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Director's Message

Working Above and Beyond

The subject of the Director's Message in the Fall 1998 issue of *Arkansas Highways* was "Doing More With Less." In that article, it was pointed out how staff reduction efforts over the years had actually lowered AHTD employment levels since the mid-1960's. This was in stark contrast to overall state government employment levels, which more than doubled over the same time period.

In that article, employees of the AHTD were credited with making those reductions possible by taking on more responsibility and performing jobs more efficiently, rising to the challenge and excelling in getting the job done.

In every issue of *Arkansas Highways*, the "Letters" section is full of unsolicited comments from citizens who have benefited from the work of our employees. And with the creation of the Motorist Assistance Patrol in West Memphis (see article in this issue), we will have even more opportunities to help the travelling public.

Sometimes the letters offer a pat on the back for a job well done. But many times, it's a personal note from someone who has been provided assistance that falls outside the normal scope of our work. In this issue and the last, there are articles about employees who have assisted in life-saving efforts.

We should all be proud to be associated with an organization whose employees are known for assisting the motoring public. As public servants we need to always set a good example for others. What better example than that of helping a fellow citizen?



Dan Flowers

DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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COVER PHOTO: Highway 391 in Pulaski County. Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO: Highway 71 looking into Washington County. Photo by John Jackson.

First-Year Projects Underway For Interstate Rehabilitation Program

The first year of the five-year Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) is well underway. The 12 first-year projects went to contract this summer.

Contracts were awarded in the May and June bid lettings for work on sections of Interstates 30, 40, and 55. The 12 projects totaled slightly over 81 miles in length, with the contracts totaling over \$163 million.

Under the IRP, the Department will rehabilitate approximately 375 miles of the state's Interstate system. All work is scheduled to be underway in three years and completed in five.

The first bond issue for highways in nearly fifty years set the stage for this year's work. In March 2000, the Commission issued \$175 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds. Over the next two years, the Commission has the authority to issue \$400 million more in GARVEE bonds to finance the remaining IRP projects. Revenue from the bond sales will pay for a majority of the approximately \$950 million cost of the improvements.

"We've really gotten off to a good start on this program," said

Highway Commission Chairman Herby Branscum, Jr. "The sale of



Contractors for the Department begin shoulder trenching on Interstate 40 near Plummerville in Conway County.

the bonds in March went very well, and we received good bids from the contractors this year. If the next two years go as smoothly, this will be an exceptionally successful program.”

Work on three of the 12 jobs currently underway will actually be completed by the end of this year. The resurfacing of I-55 between West Memphis and Jericho, the resurfacing of I-40 near Plumerville in Conway County, and the resurfacing of I-30 near Prescott in Nevada County should be complete before 2001 begins.

Consultants have been selected and are busy preparing plans for projects which will be let to contract in the next two years. The Commission has also hired a media consultant to assist with public information efforts. “We know there will be some inconvenience for motorists,” AHTD Director Dan Flowers noted.

“We’ll do our best to provide the most current information possible regarding lane closures and traffic congestion. I hope motorists will do their best by exercising patience and planning ahead,” Flowers added.



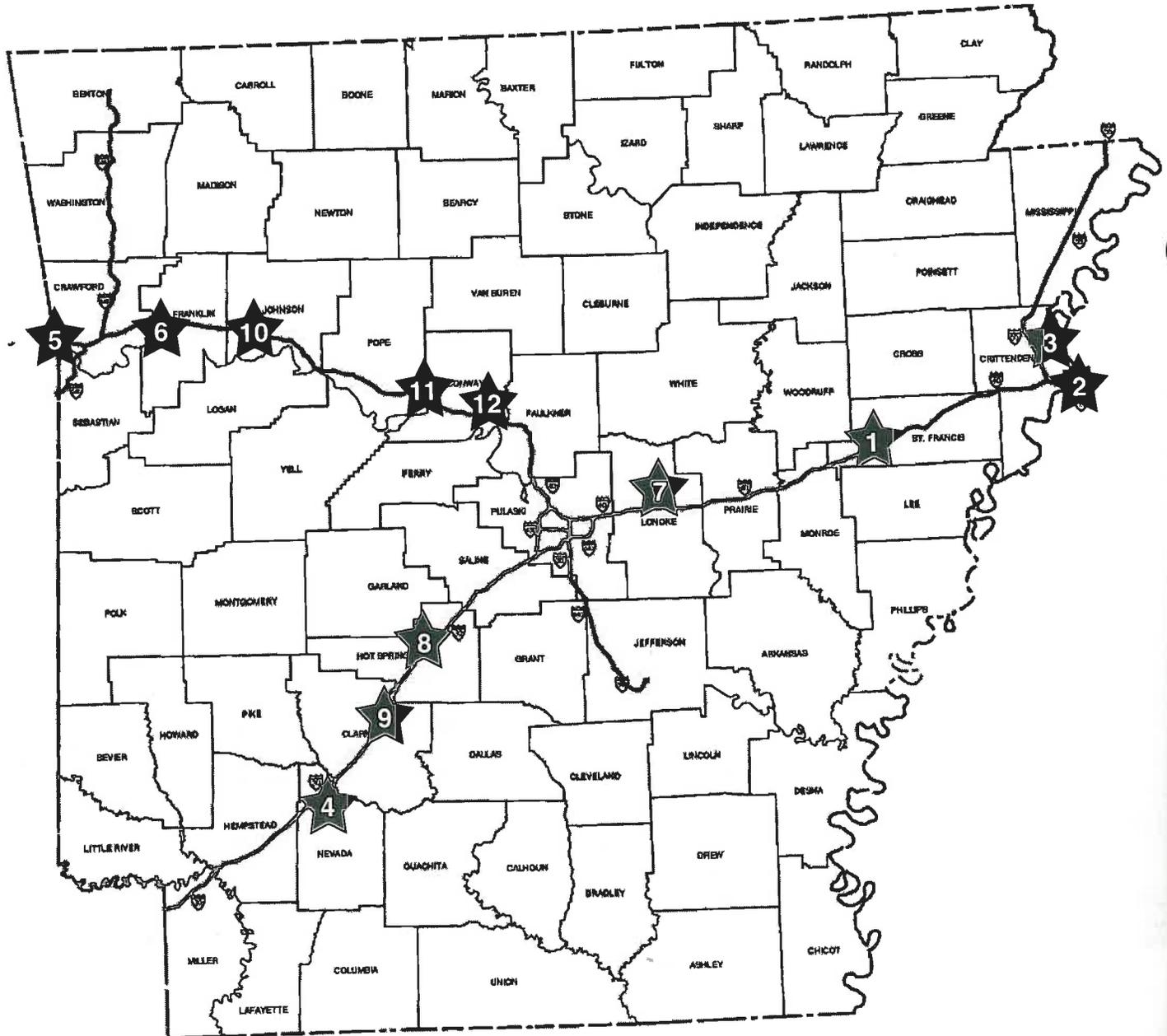
Dump trucks unload asphalt for a new driving surface on Interstate 40 in Crawford County.



A tack coat is being applied to prepare for a new driving surface on Interstate 55 near Marion in Crittenden County.

INTERSTATE REHABILITATION PROGRAM Contracts Under Construction

Project	Route	County	Job Name	Contractor	Contract \$	Estimated Completion Date
1	I-40	St. Francis	Goodwin-East	APAC-Tennessee	\$25.8M	Fall 2001
2	I-40	Crittenden	Hwy. 131-Miss. River	Angelo Iafrate Const., LLC	\$13.8M	Spring 2002
3	I-55	Crittenden	I-40-Jericho	Angelo Iafrate Const., LLC	\$5.2M	Late 2000
4	I-30	Nevada	Hwy. 371-Boughton Rd	Madden Contracting Co., Inc.	\$6.9M	Late 2000
5	I-40	Crawford	OK State Line-AR/MO RR	Glover Const. Co., Inc.	\$14.9M	Fall 2001
6	I-40	Franklin	Crawford Co. Line-East	Forsgren, Inc.	\$12.7M	Fall 2001
7	I-40	Lonoke	Hwy. 31-Carlisle	Gilbert Central Corp.	\$14.6M	Fall 2001
8	I-30	Hot Spring	Social Hill-West	Rogers Group, Inc.	\$15.9M	Late 2001
9	I-30	Clark	Hwy. 53-Gum Springs	Martin Marietta Materials	\$18.0M	Late 2001
10	I-40	Johnson	Hwy. 164-Hwy. 64 West	Glover Const. Co., Inc.	\$14.0M	Fall 2001
11	I-40	Conway/Pope	Atkins-Blackwell	Rogers Group, Inc.	\$11.6M	Fall 2001
12	I-40	Conway	Plummerville-East	Rogers Group, Inc.	\$9.8M	Late 2000



Department Announces I-30 Widening Plans

On Thursday, March 30, 2000, a crowd of state and local elected officials and other supporters gathered under windy conditions at the I-30/Chicot Road Overpass to hear members of the Highway Commission and Governor Mike Huckabee announce the widening of Interstate 30 between Little Rock and Benton.

Commission Chairman Herby Branscum, Jr., offered opening remarks and introduced fellow commissioners, AHTD Director Dan Flowers, Governor Huckabee and area legislators. Chairman Branscum's opening remarks summarized the impact of the bond program on the I-30 project.

"Until the Commission's financial advisor completed his analysis of the funding sources and projects, it was uncertain whether or not the construction of the additional lanes on this section of highway would be allowed under the bond program," Branscum said. "We're pleased to



Governor Mike Huckabee urged those in attendance to be patient and emphasized the importance of work zone safety while travelling through highway construction zones.



Commission Chairman Herby Branscum, Jr. addresses the media atop the Chicot Road Overpass.

announce today that the construction of the additional lanes, both here on I-30 and on a section of I-40 in North Little Rock, will be accomplished under the Interstate Rehabilitation Program," he concluded.

Following Branscum's comments, Flowers explained the



Highway Commissioner Prissy Hickerson relates her personal Interstate 30 driving experiences.

improvements slated for the 17-mile stretch of I-30 between the Geyer Springs Road exit in Little Rock and the Sevier Street exit in Benton. "Additional overpass and interchange work will take place in 2001, with the actual widening beginning in 2002," Flowers said, noting that the work would carry a \$150 million price tag. "As with all the projects planned under the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, all the work will be underway in three years and completed in five," added Flowers.

Commissioner Prissy Hickerson spoke of the future widening of I-30. "I think everyone who drives this section of highway will be pleased with the outcome," she said. Governor Huckabee added, "Be patient because we're finally doing what you urged us to do: fixing your roads."

Motorist Assistance Program Offers Roadside Help

By Keith Stephens
Public Affairs Office

Interstate travelers in the West Memphis area have a new safety service in operation which is provided by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. The Department's Motorist Assistance Program (MAP) recently hit the road providing assistance to motorists in need on I-40 and I-55.

Motorist Assistance Providers are AHTD employees trained to assist motorists with problems encountered during travel. Their mission is to do whatever they can to help motorists. Their patrol vehicles are equipped to provide gasoline, water, minor repairs and air. They also change flat tires, jump batteries and have push bumpers to move stalled vehicles out of travel lanes. Equipped with cellular telephones, they can make calls for repairs and towing, as well as to concerned relatives and friends.

During Arkansas' summer heat wave, the Darla and Jerry Rhoades family of Elberfeld, Indiana got a first hand view of what the program is all about. The family of six was traveling from Indiana to Shreveport, Louisiana along Interstate 55 just north of Marion when their vehicle's water hose ruptured forcing them to the shoulder.



Motorist Assistance Providers:

Geno Mitchell, Renee' Files, John Holcombe, Lenora Wilson and Marvin McCallister

Arkansas State Police immediately notified MAP and within a few short minutes, AHTD employees Renee' Files and Marvin McCallister were on the

scene. A temporary fix of duct tape, anti-freeze and water had the Rhoades' off the Interstate and on their way to a service station for more permanent repairs. "I think



Keith Stephens, of the AHTD Public Affairs Office, talks with Darla Rhoades of Indiana, while the MAP providers repair her family van.



John Holcombe records information during a stop along I-40/I-55 in West Memphis.

this should be available in every state," Jerry Rhoades said. "This really helps out a lot when you're stranded on the road," Darla added.

Motorist Assistance Providers also assist in traffic control, particularly at crash scenes, and at times provide travel directions. Robert Hurst of St. Louis was trying to find a buddy in West Memphis that he had met during military service in Vietnam. "I had the directions, but I couldn't find the correct exit," Hurst said. MAP team members Lenora Wilson and John Holcombe quickly gave directions and offered their cell phone to get the exact location of Hurst's friend. "This is a great idea. Maybe other states will pick up this program," Hurst said.

"We are pleased to have this valuable service available to those traveling in this area," said AHTD Director Dan Flowers. "MAP is a program which provides a needed



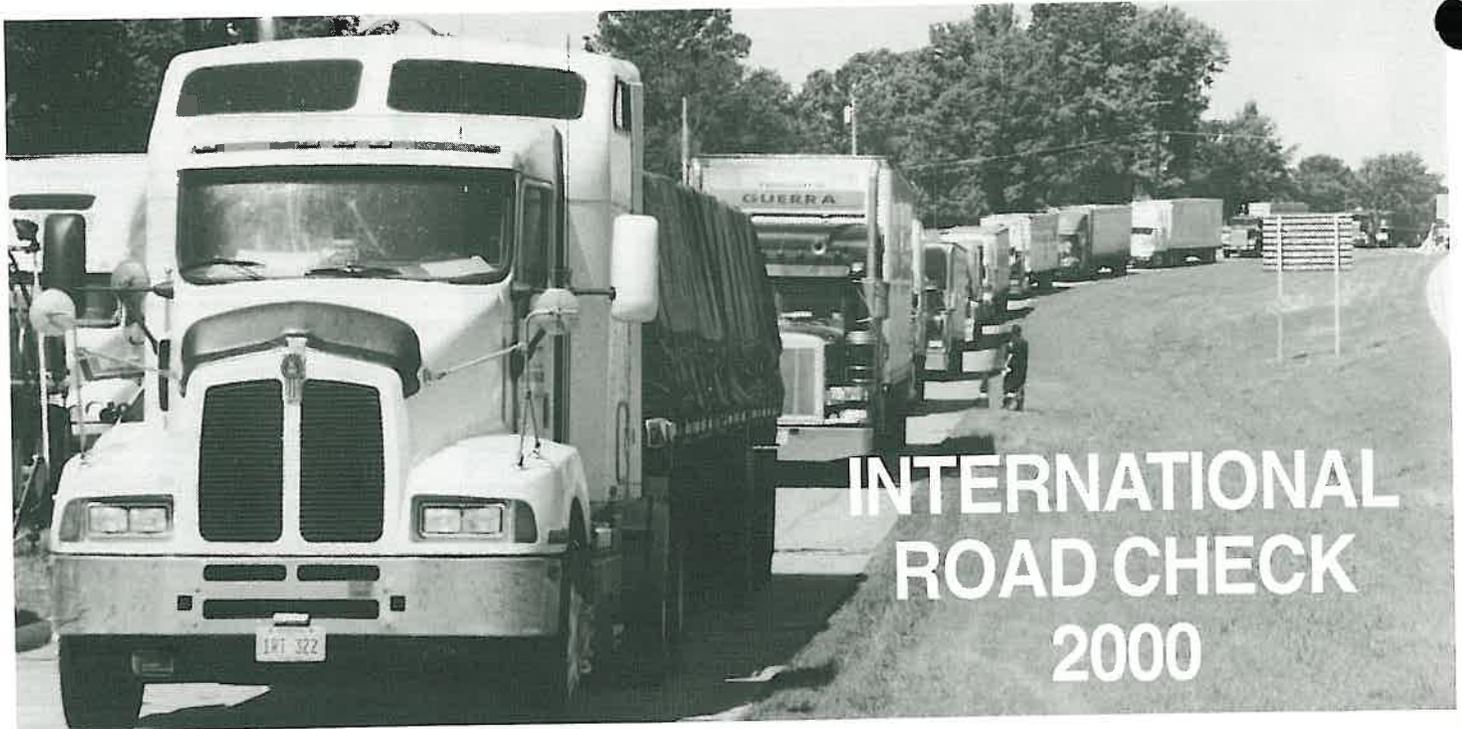
Lenora Wilson helps Robert Hurst of St. Louis with directions through West Memphis.

service to stranded motorists and in turn leads to improved traffic flow," Flowers added.

MAP trucks cruise the free-way system in West Memphis between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In the future, the program is expected to expand to other areas around the state, as needed.



Renee' Files and Marvin McCallister fill the radiator of Jerry Rhoades, who was traveling from Indiana to Louisiana when his hose burst.



Highway Police Participates in International Motor Carrier Inspection Effort

The Arkansas Highway Police participated in "International Road Check 2000" coordinated by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) June 6-8, 2000. The 12th annual event brings increased inspection activity and helps CVSA and its members focus attention on truck, bus, and driver safety programs aimed at reducing the number of commercial vehicle crashes.

The Highway Police played an integral part in this international enforcement effort. State and provincial law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico conducted safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles and drivers at specific locations during a 72-hour period. Included in the inspection procedure for the

commercial motor vehicles were checks of brakes, lighting equipment, frame and suspension integrity, as well as inspection of other required safety equipment.

Drivers were checked for compliance with maximum limits for driving time, proof of medical examinations, use of seat belts and other requirements.



Cpl. Jimmy Jackson, left, and Ptl. Ronald Burnett weigh a truck at the inspection station on Interstate 30 near Benton during the Road Check 2000.

Some commercial drivers appreciate the increased inspection of vehicles. According to one truck driver, it is a good idea to thoroughly inspect the vehicles. "I don't mind stopping a bit. I want to make sure everything is okay. The inspection gives me a clean bill on my truck," said

Doyle Patterson, an employee with Quality Carriers of Tampa, Florida.

Highway Police officers conducted 605 inspections and detected 550 safety violations. There were 63 vehicles with safety violations that required them to be out of service until repairs were

made. A total of 53 drivers were identified with violations that required them to be out of service for periods ranging from eight to 24 hours. CVSA member agencies perform about two million commercial vehicle roadside inspections a year.



Cpl. Ross Batson explains to a truck driver violations he has discovered after inspecting the truck hauling a load of hazardous materials.



Cpl. Sandra Bailey checks a truck frame during an inspection.



Ptl. Ronald Burnett checks the tire tread depth on a flatbed trailer.

Chief Engineer Bob Walters Receives National Design Award

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) National Subcommittee on Design recently selected Chief Engineer Bob Walters for its 2000 National Design Award. The award was presented at the National Subcommittee on Design Meeting held in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 15, 2000.

The AASHTO Subcommittee on Design is responsible for establishing policies on geometric design and developing the document commonly referred to as "The Green Book" used for roadway design. One individual is selected nationally from the subcommittee to receive the award for outstanding contribution to the work of the subcommittee.



AHTD Director Dan Flowers, left, presents Chief Engineer Bob Walters with the 2000 National Design Award.

Walters has been a member of the National Subcommittee on Design since 1979 and has served as Chairman of the Geometric Design Task Force since 1992. In addition, he has served on several other task forces for the subcommittee over the years.

The selection of Walters for a national award is not a new occurrence. In fact, he is a repeat winner of the National Design

Award having previously earned the honor in 1993. In a recent interview, the Chief Engineer reflected on being chosen for the prestigious award. "Anytime you're recognized by peers for your efforts, it is a very special recognition," said Walters. "So many other people across the country are very deserving of this award. To be so honored is very, very special," added Walters.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING AND LETTING SCHEDULE FOR 2001

January 10
February 21
April 4
May 16

July 11
August 22
October 3
November 14

AHTD Employee Gary Hensley Saves the Day for Local Fisherman

By Keith Stephens
Public Affairs Office

What was supposed to be a relaxing day of fishing at Lake Dardanelle on April 21 turned out to be a struggle against death for Dover resident Brad Russell.

With the help of AHTD employee Gary Hensley and fellow fisherman Steve DeYoung and his son Josh, Russell won that battle.



Gary Hensley, Faulkner County Area Headquarters Attendant

If not for the quick thinking of Hensley, the Faulkner County Area Headquarters Attendant, Russell would not be alive today.

Hensley had just begun practicing for a local fishing tournament in the Piney Bay area of the lake when he heard a loud splash. "I thought a large tree limb had fallen in the water or a fish had jumped," Hensley said. When he turned around, Hensley saw an empty boat floating near him. "I thought I would see someone swimming back to the boat, but I

didn't see anything," he explained.

After using his trolling motor to pull up beside the empty boat, Hensley was surprised to see a man just below the surface of the water. "It was really strange. He looked like he was standing straight up about six inches under the water," Hensley said.

Russell was too heavy for Hensley to pull out of the water by himself. He was able to get the attention of DeYoung and his son, who were about 50 yards away in another boat. With their help, Hensley was able to get Russell into his boat and get the drowning man to the shore where emergency personnel were called. Ironically Russell and DeYoung work together for Entergy at Arkansas Nuclear One in Russellville.

"He looked like he was dead. He was unconscious and not breathing when I got him out of the water, but he would take a breath and then not breathe for

another 30 seconds," Russell said.

DeYoung said at first he didn't know what was going on when he heard someone calling for help. "We were stuck on a stump when Josh heard the shouts. We tried to go where the sound was coming from when we saw Gary at the front of his boat on his knees. I didn't know if he had a fish or what," DeYoung explained. "As we got closer, we saw that Gary was holding Brad's head out of the water," he added.

"We're glad Gary was there. Brad would have been a goner if not for Gary," DeYoung noted. "I was just glad I was there. It was a weird feeling to see someone like that. I hope I never have to live through something like that again," Hensley said.

Not all good deeds go unrewarded. The following day Hensley finished third in the fishing tournament and took home \$516.



10th Annual Statewide Equipment Operators' ROADEO 2000

The tenth annual Equipment Operators' Roaddeo was held June 1 at the Department's Central Shops in Little Rock. Over 300 Department employees and family members attended. This year's event also recognized a Team of the Decade and an Operator of the Decade.

Claiming "Team of the Decade" was District 4 with 12 first-place, 6 second-place, and 9 third-place finishes over the last ten years in the state finals.

The title of "Operator of the Decade" went to Kenny Riley, District 9 Crew Leader for the Huntsville maintenance crew in Madison County. Kenny has won 6 first-place, 3 second-place, and 1 third-place finishes during the history of the Statewide Roaddeo.

District 9 won this year's team championship. The Roaddeo competition takes place in three phases beginning with each crew selecting up to four representatives to compete

in various events. The semifinals are then held at the District Headquarters with first-place winners earning the right to participate in the state finals in Little Rock.

Competition categories include: single axle dump truck, tandem axle dump truck, tractor truck/lowboy, tractor/mower, backhoe and motor patrol. Defending state champions are also invited to participate in the state finals.

ROADEO 2000 TEAM CHAMPIONS DISTRICT NINE



L-R: Tommy Jackson, Randall Edgmon, Jackie Villines, District Engineer Ralph Fulton, Kenny Riley, Joey Fierro, Ashley Hale

Planned activities for the children of participants were a big hit this year. Highway Police Officers Sharlot Mixon and Sandra Bates Bailey painted everything from dump trucks to flowers on the childrens' faces and Crash Dummies Vince and Larry visited with the children and stressed the importance of wearing seatbelts.

The Department's Training and Safety Section is responsible for the organization and implementation of the day's activities coordinated by Lynn Caple, Training Coordinator, and Odis Barker, Equipment Specialist, Equipment and Procurement Division.



AHTD Equipment Operators' Statewide Roadeo

OPERATOR OF THE DECADE

KENNY RILEY - DISTRICT 9

Commission Vice Chairman John "M" Lipton and Kenny Riley



AHTD Equipment Operators' Statewide Roadeo

TEAM OF THE DECADE

DISTRICT FOUR

(L-R) Joe Showl, Esther Hamm, Mike Schmalz, Gabe Mizell, Brandon Jones, District Engineer Harold Beaver, Lionel Elder, Johnny Carte, Margaret Byers, George Lee, Fred Ridenhour

ROADEO 2000 STATEWIDE WINNERS



TRACTOR/MOWER

L-R: Gabe Mizell, District 4, 3rd place; Steve Sites, District 2, 2nd place; Fred Ridenhour, District 4, 1st place



TRACTOR/LOWBOY

L-R: Donie Bray, District 5, 3rd place; Tommy Jackson, District 9, 2nd place; Mike Schmalz, District 4, 1st place



SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

L-R: Jackie Villines, District 9, 3rd place; Jerry Smith, District 7, 2nd place (not pictured); Kenny Howard, District 8, 1st place



TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

L-R: Michael Purtzer, District 3, 3rd place; Kyle Ritchie, District 7, 2nd place; Larry Wilson, District 8, 1st place



MOTOR PATROL

L-R: David Denson, District 7, 3rd place; Randall Edgmon, District 9, 2nd place; Alvin Vaughn, District 3, 1st place



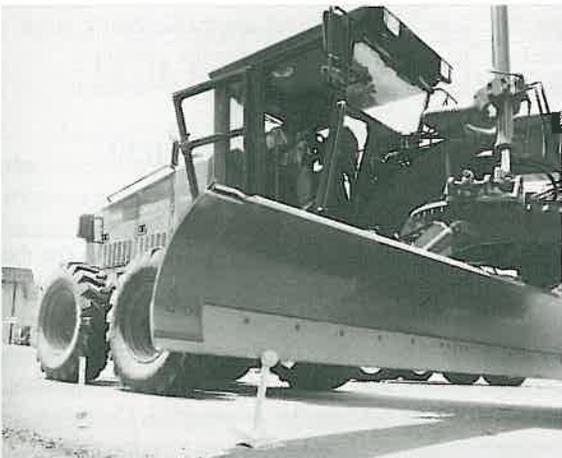
BACKHOE

L-R: Brandon Jones, District 4, 3rd place; Rick Hale, District 10, 2nd Place; Kenny Riley, District 9, 1st place

ROADEO 2000 STATE CHAMPIONS



L-R: Mike Schmalz, District 4, Tractor/Lowboy; Fred Ridenhour, District 4, Tractor/Mower; Kenny Riley, District 9, Backhoe; Larry Wilson, District 8, Tandem Axle Dump Truck; Alvin Vaughn, District 3, Motor Patrol; Kenny Howard, District 8, Single Axle Dump Truck



Dermott - March 7, 2000 Highway 65 Widening

A public hearing was held on March 7, 2000, at the Dermott Elementary School Cafeteria offering citizens the opportunity to express their views on the proposed widening of U.S. Highway 65 in southeast Arkansas.

The proposed project begins at Black Pond Slough and continues north to the south city limits of McGehee, a distance of 5.75 miles. Proposed improvements include widening the existing roadway from two lanes to four lanes with a 60-foot grass median. A new bridge at Black Pond Slough will be constructed 80 feet downstream from the existing bridge to accommodate the new northbound lanes.

The small crowd of approximately 30 persons asked questions and reviewed the proposed design, which is expected to take two to three years to complete at an estimated construction cost of \$10-\$12 million.



Dermott residents confer with AHTD personnel while reviewing proposed highway plans.

Jonesboro - March 21, 2000 Highway 49 Widening

Over 100 citizens gathered at the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church in Jonesboro on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, to review plans and discuss the proposed widening of Highway 49 to five lanes.

The proposed 3.0-mile project begins at Valley View and continues north to Highway 63. The proposed project consists of widening the existing

roadway to four 11-foot travel lanes with a 12-foot center turn lane.

The estimated cost for the improvements is expected to be \$10 million. The 2000 average daily traffic count for the section of roadway is expected to grow from 9,700 per day to 16,850 vehicles per day by 2020.

Clarendon - April 25, 2000 Highway 79 Bridge

On Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at the Clarendon City Hall, a crowd of approximately 70 residents along with a host of state and federal officials discussed the proposed construction of a new bridge across the White River on U.S. Highway 79.

The proposed project consists of construction of a new bridge to replace three functionally obsolete structures over First Old River Lake, Roc Roe Bayou and the St. Louis South-western Railroad. The project also includes replacing the approaches at the U.S. Highway 79 White River Bridge. The 6.6-mile project begins at the Prairie/Monroe County line and ends at State Highway 86.

The average daily traffic count for this segment of U.S. Highway 79 is 3,900 vehicles and is projected to increase to over 5,800 vehicles by the year 2020, including 27% of the traffic being large trucks. The construction cost for the project is expected to be approximately \$35-\$40 million.

Warren - May 2, 2000 Warren Northeast Bypass

Bradley County residents reviewed plans for the proposed Warren Northeast Bypass, which would extend from U.S. Highway 63/63B and Wiggins Road to U.S. Highway 278. Over 80 citizens gathered at Eastside Elementary School on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, to discuss the proposed 3.75-mile structure in the southeast Arkansas community.

The estimated \$5.5 million project will be designed to accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes with eight-foot shoulders. The project will be constructed utilizing County Road 300 to connect to U.S. Highway 278.

A proposed intermodal transfer facility to be constructed near Wilmar, eight miles east of Warren on Highway 278, would also have a significant impact on the composition of traffic in Warren.

Heavy truck traffic accounts for 19% of all traffic on Highway 63/63B through Warren with that percentage expected to increase to 34% by the year 2020.

Bono - May 23, 2000 Highway 63 Widening

Approximately 60 area residents gathered at the Bono Fire Station on May 23, 2000, to view plans for relocating and widening U.S. Highway 63 near the Craighead County community.

The proposed project generally consists of building a bypass that begins to the southeast of Bono on Highway 63, and then travels to the west around the City where it connects to existing route. The \$6.5 million project will have four 12-foot travel lanes with an 11-foot painted median and eight-foot shoulders. The design involves approximately 1.9 miles of construction on new route and 0.6 miles of reconstruction along existing route.

Area residents seem pleased at the prospect of a bypass being constructed. Bono Police Chief Shawn Nance stated, "It will take a lot of traffic out of the central part of town and should help attract businesses."

U.S. Highway 63 serves as a principal arterial through Northeast Arkansas. The 1999 average daily traffic volume on the existing route through Bono is estimated to be 13,000 vehicles per day with 17% trucks. By 2019, the average daily traffic count through Bono is expected to reach 23,900. The improvements would greatly reduce the number of trucks on Highway 63 through Bono.

Jacksonville - June 29, 2000 Main Street Railroad Overpass

A small crowd of approximately 35 residents gathered at the Jacksonville Community Center on June 29, 2000, to express their views on the proposed construction of a railroad overpass on Main Street in Jacksonville.

The proposed project generally consists of building a railroad overpass at the Union Pacific Railroad and East Main Street crossing. The overpass will have four 11-foot travel lanes with curb and gutter. The approximate \$4.5 million joint project between the City of Jacksonville and AHTD also includes improving turning movements on Main Street at the intersection of Elm Street and Oak Street and converting two-way traffic to one-way traffic between Main Street and Graham Road.

The estimated 2000 average daily traffic volume on Main Street at the railroad is 7,200 vehicles per day. Two blocks northeast of the Main Street crossing, Center Street crosses the railroad. It is estimated the traffic volume on the proposed Main Street overpass would carry 14,000 vehicles per day by the year 2020 if the Center Street crossing were closed as proposed by City officials.

Searcy - July 20, 2000 Highway 16 Reconstruction

A project to reconstruct State Highway 16 (Maple Street) to alleviate traffic flow problems was discussed at a public hearing on July 20, 2000, at Temple Baptist Church in Searcy.

A throng of approximately 80 citizens turned out to review plans for the 1.3-mile section of highway improvements on the major thoroughfare. The proposed project will widen Highway 16 to four travel lanes from Covington Road to Race Avenue with the inclusion of sidewalks at selected locations. The project will also replace one bridge and an existing box culvert at Deener Creek and Rocky Brancy.

The project will take approximately two years to complete at an estimated cost of \$3-\$4 million. Traffic figures indicate that 8,250 vehicles per day travel this section of roadway with those totals expected to increase to an average of 11,350 vehicles per day by the year 2020.

Jonesboro - August 15, 2000 Highway 63B Widening

The widening of U.S. Highway 63B in Craighead County from Culberhouse to Highway 49 was the subject of a public hearing held on August 15, 2000, at the Head Start Center in Jonesboro.

The 2.75 miles of proposed improvements to Highway 63B will improve existing and projected east/west traffic flow volumes in northeast Jonesboro.

A crowd of approximately 50 persons gathered to review plans for the roadway which will include four 11-foot travel lanes with a 12-foot center turn lane with curb and gutter. The total estimated cost of this project is expected to be \$9-\$10 million.

In 2000, an average daily traffic count of 13,210 vehicles used this segment of roadway and is expected to increase to approximately 18,170 by the year 2020.

Ashdown - August 22, 2000 Proposed Bypass

Approximately 50 citizens gathered in Ashdown on August 22, 2000, at C.D. Franks Elementary School to review plans for a proposed bypass around the southwest Arkansas city.

The design involves approximately 3.0 miles of construction on a new route south of the city intersecting Highway 32 and Highway 71. The bypass will divert traffic off State Highway 32, the primary east-west thoroughfare through the city. The proposed two-lane highway facility will be built on new location along one of three alternative routes. The project will be designed to accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes with eight-foot shoulders.

AHTD PERSONNEL CHANGES

BRYAN STEWART Division Head Computer Services

Bryan Stewart, Data Processing Manager, promoted to Division Head of Computer Services effective June 1, 2000. Stewart replaced Jerry Stussy who retired May 31 with 30 years service.



Bryan Stewart

Stewart began his career at the Department in October 1975 as an Accountant I in the Audit Section. He held the positions of Accountant II, Internal Auditor, Senior Internal Auditor, Staff Administrative Assistant and Electronic Data Processing Auditor in the Internal Audit Section.

In 1990 he transferred to the Computer Services Division as a Programmer Analyst III and promoted to Senior Applications Analyst, Computer Technical Coordinator and Data Processing Manager.

Stewart earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

CRYSTAL COLE Human Resources Officer

Effective April 20, 2000, Crystal Cole, Training and Safety Section Head, was promoted to Administrative Officer V for the Human Resources Office.

Cole has a bachelor's degree in human resources management and is pursuing a master's degree in public



Crystal Cole

administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

She began her career at the Department in 1990 as a seasonal employee. In 1993, upon graduation from college she was hired as a General Clerk in the Training and Safety Section. In 1995 she became an Administrative Aide V to the Chief of Administration and Public Affairs.

In 1996 Cole promoted to Administrative Assistant II in the Training and Safety Section to assume training responsibilities. Her titled changed to Training Specialist in June 1999.

Cole is a member of the American Society for Public Administration, the Society for Human Resources Management, and the Arkansas Human Resources Association.

KEN JORDAN Section Head Training and Safety Section

Ken Jordan, Safety Inspection Officer, was promoted May 18, 2000, to Section Head of Training and Safety.

Jordan began his career at the Department in August 1987 as a Patrol Officer in the Arkansas Highway Police Division stationed at Brinkley. He promoted to Patrol Officer First Class in October 1989 transferring to the Hot Springs area and to Corporal in September 1991 stationed in Little Rock. In June 1997 Jordan promoted to Safety Inspection Officer in the Training and Safety Section.

Jordan holds numerous instructor training certificates including defensive driving skills; drug classification, evaluation and interdiction; vehicle inspection; and employee supervision.



Ken Jordan

He has been recognized by the Transportation Safety Institute as one of 50 in the nation to achieve Certified Instructor status. In 1996 Jordan was selected to serve as a member of the Security Team for the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jordan has been instrumental in the success of the Department's Equipment Operator's Road since its inception both as a Highway Police Officer and a Safety Inspection Officer.

He attended Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, and is a former member of the Garland County Sheriff's Office.

BRUCE STREET District One Construction Engineer



Bruce Street

Bruce Street, Resident Engineer at Wynne, assumed the position of District 1 Construction Engineer, effective March 23, 2000. He replaces Gene

Belknap who retired.

Street earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. After graduation in 1983 he worked for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation as a Field Engineer. In 1986 he returned to Arkansas and worked as a Staff Engineer with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in Bentonville.

He came to work for the Department in 1989 as a Construction Field Engineer in the Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office. In 1990 he promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer in Jonesboro and promoted to Wynne Resident Engineer five years later.



AHTD ENGINEERING INTERNS

Left to right, row 1: Tony Mallett, Jeremy Thomas, Jesse Thompson, Kaleb Caldwell, Elisha Wright, Brandon Anderson, David Horton. Row 2: Brent Bartlett, John Krentz, Daniel Huett, Aaron Benzing, Josh Holland, Monte Martin, Nathan Young, Paul Howard, Anthony Sarhan, Kevin Palmer, Wade Phillips. Row 3: Terry Evans, Thomas Drye, Jeff Maze, Tom Fisher, Jason Hughey, Jeremy Thompson, Kevin McCullough, Matt Wingfield, Christopher Parker, John Bass. Row 4: Langston Carr, Nick Schoggin, Robert Irby, Joseph Cotton, Ryan Gill, Mason Pope, Paul Tinsley



BOY'S STATE DELEGATES TOUR DEPARTMENT JUNE 9, 2000

Left to right, front row: Patrick Fowler, Jordan Theis, David Derring, Joel Adam Tinsley, James Tipton, Bryant Monteith, Matthew Taylor, Matt Buchanan, Jim Weatherford, Mitchell Clemons. Back row: Sammy VanHouton, Brett Crumley, Will Bell, Daniel Hester, Zack Hettinga, Gordon Pearson, Thomas Scott, Jordan Snow, Ben Calloway

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department congratulates the high school and college graduates of 2000 who are children of employees or student employees.



Jonathan Alexander
Benton High School
Steve Alexander - P&R



Pat Ballard III
Cross County High School
Harold Mullins - District 1



Rebekah Leigh Barnett
Arkansas Tech University
Randall Barnett - District 4



Kellie Beggs
Henderson State University
Laurence Foreman - P&C



Amanda Kay Braden
North Little Rock High School
James Braden - Right of Way



Lindsey A. Bryant
Lee Academy
Jimmy Bryant - District 1



Erica Lynn Burdue
Prescott High School
John Burdue - District 3



Whitney Burks
Sylvan Hills High School
Ron Burks - Highway Police



Mandy Jo Olivers
Bryant High School
Linda Price - Asst. Chief Engineers' Office



Natalie Cranford
Bryant High School
Ricky Cranford - P&R



April Cruce
LR Parkview Magnet High School
Martin Cruce - Roadway Design



Lisa Dickey
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences
Dan Burnett - District 8



Brandon Forder
Wynne High School
Linnie Calvert - District 1



Hanna Ford
Benton High School
Tim Ford - District 6



Lacy Foresythe
Paragould High School
Joe Foresythe - District 10



Cassisa Foster
Paragould High School
Calvin Foster - District 10



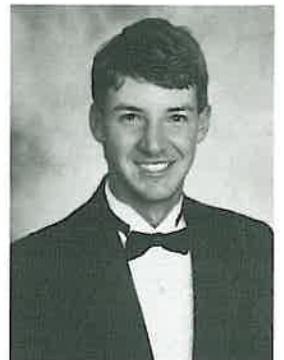
Ginger Frisbee
Texas A&M University
Steve Frisbee - District 3



Melaney Katherine Gee
Louisiana State University
Jim Gee - Materials



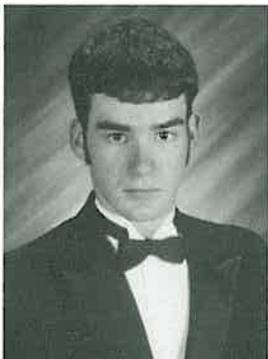
Janelle Renee Guest
Hall High School
Brenda Guest - Environmental



Jacob Hampton
Batesville High School
Steve Hampton - District 5



Tiffany Anne Hargrove
Sylvan Hills High School
Linda Hargrove - Human Resources



Ryan Harrell
Little Rock Central High School
Carl Harrell - Fiscal Services



Matt Hays
Midland High School
Pam Hays - District 5



Keith Hearnberger
Warren High School
Alan Hearnberger - District 7



Denise Ruby Herren
Greene County Tech High School
Dennis Herren - District 10



Robert Hogan
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Bill Hogan - State Aid



Emily Teresa Hoppe
Mount St. Mary's High School
Ed Hoppe - P&R



Kayla Ingram
Camden Fairview High School
Nina Ingram - District 7





Chris Jackson
Greene County Tech High School
Sondra Jackson - District 10



Chris Johns
Greene County Tech High School
Dale Johns - District 10



Autumn Jones
Jacksonville High School
Liz Jones - Roadway Design



Joshua Axt Jones
Murfreesboro High School
Connie Jones - District 3



Scott Jordan
St. Paul High School
Herb Jordan - District 9



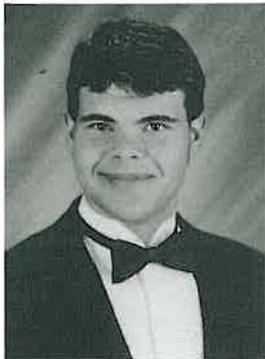
Skanea Jumper
Forrest City High School
Nancy Jumper - District 1



Tiffany Knox
Bryant High School
Paul Dorsey - Human Resources



Jenny Leggett
University of the Ozarks
Jim Leggett - District 5



Jeremy Lingo
Ozark High School
Larry Lingo - District 4



Brandon Lucas
Wynne High School
Joe Lucas - District 1



Mark G. Malbrough
Little Rock Catholic High School
Lynn Malbrough - Environmental



Adrienne Mayo
Little Rock Hall High School
David Mayo - Programs & Contracts



Michael McClellan
Bryant High School
Dana McClellan - Facilities Management



Lorian McGraw
Magnolia High School
Simon McGraw - District 7



Ashley Moore
West Memphis High School
James Moore - Highway Police



Christina Lea Murray
Lakeside High School
Carolyn Ray - Highway Police



Robert "Mitch" Newcomb
Harmony Grove High School
Mickey Newcomb - P&R



Summer M. Norman
Lee Senior High School
Daniel Norman - District 1



Michelle Denise Parish
Ouachita High School
Donny Parish - District 6



Jonathan Raney
Harrison High School
Melvin Raney - District 9



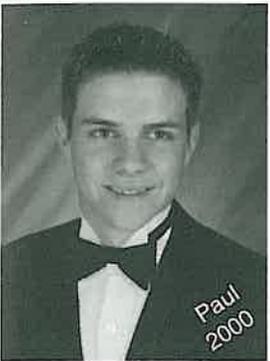
Stephanie Riley
Newark High School
Barbara Munnertyn - District 5



William Joshua Roberts
Oklahoma State University
Gene Roberts - District 4



Eric Rockwell
Central Ark. Christian High School
Claire Rita Rockwell - Roadway Design



Paul Alan Russenberger
Russellville High School
Frank Russenberger - District 8



Jody Sampley
Ozark High School
Cheri Butler - District 4



Eli Sanders III
Little Rock Central High School
Sarah Sanders - Fiscal Services



Nick Sappenfield
Valley Springs High School
Archie Sappenfield - District 9



Danielle Joy Schultz
Harrison High School
Edie Korcheck - District 9



Deanna Scott
Bald Knob High School
Carolyn Thornton - District 7



Erica Tiffany Smith
Arkansas State University
Chris Smith - District 5



Erin Kimberly Smith
Mt. Pleasant High School
Chris Smith - District 5



Heath Smith
Pleasant View High School
Rocky Smith - District 4



Thomas Jason Smith
Dollarway High School
Thomas Smith - District 2



Tori Lea Smith
Arkansas State University
Chris Smith - District 5



Caleb Z. Spinks
Mountain View High School
David Spinks - District 5





Jeremy Strunk
Greenwood High School
Mike Strunk - District 4



Tabitha Tenea Taylor
Arkansas High School
Jim Owenby - District 3



Amanda Louise Tribo
Louisiana Tech University
Jim Tribo - Bridge



Jennifer Lynn Tribo
Drury University
Jim Tribo - Bridge



Ryan Tucker
Searcy High School
Terry Tucker - Environmental



Elisha Mullins Upchurch
Woodland Hills Christian School
Kathy Upchurch - P&R



Jessica Lyn Upchurch
Sheridan High School
Kathy Upchurch - P&R



Brittany Dawn Vail
Hamburg High School
J.D. Vail - District 2



Jessie Ward
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Ned Ward - Highway Police



Polly Westfall
Pine Bluff High School
Edmie Westfall - District 2



Danna Woods
Greene County Tech High School
Retha Kappleman - District 10



Skantell Wortham
Jonesboro High School
Pat Pickett - District 10



Matthew Bullington Wright
Coming High School
Stanley Wright - District 10



Jennifer Lynde Zachry
Camden Fairview High School
Cathie Zachry - District 7



Congratulations Graduates!

Letters to the Department



TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

Last Wednesday, June 7, 2000, my daughter and I were on our way to Texarkana to take my granddaughter to the doctor. Just outside of Hope, on a straight stretch of I-30, we were passing an 18-wheeler that had slowed down to exit at the weigh station. In passing, the right rear tire of our vehicle blew out. My daughter was able to stop, but there was no shoulder to pull off onto on the left side. Traffic was so heavy and moving so fast we could not open the right side door of the vehicle. We were terrified and everyone was driving too fast to stop and help.

That is until an Arkansas Highway Department truck came by and saw we were in big trouble. Three men exited the truck and set up orange cones. One put on an orange vest and directed traffic while the other two changed our flat tire. They put their lives in danger for us.

I hope you know what good public relations people they were for you. We offered to pay them, but they said, "Our pay is to see you safely on your way."

We failed to get their names but they said they worked out of Little Rock. Their truck license had the number 6785. Please thank them again for us.

Betty Duke
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

Thank you, thank you. Again, thank you to you and everyone who had anything to do with the Highway 278 (Highway 4) project between Ozan and Highway 332. I just wanted you to know that the condition of the road is so much better. The cleared right of way along with "real" shoulders makes it feel like a new highway. The blind curves are gone and you can see for what seems like miles and miles.

I was the one who addressed this problem at the public hearing in Texarkana in 1998. Remember, I was the one who told the Commissioners to get out their maps and look at the highway I was talking about. They all started scrambling to get maps. It was just wonderful!

Those of us who travel this highway surely think it has been worth the wait to have good construction in comparison to patchwork. Thank you for better Arkansas highways.

Dolly Henley
Washington, Arkansas



Jeremy Conyers, Single Axle Truck Driver; Rick Ring, Sign Crew Supervisor; Craig Pickering, Sign Erector

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

I wish to commend your Environmental Division's Beautification Section, specifically Larry Long and Brenda Guest, for the way they handled our recent problem. They were courteous, friendly, and worked quickly to assist us in a time of need.

Such professionalism is rare these days. Mr. Long and Ms. Guest are an asset to your organization and are part of the reason I look forward to doing business with you again in the future.

Thank you once again.

Patrick J. Mulligan
Billboard Division
Pierce Hardy Limited Partnership
Eighty Four, Pennsylvania



Larry Long, Beautification Section Head and
Brenda Guest, Beautification Coordinator II

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

I must tell you "thank you" for the glorious wildflowers along our highways. My husband and I enjoy them as we go antiqueing and our sons call us on the phone if they spot wildflowers on their trips.

Martha Whitehurst
Little Rock, Arkansas

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

I applaud the efforts of the Highway Department to beautify Arkansas by planting wildflowers and mowing less. Thanks for the color.

Renae Gray
North Little Rock, Arkansas

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

Congratulations on winning an award from the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission on your Wildflower Program. The garden clubs of Arkansas are so pleased with your efforts to make our highways more beautiful. Please feel free to call on us if you ever need our help. Again, thanks and congratulations.

Judi Davis
President, Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

The employees of the Bank of Star City enjoyed a morning out on June 15, 2000, picking up litter on our adopted section of State Highway 114 through your Adopt A Highway Program.

We all think this is a great idea and marvel at how nice the highway looks after we have finished. We all just have a good time doing this together. It is very nice to be able to work together outside our own work place.

Anneta R. Moore
Executive Vice President
Bank of Star City
Star City, Arkansas



Employees of Bank of Star City

TO: Harold Beaver
District 4 Engineer, Fort Smith

The Paris Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to thank you for your generous support of our fourth annual Mt. Magazine International Butterfly Festival.

Tourists came from many different states including Ohio, Texas and Oklahoma for the festival. Despite the rain, they had many positive things to say about our festival and look forward to returning next year. The 2001 festival will be even better with the completion of the visitor center, pavilion, and restrooms.

Thanks again for your past and future support. We look forward to many more successful festivals on Mt. Magazine.

Paris Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Paris, Arkansas

TO: Frank Russenberger
District 8 Engineer, Russellville

I believe the work of the state highway department is often overlooked by citizens. We take for granted all the hard work done to make our highways a better place to travel or live on.

I would like to take a moment and let you know that I appreciate the work that the Faulkner County highway department crew does where I live near Greenbrier. Under the leadership of Mark Koone, they always go above and beyond the call of duty to make the highways and rights-of-way safe and beautiful.

I live on Highway 287 at Needs Creek and our highway is always mowed and the weeds sprayed in the summertime. The highway surface is smooth with no potholes and the road crew makes sure the driveways are paved properly.

I truly appreciate the personal touch that Mr. Koone and the other men and women of the Faulkner County maintenance crew give to everything they do. It certainly makes my day better when I am able to drive on nice roadways.

Thank you for employing such hard working, conscientious employees.

Susan Keller
Greenbrier, Arkansas

TO: Ray Woodruff
District 1 Engineer, Wynne

Just a note to let you know how much we appreciate you and the other employees of the Arkansas Highway Department. You and your department have always been very accommodating to me and my staff.

In the past couple of months we have been taking comments from our tourists. Three of them have written comments that I would like to share with you.

"The bathroom is always clean and smells good. The cleanest rest stop I've ever been in." Kathey Harper, Ward, Arkansas

"This is the cleanest stop I have seen in all my travels throughout the US. Absolutely tops!" Richard Newman, Beaumont, Texas

"Nice clean bathrooms!" Howard and Betty Buerkle, Stuttgart, Arkansas

Many, many more have made oral comments on the cleanliness of the center and the well-maintained building and grounds.

Thanks to Bobby Weatherford and Danny Thomas for their constant devotion to our center. These two employees go far beyond the call of duty to keep our center running smoothly. Bobby and Danny are great assets to us and to your organization.

Thanks for being the great supporter you are to tourism in Arkansas.

Pamela Garofas, Manager
Helena Tourist Information Center



Bobby Weatherford, Area Maintenance Supv.,
Danny Thomas, Rest Area Attendant

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

We have received confirmation that the design for the Bearden Bypass is complete. Thank you for your help in getting us to this point. Please continue your efforts to expedite this project. We appreciate you listening to us and responding with positive action.

Mike Hesterly
Ouachita County Judge

TO: James House
District Construction Engineer, Batesville

A group of concerned citizens of Quitman and surrounding area want to thank you for your prompt attention and action to our concern of the safety to the section of State Highway 225 at Wesley Chapel Road.

The alarming number of accidents and fatalities on this section is a concern of everyone. Your understanding and prompt attention to the matter is appreciated and demonstrates awareness and concern for the safety of our transportation infrastructure.

Alton Owens
Quitman, Arkansas

TO: Dan Flowers
Director of Highways and Transportation

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for all the work that has been done on State Highways 59 and 71 in Crawford County. Our county is growing rapidly and the traffic is ever increasing. The work that has been done has helped the flow of traffic immensely.

On behalf of my constituents and the citizens of Crawford County, please accept our thanks and know that we deeply appreciate all of the state's hard work.

Jerry Williams
Crawford County Judge

TO: Ray Woodruff
District 1 Engineer, Wynne

On May 8, 2000, we celebrated "Tourism Day 2000" here at the West Memphis Tourist Information Center. This could not have been the success it was without the help of your employees Sylvester Jennings, Patricia Miles, and Bud Foltz. Their dedication to the maintenance of our building and grounds is undeniable.

Thank you again for a very successful day and your support throughout the year.

Martha Schuh, Manager
West Memphis Tourist Information Center
Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism



Sylvester Jennings, Crew Leader; Patricia Miles, Distributor/
Roller Operator; Bud Foltz, Rest Area Attendant



Roy Harris, Rest Area Attendant
Rison Rest Area

TO: Coy Campbell
District 7 Engineer, Camden

Too many times in this sometimes thankless world, people never take the time to recognize the hard work of others. There is a gentleman who takes care of the roadside park on Highway 79 just south of Pine Bluff. We live in El Dorado and take our grandson to a pediatric dentist in Pine Bluff six to eight times a year as well as going to the train show there. We always stop, going and coming, at the park. I don't know the gentleman's name but he does an excellent job of keeping the park clean, especially the restrooms.

Never have we found it nasty or unsightly. The grounds are always litter free and raked clean. If you hand out thank you's, please pass on this one to him.

Everett, Nancy, Kristal and Keith Paxton
El Dorado, Arkansas

TO: Garland Land
Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer

As a former bridge contractor, I am very impressed with the innovation and efficiency of your organization. The repair work recently completed in Fort Smith by Keith Briggs was the finest heavy bridge repair job I have had the opportunity to observe. A possible tragedy was averted and real inconvenience to the traveling public was minimized by the quick response of the AHTD heavy bridge maintenance division.

I have been evaluating structural damage for insurance companies as a result of vehicular impacts with bridges in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas since 1989. Few people are aware of it, but the AHTD Maintenance Division is head and shoulders above those of our neighboring states. It is a shame that few people realize the excellence the AHTD exhibits maintaining our roads.

John Lawrence
Professional Engineer
Fayetteville, Arkansas

TO: Garland Land
Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer

Although I am not a member of the Beaver, Arkansas government, I know I speak for the citizens of Beaver by expressing our deep gratitude for the work being done on the expansion bridge in our community. The inconvenience is indeed minor considering the improved safety and noise control.

Whenever any of us get together socially, or just talk over the fence, the topic of the noise caused by the expansion joints invariably comes up. The project manager, Mr. Bill Ritchie, has described to me the plans for correcting this situation and the work already being done in this regard has improved matters a great deal. We understand that plans are in the offing to further refine those particular areas of the bridge in March and we will be ever-grateful when that is completed.

Also, my wife Helen Jane and I want to commend the workmanship and professional behavior exhibited daily by Mr. Ritchie, Supervisor William Wood, along with Danny Potter, Carl Efird and William Reed. Some folks have displayed their irritation over the bridge closings without taking into consideration the long-term benefits of this project. Yet, your people have gone the extra mile to cooperate and to be courteous and helpful in every way. Thank you one and all!

Mr. Land, I understand that this bridge is one of your favorites. Mrs. Young and I can easily see why. We moved here (to the house right at the Beaver end of the bridge) from Santa Fe last May and, except for the expansion joint clang, have found both the community and the bridge simply enchanting. Now with that being fixed, we look forward to the rhythmic thumpity, thumpity, thumpity, thump as a further source of country charm.

Again, Mr. Land, many thanks for all you have done to make these improvements come to fruition. Our heartfelt thanks also go to the work crew on this special project.

Jim Young
Beaver, Arkansas



Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew



Doc Miles
Drew County Area Maintenance Supervisor

TO: Ernie Westfall
District 2 Maintenance Engineer, Pine Bluff

Realizing that the Highway Department receives more criticism and very little praise for your efforts, I want to offer my praise for one of your employees.

The company that I work for was having a great deal of trouble trying to remove excess water from a field located along Highway 35 between Dermott and Monticello. We had a state highway and a railroad track to work with in solving our problem. Your Mr. Doc Miles was very patient and cooperative in helping us work through all of the regulations and procedures to accomplish this project.

I feel that Mr. Miles went to a lot of extra effort and trouble that was beyond the call of duty in working with us. We certainly appreciate his efforts and wish to commend you and him for your work.

Thank you, and please offer our thanks to Mr. Miles for his work in helping us solve our problem.

Jim Grisham, Farm Manager
Conway Inn Corporation
Jonesboro, Arkansas

IN MEMORY

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

Larry C. Breshears/District 6 died February 17, 2000	Charles D. Johnson/District 9 died February 17, 2000	Orval D. Rice/District 9 died April 6, 2000	Emmett D. Barrett/District 3 died May 26, 2000
John P. Parker/Right of Way died May 10, 2000	Quinton E. Hayes/District 9 died February 19, 2000	Cecil C. Bennett/District 10 died April 11, 2000	Willie V. Bradshaw/District 7 died June 1, 2000
Russell Jackson/Highway Police died May 24, 2000	Robert G. Moss/District 10 died February 19, 2000	James H. Hall/District 8 died April 16, 2000	Lester E. Nichols/District 6 died June 13, 2000
James A. Todd/District 4 died June 3, 2000	Jerry C. Edwards/District 2 died February 26, 2000	Joe R. Doss/District 2 died April 20, 2000	Earl C. Harkins/District 6 died June 19, 2000
April L. Wheeler Fiscal Services died July 22, 2000	Charlie L. Tamburo/District 8 died March 15, 2000	Claud D. Dillard/District 4 died April 21, 2000	Evertt M. West/District 1 died June 20, 2000
	Golden T. Maness/District 2 died March 16, 2000	Arthur G. Owens/District 3 died April 23, 2000	Roy L. Pruitt, Jr./District 1 died June 22, 2000
RETIREES	William O. Hubbell/District 2 died March 17, 2000	Thomas O. Guinn/District 8 died April 24, 2000	Homer S. Whatley/District 3 died July 4, 2000
Robert H. Ghormley/District 3 died December 22, 1999	Essie J. Sargent/District 7 died March 21, 2000	John W. Taunton/Surveys died May 6, 2000	Otto Nixon/District 8 died July 10, 2000
Ennis M. Turner/District 3 died January 18, 2000	J.B. Stuart/District 4 died March 30, 2000	Joe F. Parker/District 8 died May 8, 2000	Harold T. Dearin/District 10 died July 13, 2000
James C. Trich/District 10 died February 13, 2000	Willis M. Rippey/District 10 died April 3, 2000	Jerry W. Richmond/District 10 died May 17, 2000	Silvester Mathis/District 9 died July 26, 2000
James I. Fletcher, Jr./District 2 died February 14, 2000	William M. Sanders/District 3 died April 5, 2000	Clifford L. Wright/District 4 died May 21, 2000	
William G. Nix/District 7 died February 16, 2000			

Around the Department

BRIDGE

Congratulations to Mike Tackett, Structural Detailer, and Zean Lind who were married June 6.

Debbie Mathis, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, husband John, and her sister's family vacationed on an island off the west coast of Florida in April.

David Ball, Staff Structures Engineer, and his family enjoyed a vacation to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

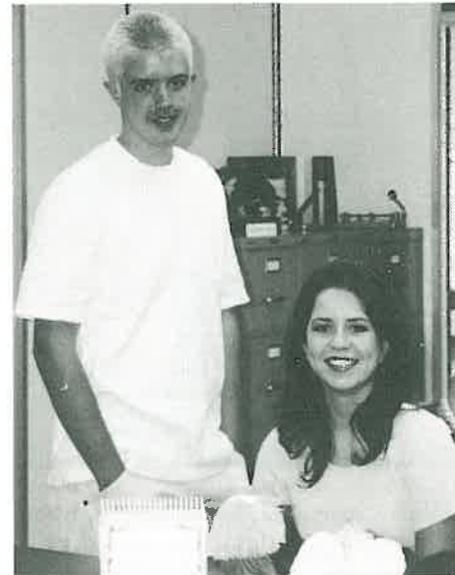
Tendonitis hasn't kept Mike Coogan, Staff Bridge Design Engineer, from buying a new boat. Mike's squad recently said goodbye to another boat enthusiast, Mark Simecek, who transferred to the Hot Springs Resident Engineer's Office as a Construction Field Engineer I. There's still plenty of paddlers in the squad since Ken Glover, Structural Detailing Specialist, is now a canoeist. Stewart Linz, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, and Charlie Hart, Bridge Management Engineer, escorted Ken on his first trip down North Cadron Cr ek.



Jerry Stussy, center, Division Head, retired May 31, 2000 with 30+ years service. He is shown with his family.



Carlotta Vaughan, Computer Technical Coordinator, received a 25-year service award in June.

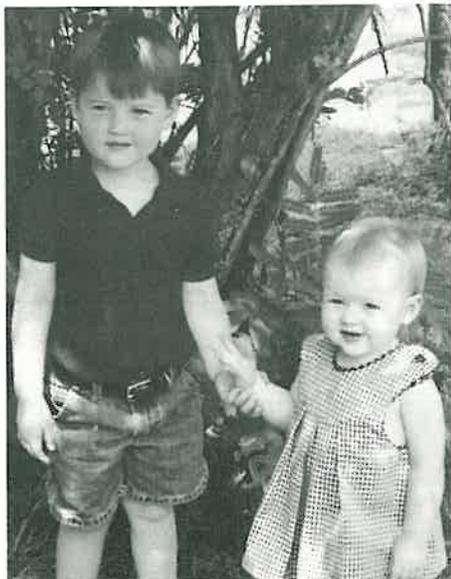


The Construction Division was assigned two seasonal employees this year. Spencer Wendland, left, is returning to Arkansas Tech, and Jessi Upchurch, right, will be attending UALR.



William Michael Adams, Jr., born February 21, 2000, is the first grandchild of Tina Adams, Advanced Estimates Technician.

COMPUTER SERVICES



Chase, age 3, and Katie, age 16 months, are the grandchildren of Mary Green, Quality Assurance Specialist I.

CONSTRUCTION



Joe Trantham, right, Staff Construction Engineer, receives a 10-year service award from State Construction Engineer Allan Holmes.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This division welcomes new employees Milton Hughes, Terilyn Johnson, Don Nichols, and Deborah Simpson.

Milton Hughes, Environmental Analyst I, joined the Department in July as a staff archeologist. He received a

bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Arkansas.

Don Nichols, Environmental Analyst I, is working in the Special Studies Section as a water quality specialist. He received a bachelor's degree in environmental science and a master's degree in soil science from the University of Arkansas.

Deborah Simpson, Office Administrative Assistant III, joined the staff in May from the Traffic Safety Section of Programs and Contracts.

Recent promotions have Bill Bailey and Jeff Ingram in new positions. Bill transferred from the Beautificaion Section and will work with sensitive wetlands, mitigation banks and environmental issues. Bill received his bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Arkansas this past fall. Jeff transferred to the Assesments Section as Air and Noise Specialist.

Seasonal employees this year were Ryan Christensen, Ashley Gore, and Mark Mitchell. Ryan worked as a wetland mitigation field technician and returned to the University of Central Arkansas this fall where he is a senior biology major. Ashley returned to the University of Arkansas this fall as a sophomore. Mark worked with David Williamson, Staff Archeologist, this past summer on archeology and environmental site assessments. He returned to Arkansas Tech as a sophomore pre-med student.



Milton Hughes, Environmental Analyst I, and Ashley Gore, seasonal employee

This division congratulates Patti Bryant, Office Administrative Assistant V, and husband Mark, on the July 10 birth of their daughter, Jessa Lucille.

This division congratulates all our graduating seniors. Their pictures can be seen in the graduates section of this magazine.

Janelle Renee Guest is the daughter of Brenda Guest, Beautification Coordinator II, and Maurice Guest. Janelle graduated from Hall High School with an Honors Diploma. She will be attending the University of Arkansas majoring in political science.

Mark Malbrough, son of Lynn Malbrough, Senior Environmental Scientist, and Debi Malbrough, is a graduate of Catholic High School. He received a four-year scholarship to Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois which is a liberal arts college where Mark will pursue degrees in English and business.

Ryan Tucker, son of Terry Tucker, Administrative Assistant, and Debbie Tucker, graduated from Searcy High School with an Honors diploma. He received a Presidential Scholarship to Arkansas State University where he will pursue a degree in communications.

Evan Williamson, son of David Williamson, Staff Archeologist, and Vickie Williamson, is a graduate of Glen Rose High School. Evan has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and plans to pursue training as a Reconnaissance Specialist.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Jane Wilson, Chief of Administration and Public Affairs, presented a 30-year service award to Division Head Doug Nielsen on June 7. The division held a catered lunch in the Central Shop and were joined by Doug's wife Debbie and daughter Katie.

Judith Orrick, Division Bookkeeper, received a 15-year service award on June 14.

In June this division said goodbye to David Fulmer, Station Attendant, who transferred to District Six.



Kris Dudoich, daughter of Division Office Manager Mike Dudoich, was married April 8 to Aaron Stine.

FISCAL SERVICES



Kristopher Blayne Wagner graduated from Berean Christian Academy kindergarten. He is the son of AnneMarie Wagner, Coding Technician.

HIGHWAY POLICE

Congratulations to Jesse Ward, daughter of Pfc. Ned Ward. As Miss Texarkana she participated in the Miss Texas pageant in July and finished 11th out of 57 contestants. She received over \$3300 in scholarship awards.

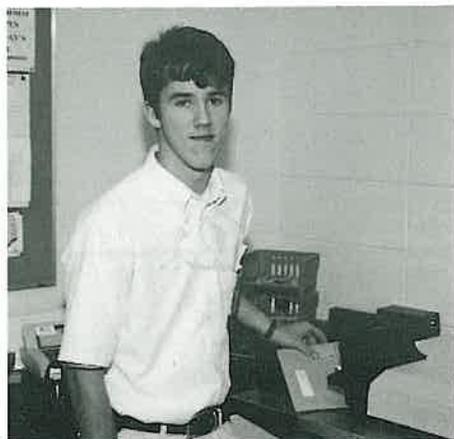


Captain Gary East, left, presents a 25-year service award to Cpl. Terry Cutchall at the Ashdown Weigh Station.



Pfc. Vickie Simmons, left, receives a 20-year service award from Captain Gary East. Simmons is assigned to the Hope Weigh Station.

HUMAN RESOURCES



A new employees in the Mail Room is Jason G. Davis.



Kaylan Weston is the daughter of Lanecia Weston, Human Resources seasonal employee who works in the Retirement Section of Fiscal Services.

INTERNAL AUDIT



Kelly Heaton, left, Electronic Data Processing Auditor, receives a 10-year service award from Bill McDorman, Chief Auditor.

LEGAL

Mary Gibson, Legal Aide, retired in January with 25 years of service.

This division welcomes Patricia Fletcher from District Six, Lakeysha Lewis from Highway Police, and Tara Robinson from Right of Way. All are Legal Aides.

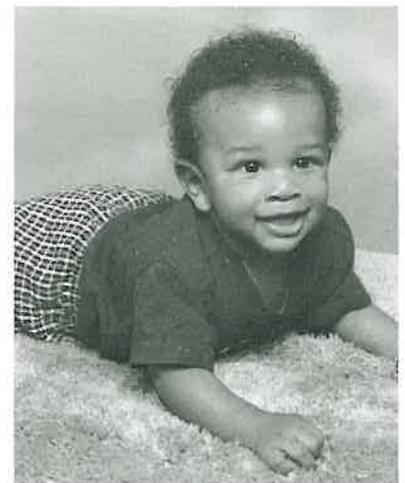
New attorneys are David Dawson and Bruce Hurlburt. David formerly worked for the Boswell, Tucker & Brewster Law Firm, and Bruce formerly worked for the Arkansas State Office of Child Support Enforcement.



Stephanie Johnson was a seasonal employee for the Legal Division.



Andrew Thompson and Bobbye Jo Moren, former seasonal employees in Traffic Safety and P&R were recently married. Bobbye Jo is the daughter of Joanne Moren, Administrative Aide V for the Legal Division.



Jonathan Scott, age 4 months, is the son of Tara Robinson, Legal Aide.

MAINTENANCE



Johnny Nalley, Communications Maintenance Specialist, retired in June 1999 with 37 years service. His coworkers presented him with a rod and reel.



Donna Barbee, Administrative Aide IV for the Communications Section, retired in July 1999. Her coworkers presented her with a slide bracelet.



Doug Huckaba, left, Communications Section Head, presents Gordon Foddrill, Maintenance Communications Specialist, with a 20-year service award.



Doug Huckaba, left, Communications Section Head, presents Jeff Bell, Telecommunications Supervisor II, a 15-year service award.



Doug Huckaba, left, Communications Section Head, presents Pat O'Bannon, Communications Maintenance Specialist, a 15-year service award.



Garland Land, left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents Glenn Cheatham, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, a 20-year service award.



Garland Land, left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents Guy Ben Winkler, Jr., Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, a 20-year service award.



Ben Winkler, left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Pat Neff, Bridge Repairer II.



Ray Whitfield, left, Bridge Repairer II, receives a 5-year service award from Bill Ritchie, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor.



Jaceylin Faith Treadwell is the daughter of Roy and Diane Treadwell. Roy is a Bridge Repairer II for Heavy Bridge Maintenance.



Pat Ioup, Public Transportation Technician, retired June 9 with 15+ years service.



Carrie and Casey McCarthy were married May 20, 2000. Casey's mother is Debra Sain, Reproduction Technician.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH



Tom Harrell, center, Planning and Research Division Head, presents 20-year service awards to Steve Mitchell, left, Senior Planner, and Olen Patterson, right, Data Collection Technician.



Patrick Bradley Cagle, born December 16, 1999, is the son of Robert Cagle, Data Collection Technician and his wife Annette. Patrick is the grandson of retiree Gene Cagle.



Katie Moore, age 6, graduated from kindergarten at Colledgeville Elementary. She is the daughter of David and Alisa Moore, Accountant II in Traffic Safety.



Tom Harrell, back center, Planning and Research Division Head, presented service awards to the following (front row, left to right): Paul Edwards, Mapping & Graphics Section Head, 35 years; Steve Alexander, Administrative Officer III, 20 years; Patricia Taylor, Data Collection Technician, 15 years. Back row, left to right: Ed Hoppe, Assistant Division Head, 25 years; Tom Harrell, and Keith Merritt, Staff Planning Engineer.

PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS



Mike Selig, left, Staff Traffic Safety Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to Gail Scott, Administrative Aide I.



Madeline Grace Bennett, born February 18, 2000, is the daughter of Assistant Division Head Scott and Heather Bennett.



Hannah Nicole Fort, born March 15, 2000, is the granddaughter of Judy Parson, Administrative Officer in Programs and Contracts.



Kodi Lane Beggs, born May 28, 2000, is the grandson of Larry, Reproduction Technician, and Janet Foreman.

RIGHT OF WAY



Bailey Garner, age 10, Arkansas Little Miss, competed in the International Miss Pageant in July in Houston, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Butler, Office Administrative Assistant III in the Relocation Section.



Julie Mitchell, daughter of Donald Mitchell of Right of Way Engineering, is the short stop for the Conway Tomboys, a 14-under fast pitch softball team. They won their district tournament in Russellville and went on to win their first state championship in Bentonville.



Jessica Elise Squires and Aaron Thomas Morrissey were married October 16, 1999 at Trapnall Hall. Jessica is the daughter of Elise and Calvin Squires.



Mary Claire Booth, born October 18, 1999, is the great niece of Rex Boothe, Relocation Coordinator.

ROADWAY DESIGN



Roadway Design Service Awards, left to right: Mark Woods, Senior Design Engineer, 10 years; Chuck Martin, Senior Design Engineer, 10 years; Martin Cruce, Staff Design Engineer, 20 years; David Burnett, Staff Design Engineer, 25 years; Liz Jones, Senior Design Engineer, 10 years, and Claude Klinck, Staff Design Engineer, 20 years



Kaleb Caldwell, Engineering Intern, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering at the University of Arkansas.



Ronnie Brewer, Drafter, is a new employee in Roadway Design. He is a 1999 graduate of Petit Jean Community College with an associate's degree in drafting and surveying.



Sebastian James Green, born February 4, 2000, is the son of Nena De Sousa, Hydraulic Design Engineer, and Benny Green.



Hannah Faith Martin, born January 19, 2000, is the daughter of Chuck Martin, Senior Design Engineer, and his wife Andrea.



Amanda Gunn and Richard Zraick were married March 4, 2000. Amanda is the daughter of Linda Gunn, Advanced Design Engineer.

SURVEYS



Sam Johnson, left, Staff Surveys Engineer, presents a 25-year service pin to John Wilson, Crew Chief.



Steve Wrigley, left, Crew Chief, receives a 15-year service award from Sam Johnson, Staff Surveys Engineer.



Jerry Vest, Construction Aide II, receives a 20-year service award.



15-Year Service Awards: (L-R) Danny Glenn, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Repairer; Charles Aldridge, Senior Mechanic; Mike McConnell, Senior Mechanic



Juanita Fitts, Resident Office Technician, receives a 10-year service award.

DISTRICT ONE



James Belknap, District Construction Engineer, shown with his wife Darlene, retired March 3, 2000 with 39+ years service.



Juanita Tilgeman, Maintenance Aide I, receives a 5-year service award.



Kaylee Harp, born May 4, 2000, is the granddaughter of Janet McElroy, District Bookkeeper.



Samantha Williams, daughter of Raymond Williams, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, was crowned the winner of the Queen of Hearts Pageant in Searcy.

DISTRICT TWO



Jeff Hart, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 25-year service award to James Sinks, Senior Mechanic.



Ginger Haire, left, Janitor, receives a 10-year service award from Joey Waddle, District Office Manager.



District 2 Service Awards
Kelly Fields, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Repairer, 5 years; George Patterson, Senior Mechanic, 15 years



Joey Waddle, left, District Office Manager, presents a 5-year service award to Lori Thomas, Personnel Clerk.



Mary Lynn Sutton, center, retired in June with 24+ years of service. She is shown with her coworkers from the McGehee Resident Engineer's Office.



District 2 First Place Rodeo Winners: Jerome Miller, Tractor/Lowboy; Otis Jones, Tandem Axle Dump Truck; Robert Bloner, Single Axle Dump Truck; Kirk Chidester, Backhoe; Steve Sites, Tractor/Mower; David Alverson, Motor Patrol

DISTRICT THREE



Jim Rhodes, Asst. Maintenance Supt., shown with his wife Janet, received a 20-year service award.



Kenny Bennett, Texarkana Resident Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Mike Givins, Senior Construction Materials Inspector.



Ronnie Garner, left, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents Mike Irby, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, a 10-year service award.



J.D. Dorman, left, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Johnny Mauldin, left, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Tim Tolleson, left, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Richard Kidd, left, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



David Stevenson, Single Axle Truck Driver, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Eddie Carter, Maintenance Aide I, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ramon Rodriguez, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Joe Stone, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Bill Kerst, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Randall Cato, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, receives a 25-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Chad Putman, Roller Operator, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Jerry Watson, Crew Leader, receives a 25-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ronnie Garner, District Maint. Supt., presents a 20-year service award to Richard Dempsey, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



Melinda Lester, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Jeff Featherston, Dozer Operator/Finish, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Coy Clayborn, Bridge Repairer II, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Danny Cummings, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives a 25-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Glen Hendrix, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, receives a 25-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



William Tyler, District Engineer, presents Weldon Garrison, Little River County Area Maintenance Supervisor, a 20-year service award.



Sonny Williams, Hempstead County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Larry Burke, Area Headquarters Attendant.



Jerrold Taylor, Bridge Inspector Helper, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents a 15-year service award to Troy Williamson, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish.



Jerry Stuart, Distributor Operator, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Curtis Christopher, Single Axle Truck Driver, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Stan Whatley, Jr., Distributor Operator, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



John Daniel, Bridge Crew Leader, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



B.D. Stewart, Storeroom Assistant, receives a 15-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Johnny Wake, Dozer Operator/Finish, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Mike Purtzer, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Orval Hudson, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Stanley Rogers, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Sonny Williams, Hempstead County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service award to Ray Scott, Distributor/Roller Operator.



David Holden, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, receives a 20-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents Jerry Williams, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, a 20-year service award.



William Tyler, District Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Mike Flowers, Lafayette County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Paul Stanley, Rest Area Attendant, receives a 10-year service award from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Tabitha Tenae Taylor, daughter of Bridge Inspector Jim and Peggy Owenby, was crowned "Miss Arkansas High 2000". She was also a Beauty Maid for Arkansas High School.

DISTRICT FOUR



Harold Anderson, Senior Inspector in the Van Buren Resident Engineer's Office, shown with his wife Bertha, retired April 3, 2000, with 35 years service.



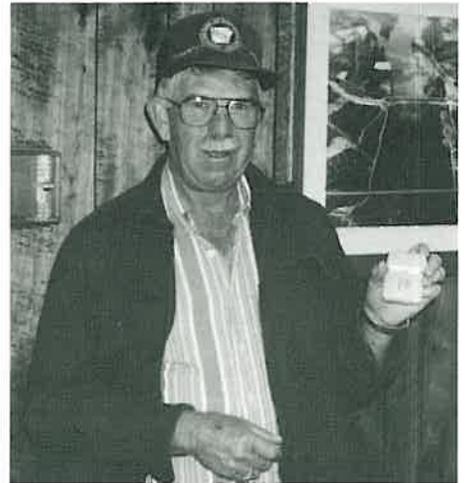
Jerry Clemence, Crew Leader at the Springdale Maintenance Headquarters, retired February 14, 2000 with 27+ years service.



Paul Banzhaf, Springdale Area Headquarters Attendant, shown with his wife Cynda, retired April 27 with 22+ years service.



Lyndall Lyda, Senior Inspector for the Waldron Resident Engineer's Office, receives a 35-year service pin.



Raymond Lea, Bridge Inspector, receives a 25-year service award.



David Edwards, left, Construction Aide II, receives a 20-year service award from Leon Brewer, Springdale Resident Engineer.



Harold Beaver, left, District Engineer, presents a 20-year service award to Mary Bryant, Office Administrative Assistant V.



Kim McDowell, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, presents a 20-year service award to John Palmer, Crawford I Crew Leader.



James Nelson, Construction Aide II, receives a 15-year service award from Dean Nichols, Waldron Resident Engineer.



Nan Williams, Personnel Clerk, receives a 15-year service award from Debbie Caster, District Office Manager.



Wayne Grist, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives a 15-year service award from Bill Campbell, Logan County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



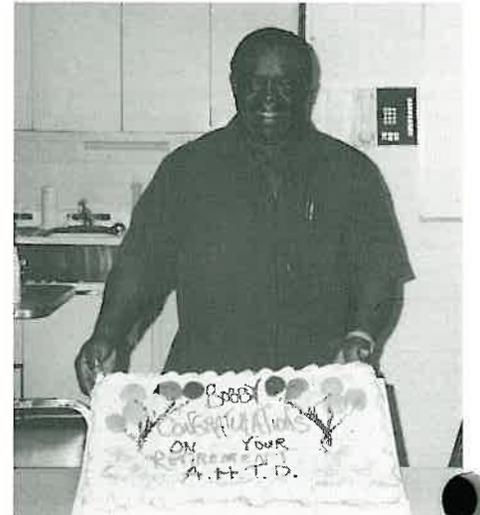
Bill Nichols, Station Attendant II, receives a 5-year service award from George Lee, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.



Cheril Knox, Field Clerk I, receives a 5-year service award from Dean Nichols, Waldron Resident Engineer.

Congratulations to Frank Angu Hulbert, Jr., son of Rest Area Attendant Frank and Brenda Hulbert. Frank, Jr. graduated from WestArk College in May with an associate's degree in business management. He is also OSHA certified from the Maple Woods OSHA training center in Kansas City, Missouri.

DISTRICT FIVE



Bobby Cothrine, Janitor, retired on May 17 with 10 years of service.



District 5 Service Awards: (L-R) Bryan Anderson, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; Hulon Rice, Resident Engineer, 20 years; James House, District Construction Engineer, 30 years; Billy Bolding III, Construction Aide I, 20 years



John King, Hydraulic Excavator Operator, receives a 30-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Benny Winn, Construction Aide I, receives a 30-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Dennis Dixon, Crew Leader, receives a 20-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Johnie Goodman, Single Axle Truck Driver, receives a 15-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Dickie Drake, Sealing Job Superintendent, receives a 30-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Jimmy Weaver, Crew Leader, receives a 20-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Ronnie Caraway, Maintenance Aide II, receives a 15-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Eugene Lee, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives a 30-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Harry Hohenstein, Inspector, receives a 15-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Mike Falwell, Resident Office Technician, receives a 15-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Ricky Womack, Crew Leader, receives a 15-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Bryan Baldrige, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives a 15-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Johnny Smith, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives a 10-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Anthony Dixon, Single Axle Truck Driver, receives a 10-year service award from District Engineer Lyndal Waits.



Celena Ann VanHorn and Joe Allan Johnson were married July 8, 2000 at the Cushman Assembly of God Church. Joe Allan is the son of District Maintenance Crew Leader Chris and Mary Jo Johnson.



Jacob Royce (Jake) Tester, age 1, is the grandson of Brenda Taylor, Personnel Clerk.



Carlie Ann Richardson, born October 14, 1999 is the granddaughter of Senior Inspector Keith and Judy Richardson.

DISTRICT SIX



Michael Gunner Todd, born June 9, 2000, is the grandson of Mike Allman, Senior Inspector for the Hot Springs Resident Engineer's Office.



Justin Bratcher holds his sister, Haley Nico, born March 29, 2000. Justin and Haley are the children of District Bridge Inspector Brian and Christy Bratcher.



Michelle Denise Parish, daughter of Donnie Parish, Construction Aide II at the Hot Springs Resident Engineer's Office, was selected as a senior homecoming maid at Ouachita High School.



Lacy Taggart, daughter of Leslie Taggart, Field Clerk II for the North Little Rock Resident Engineer's Office, graduated from kindergarten.



Amy Spells is the daughter of Audrey Isham, Single Axle Truck Driver for the Ouachita County maintenance crew.



Brayden Thomas Fisher, son of Tom Fisher, Construction Materials Inspector at the Little Rock Resident Engineer's Office, graduated from the Children's Hospital Educational Center.



Cody Fryar, son of North Little Rock Resident Engineer Brad Fryar, graduated from kindergarten at Bryant Elementary School.



Greg Byrd, Maintenance Aide I, holds his daughters, Angelina, born April 12, 2000, and Victoria, born March 18, 1999.



Jimmy Paulus, son of Eric Paulus, Crew Leader for the Garland County maintenance crew, graduated from sixth grade at England Elementary.

DISTRICT SEVEN

Amy Spells, 14-year-old daughter of Ouachita County Single Axle Truck Driver Audrey Isham, is participating in "pet therapy" through the Ouachita Animal Shelter Information Society (OASIS). Amy survived premature birth, vision impairment and seemingly insurmountable odds. She was involved in a bicycle accident about a year ago that caused the loss of one eye. Her self-esteem plummeted until she became interested in OASIS. She convinced her mother to let her volunteer and has proved to be a natural with animals. She has regained her zest for life and is planning a career working with animals.



Camry White is the 16-month-old great niece of Sylvia Hight, Columbia County Area Headquarters Attendant.

Congratulations to our high school graduates Keith Hearnberger and Kayla Ingram. Keith, a graduate of Warren High School, is the son of Area Maintenance.

nance Supervisor Alan and Patricia Hearnberger. He was awarded an academic scholarship to attend the University of Arkansas at Monticello to major in music. Kayla is the daughter of Nina, Storeroom Assistant II, and Rusty Ingram. She is a graduate of Camden-Fairview High School and plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas.



Jacquie Hickman, age 7, daughter of Ouachita County Area Maintenance Supervisor William and Janet Hickman, proudly holds her new colt, named Chaze, which is only one hour old.

DISTRICT EIGHT



Thomas Kinslow, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents a 25-year service pin to Bruce Adams, Maintenance Aide II for Perry County.



District 8 Roadshow Winners: Calvin Brannon, Tractor/Lowboy; Larry Wilson, Tandem Axle Dump Truck; Kenny Howard, Single Axle Dump Truck; Shawn Goodwin, Tractor/Mower; Larry Brazil, Backhoe; Dennis Langston, Motor Patrol



District 8 Service Awards:
(L-R): David Hogue, Maintenance Aide II, 15 years; John Magie, Crew Leader, 20 years; Jim Sigler, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25 years



20-Year Service Awards:
(L-R): Hank Duvall, Bridge Repairer II; William Dunn, Maintenance Aide I; Donna McGehee, District Office Manager; Cal Adney, Crew Leader



15-Year Service Awards:
(L-R): Randall Ward, Motor Patrol Operator; Janie Silvey, Area Headquarters Attendant



Thomas Kinslow, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents a 10-year service award to Mack Gray, Single Axle Truck Driver.

DISTRICT NINE



Steve Cornett, left, receives a retirement plaque from District Engineer Ralph Fulton. Steve, Boone County Area Maintenance Supervisor, retired with 12+ years service.



Bud Young, Jr., left, receives a retirement plaque from District Engineer Ralph Fulton. Bud, Newton County Area Maintenance Supervisor, retired December 10, 1999 with 27+ years service.



District Engineer Ralph Fulton, left, receives a 30-year service pin from Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.



W.G. Harding, Yellville Resident Engineer, presents a 25-year service pin to Jeff Barrett, Construction Materials Inspector.



W.G. Harding, Yellville Resident Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to John James, Assistant Resident Engineer.



Grace Marie Archer, born February 14, 2000, is daughter of Mitchell and Michele Archer. Mitchell is Advanced Construction Field Engineer at the Harrison Resident Engineer's Office.



Joe Davidson, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 25-year service pin to Mike Brasel, Mechanic.



W.G. Harding, right, Yellville Resident Engineer, presents a "gift" card from coworkers to Rick Billingsley, Construction Aide I, who transferred to the Nashville Resident Engineer's Office.



Adriann Jade Watson, born June 26, 2000, is the daughter of Rick and Jamie Watson. Rick is Parts Runner at the District Headquarters.



District 9 Safety Awards:

Front row (left to right): Mark Grozis, Peel Ferry, 20 years; Ronnie Faught, Sealing Crew, 2 years; Doug Pederson, District Bridge Crew, 1 year; Robert Pack, Benton County-Gentry, 1 year; Kenneth Bedford, Marion County, 1 year; Kit Core, Carroll County, 1 year; Greg Harding, Yellville Resident Engineer's Office, 1 year; Ricky Sattler, Newton County, 1 year; Connis Ingram, Baxter County, 1 year; Butch Fancher, District Bridge Inspector, 7 years; Kenny Riley, Madison County, 2 years; J.N. Mallett, District Sign Crew, 1 year; Steve Lawrence, Harrison Resident Engineer's Office, 1 year; and Ralph Fulton, District Engineer

Congratulations to Josh Rucker, grandson of Betty Weston, Area Headquarters Attendant at Garfield. Josh, along with his partner, finished second at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America State Finals in Automotive Manufacturing Technology held in Hot Springs.

DISTRICT TEN



John Watkins, left, Senior Mechanic, shown with John Allison, Shop Supervisor, retired March 27 with 28+ years service.



District One Service Awards:

Seated: Donnie Pfeifer, Single Axle Truck Driver, 15 years; Ronnie Hinkle, Dozer Operator/Finish, 15 years; James McClanahan, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 10 years. Standing: Sammy Parrish, Maintenance Aide II, 10 years; Ronald Rogers, Construction Aide I, 20 years; Mark Pollard, Hydraulic Excavator/Finish, 10 years

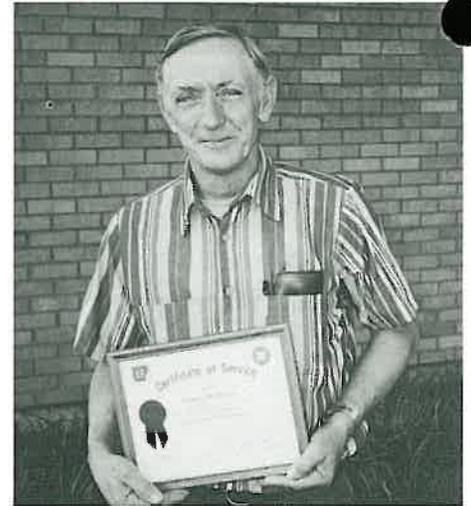


J.D. McHalfey, Craighead County Maintenance Aide I, retired May 16 with 14+ years service.



10-Year Service Awards:

Andy Tucker, Construction Aide I, and Brad Fultz, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator



15-Year Service Award:

Tom Rorex, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Repairer



5-Year Service Awards:

Kim Friar, District Caretaker; Ronnie Dunbar, Dozer Operator/Finish; Brenda Gause, Maintenance Aide I; Lenora Wilson, Motorist Assistance Provider



20-Year Service Awards:

Dale Johns, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, and Cecil Nelson, Paver Operator



Stephanie Ward is the new Receptionist at the District Ten Headquarters. She transferred from the Paragould Resident Engineer's Office.



Kaydra Dawn Cole, born February 19, 2000, is the granddaughter of Dub and JoNell Cole. Dub is a Lowboy/Float Truck Driver.



Stephen Baldwin, born March 6, 2000, is the grandson of Pat and Leonard Norton. Pat is the District Fuel Clerk and Leonard is a Senior Inspector for the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office.



Jesse Aaron Wright, age 13, son of Clay County Crew Leader Stanley Wright, was chosen for the Corning Babe Ruth All Star team.



Adam Denton, son of Sign Crew Supervisor Ben Denton, was chosen for the Paragould Babe Ruth All Star team. Ben was also the team's coach.

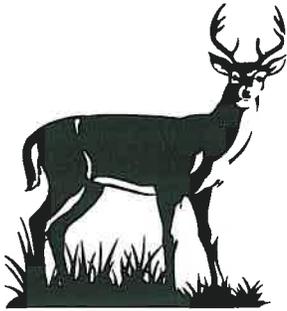


Congratulations to the District bridge crew for winning the "Big Heart" award for the highest percentage of crew participation during the March blood drive.



Meridith and Brad Baine were married June 3, 2000 at Westview Baptist Church in Paragould. Brad is the son of Construction Aide I C.R. and Patricia Baine.

Congratulations to our high school graduates this year. They were: Carrie Foster, Paragould High School, daughter of Calvin Foster, Storeroom Assistant II; Denise Ruby Herrin, Greene Tech High School, daughter of Sealing Crew Leader Dennis Herrin; Chris Jackson, Greene County Tech High School, son of Single Axle Truck Driver Sondra Jackson; Chris Johns, Greene County Tech High School, son of Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Dale Johns; Danna Woods, Greene County Tech High School, daughter of Field Clerk Retha Kappleman; Shantell Wortham, Jonesboro High School, daughter of Single Axle Truck Driver Pat Pickett; Matthew Bullington Wright, Corning High School, son of Clay County Crew Leader Stanley Wright; and Lacy Foresythe, Paragould High School, daughter of District Bridge Inspector Joe Foresythe. Their pictures can be seen in the graduate section of this magazine.



AHTD OUTDOORS



District 2 Welder Kirk Chidester with his 8-point buck taken November 14, 1999.



District 3 Hempstead County Crew Leader Randell Howard with an 11-point buck.



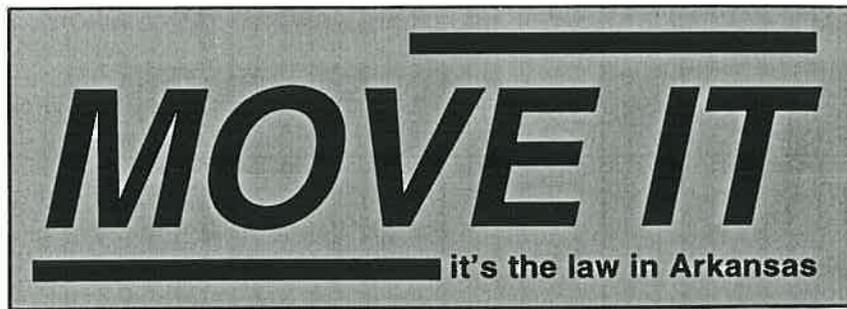
Roy Treadwell, left, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Bridge Repairer II and his friend Jimmy Buford show a 50-pound flathead catfish caught on Lake Nimrod.



Cynthia Landers, wife of District 2 Grant County Motor Patrol Operator/Finish Ellis Landers, took this 8-point buck on November 23, 1999.



District 2 Arkansas County Crew Leader Junior Fox is shown with the 12-point buck he took in the White River Wildlife Refuge.



Have you ever been involved in a motor vehicle accident and left your vehicle in a traffic lane rather than moving it? This is a pretty common habit in Arkansas. However, when you leave your vehicle on the road, you contribute to traffic congestion which can cause other accidents.

According to Arkansas law, Arkansas Code Annotated 27-53-102, if you have a non-injury accident, do not wait for the police before moving the vehicles involved. An accident of this nature shall include all accidents which occur upon the streets or highways, upon the parking area of private business establishments, or elsewhere throughout the state.

If there are no visible or apparent injuries to a person and the vehicles can be driven, move them to a safe location and then contact the police and exchange necessary information. It's not just a good thing to do, it's the Arkansas law!

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