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Doing Our Best

EARLIER THIS YEAR, A FEW MEMBERS OF ARDOT'S ADMINISTRATION AND I TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A BRIEFING ON FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. WHILE WE WERE THERE, WE WERE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A NIGHTTIME TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, LED BY CONGRESSMAN BRUCE WESTERMAN.

It is a humbling experience to stand in a place that is the center of so much of the history of our great country. One great thing about a nighttime tour of the Capitol is that you have access to so many places that are busy during the day and off-limits during normal tours. One room we saw was a recently renovated room that is now called "The Lincoln Room." It is a place where Abraham Lincoln would read and study by a fireplace when he was a Congressman. One of the most moving things about the room was the following quote that was framed and hung on a wall near the fireplace:

Duty as Seen by Lincoln

"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how – the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

At ARDOT, we have been given a great responsibility to do our best to make things safer and more efficient for the many travelers on our highway system. We often come under attack, especially with the popularity of social media these days. Just as Lincoln said, it is difficult to answer all of the attacks, many of which we don't even hear. Our response, though, is to do the best job we can possibly do every day with the resources, talents and abilities we've been given. Will we make mistakes? Absolutely. But we correct them and continue to do our best every day. General George Patton once said, "If a man does his best, what else is there?" In the end, the results answer the attacks.

I appreciate the work that you all do every day to keep Arkansas moving safely and efficiently. Keep working hard. Do your best. Stay focused. Drown out the outside noise. Stay safe. Let our efforts and results speak volumes about us.

Scott E. Bennett, P.E., Director



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The Devil's Backbone road cut through Marshall, Arkansas.

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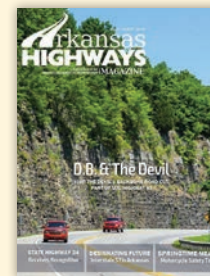
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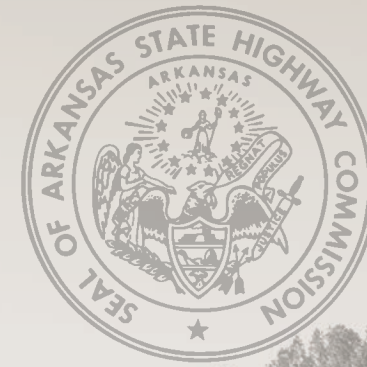
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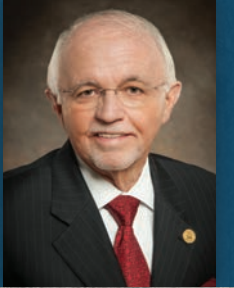
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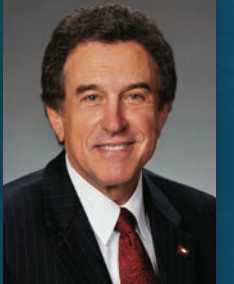
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The view of Marshall, AR, on top of the Devil's Backbone road cut.

D.B. + THE DEVIL

...HIS BACKBONE, THAT IS.

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

THE DEVIL'S BACKBONE ROAD CUT, part of U.S. Highway 65 through Marshall, Arkansas, exposes black shale followed by light-colored limestone.

This plaque shares the history of construction at Devil's Backbone.



On Friday, March 23rd, the Searcy County Historical Society dedicated a marker explaining both the geology and history of the Devil's Backbone road cut.

James Johnston and the Searcy County Historical Society organized the dedication event.

"I have an interest in this because it was my dad, William C. Johnston, who was the project engineer for putting this road cut through here," James Johnston said. "The original Highway 65 went through Baker but dad decided to put it over the mountain."

In 1927, engineer William C. Johnston of the newly formed Arkansas Highway Department proposed to take U.S. Highway 65 across Devil's Backbone Mountain. Johnston and his crew completed surveying of the new right of way in late 1927 and construction began on

January 1st, 1928, by D.B. Hill and Company of Little Rock.

D.B. Hill, Sr. completed construction in 1928, creating the original road cut through the mountain. In 1972, the company returned under the direction of D.B. Hill, Jr. and the supervision of D.B. Hill, III to widen and straighten the road.

"There aren't many contractors that can say that they rebuilt the road that their granddaddy built," Hill reflected. "We came to work here on March 7th, 1972. I just fell in love with this place when I came up here."

Hill smiled as he shared some humorous memories about working on the project.

"The first thing we did, naturally, was to put up the construction signs. We start clearing and eventually drilling and shooting rock.

The highway department as it is today said you can stop traffic for 15 minutes. There was an inspector there, always clocking it. One day, we didn't do anything different than we had done hundreds of times, but we shot and the biggest chunk of earth came out that you've ever seen," he laughed. "It took 8 hours to get the road open!"

It isn't often that one knows "what they want to be when they grow up," but as Hill reminisced, he recalled deciding his career at an early age.

"I started working for our company when I was 10 years old—in the summertime. I knew by the time I was 10 years old what I wanted to do. That's what I knew I wanted for as long as I can remember."

The contract for the Devil's Backbone road cut was let on January 26th, 1972, for \$2,496,375.

The partial work order issued for March 7th, 1972, allowed Hill and his crew to begin working.

"We were on top of a mountain. We got up there by pioneering a road," he explained. "It was so steep, we couldn't even get a bulldozer up there. We had to go and work with hand-held jackhammers to set the drill."

The full work order was issued on May 2nd, 1972, allowing more work to get underway on the project.

"The job was unique in that there was urban work (in Marshall) as well as the rural work on the mountain south back toward Leslie. The project was just over seven miles long."

At this point in Hill's career, he had not been able to see a job through from start to finish.

"Remembering my junior high through college years, I'd go to a job in the summertime and when it was time to go back to school, I'd leave it. This was the first one I could see through from beginning to end. A contractor will say that the two happiest moments in the life of a job are the day you get it and the day you sell it. There's always a source of pride and satisfaction when it's over and opened to traffic."

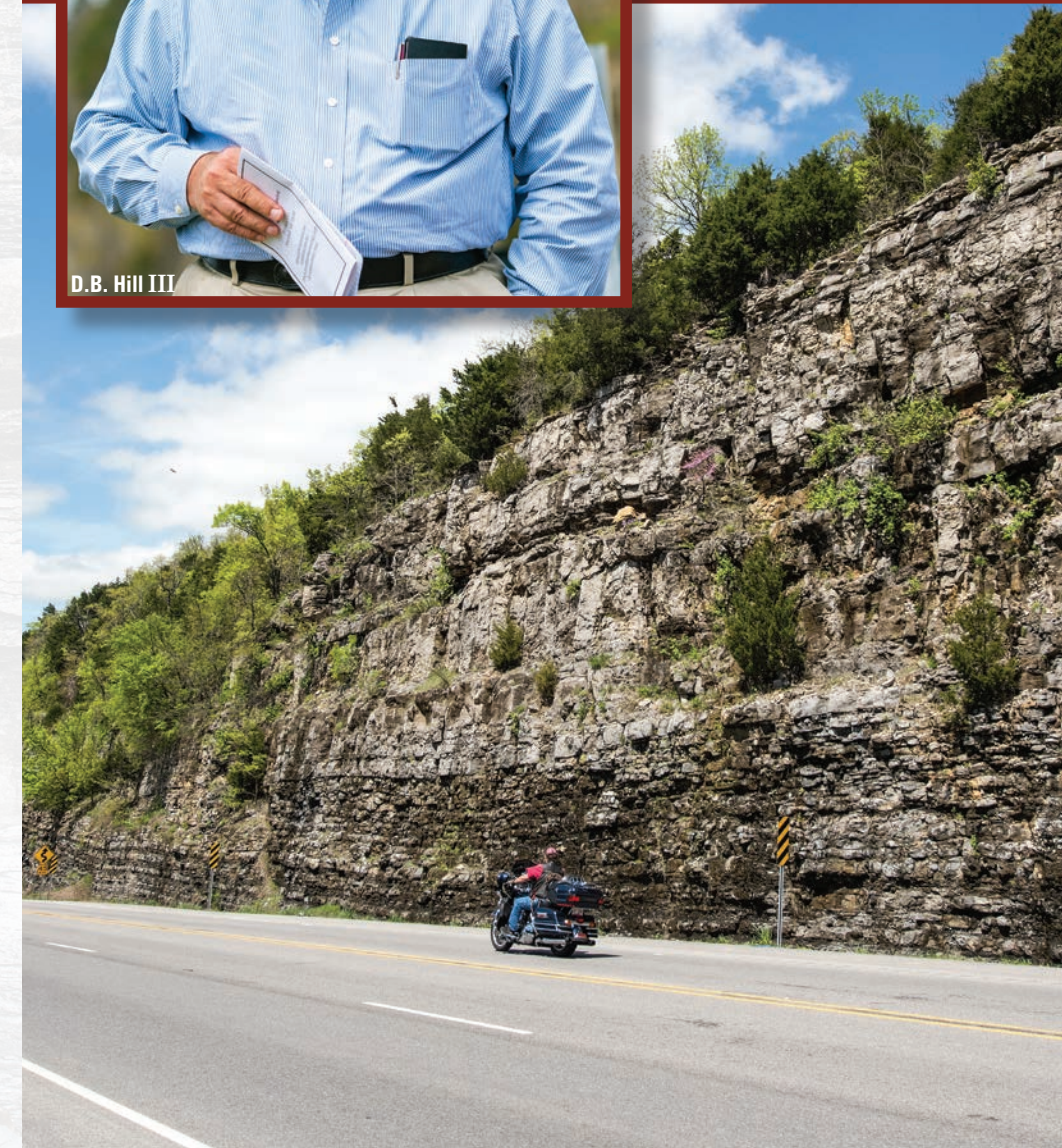
The job was completed on October 28th, 1974.

Hill is adamant and passionate about his work and the company that his family built.

"Our company is 98 years old now. The work we do is important for our employees, the State of Arkansas and the motorists driving the State's highways. I am fortunate and thankful to have carried on a family tradition for so many years." ■



D.B. Hill III



STATE HIGHWAY 24 RECEIVES RECOGNITION

BY DAVID NILLES

State Highway 24 leading northwest out of Camden was recognized for its longevity.



STATE HIGHWAY 24 leading northwest out of Camden carries approximately 2,500 vehicles per day as it makes its way towards Prescott.

Recently, a four-mile section of the highway was nationally recognized by the Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) for its longevity. The organization presented ARDOT with an Asphalt Pavement Alliance 2017 Perpetual Pavement Award.

The award is presented to state transportation departments and local agency road owners for well performing asphalt pavements that are at least 35 years old with proven high-quality structural design.

To earn the award, the pavement must have not suffered a structural failure, and it should have an average interval between resurfacing of no less than 12 years. The road must demonstrate the characteristics expected from a long-life, perpetual pavement design—excellence in design, quality in construction and value to taxpayers.

Highway 24 is a two-lane roadway and was opened to traffic in 1972. Crews performed a chip seal job in 1993. A resurfacing followed in 2014. Over the past 45 years, the overall structure gain of the pavement has not exceeded four inches.

“This prestigious award recognizes asphalt pavements which have been designed and built with outstanding care and exceptional quality,” stated Amy Miller with the Pavement Alliance.

The National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University evaluated nominations for the awards from across the country.

“This award for Highway 24 is a testimonial to the hard work and excellence our crews put into their work every day, not just in District Three, but across the State,” ARDOT Director Scott Bennett commented.

“It’s always an honor to be recognized by our peers in the industry.”

Winning agencies are honored by their local state asphalt pavement association and are presented with an engraved crystal obelisk. The names of the winning agency and the winning projects are also added to a plaque on permanent display at the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University.

The APA is a partnership of the Asphalt Institute, National Asphalt Pavement Association and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations. ■

DESIGNATING FUTURE INTERSTATE 57 IN ARKANSAS

BY DAVID NILLES

THE SEARCY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE hosted a luncheon in February to celebrate the designation of U.S. Highway 67, from North Little Rock to Walnut Ridge, as Future Interstate 57.

I-57 currently connects Sikeston, Missouri, to Chicago, Illinois. Future I-57 will extend west to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and then south along the U.S. 67 corridor to North Little Rock, ending at I-40. A provision designating U.S. 67 from North Little Rock to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, as “Future I-57” was added into the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development funding bill and officially became law in 2017.

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Attendees unveil the Future I-57 Sign.

“Today we are seeing something much bigger. The potential impact is tremendous as we provide an alternate Interstate route for people and products traveling to and from Chicago towards Dallas and on to the southwest U.S.”

- Alec Farmer, Arkansas Highway Commission Member



Alec Farmer, Member Arkansas Highway Commission

ARDOT Director Scott Bennett shared the past and future of the highway with those gathered.

“Over the last 60 years, the Department has completed 46 construction jobs on Highway 67 to provide 123 miles of roadway between North Little Rock and Walnut Ridge at a cost of \$316 million,” Bennett stated. “Today we honor the work that has been done and recognize everyone that has been involved.”

Bennett also recognized those who have worked hard on the future of the highway. A provision of the Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development funding bill enables

Arkansas to designate a portion of Highway 67, from North Little Rock to Walnut Ridge, as “Future Interstate 57.”

“The members of our Congressional delegation are the ones that made Future Interstate 57 a reality,” he told the crowd. “We really appreciate the support of all of our delegation in making this happen. We are excited about the possibilities of extending Interstate 57 into Arkansas and, one day, having an Interstate connection between Chicago and North Little Rock.”

Congressman Rick Crawford attended the luncheon and was one of those who worked in Washington D.C. on the “Future 57” designation.

“I can’t tell you how important this is,” he told those attending. “This is such an economic multiplier for this area. If you can check the box by having Interstate access in your community, it moves you one step closer to landing that new manufacturing plant or expanding job opportunities in your community.”

Senator John Boozman was instrumental in providing necessary leadership in writing the provision that made the designation possible and attended the luncheon.

“All of us working together with everyone’s support has enabled us

to see the Future I-57 signs go up,” he commented. “Regionalism is so important, and this is a good example of what we can do when we come together. Thank you for all of your hard work.

“Having this designation should put us in a better position to acquire funding in the future,” Boozman added.

North of Walnut Ridge, Highway 67 is a four-lane highway but is not divided. In Pocahontas, it becomes a two-lane roadway as it makes its way northward to the Missouri state line.

In late 2015, the Highway Commission adopted a planning study to evaluate the long-term improvement needs from Walnut Ridge to the Missouri line. The study concluded that a four-lane facility would provide benefits in travel time, safety and system connectivity.

“Our work is certainly cut out for us, but we look forward to the day when the entire route is Interstate-quality,” Director Bennett told the crowd.

All five Arkansas Highway Commissioners attended the luncheon to mark the occasion.

Commissioner Alec Farmer shared a story from the past to shed light on the future of the roadway.

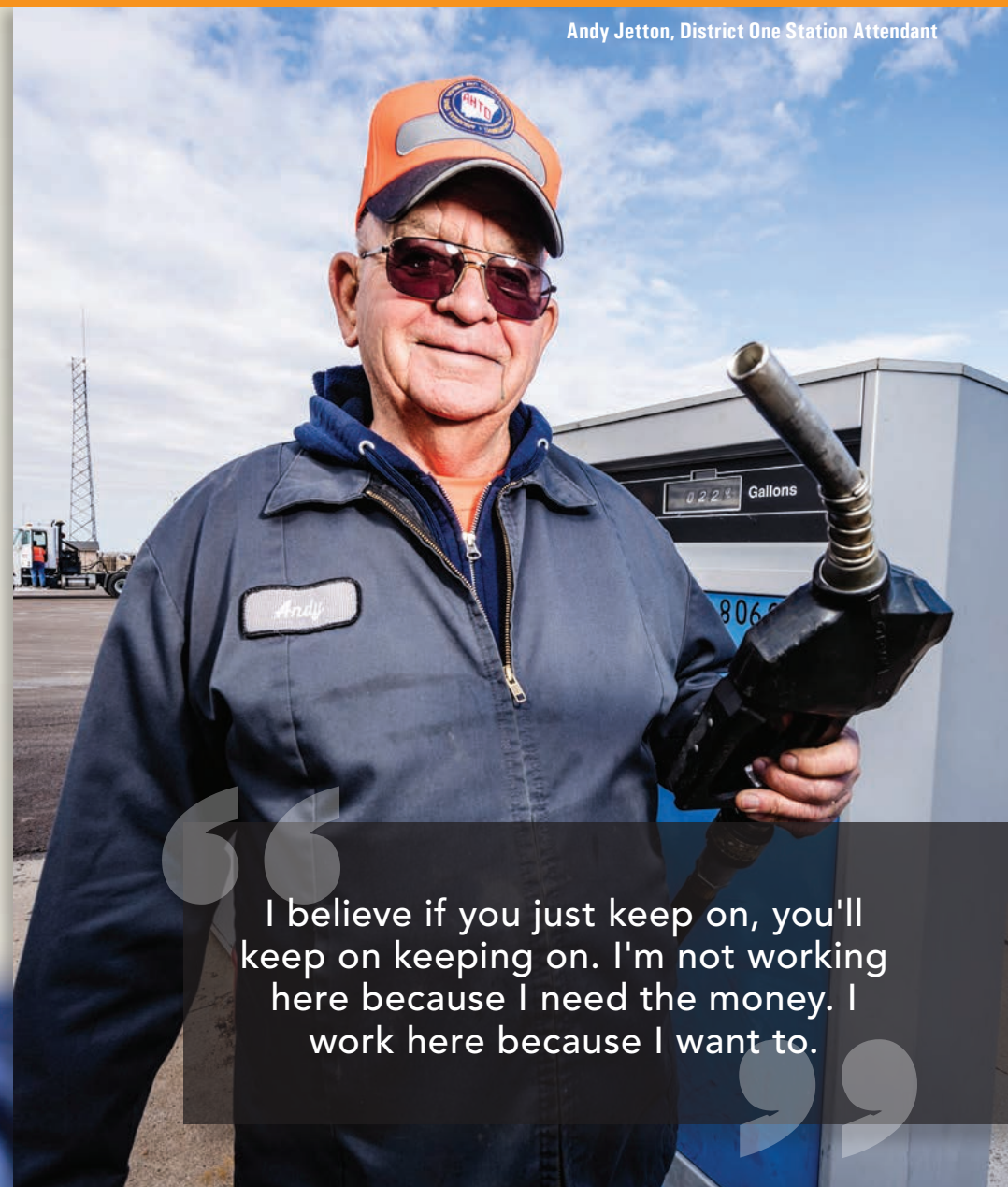
“My father also served on the Highway Commission. In 1985, he asked me to take a ride with him. We ended up at the Highway 67 Bridge over the White River. He got out of the car and just stared at that bridge. He was so proud that northeast Arkansas was finally going to be connected to the rest of the State with a four-lane Interstate-quality highway.

“Today we are seeing something much bigger. The potential impact is tremendous as we provide an alternate Interstate route for people and products traveling to and from Chicago towards Dallas and on to the southwest U.S. We still have work to do to remove the word “future” from the highway shields. However, the Future I-57 designation is an important step in recognizing this route as a high priority Interstate corridor. The end result, like the White River Bridge 30 years ago, will be worth the effort.”

At the close of the luncheon, dignitaries presented a ceremonial unveiling of the Future Interstate 57 highway sign. It is a sign that motorists will see along the route to remind them of the improvements coming to northeast Arkansas. ■



Guests of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce with the Future I-57 sign.



AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

“I believe if you just keep on, you'll keep on keeping on. I'm not working here because I need the money. I work here because I want to.”

“WISH I COULD TELL YOU SOMETHING REALLY BRILLIANT, but I don't know anything,” Andy Jetton reflected. I smile, because little does he know that what he brings to the Arkansas Department of Transportation is exactly that—brilliant.

Andy is a station attendant for District One's Headquarters in Wynne, Arkansas. What's so brilliant about that? He just celebrated his 80th birthday and has no plans to retire anytime soon. He began his career with ARDOT in 1957 at the promising age of 18. Originally from Tennessee, Andy grew up working his family's farm and knew that was not the end of his aspirations. He moved to Arkansas and landed his first ARDOT job as a field clerk.

“I was a typist. I did that for two or three years. Then I was a rodman, a chainman, I did materials work, and I was a road inspector last. That time totaled nine years and nine months. I got married in 1963 and needless to say, it wasn't enough money, so I went to work for myself.”

Andy worked in the service station business, drove a truck, and dabbled in rental properties. He was successful in

his business ventures but grew weary with driving back and forth to Memphis. After being self-employed for almost 40 years, he came back to ARDOT in 2005.

“I didn't think at my age they'd hire me, but I went to work at the county,” he smiled. “I knew my way around a station because I'd had a station business two different times, so I transferred up here. I love it. I don't know a soul out of all these people here that I don't get along with.”

“Happy Birthday” rang through the halls as Andy entered the packed breakroom for his surprise party. Almost every employee gathered to honor and

celebrate his special day. His age does not determine his vibrance, ability or gratitude.

As I followed him around the headquarters, the comradery among the staff was contagious. Andy spoke about his favorite part of his job being the people, and it was easy to understand why. Other employees look to Andy for guidance because with age comes knowledge and experience. They volunteer to help him if they think his tasks are too strenuous to perform alone.

“I've had others come to me and ask, ‘Show us what we're not doing right.’ I

laugh and tell them, they're not paying for what I do, they're paying me for what I know. It's such a good place to work. I wish I'd come back a long time ago,” he said thoughtfully.

So, what is his secret to such longevity? It seemed that's the question he hears most often. His response was genuine and heartfelt:

“I've been truly blessed. I've just gotten up every day and gone to work. And I believe if you just keep on, you'll keep on keeping on. I'm not working here because I need the money. I work here because I want to.”

Sitting across from him, I was in awe of how easy he made it seem to be so active at his age. Then again, age is only a measure of existence. Time had left its mark at the corners of his eyes and work had calloused his hands, but both wilted next to his humility and wisdom.

“You can make it out here whatever you want to make it. You come out here, put your head down and work. You may not be the best at it, but learn. I wish I could tell you something really brilliant, but I don't know anything.”



Recipients included (L. to R.) Trinity Smith, Director Scott Bennett, Jessie Jones, Rick Ellis, Lorie Tudor, Keli Wylie, Tony Sullivan, Ben Browning, Mike Fugett and Mike Burns.

ARDOT RECEIVES QBS AWARD

BY DAVID NILLES

THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION has received a QBS Award (Qualification-Based Selection) from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

The award was presented to the Department on March 8 in a ceremony held at the Governor's Mansion.

This is the first year that the QBS Award has been presented by the organization.

ARDOT received the award for its overall selection process. Qualification-based selection is a process for the selection of design professionals by public owners.

It is a negotiated procurement process based on qualifications and competence in relation to the work to be performed.

In 1972, Congress adopted the Brooks Act (P.L. 95-582), requiring the use of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) for the procurement of architect and engineering services. The use of QBS ensures that federal and state agencies — and the taxpayer — receive highly technical architectural and engineering services from the most experienced and most qualified firms at a fair and reasonable cost. QBS is used by all federal agencies, 46 state governments and many localities throughout the country.

This widely accepted method provides

for vigorous and open competition among design firms in the areas of personnel, experience, prior performance and technical skills.

The QBS Awards recognize public and private entities that make exemplary use of the QBS process. Winners serve as examples of how well the QBS process works.

"We are excited to accept this award from the American Council of Engineering Companies," ARDOT Director Scott Bennett stated. "The QBS process allows the Department to obtain high quality engineering services to develop construction projects that ensure the safest roads possible for the traveling public." ■

This 3.2-mile paved trail cuts through the woods at Craighead Forest Park.

PARTNERSHIPS PROVIDE

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

FEBRUARY 22, 2018, was a proud day for the city of Jonesboro. Citizens, employees and sponsors huddled under a pavilion as Mayor Harold Perrin welcomed guests for the Craighead Forest Park Trail ribbon cutting.

In 1937, Jonesboro purchased the 600 acres for the park for \$1, with the only stipulation that it be used for the public.

"Today, we're not only keeping our promise to our forefathers, but we're expanding and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jonesboro," Perrin announced. "We're here to dedicate a 3.2-mile walking trail that will double, if not triple, our attendance at this facility."

Designated attendees included representatives from the Blue & You Foundation, Arkansas Parks & Tourism, ARDOT Director Scott Bennett and Angel Correa, Division Administrator with the Arkansas Division of the Federal Highway Administration.

"This could not be possible at all by the City of Jonesboro by itself. We want to say thanks to all of our partners because this wouldn't have happened without them," Perrin said.

The Blue & You Foundation is a charitable foundation established and funded by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield to promote better health in Arkansas. The Foundation donated exercise equipment stationed at various intervals around the trail.

The Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism awarded Jonesboro money for the trail through the Outdoor



Recreation Grants Program. The mission of the program is to improve the management, planning and overall quality of Arkansas' Outdoor recreation resources.

One may not typically think about the Arkansas Department of Transportation awarding money for projects like park trails, but ARDOT Director Scott Bennett reminded everyone otherwise:

"One of the things we do is administer federal grant programs specifically for transportation alternatives and recreational trails. We've got a great staff and a big responsibility beyond highways. There's a lot of competition around the State for these funds."

To date, ARDOT has awarded the Craighead Forest Trail over \$1.4 million from these special program funds— money that is not eligible to go toward highway use. By participating in such programs and administering funds, ARDOT helps local agencies improve health and increase access to safe transportation alternatives. ■

SUMMERTIME MEANS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

BY DAVID NILLES



ARDOT Photographer Rusty Hubbard rides his MZ Baghira.



WARM WEATHER HAS ARRIVED AND FOR MANY ARKANSANS, THAT SIGNALS IT IS TIME TO ROLL THE MOTORCYCLE OUT OF THE GARAGE AND GET READY TO TAKE TO THE OPEN ROAD.

Before heading out, it is a good idea to remember a few safety precautions to guarantee a safe riding season.

BE ROAD READY: To earn your Arkansas motorcycle permit, you will need to pass a written test, a motorcycle skills test and

a vision screening. Once you pass these tests, you will receive a Class M endorsement on your license. It is also a good idea to find a Motorcycle Safety Foundation riding course. These courses will fine tune your riding skills and improve rider safety. Signing up for a class is easy at www.arkansasmotorcyclesafety.com.

PERFORM A WALK AROUND: If your bike has been stored all winter, take a walk around it in order to check the brakes, the oil, the tension on your chain or belt, look for punctures in the

tires and make sure the head and tail lights are working.

WEAR THE RIGHT GEAR: Be sure to wear clothing designed to minimize injury in the event of a crash. Be ready from head to toe with a helmet, eye protection, a jacket, gloves, pants and boots. Make sure to wear clothing that will stand up to abrasion in an accident. Thick leather or Kevlar is sturdy and can protect you well. Gloves will protect your hands from rocks and bugs. Boots protect your feet and ankles from items flying up off the road and burns from hot pipes.

OPT FOR A HELMET: Should you wear a helmet? It is a leading cause for debate but the facts do not lie. Traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of motorcycle crash deaths. Helmets reduce the risk of head injury by 69% according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Full-faced helmets provide the most protection and offer a 210-degree field of view. They completely cover your head, and the visor keeps wind, rain and bugs off your face. Arkansas law requires motorcycle operators and passengers under the age of 21 to wear a helmet. A previous State law mandating universal helmet use was repealed in 1997. However, wearing a helmet is always the best option.

MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE: Always ride with your headlights on. You may also want to wear bright colors. For better visibility at night, consider attaching strips of reflective

tape to helmets and clothing.

AVOID BAD WEATHER: Nobody likes to ride in the rain. Avoid bad weather if possible. Pelting rain and wet clothing are uncomfortable. If you are caught in inclement weather, consider pulling over or taking a pit stop somewhere. In addition, be aware of strong winds as they can throw riders off balance.

WATCH FOR ROAD HAZARDS: Riding on two wheels requires extra caution and requires more attention to the roadway. Look out for items such as gravel, potholes, litter, blown tires or edge breaks where two traffic lanes are different heights. All of these can cause problems. The single most dangerous situation for motorcyclists occurs when cars are making left-hand turns, so watch other drivers and anticipate their next moves.

MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE: In addition to doing what you can to protect your motorcycle and yourself from potential hazards out on the road, it is important that you have the right motorcycle insurance. You need an insurance policy that offers the coverages that are important to your specific bike, the type of riding you will be doing and your lifestyle.

More people are riding motorcycles now than ever before. There are many reasons. They are stylish, economical and fun to ride. Following these safety tips will help contribute to more fun on the open road. ■



HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO) sponsors the annual Geospatial Information Systems for Transportation (GIS-T) Symposium, and for the first time in 31 years, Arkansas hosted the event.

Transportation professionals from all over the United States visited Arkansas March 19-22.

“The Symposium offered speakers, discussion forums, workshops, presentations and a technology hall where exhibitors showcase their services,” Sharon Hawkins, ARDOT Staff and GIS Mapping Administrator, said. “Organizations and individuals with information related to GIS in transportation were encouraged to share their experience by presenting at the Symposium.”

The three most discussed topics were safety, linear referencing systems and data management. Field professionals agree that conferences like GIS-T are important



Van Colebank (left) and Sharon Hawkins (right) attend the symposium.

because they allow peers to come together and discuss the challenges they have seen and how to overcome them.

“The opportunity for peer exchanges is very important in order to get new ideas and perspectives,” said ARDOT Director, Scott Bennett. “There are many similarities across the states, but also differences. This is a chance for people in the same industry to get together and learn from each other.”



One of many booths in the Exhibitors Hall.

Arkansas ranked as the 2nd highest attended Symposium since it began in 1987 with 457 total attendees.

“A benefit of ARDOT hosting a conference like this is that it allows more of our staff to participate,” Bennett explained. “This is key in the continued development of our own workforce.”

Hosting a symposium of this size and importance was no small task. A planning committee spread out over the country coordinated with the host state to help organize the event. ARDOT staff from multiple Divisions and Sections played vital roles in executing tasks throughout the conference to ensure its success.

“Thanks to the great team we have here at ARDOT, the nationwide GIS-T Committee and the great folks we got to work with at the Marriott and Statehouse Convention Center, everything went so smoothly,” Hawkins noted.

ARDOT involvement did not end with hosting—staff gave speaking presentations, had maps featured in the Map Gallery, and two entries won first prize for their posters.

Hawkins added, “Interacting with our counterparts from around the nation, participating in peer exchanges and simply having a chance to talk about or see how different requirements/projects are being handled by other states, allowed GIS and Cartographic personnel to see a different perspective and to learn how to improve or solve methods and challenges that they are experiencing.” ■

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Richie-Crawford House

WEEKEND

ROAD TRIP:

CAMDEN

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

OUR MAGAZINE CREW HAS TRAVELED MANY MILES ACROSS ARKANSAS OVER THE YEARS, FINDING GREAT PLACES TO EXPLORE AND SPEND TIME. FOR THIS ISSUE, OUR WEEKEND ROAD TRIP TOOK US TO SOUTHERN ARKANSAS, TRAVELING FIRST ON STATE HIGHWAY 7 TO CAMDEN, "WHERE HISTORY LIVES."

Camden is full of restored antebellum homes. A brochure of the **Historic Camden Driving Tour** is available at the Chamber of Commerce, listing more than 20 homes on the National Register of Historic Places.

HISTORIC HOMES

The **McCollum-Chidester House Museum** is one of many homes open to the curious historian. The house was built in 1847 by Peter McCollum. Building materials for the house were purchased in New Orleans and shipped upriver to Camden by steamboat. The original wavy

glass panes still fill the windows of the house. In 1857, Colonel John T. Chidester of New York bought the house for \$10,000 in gold. The house was used as headquarters at various times by Confederate General Sterling Price and Union General Frederick Steele during the Battle at Poison Springs (April, 1864). Many of the family's original furnishings remain in good condition in the house today. The Ouachita County Historical Society purchased the home in 1963 from Chidester family descendants and established it as a museum. The building was placed on the National

Register of Historic Places in June 1975. The home is open Wednesday through Saturday until 4:00 p.m. at 926 W. Washington Street.

Another historic home in Camden is the **Richie-Crawford House** built in the neoclassical style of architecture. The house was built in 1909 for businessman Walter Richie and his family. It was later owned by Clyde and Maud Crawford. Mrs. Crawford was an attorney whose law firm was investigating mafia influence over labor unions. She disappeared without a trace on a Saturday night in 1957 and is believed to have been kidnapped by the mob.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT

Railroad enthusiasts will be interested in the **Missouri-Pacific Railroad Depot**

in the City's business district. Built in 1917, the building features Mediterranean Revival styling and was used as both a passenger and freight depot. Today, the depot houses the Camden Chamber of Commerce. "The Trace," a two-mile multi-use trail, follows a former railroad track and is part of the Rails to Trails project. It begins at the depot at the southwest corner of Main and First Streets.

BON APPÉTIT

If it's lunchtime, just a half block from the depot is the **White House Café**, one of the oldest restaurants in Arkansas. The menu boasts southern dishes such as pork chops, roast beef, chicken and dressing and banana pudding for dessert. The White House is open Monday through Saturday at 323 S. Adams Avenue.

When dinnertime rolls around, consider



The McCollum-Chidester House Museum

dining at the **Postmasters Grill**. This restaurant receives rave reviews and is located in Camden's old post office built in 1895. The building was scheduled to be demolished in the early 1970s but was saved and eventually was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. On the menu are tantalizing appetizers, salads and contemporary American Cuisine, much of it locally-sourced. Save room for their very popular white chocolate bread pudding. The restaurant is open for dinner only Tuesday through Saturday at 133 W Washington Street.

STATE PARKS

More history can be found just north of Camden by leaving on State Highway 24 and taking a 10-minute drive to **Poison**

Springs Battleground State Park found on State Highway 76. In the spring of 1864, three Civil War battles took place in south central Arkansas that were part of the Union Army's "Red River Campaign." Arkansas' three State historic parks that commemorate these battles—Poison Springs Battleground State Park, Marks' Mills Battleground State Park and Jenkins Ferry Battleground State Park—are part of the Red River Campaign National Historic Landmark. The first battle occurred near Camden at Poison Springs on April 18 when Confederate troops captured a supply train and scattered Union forces. The park features outdoor interpretive exhibits and picnic sites.

Not far from Poison Springs is **White Oak Lake State Park**, a perfect

destination for fishing and overnight camping. The 1,700-acre lake features bass, crappie, catfish and bream fishing.

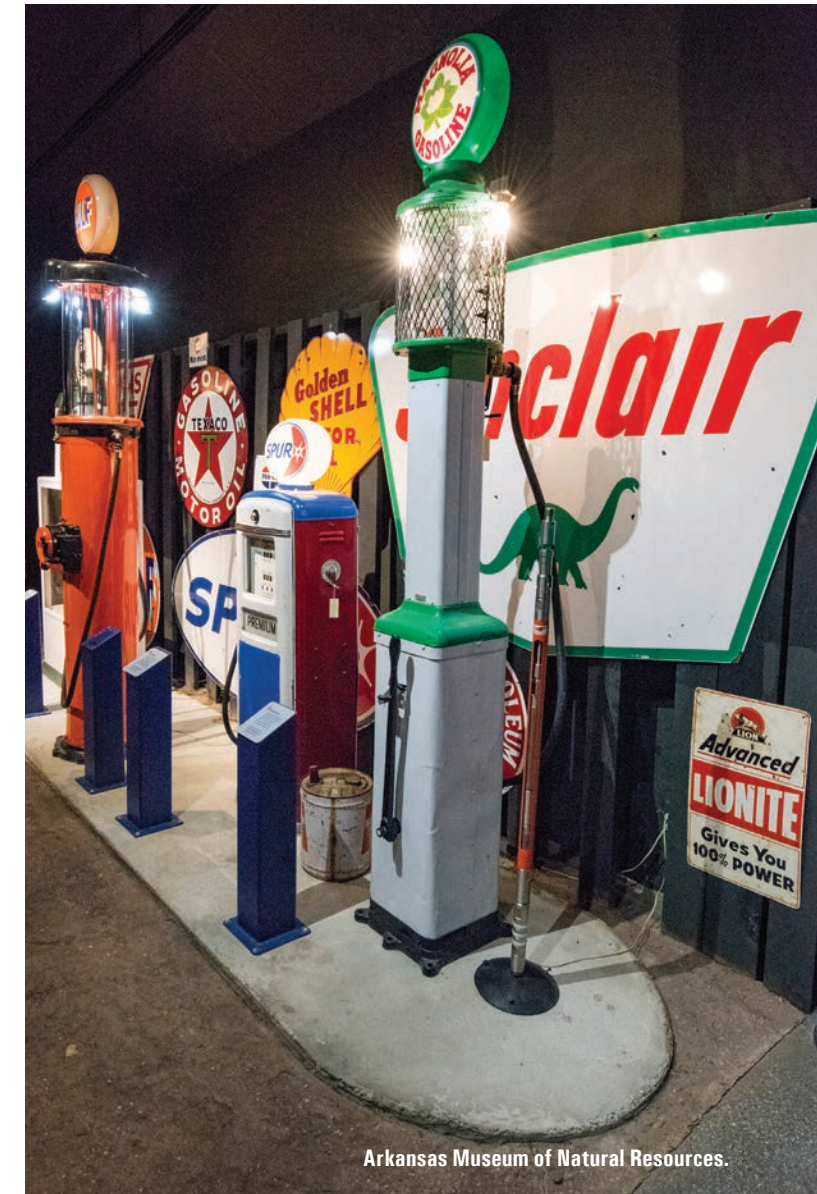
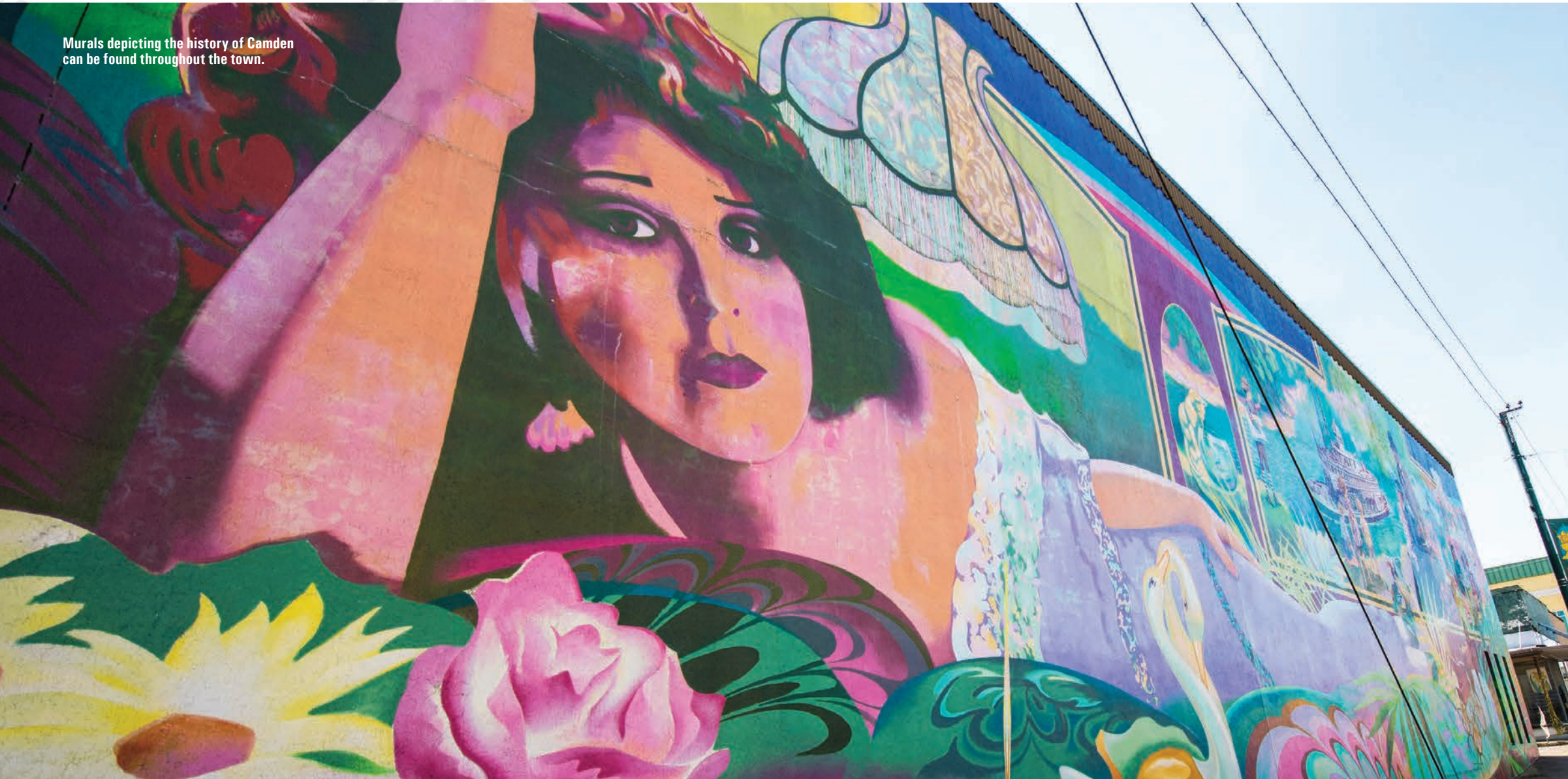
There are also wildlife and birding opportunities here. The park offers regular sightings of great blue herons, egrets, osprey and migrating bald eagles. Hidden only a few feet in the wood line is the Little Grand Canyon. The park offers 45 campsites, a marina with boat rentals, hiking trails and interpretive programs. The park is located at 563 State Highway 387, near Bluff City.

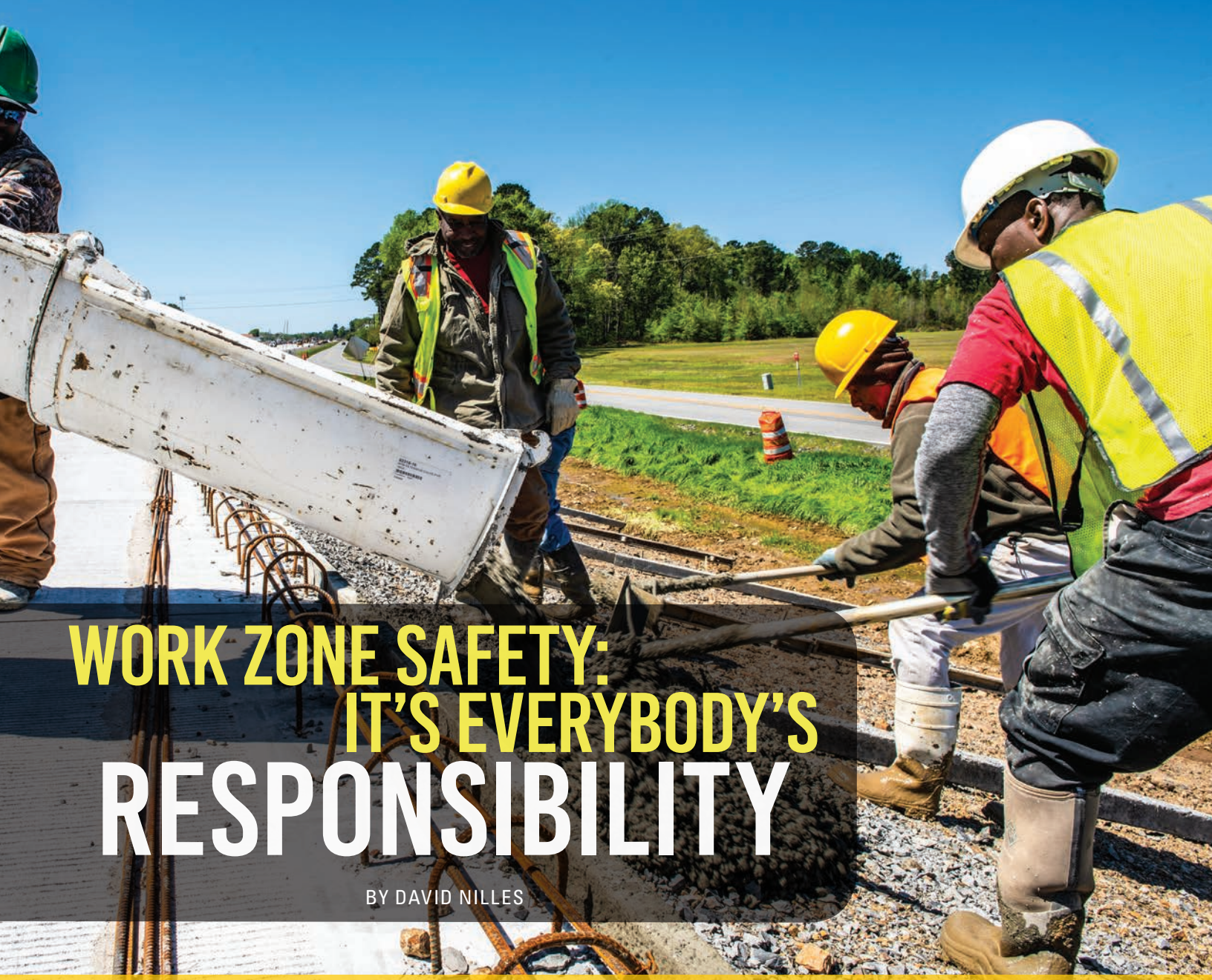
A MUSEUM, NATURALLY

Twenty miles south towards Smackover on State Highway 7 you will find the **Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources**. The museum shares the

stories of this region's natural resources with visitors. In addition to educational exhibits, visitors can walk the streets of a 1920s Arkansas boom town or travel 200 million years back in time to discover the origins of oil. Adjacent to the museum is Oil Field Park with full-sized operating vintage derricks and equipment used from the 1920s to today. Smackover's oil fields were ranked some of the most productive in the nation in the 1920s. For five months in 1925, the 40-square-mile Smackover field was the focal point of one of the wildest mineral booms in North America. Additionally, Columbia and Union counties stretch over one of the largest brine reserves in the world. Bromine is derived from brine, or saltwater, and local companies play an international role in the commercialization of bromine and its many applications. The museum is open daily at 3853 Highway 7 and accepts donations for admission. ■

Want your Weekend Road Trip idea considered for the next issue of Arkansas Highways? Contact our writing staff at britni.padilla-dumas@ardot.gov.





WORK ZONE SAFETY: IT'S EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

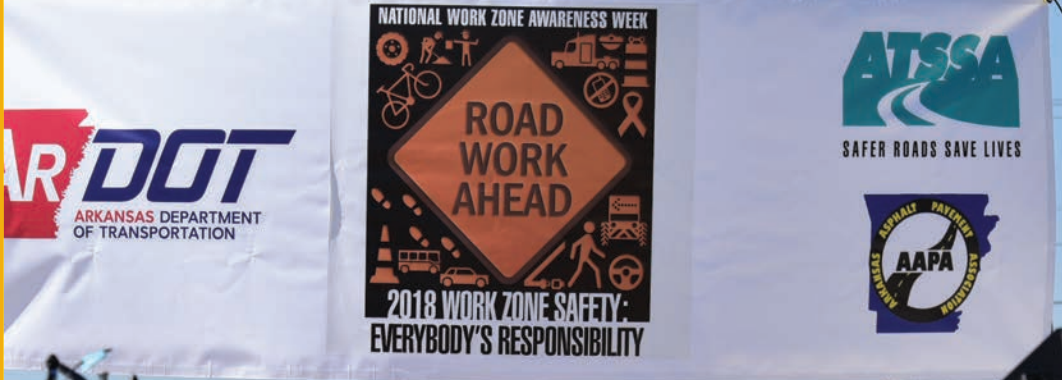
BY DAVID NILLES



Tony Sullivan, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.



Sheryl Boyd with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce



THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT) JOINED STATES FROM ACROSS THE NATION IN APRIL TO REMIND MOTORISTS TO SLOW DOWN AND BE CAUTIOUS IN CONSTRUCTION WORK ZONES.

It was part of a national campaign titled "2018 Work Zone Safety: Everybody's Responsibility" aimed at reducing accidents in work zones.

Members of the ARDOT staff joined other local officials for a news conference at a work zone located on U.S. Highway 67 near Cabot.

"Over 65,000 vehicles pass through this work zone every day," stated Tony Sullivan, ARDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations. "The construction activity you see around us makes for a potentially dangerous combination of motorists and construction crews."

Nearly 800 people were killed and

tens of thousands injured in highway work zones in 2016 across the United States. Most of those fatalities were drivers and passengers. Approximately 15-20 percent of work zone crashes involve non-motorists — such as construction workers.

"There are numerous factors that contributed to those work zone crashes," Sullivan added. "Speeding, inattentive driving and lack of seatbelt use are high on the list."

The spring and summer months

always see an increase in the number of work zones across Arkansas and the rest of the country due to the favorable weather for construction. Work zones can include everything from Interstate highway widening projects to pothole patching and mowing.

Sullivan offered some helpful tips to help drivers get through work zones without an incident.

"Slow down and obey work zone speed limits. Put plenty of space between you and the vehicle ahead of

you. Be attentive and obey road crew flaggers. Plan ahead and leave a few minutes early to avoid delays."

Chief Jay Thompson of the Arkansas Highway Police urged motorists to be aware of a police presence in work zones.

"A major role of the Arkansas Highway Police is to monitor our construction work zones across the State," he stated. "Motorists should not be surprised to see an Arkansas Highway Police officer sitting on the

shoulder just prior to a construction zone to remind motorists to slow down and pay attention. If we all focus while we drive, it increases the likelihood we stay alive."

The ARDOT Traveler Information site www.IDriveArkansas.com includes a map showing all construction zone locations in Arkansas. The website is a good place for motorists to start when planning a trip on Arkansas' highways. ■

Elk spotted near Tyler Bend in Marshall, AR
Photo: Arkansas Parks & Tourism

OUT & ABOUT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

As you travel Arkansas over the next two months, consider checking out some of the listed events. Our State is full of interesting things to do, no matter what highway you take.

For additional event listings, check Arkansas.com/events.

- * **ARTOSPHERE FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA:** This lauded orchestra features premier musicians from major symphonies, prestigious ensembles and distinguished programs around the world performing fresh and lively productions of classic and new works by leading composers. • JUNE 19
- * **ARKANSAS BIKE SUMMIT:** Join state leaders at the inaugural Arkansas Bike Summit at Record in Bentonville. The summit will discuss cycling infrastructure, development, events and more! • JUNE 21 & 22
- * **FIBER ARTS SHOW:** Handcrafted creations from a wide variety of fiber. All fiber arts are welcome including knitting, crocheting, twining, weaving, quilting, embroidery, sewing, macramé, lacemaking, rug hooking, felting, flocking, cross-stitch and more. JUNE 27 – JULY 28
- * **43RD ANNUAL DEVIL'S DEN GAMES:** Enjoy a fun-filled family day of horseshoes, an egg toss, sack races, a bike parade and, of course, softball tournaments. ... All topped off with homemade ice cream! • JULY 4
- * **SUMMER STAR PARTY:** The beautiful dark night skies of Woolly Hollow State Park are a perfect background for the Summer Star Party. Bring your family for an evening of stargazing with the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society. Volunteers will have telescopes available for viewing the astral bodies and will be available to answer your questions. • JULY 14

JUNE 19 *
ARTOSPHERE FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
Walton Arts Center
Fayetteville, AR

JUNE 21 & 22 *
ARKANSAS BIKE SUMMIT
Record
Bentonville, AR

JUNE 21 - 23
21ST ANNUAL BUFFALO RIVER ELK FESTIVAL
109 Court Street
Jasper, AR

JUNE 27 - JULY 28 *
FIBER ARTS SHOW
MENA ART GALLERY
Mena, AR

JUNE 29 & 30
PURPLE HULL PEA FESTIVAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROTARY TILLER RACE
Emerson High School
Emerson, AR

JULY 4 *
43RD ANNUAL DEVIL'S DEN GAMES
Devil's Den State Park
West Fork, AR

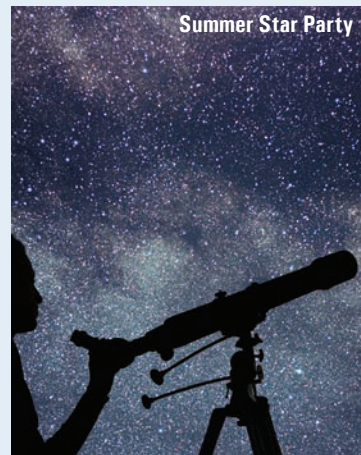
JULY 14 *
SUMMER STAR PARTY
Woolly Hollow State Park
Greenbriar, AR



Arkansas Bike Summit
Photo: Arkansas Parks & Tourism



Devil's Den Games
Photo: Arkansas Parks & Tourism



Summer Star Party

Dear ARDOT

Just want to say what a great job your people are doing with the repaving project on Highway 201 South. Very good to see a job getting done as fast as you are going. Nobody leaning on their shovels, sitting in their pickups, talking on their cell phone! We left for town and were gone for about two hours. Very surprised to see they had laid at least a mile of blacktop! Got used to the way Baxter County works so this is very refreshing.

Thank you,
Joseph Jones
Baxter County

AHP HELPING U.S. MARSHALS

This letter was sent to thank AHP Senior Corporal Roy Martin for assisting in the arrest of a suspect wanted for murder in Tennessee. Thank you for assisting the U.S. Marshals Service-led Western Arkansas Fugitive Task Force in capturing such a dangerous suspect.

Sincerely,
Harold Oglesby
U.S. Marshal
Western District of Arkansas

RED RIVER WELCOME CENTER

I'm a customer service kind of guy. If I see something that bothers me, I reach out. If I see something great, I do the same thing. My wife and I were traveling Sunday, April 1, from New Orleans back to our home in Joplin, MO. Both of us were having a touch of stomach problems after eating all the very rich NOLA food. We always worry about using rest area rest rooms. The center was closed for the Easter holiday, and we expected the worst. I must tell you how pleased we were with the Red River facility. It was as clean as any 4-star hotel restroom, actually, better. When we came out my wife said, "that bathroom smelled awesome." We both compared how clean it was. So tonight I decide to compliment you and your center. I promise we left it as clean as we found it. Good job and thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,
Steve & Pat Russell
Joplin, Missouri

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ESCORT

Please thank AHP Captain Holloway for escorting me to the Highway 412 Northern Bypass ribbon-cutting in Springdale. I appreciate him getting my staff and myself to and from the event safely and quickly.

Sincerely,
Tim Griffin
Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas

ARKANSAS WELCOME CENTERS

They're positioned at strategic locations across the State, welcoming motorists to Arkansas. Attractive and inviting places to take a break from the road. They are the State's thirteen Arkansas Welcome Centers (AWC). Each Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (6:00 p.m. during summer months). Restrooms are available at all hours. An interactive map of AWC locations can also be seen at IDriveArkansas.com. Just click the "Traveler Information" tab.



1. BELLA VISTA — HIGHWAY 71 B

13750 Visitors Center Drive
Bella Vista, AR 72714
Phone: 479-855-3111

2. BLYTHEVILLE — INTERSTATE 55

5241 Interstate 55
Blytheville, AR 72315
Phone: 870-762-2512

3. CORNING — HIGHWAY 67

6717 Highway 67
Corning, AR 72422
Phone: 870-857-6014

4. EL DORADO — HIGHWAYS 82 & 167

3315 Junction City Highway
El Dorado, AR 71730
Phone: 870-881-9160

5. HARRISON — HIGHWAY 65 N

3391 Highway 65 N
Harrison, AR 72601
Phone: 870-741-3343

6. HELENA-WEST HELENA — HIGHWAY 49

1506 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Helena, AR 72342
Phone: 870-338-7602

7. LAKE VILLAGE — HIGHWAYS 65 & 159

3697 S. Highway 65 82
Lake Village, AR 71653
Phone: 870-265-5832

8. MAMMOTH SPRING — HIGHWAY 63 N

17 Highway 63 N
Mammoth Spring, AR 72554
Phone: 870-625-7364

9. SILOAM SPRINGS — HIGHWAYS 412 W & 59

2000 Highway 412 West
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
Phone: 479-524-4445

10. TEXARKANA — HIGHWAY 71

12555 Highway 71
Texarkana, AR 71854
Phone: 870-772-7511

11. TEXARKANA — INTERSTATE 30

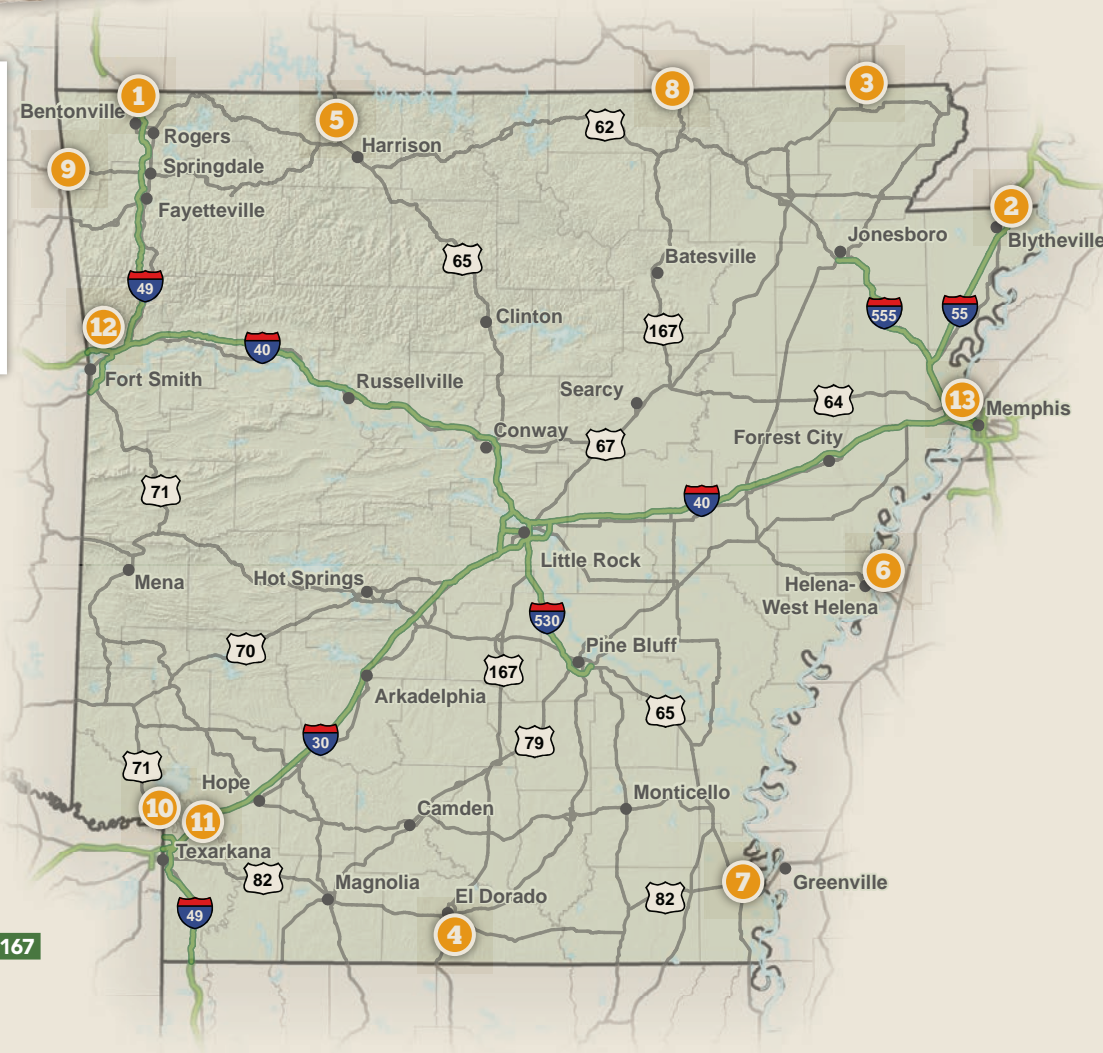
10000 Interstate 30
Texarkana, AR 71854
Phone: 870-772-4301

12. VAN BUREN — INTERSTATE 40

2915 Interstate 40
Van Buren, AR 72956
Phone: 479-474-9515

13. WEST MEMPHIS — INTERSTATE 40

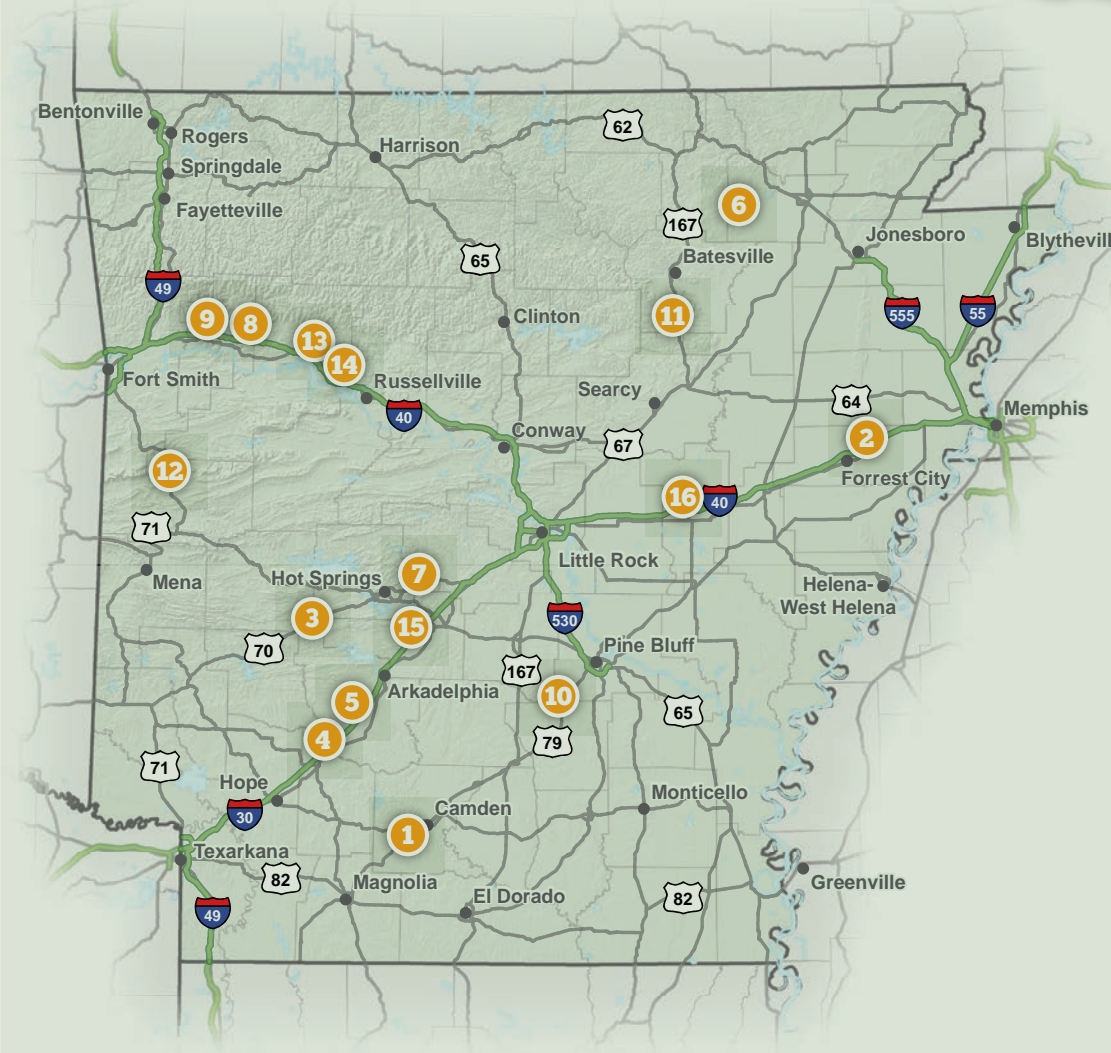
704 East Service Road
West Memphis, AR 72301
Phone: 870-735-3637



IN

addition to Arkansas Welcome Centers, travelers will find Rest Areas and Tourist Information Centers (T.I.C.) at locations across the State. Like our Welcome Centers, each location offers restrooms and picnic tables and is a great place to rest and enjoy some time off of the road.

ARKANSAS REST AREAS



7. LONSDALE — HIGHWAY 70

Location: 5.2 miles east of Highway 70B
Direction: Both

8. OZARK — INTERSTATE 40

Location: Mile marker 35.3
Direction: Eastbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

9. OZARK — INTERSTATE 40

Location: Mile marker 36.5
Direction: Westbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

10. RISON — HIGHWAY 79

Location: Intersection of Highway 79 and 212
Direction: Both

11. SALADO CREEK — HIGHWAY 167

Location: 4.3 miles north of Highway 87
Direction: Both
RV and Truck parking

12. WALDRON — HIGHWAY 71

Location: .8 miles north of Highway 71B
Direction: Both
RV and Truck parking

13. BIG PINEY T.I.C. — INTERSTATE 40

Location: Mile marker 67.5
Direction: Eastbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

14. BIG PINEY T.I.C. — INTERSTATE 40

Location: Mile marker 72.5
Direction: Westbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

15. SOCIAL HILL T.I.C. — INTERSTATE 30

Location: Mile marker 93
Direction: Both
RV and Truck parking, Vending

16. WHITE RIVER T.I.C. — INTERSTATE 40

Location: Mile marker 198.8
Direction: Both
RV and Truck parking, Vending

1. BUENA VISTA — HIGHWAY 79

Location: 1 mile south of the intersection with Highway 376
Direction: Both

2. FORREST CITY — INTERSTATE 40

Location: Mile marker 242.6
Direction: Westbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

3. GLENWOOD — HIGHWAY 70

Location: 1.8 miles east of Highway 70B
Direction: Both
RV and Truck parking

4. GURDON — INTERSTATE 30

Location: Mile marker 57.5
Direction: Westbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

5. GURDON — INTERSTATE 30

Location: Mile marker 56.1
Direction: Eastbound
RV and Truck parking, Vending

6. IMBODEN/BLACK ROCK — HIGHWAY 63

Location: 1.2 miles north of Highway 117
Direction: Both
RV and Truck parking

DISTRICT 2

CONSTRUCTION



CORNER

The reconstruction of ten miles of Interstate 530 in Pine Bluff is well underway. Webber, LLC of The Woodlands, Texas, was awarded the \$67 million contract in the summer of 2017 and work began in September. Crews are using a fabric bond breaker beneath the concrete pavement to prevent adhesion of the newly placed concrete to the substrate. The project also includes new special provisions for pavement smoothness using an International Roughness Index and concrete tests to mitigate future alkali-silica reaction issues. Tubular markers in lieu of precast concrete barrier walls are also a part of the improvements. Completion of the project is expected in the summer of 2019. **■**



ARDOT PEOPLE

NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION • Justin Calhoun, Construction Aide; Mark Ford, Construction Aide; Marqavius Smith, Construction Aide; Joe Plyler, Senior Engineer; Timothy Dart, Construction Aide

COMMUNICATIONS • Charles Bolin, ITS Specialist
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Deldrick Pace, Janitor
HUMAN RESOURCES • Robert Simpson, Records Technician

INTERNAL AUDIT • Megan Cook, Staff Auditor
MAINTENANCE • Austin Dillman, Sign Erector; John Andrews, Maintenance Aide I; Mark Vance, Maintenance Aide I; Alexander Castleberry, Maintenance Aide I; Luther Wade, Maintenance Aide I
FISCAL SERVICES • Nina Owens, Accountant
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING • Sheila Brown, Planning Contract Specialist

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH • Jackson Haynie, Data Collection Technician

DISTRICT 2 • Gary Barnett Jr., Station Attendant; Andrew Robinson, Maintenance Aide I
DISTRICT 3 • James Cooper, Maintenance Aide I; Zackary Miller, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4 • Michael Evans, Mechanic; Lamar Roberts, Maintenance Aide I; Cheia Yang, Maintenance Aide I; Brandon Nelson, Maintenance Specialist; Samir Benzabeh, Maintenance Aide I; Zack Gregory, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 5 • Joe Rolins, Maintenance Aide I; William White, Maintenance Aide I; Jacob Murphy Jr., Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 6 • Coy Carpenter, Mechanic; James Burnette, Rest Area Attendant; Terry Johnson, Maintenance Aide I; Travis Robinson, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 7 • Steve Fry, Skill Trades Trainee; Isreal Shawanna, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 8 • Keith Freeman, Maintenance Aide I; Chad Shipp, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 9 • Robert Kahle, Maintenance Aide I; John McCoy, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 10 • Terry Sullivan III, Welder; David Doyle, Maintenance Aide I; Gerald Ellis, Maintenance Aide I; Betty Brown, Maintenance Aide I; Lucious Williams Jr., Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Jay Thompson, Chief; Mark Jackson, Sergeant

BRIDGE • Kyle Yeary, Assistant Division Head; Thomas Gerard, Staff Engineer; Luke Bailey, Staff Engineer

CONSTRUCTION • Diane Reynolds, Estimates Technician; Arjah Sonny, Construction Aide

MAINTENANCE • Cliff Pleasant Jr., Striping Crew Leader; Raymond Leung, Maintenance Engineer; Winston Skinner, Sign Crew Specialist

ARDOT employs approximately 3,700 people. We welcome our new employees, congratulate others on promotions and service and say goodbye to those retiring.

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH • Cressandra Mahone, Data Collection Technician; Ernest Pointer III, Data Collection Technician; Sarah Tamayo, Asset Management Engineer

DISTRICT 1 • Lance Thigpen, Maintenance Aide II; Benjamin Smith, Maintenance Aide II; Kenneth Watlington, Maintenance Specialist; John Phillips, Lead Landscape Technician; Clark Hill, Tractor Trailer Driver; Johnathan Sanders, Crew Leader; Ronald Beltran, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 2 • Bruce Smith, Crew Leader; Kurt Searvogel Jr., Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 3 • Phillip Brady, Lead Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 4 • Johnathon Terry, Maintenance Aide II; Kourtney Hall, Lead Bridge Repairer; Michael Frazier, Lead Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 5 • Greyson Wyatt, Maintenance Aide II; Randall Dillinger, Maintenance Aide II; Mark Crider, Maintenance Aide II; Mark Jones, Maintenance Aide II; Harry Adler, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 6 • Cody Micha, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor; Michael Strickland, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 7 • Ryan Wages, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 8 • Porfirio Martinez, Crew Leader
DISTRICT 10 • Chester Jetton, Lead Bridge Repairer

SERVICE

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Jeffrey Holmes, Captain, 25+ yrs;

ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD • Jennifer Williams, Assistant Division Head, 25+ yrs;

BRIDGE • Tandra Herman, Senior Engineer, 10+ yrs;

CONSTRUCTION • Larry Lay, Construction Aide, 30+ yrs; Timothy Eaker, Construction Project Coordinator, 30+ yrs; Samantha Knight, Field Clerk, 10+ yrs; Anita Parker, Construction Aide, 5+ yrs; Karlisha Porter, Field Clerk, 5+ yrs

ENVIRONMENTAL • John Fleming, Division Head, 30+ yrs; Jason Eads, Cultural Resources Specialist, 5+ yrs;

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Larry Golden, Shop Supervisor, 35+ yrs; Grady Carter, Mechanic, 5+ yrs; Desmond Williams, Lead Storeroom Assistant, 5+ yrs;

HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE • Michael Jones, Senior Engineer, 35+ yrs;

MATERIALS • Lakisha Rice, Chemist, 10+ yrs; Claude Woods, Senior Materials Technician, 5+ yrs; Coty Campbell, Geotechnical Aide, 5+ yrs

RIGHT OF WAY • Yvonne Hunt, Closing Agent, 10+ yrs;

ROADWAY DESIGN • Gary English, Designer, 35+ yrs;

STATE AID • Julia Coffman, Designer, 30+ yrs;

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • Larry Lanes, Public Transportation Program Manager, 30+ yrs; Kimberly Romano, Advanced Engineer, 15+ yrs;

DISTRICT 1 • Ronnie Reel, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ yrs; Derl Futrell, Assistant Bridge Inspector, 10+ yrs;

DISTRICT 2 • John Harvey, Maintenance Aide II, 15+ yrs; Lawrence Crift, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ yrs;

DISTRICT 3 • Shane Rothenberger, Lead Bridge Repairer, 5+ yrs;

DISTRICT 4 • Marion Rouell, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs;

DISTRICT 5 • Thomas Smith, Maintenance Aide II, 30+ yrs; Ricky Milligan, Maintenance Specialist, 20+ yrs; Johnny Jason, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs; Dennis Perry, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ yrs; Sammy Edwards, Mechanic, 5+ yrs;

DISTRICT 6 • William Williams, Crew Leader, 25+ yrs; Brian Mizer, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs;

DISTRICT 8 • Jonathan Hayes, Area Headquarters Attendant, 40+ yrs; Frankie Holman, Maintenance Aide II, 20+ yrs; Lloyd Davis, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs;

DISTRICT 9 • Jackie Villines, Crew Leader, 30+ yrs; Brian Willis, Sign Crew Supervisor, 15+ yrs; Cody Nelson, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs

RETIREMENT

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Ronald Burks, Division Head, 20 yrs; Clyde Murphy, Jr., Officer, 18+ yrs;

MAINTENANCE • Bishop Terrell, Sign Fabricator, 18+ yrs;

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • William Bastress Jr., Public Transportation Program Manager, 16+ yrs

DISTRICT 2 • Barron Johnson, Maintenance Aide II, 18+ yrs; Franklin Long, Maintenance Aide II, 18+ yrs

DISTRICT 3 • Melinda Lester, Area Headquarters Attendant, 33+ yrs

DISTRICT 4 • Harold Rose, Maintenance Specialist, 32+ yrs; Debbie Caster, Administrative Officer II, 35+ yrs; Steve Hunt, Body Repairer & Painter, 15 yrs; James Barte Jr., District Bridge Inspector, 24+ yrs; John Sharum, Staff Engineer, 40+ yrs

DISTRICT 6 • Stanley Rogers, Sealing Job Superintendent, 28+ yrs

DISTRICT 7 • Douglas Dickens, Construction Inspector, 29+ yrs

DISTRICT 10 • Bobby Bell, Maintenance Specialist, 7+ yrs

MEMORIALS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Johnny Taylor, Jr., 3/14/18, retired

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Betty Jo Malone, 3/30/18, retired

PLANNING & RESEARCH • James F. Marshall, 4/02/18, retired

CONSTRUCTION • Edward Ferguson, 4/07/18, retired; Kinch Womack, 4/10/18, retired

RIGHT OF WAY • Robert Tyler, 4/11/18, retired

DISTRICT 1 • Calvin Voyles, 3/16/18, retired; Danny Vaughn, 3/26/18, retired

DISTRICT 3 • R.D. Brown, Jr., 3/11/18, retired

DISTRICT 4 • Billy McCartney, 4/07/18, retired

DISTRICT 9 • James Watts, 4/09/18, active

DISTRICT 10 • Roland Eaton, 4/04/18, retired; Jerry Black, 3/29/18, retired



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