkansas State University, with an emphasis in civil engineering. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



# VAUGHT

## NAMED CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

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BY MARK WOODALL

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Mark Vaught has been named Chief Information Officer for the Information Technology Division effective May 18, 2024.

Vaught began his Information Technology career as a Software Engineer at Acxiom in Conway. He has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors with organizations such as Alltel, Dell Technologies, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas Attorney General's Office, and the Arkansas Division of Information Systems. Vaught has served as Assistant Division Head of Information Technology with ARDOT since May 2023.

Vaught has a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. ♦



# VINING

## NAMED DISTRICT 9 MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

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BY MARK WOODALL

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Andrew Vining has been selected as the District Maintenance Engineer in District 9 effective June 15, 2024.

Vining was an intern with the Department before becoming a Civil Engineer in the Harrison Resident Engineer Office in May 2009. He followed the engineering career path and most recently served as Assistant Resident Engineer.

Vining has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

# HELP US TELL YOUR STORY

We're looking for your stories for ARDOT's quarterly Arkansas Highways magazine.

We regularly feature an ARDOT employee in the Employee Spotlight section of the magazine and would like to hear from you. If you or another employee has a unique hobby, is a long-time volunteer somewhere, or has gone out of their way to help someone, then let us hear from you!

Send suggestions for the Employee Spotlight to [ruthie.berryhill@ardot.gov](mailto:ruthie.berryhill@ardot.gov). Be sure to include the employee's name, the District or Division that they work in, and any other relevant information. Please only include suggestions about current employees.

Suggestions will be reviewed by staff. Please be aware that not every suggestion will become a magazine story. ♦





# ANNUAL ROADEO BUILDS FELLOWSHIP AND DEMONSTRATES SKILLS

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

The hot weather didn't stop ARDOT employees, families, and friends from gathering at ARDOT's Equipment and Procurement Division in Little Rock on June 6 for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Equipment Operators Rodeo Finals.

Every year, employees from around the state meet in Little Rock for a friendly competition that showcases the skills they use daily in their jobs. This year, employees competed for the top spot in the Lowboy Truck, Tandem Axle Dump Truck, Single Axle Dump Truck, Tractor/Mower, Backhoe, Motor Patrol, and Skid Steer. An overall crew winner was also chosen.

"You know this is one of my favorite times of the year. It's one of my favorite events – I just love getting out here with all of you and getting to visit with you and watch you perform such great skills on this big equipment," ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor said.

The event usually draws a crowd of spectators, from those competing in other categories, to family and friends, to coworkers supporting their district. Each district comes up with a motto and t-shirt design for the competition, which they wear to support their team. Snow cones and a catered lunch are all part of the day. This year, the kids were also treated to a bouncy house.

The event fosters camaraderie, but also gives employees another way to practice and hone the skills they use daily on the job with ARDOT.

Speaking about the competition, Tudor said, "To me it's a way of enhancing safety because the more skillful you are, the safer you are. And I'm just so proud of each and every one of you day in and day out – what you do for ARDOT, what you do for the public."

Angie Roberts traveled to the Rodeo to cheer on her husband, David Roberts, District 9, in the Lowboy Truck event. "We're super excited to be here. This is his first time and mine too, coming down here to Little Rock for this event."

Jimmie Jetton, District 4, has competed in the Rodeo for the past 20 years. This was the first year that he hasn't competed, but he attended to watch one of his employees, Caleb Schork, compete in the Single Axle Dump Truck event. He said that it was time to "let the newbies have it." Schork placed third in his category.

The winners from the State Rodeo will compete at the 2024 Southeast Regional Rodeo in September in Raleigh, North Carolina. ♦





**TRACTOR TRUCK/LOWBOY**



(L. to R.) First Place - John Harvey, District 2;  
Second Place - Johnny Jason, District 5;  
Third Place - Chad Trahan, District 4

**TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK**



(L. to R.) First Place - TJ Pulley, District 1;  
Second Place - Sarah Marker, District 4;  
Third Place - Jacob Stane, District 8

**SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK**



(L. to R.) First Place - David Pruitt, District 8;  
Second Place - Johnathan Carter, District 8;  
Third Place - Caleb Schork, District 4

**TRACTOR/MOWER**



(L. to R.) First Place - Tyce Moser, District 5;  
Second Place - Travis Swanson, District 9;  
Third Place - Blake Angel, District 6

**BACKHOE**



(L. to R.) First Place - Chad Foster, District 9;  
Second Place - Justin Long, District 7;  
Third Place - Tony Skarda, District 6

**MOTOR PATROL**



(L. to R.) First Place - Nick Rushing, District 5;  
Second Place - Jeremy Evans, District 7;  
Third Place - Brandon Webster, District 2



SKID STEER



(L. to R.) First Place - David Dearman, District 3;  
Second Place - Chase Richardson, District 10;  
Third Place - Johnathan Carter, District 8







**1. BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION:** Lauren Brakebill, Insurance Account Specialist, receives her 10-year Service Award from Ronda Walthall, Insurance Section Head.

**2. BRIDGE OPERATIONS:** Andrew Nanneman, Division Head, presents Jake Norris, Bridge Management Section Head, with his 5-year Service Award.

**3. BRIDGE OPERATIONS:** Andrew Nanneman, Division Head, presents Anthony Wood, Statewide Bridge Inspector, with his 10-year Service Award.

**4. BRIDGE OPERATIONS:** Andrew Nanneman, Division Head, presents Jeff Honeycutt, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, with his 25-year Service Award.

**5. BRIDGE OPERATIONS:** Kevin Weston, Assistant Division Head, presents Sam McIntare, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, with his 20-year Service Award.

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL:** Jessie Jones, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, presents John Fleming, Division Head, with his 35-year Service Award.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:** Josh Seagraves, Division Head, presents Josh Graham, Advanced Environmental Impact Analyst, with his 5-year Service Award.

**8. ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:** Josh Seagraves, Division Head, presents Ricardo Ramirez, Advanced Public Involvement Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:** Kayti Ewing, Natural Resources Section Head, receives her 10-year Service Award from John Fleming, Division Head.





**10. ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:** William Lane Shields, Archeologist, receives his 10-year Service Award from John Fleming, Division Head.

**11. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:** Brandon Lewis, Master Plumber, receives his 5-year Service Award from Mina Awadalla, State Facilities Management Engineer, and Cameron Parsons, Facilities Management Project Coordinator.

**12. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:** Chad Flack, Carpenter, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brian Bynum, Buildings Management Crew Leader.

**13. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:** Benjamin Whatley, Senior Engineer, receives his 10-year Service Award from Daniel Siskowski, Assistant Division Head and Erica Adams, Division Head.

**14. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:** Erika Lasley, Advanced Engineer, receives her 5-year Service Award from Daniel Siskowski, Assistant Division Head and Erica Adams, Division Head.

**15. SYSTEM INFORMATION AND RESEARCH DIVISION:** Zachary Ray, Research Assistant, and Sanghyun Chun, Senior Research Study Engineer, receives their 5-year Service Award from Mark Headley, Division Head.

**16. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS:** Monica Saffle, TMC Manager, presents Jessica Bradford, Assistant TMC Manager, with her 10-year Service Award.

**17. DISTRICT 1:** Brian Tooke, Assistant Resident Engineer, presents Michael Carnathan, Area HQ Attendant, with his 5-year Service Award with Jeff Adams, Construction Engineer.

**18. DISTRICT 1:** Brian Tooke, Assistant Resident Engineer, presents Timothy Williams, his 5-year Service Award with Construction Engineer, Jeff Adams.





**19. DISTRICT 1:** Harold Mullins, Sealing Crew Supervisor, presents Joshua Ashley, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

**20. DISTRICT 1:** Anthony Burnett, Special Maintenance Supervisor, presents Keenan James, Maintenance Crew Leader, his 15-year Service Award.

**21. DISTRICT 1:** Matt Emberton, Maintenance Engineer, presents Jason Willis, District Maintenance Superintendent, with his 15-year Service Award.

**22. DISTRICT 1:** Matt Emberton, Maintenance Engineer, presents Darren Henderson, Permit Officer, with his 15-year Service Award with Jeff Adams, Construction Engineer.

**23. DISTRICT 2:** Jared Bymaster, Staff Engineer, RE 24, presents Joseph McGhee, Construction Aide, with his 5-year Service Award.

**24. DISTRICT 3:** Daniel Huett, RE 34 Staff Engineer, presents Lane Nine, Senior Inspector, his 20-year Service Award.

**25. DISTRICT 4:** Jennifer Salazar, Crew Leader, receives her 20-year Service Award from Joe Green, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**26. DISTRICT 4:** Jerry Howe, Sign Crew Supervisor, presents Lendal Williams, Maintenance Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.

**27. DISTRICT 6:** John Isabell, Sign Supervisor, presents Sedrick Black, Maintenance Specialist, his 5-year Service Award.





**28. DISTRICT 6:** Richard Moberly, Maintenance Supervisor, presents Joe Coulter, Crew Leader, with his 15-year Service Award with Jeff Moore, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**29. DISTRICT 8:** Mark Mcclanahan, Advanced Bridge Inspector, received his 20-year Service Award from Kevin Milligan, Senior Bridge Inspector.

**30. DISTRICT 8:** Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents Tim McCool, Mechanic, with his 35-year Service Award.

**31. DISTRICT 8:** Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents Juan Coronado, Mechanic, with his 30-year Service Award.

**32. DISTRICT 8:** Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents a 10-year Service Award to Pedro Hilliard, Mechanic.

**33. DISTRICT 8:** Sonya Whittenburg, Office Manager, presents a 10-year Service Award to Jacob Tisdale, Bookkeeper.

**34. DISTRICT 8:** Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents Paul Burris, Trailer Truck Driver, with his 20-year Service Award along with Jim McNutt, Mechanic.

**35. DISTRICT 9:** Scott Willi, Boone County AMS, presents Ed Griffith, Maintenance Specialist, his 5-year Service Award.

**36. DISTRICT 9:** Travis Swanson, Crew Leader, Baxter County, receives his 15-year Service Award from Stan Risley, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



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**37. DISTRICT 9:** Rick Clark, RE 92 Senior Construction Material Inspector, receives his 35-year Service Award from Robbie Moore, District Construction Engineer.

**38. DISTRICT 9:** Danny Patterson, Maintenance Aide II, Carrol County, receives his 5-year Service Award from Jimmy Morris, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

## ON THE JOB



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**1. LEGAL:** "Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway" -Author Unknown.

The Legal Division will miss David Long but wish him well in his well-deserved retirement.

**2. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Anthony Burnett, Maintenance Crew Supervisor, a certificate for winning 1st Place Team with Deric Wyatt, State Maintenance Engineer.



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**3. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Kyle Gaskin, Crew Leader, a certificate for winning 2nd Place Team with Deric Wyatt, State Maintenance Engineer.

**4. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Don Moore, Woodruff County Area Maintenance Supervisor a certificate for winning 3rd Place Team with Deric Wyatt, State Maintenance Engineer.

**5. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) T J Pulley, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place Skid Steer, presented by District Engineer, Cannon Callicott.

**6. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Jackie Douglas, Maintenance Aide II, receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Skid Steer, presented by Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

**7. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Chris Jones, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Skid Steer, presented by Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

**8. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Luther Wade, Maintenance Aide II, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place for: Motor Patrol, presented by Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

**9. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Kyle Gaskin, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Motor Patrol, presented by Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

**10. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Kyle Jones, Maintenance Specialist, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Motor Patrol, presented by Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.



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**11. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Richard Harper, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place for Backhoe, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**12. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Dennis Petty, Crew Leader receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Backhoe, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**13. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Devyn Arens, Maintenance Specialist, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Backhoe, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**14. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Rodney Armstrong, Mechanic, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place for Tractor/Mower, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**15. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Justin Armstrong, Maintenance Aide II, receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Truck/Mower, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**16. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Vivian Madison, Maintenance Aide II, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Tractor/Mower, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**17. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Kyle Jones, Maintenance Specialist, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place for Single Axle Dump Truck, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**18. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Johnathan Sanders, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Single Axle Dump Truck, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.



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**19. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Anthony Burnett, Special Maintenance Superintendent, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Single Axle Dump Truck, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**20. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) T J Pulley, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place for Tandem Axle Dump Truck, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**21. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Brad Brown, Maintenance Specialist, receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Tandem Axle Dump Truck, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**22. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Jim Moore, Shop Supervisor, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Tandem Axle Dump Truck, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**23. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Keenan James, Crew Leader, receives a certificate for winning 1st Place for Tractor Truck/Lowboy, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**24. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Patrick Taylor, Maintenance Aide II, receives a certificate for winning 2nd Place for Tractor Truck/Lowboy, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**25. DISTRICT 1:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: (L. to R.) Robert Gray, Area Maintenance Superintendent, receives a certificate for winning 3rd Place for Tractor Truck/Lowboy, presented by Cannon Callicon, District Engineer.

**26. DISTRICT 1:** 2024 Total Solar Eclipse - A day to remember - Store Room Crew (L. to R.) Brad Avery, Brook Hively, Jeff Grafton, and Jessica Moore.



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**27. DISTRICT 1:** 2024 Total Solar Eclipse - A day to remember - Administrative Crew (L. to R.) Back Row: Benny McDowell, Darren Henderson; Front Row: Therese Yarnold, Jennifer Hale, Shortie Bradley, and Tina McDaniel.

**28. DISTRICT 3:** District Engineer, William Cheatham, celebrated turning the big 5-0 on June 10th!

**29. DISTRICT 4:** Equipment Operators Rodeo: 1st Place Team (L.to R.) Dexter Downs, Maintenance Specialist; David Lawson, Crew Leader; Chad Trahan, Maintenance Aide II; William Bennett, Maintenance Aide II; Sarah Marker, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Brad McCurry, Maintenance Specialist; Blaine Higgins, Maintenance Aide II; Michael Beyard, Maintenance Aide II; Dakota Sullivan, Maintenance Aide I; Jackson Riley, Maintenance Aide II; Congratulations!!

**30. DISTRICT 4:** Ralph Reina, Maintenance Aide II, recently celebrated his retirement after 10 years with ARDOT.

**31. DISTRICT 9:** Rick Clark, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, RE 92, celebrates his retirement after 35 years of service.

**32. DISTRICT 9:** Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer, celebrates his retirement after 36 years of service. Jeff is pictured with his wife, Pattie.

**33. DISTRICT 9:** Chris Seritt, Construction Project Coordinator, RE 92, celebrates his retirement after 37 years of service.

## FAMILY FOCUS



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**1. LEGAL:** Gracelynn Marie was born March 22, 2024, weighing 5 pounds and 10 ounces. She is now 2 months old, over 9 pounds and the pride and joy of her "KoKo" Kimberly Jewell in the Legal Division.

**2. STATE AID:** Maverick Kester, 17-year-old son of Jeremy Kester, E&P Shop Supervisor, and Patricia Fletcher-Kester, Administrative Assistant in State Aid, graduated from Arkansas State University Three Rivers College in HVAC through the Saline County Career Technical Center.



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**3. DISTRICT 4:** Killua Seaton, granddaughter of Butch and JoAnn Seaton, graduated from Happy Steps Pre-K.

**4. DISTRICT 5:** Luna Harper Rattton was born on Father's Day 2024. Luna is the daughter of Chandler Rattton, Advanced Construction Aide RE 55, and she is the granddaughter of recently retired Cleburne County Area Maintenance Supervisor, Raymond Rattton of District 5. Happy Father's Day to the Ratttons.



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**5. DISTRICT 9:** Oliver Allen Norton was born March 15, 2024, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and measuring 20.5 inches long. He is the son of Tyler Norton, Assistant RE 95.





The reports listed are from the months of April and May 2024.

## NEW EMPLOYEES:

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Kaleb Burns, AHP Patrol Officer;  
Nathan Gibbs, AHP Patrol Officer;  
Christopher Kelems, AHP Patrol  
Officer

### BRIDGE

Brian Zavaleta Arroyo, Engineer

### BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Nicholas Diemer, Heavy Bridge  
Repairer; Walter Villalobos, Heavy  
Bridge Repairer

### CONSTRUCTION

Paul Davis, Construction Aide

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Zoe Eudy-Hill, Office Assistant

### FISCAL SERVICES

Matthew Hampton, Section Head  
-Reports & Cost Accountant

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

James Franks, IT Service Desk  
Specialist

### MAINTENANCE

Gary Fason, Electrician;  
Caden Jones, Striping Helper;  
Joshua Woods, Striping Helper

### MATERIALS

Evelyn Black, Materials Technician

### PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Misti Banks, Accountant

### RIGHT OF WAY

Amanda Baker, Office Assistant

### TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Caleb Albers, ITS Specialist

### DISTRICT 1

Brandon Chapman, Maintenance  
Aide I; Jason McCammon,  
Maintenance Aide I; Curtis Scott,  
Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 2

Leviticus Armour, General Laborer;  
Jeremy Clinton, Maintenance Aide I;  
Lajarius Crow, Maintenance Aide I;  
Scott McClain, Parts Runner

### DISTRICT 3

Aaron Cowling, Maintenance Aide I;  
Jessie Jarrett, Storeroom Assistant;  
Brandon Williamson, Maintenance  
Aide I

### DISTRICT 4

Wyatt Duboise, Maintenance Aide I;  
Bryan Roller, Tractor Trailer Driver;  
Jose Velasquez, Mechanic

### DISTRICT 5

Christopher Holloway, Maintenance  
Aide I; Michael Martinez,  
Maintenance Aide I; Jim Scott,  
Maintenance Aide I; William Sterling,  
Maintenance Aide I; Ashley White,  
Maintenance Aide I; Dylan Willison,  
Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 6

Gary Barton, Maintenance Aide I;  
Gavin Ealy, Maintenance Aide I; Alex  
Hughes, Maintenance Aide I; Thomas  
Jinks, Maintenance Aide I; Anthony  
Jones, Maintenance Aide I; George  
Neal, Maintenance Aide I; Sarena  
Owens, Maintenance Aide I; Dasja  
Rogers, Rest Area Attendant; Andy  
Scott, Maintenance Aide I; Johnny  
Williams, Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 7

Keandre Edwards, Maintenance  
Aide I; Samuel Jackson, Maintenance  
Aide I; Trevion Reed, Maintenance  
Aide I; Khalilah Sutton, Maintenance  
Aide I; Mark Welch, Maintenance  
Aide I

### DISTRICT 8

Josef Farris, Maintenance Aide I;  
Jamie Keeling, Maintenance Aide I;  
Joseph Smith, Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 9

Jimmie Roberson, Maintenance  
Aide I; Elijah Williams, Maintenance  
Aide I; Johnny Anderson, Deck Hand

### DISTRICT 10

Justin Cunningham, Maintenance  
Aide I; Daron Mosley, Maintenance  
Aide I; Charles Rodgers, Maintenance  
Aide I; Bobby Wilson, Mechanic

## PROMOTIONS:

### BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION

Lanecia Weston, Senior Retirement  
Administrator

### BRIDGE

Jonathan Gentry, Advanced  
Structures Engineer; Ross Phillips,  
Advanced Structures Engineer

### BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Dawson Snyder, Lead Heavy Bridge  
Repair

### CONSTRUCTION

Jeremy Arndt, Advanced Construction  
Aide; Zachary Dean, District  
Surveys Tech; Justyn Harper, Senior  
Inspector; Jonathan Holland, Senior  
Inspector; Terri Inman, Advanced  
Resident Office Tech; Arthur Logue,  
Senior Inspector; Gabrielle Marcum,  
Construction Aide; Aaron Morris,  
Senior Inspector; Blair Petty,  
Inspector; Bryce Reeks, Assistant  
Resident Engineer; Geoffrey Springer,  
Office Assistant; Paris Thompson,  
Advanced Construction Aide

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Kristina Boykin, Assistant  
Division Head

### EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mike Edmison, Body Repairer &  
Painter

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mark Vaught, Chief Information Officer

### MAINTENANCE

Leslie Howell, Master Electrician;  
Krystin Bunch, Sign Shop Supervisor;  
Adam Stephens, Tractor Trailer Driver

### MATERIALS

Keith Johnson, Geotechnical Aide;  
Paul Tierney, Senior Geotechnical  
Engineer

### PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Carma Tollett, Program Management  
Specialist

### RIGHT OF WAY

William Kirk, Section Head-ROW  
Engineering;

**ROADWAY DESIGN**

Tanesa Kassa, 3D Visualization Tech

**SURVEYS**

Caleb Whitmire, Surveys Crew Supervisor

**DISTRICT 2**

Phillip Dowell, Advanced Bridge Inspector; Cole Keese, Maintenance Specialist; Bruce Tucker, Tractor Trailer Driver

**DISTRICT 3**

Jason Fike, Maintenance Aide II; Michael Graham, Bridge Repairer; Kyle Huckabee, Sealing Superintendent; Michael Tallman, Bridge Repairer; Tony Teague, Jr., Crew Leader; Stan Cottrell, Jr., Maintenance Aide II; Travis May, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 4**

Jeffrey Sims, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 5**

Jeremy Mulderig, Maintenance Specialist; Eric Sharbino, Sign Erector

**DISTRICT 6**

Ronnie Abbott, Maintenance Aide II; Jonathan Haynes, Maintenance Specialist; Sean Morris, Maintenance Aide II; Austin Oates, Maintenance Aide II; Rell Thomas, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 7**

Mark Adams, Advanced Bridge Inspector; Scotty Gates, Maintenance Aide II; Paul Lindsey, Maintenance Aide II; Steven Rawls, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 8**

Aj Churchman, Maintenance Specialist; Pedro Hilliard, Mechanic; Tina Maynard, Advanced Area HQ Attendant; David Smith, Maintenance Specialist; Christopher West, Advanced Area HQ Attendant

**DISTRICT 9**

Dillon Bearden, Maintenance Aide II; Jamie Greenhaw, Maintenance

Aide II; Kenneth Kelley, Maintenance Specialist; Kevin Owens, Maintenance Aide II; Jarrett Willis, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 10**

Herbert Bell, Jr., Maintenance Aide II; Shelby Jones, Maintenance Aide II; Jason Orrick, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Cory Shaw, Advanced Bridge Inspector; Belinda Tippitt, Advanced Area HQ Attendant

**SERVICE AWARDS:****ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Stacy Cantrell, AHP Corporal, 10 years; Brandon Clark, AHP Sergeant, 10 years; Ryan Grisham, Sr., AHP Sergeant, 10 years; Joseph McCollum, AHP Corporal, 10 years; Nathan McCollum, AHP Sergeant, 10 years; Matthew Ross, AHP Corporal, 10 years; Brian Sturdivant, AHP Corporal, 10 years

**BRIDGE**

Steven Peyton, Assistant Division Head, 25 years; Hong Yi, Engineer, 5 years

**BRIDGE OPERATIONS**

Nathan Edwards, Jr., Bridge Inspector, 5 years; Sam McIntare, HBM Superintendent, 20 years; Robert Swan, Statewide Bridge Inspector, 20 years

**CONSTRUCTION**

Shane Adams, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, 5 years; Jon Anderson, Inspector, 10 years; Robert Arguello, Construction Project Coordinator, 35 years; Jennifer Bryant, Field Clerk, 5 years; Cory Bryant, Inspector, 5 years; Rickey Clark, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 35 years; Dan Divine, Construction Aide, 10 years; Malcolm Hancock, Advanced Construction Aide, 5 years; Stephen Henson, Construction Materials Inspector, 10 years; William Keys, Construction Materials

Inspector, 10 years; Jesse Konstanzer, Assistant Resident Engineer, 10 years; Andrew Morrison, Resident Engineer, 5 years; Colin Nine, Senior Inspector, 20 years; Terri Penland, Construction Office Specialist, 20 years; Blair Petty, Advanced Construction Aide, 5 years; Sonya Rose, Construction Materials Inspector, 20 years; William Ryan III, Construction Project Coordinator, 30 years; Kevin Seals, Inspector, 15 years; Joshua Walker, Assistant Resident Engineer, 5 years

**CONSULTANT CONTRACTS**

Nancy Gambill, Staff Consult Coordinator, 10 years

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Edgar Ariza, Advanced Public Involvement Specialist, 5 years; Daniel Hildebran, Cultural Resources Specialist, 5 years; Ricardo Ramirez, Jr., Advanced Public Involvement Specialist, 5 years

**EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT**

James Koder, Central Shops Crew Leader, 10 years

**FISCAL SERVICES**

Melissa McDonald, Accountant, 10 years; Casey McJunkin, Section Head-Receipts & Expenditures/Accountant, 5 years

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Rufus Hardin, IT Support Specialist, 5 years; David Kaufman, IT Network Security Coordinator, 10 years

**LOCAL PROGRAMS**

David Siskowski, Division Head, 15 years

**MAINTENANCE**

Michael Lowell, Tractor Trailer Driver, 5 years

**MATERIALS**

Tracy Henderson, Geotech Drill Crew Supv, 15 years; Anthony Nicholson, Senior Geotechnical Aide, 5 years

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**

Benjamin Whatley, Senior Program Management Engineer, 10 years





### RIGHT OF WAY

Ga'nesha Skerrett, Utilities Coordinator, 5 years; Keyma Thompson, ROW Acquisition Agent, 5 years; Nathaniel Williams, Section Head-Relocation, 15 years; Teresa Wolfe, Office Assistant, 5 years

### ROADWAY DESIGN

Jennifer Harris, Roadway Des Rev Coordinator, 15 years

### SURVEYS

Johnathon Chamberlain, Advanced Surveys Technician, 5 years; Christopher Melhorn, Staff Surveys Engineer, 15 years

### SYSTEM INFORMATION AND RESEARCH

Jacob Jackson, Data Collection Tech, 5 years

### DISTRICT 1

Tracy Johnson, Rest Area Attendant, 5 years; Theodore Pulley, Maintenance Specialist, 10 years; Carlos Williams, Jr., Maintenance Aide II, 15 years

### DISTRICT 2

Travis Bell, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 years; Gregory Loomis, Senior Bridge Inspector, 35 years; Gary Washington, Maintenance Aide II, 15 years

### DISTRICT 3

Alexander Bradley, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; Joe Daniels, Jr., District Maintenance Superintendent, 30 years; Dustin Mccorkle, Mechanic, 10 years; Nicholas Walker, Maintenance Specialist, 5 years

### DISTRICT 4

John Boggs, Shop Supervisor, 15 years; Jack Imbush, Maintenance Specialist, 15 years; Jennifer Salazar, Crew Leader, 20 years; David Watts, Maintenance Specialist, 15 years; Lendal Williams, Jr., Maintenance Specialist, 15 years

### DISTRICT 5

Tyler Carl, Maintenance Aide II, 20 years; Lance Smith, Lead Bridge

Repairer, 5 years; Bruce Street, District Engineer, 35 years

### DISTRICT 6

Seth Curry, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; David Parks, Maintenance Aide II, 10 years

### DISTRICT 7

Sam Biggers, Mechanic, 10 years; Terry Diffee, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; Jeffery Hearnberger, Maintenance Specialist, 5 years; Sarah Lamkin, Bookkeeper, 5 years; Todd Nichols, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; Paul Parnell, Maintenance Specialist, 15 years; Kennedy Porchia, Tractor Trailer Driver, 20 years; Gregory Strange, Crew Leader, 20 years; Dustin Tugwell, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 15 years; Jamie Waterfield, Maintenance Aide II, 10 years

### DISTRICT 8

Benjamin Bixler, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; Paul Burris, Tractor Trailer Driver, 20 years; Roger Elder, Crew Leader, 45 years; Bradley English, Crew Leader, 10 years; Mark Mcclanahan, Bridge Inspector, 20 years; Steven Pierce, Maintenance Specialist, 10 years; Lesia Reeves, Advanced Area HQ Attendant, 25 years; Glen Stengel, Maintenance Specialist, 20 years; Jacob Tisdale, Bookkeeper, 10 years; Cody Waln, Maintenance Specialist, 10 years

### DISTRICT 9

Edward Griffith, Maintenance Specialist, 5 years; Timothy Hoyt, Crew Leader, 10 years; Dustin Ramsey, Maintenance Specialist, 10 years

### DISTRICT 10

Erick Carpenter, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; Christopher Clifford, District Maintenance Superintendent, 30 years; Duran Debose, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years; Zachary Gilbee, Maintenance Specialist, 10 years; Christopher Kelly, Crew Leader, 25 years; Gene Small, Maintenance

Aide II, 5 years; Christopher West, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years

## RETIREMENTS:

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Nicholas Phillips, AHP Corporal, 38+ years

### BRIDGE

Hong Yi, Engineer, 5+ years

### CONSTRUCTION

Brian Powell, Construction Project Coordinator, 27+ years; Christopher Seritt, Construction Project Coordinator, 36+ years

### EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Marion Mcfee, Station Attendant, 20+ years

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Johnna Trotter, Administrative Assistant, 23+ years

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Walter King, IT Assistant Section Head, 34+ years

### RIGHT OF WAY

Randall Cobb, Closing Agent, 34+ years

### SYS INFORMATION RESEARCH

Linda Hargrove, System Information Tech, 34+ years

### DISTRICT 1

Gloris Cox, Area HQ Attendant, 28+ years; Gregory Watlington, Maintenance Aide II, 6+ years

### DISTRICT 2

Kennedy Junior, Maintenance Aide II, 15+ years; Michael McClain, Crew Leader, 13+ years; Jeffery Power, Maintenance Specialist, 22+ years; Ronnie Womack, Jr., Special Maintenance Superintendent, 29+ years

### DISTRICT 3

William Jones, Sealing Superintendent, 28+ years; Selu Kelesoma, Maintenance Specialist, 18+ years

**DISTRICT 4**

Rocky Craig, Maintenance Aide I,  
5+ years

**DISTRICT 5**

Kerry Little, Senior Bridge  
Inspector, 28+ years; Jared Moxley,  
Maintenance Specialist, 28+ years;  
Bobby Wilkerson, Lead Bridge  
Repairer, 38+ years

**DISTRICT 6**

Richard Gray, Maintenance Aide I,  
5+ years

**DISTRICT 7**

Stacy Harding, Maintenance  
Specialist, 11+ years; Paul Parnell,  
Maintenance Specialist, 14+ years

**DISTRICT 8**

Jimmy Daniel, Lead Bridge Repairer,  
28+ years; James Wells, Mechanic,  
16+ years

**MEMORIALS:****HUMAN RESOURCES**

David Hunter, 3/20/2024, Retired

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Curtis Williams, 4/5/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 1**

Eddie Hamilton, 4/24/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 2**

James Steele, 5/7/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 3**

Joe Barham, 5/5/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 4**

Harbert Jones, 3/21/2024, Retired;  
Lonnie Sudbury, 3/16/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 6**

Billy Dunlap, 4/22/2024, Retired;  
Alton Mckim, 4/19/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 8**

Charles Russenberger, 4/11/2024,  
Retired

**DISTRICT 9**

Omel Fields, 4/25/2024, Retired





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