

Arkansas Highways
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Director's Message

A Big Year For The Department

In several ways, 2002 is an especially important year for the Highway and Transportation Department.

This is the peak year for work on our Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP). As of early March, forty projects in this program have been let to contract. This represents work on 275 miles of Interstate. By the year's end, the Department should be well on the way to having additional projects completed and more projects let to contract.

This year is also the 50th anniversary of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution. This amendment, approved on November 4, 1952, reorganized the Arkansas Highway Commission and set the stage for the current structure of the Highway and Transportation Department. The provisions of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment have served Arkansas and the AHTD well, resulting in better highways and improved operations of the Department.

With much of the attention this year on the IRP and the upcoming anniversary of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, it is important to remember the primary mission of the Department and its dedicated employees. AHTD personnel in all 75 counties work continuously to improve the quality and safety of over 16,000 miles of highways in Arkansas.

Fifty years after the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, we have the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to serving the state and meeting the transportation needs of a growing volume of motorists. I believe that 2002 will be an outstanding year for the Department.



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COVER PHOTO: Interstate 30 in Saline County. Photo by John Jackson.

BACK COVER PHOTO: State Highway 25 in Cleburne County. Photo by John Jackson.

Work Zone Safety Event Showcases Interstate 30 Widening in Central Arkansas

Members of the Arkansas Highway Commission and Dan Flowers, Director of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), led an event on April 3, 2002, to kickoff National Work Zone Awareness Week in Arkansas. "During this peak year of the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, enhancing the safety of construction workers and motorists is one of our main concerns," said Dan Flowers, AHTD Director. "We plan to use this opportunity to emphasize work zone safety on every roadway throughout the state."

After gathering at the new Mabelvale interchange on I-30, Director Flowers provided public officials and invited guests with details about the widening of nearly 17 miles of I-30 from Sevier Street in Benton to Geyer Springs Road in Little Rock. "Construction in this area will involve widening the interstate to six lanes, removing and replacing the concrete roadway, nine reconstructed interchanges, a concrete barrier wall in the median and the eventual conversion of all the frontage roads to one-way," explained Flowers. "We are planning to keep two

lanes open in both directions throughout this construction process. Yet, with 63,000 vehicles traveling this area daily and construction activity in close proximity to the traveling lanes, it's not hard to see how just one moment of inattention could cause hazards and delays for thousands of others."

Along with an Interstate Rehabilitation Program status briefing, event activities included the presentation of a proclamation from Governor Mike Huckabee officially designating April 8-12, 2002, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Arkan-



AHTD Director Dan Flowers, at podium, leads the news conference proclaiming April 8-12, 2002, National Work Zone Awareness Week in Arkansas. Backing him are (left to right): Don Weaver, AGC; Jim Wooten, AGR/TC; Jonathan Barnett, Highway Commissioner; Ernie Faucett, AGR/TC; J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, Highway Commission Vice Chairman; Lucretia Norris, Governor's Office; Prissy Hickerson, Highway Commissioner; Carl S. Rosenbaum, Highway Commissioner; D.B. Hill, D.B. Hill Construction; and John "M" Lipton, Highway Commission Chairman.

As AHTD staff and representatives from the Arkansas Highway Police, the Associated General Contractors of Arkansas, the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) participated in Arkansas' Work Zone Awareness Week activities. Heightened work zone enforcement by the Arkansas Highway Police, media visits to work zones, radio and TV announcements and school

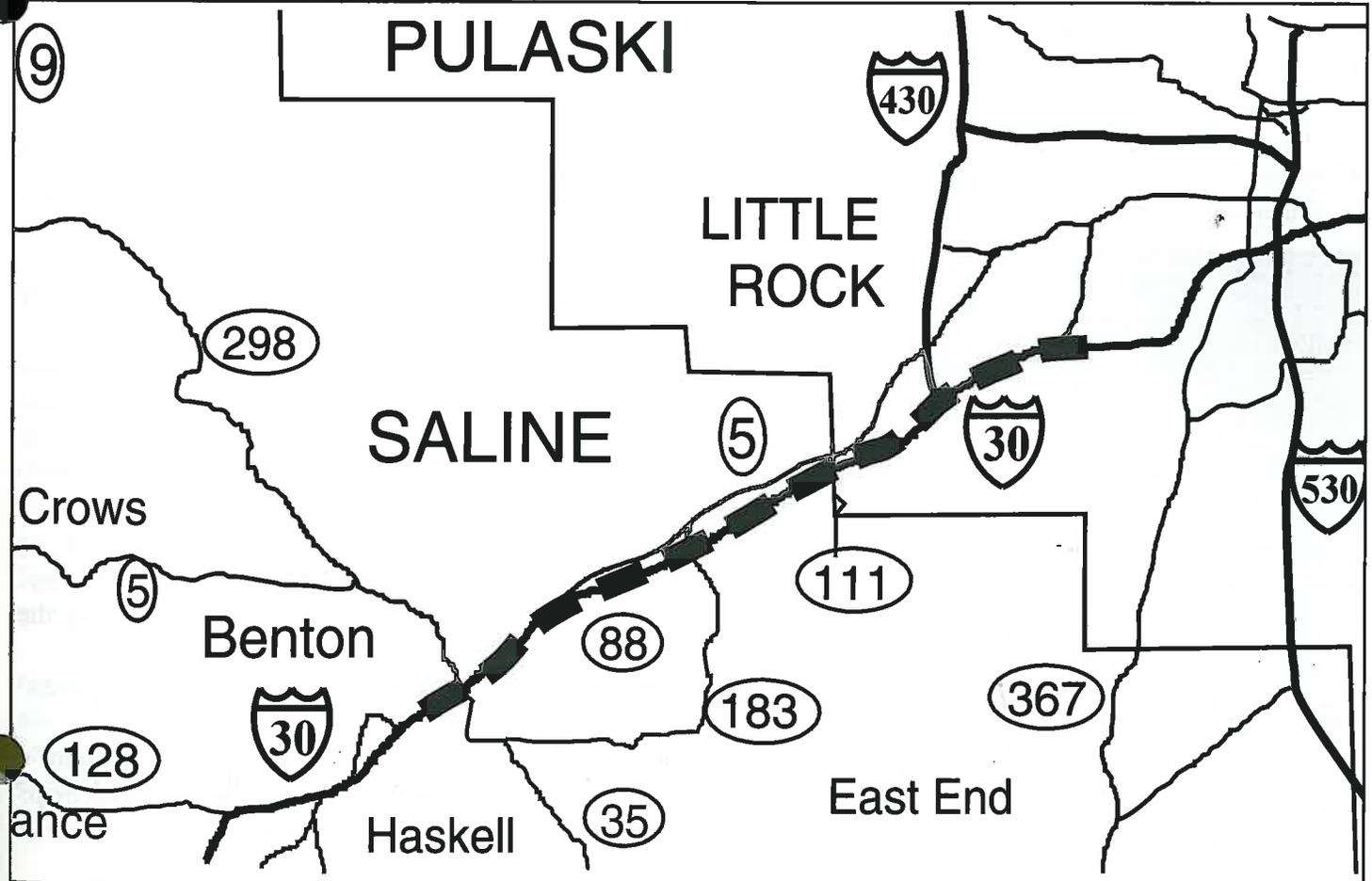
presentations are some activities AHTD staff utilized to focus media and public attention on the importance of work zone safety during the week of April 8-12, 2002.

"Arkansans have been extremely patient during all of the interstate construction across the state, and for this we are grateful. But, as even more miles of interstate will be under construction this year, work zone safety will be the main focus in com-

munications to motorists through our *Pave The Way* public information and safety campaign," added Flowers. "We are doing everything possible to inform motorists and encourage safer driving along our roadways."

Lane closure locations, estimated travel times and maps to help plan alternate routes are available at the Arkansas-Interstates.com website or by calling the AHTD Public Affairs Office.

Interstate 30 Exit 116/Sevier Street to Exit 132/Geyer Springs Road East and West Bound



2002 Arkansas State Highway Map Gains International Recognition

The new 2002 Arkansas State Highway Map, produced by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), has gained recognition well beyond the borders of the State of Arkansas.

The recently released map was named one of two runners-up in an international map competition presented by Corporate Montage, an international software company based in Sydney, Australia.

Organizations from Australia, United States, Germany, the Middle East and New Zealand battled it out with maps exemplifying excellent use of CAD script and precision mapping skills.

The inaugural Corporate Montage "Battle of the Maps" produced entries in several categories

including topographical maps, geological maps, street directories and tourist maps. Judging for the competition was done by an independent agency.

AHTD employees Paul Edwards, Planning and Research Mapping and Graphics Section Head, and Larry Newman, Mapping and Graphics Section Cartographer Supervisor, are credited with authoring the 2002 Arkansas State Highway Map.

"We were informed of the competition by Corporate Montage's North American operations office in Houston, Texas," says Larry Newman. "Most of the entries were from Australia."

The data on the new Arkansas State Highway Map is the culmination of years of information gathering. The map features the statewide network of highways, scenic roads and incorporates points of interest.

"This is the first time the entire map has been produced digitally," adds Newman.

The grand prize went to the Northern Territory Geological Survey for their Urapunga Roper River map. The 2002 Arkansas State Highway Map received one of two runners-up prizes. Land and Property Information of New



South Wales also received a runners-up award for their "Royal National Park" map.

As a runner-up recipient, AHTD received a special plaque, a Quill software package and a bottle of Premium West Australian wine.

"As this was the first Battle of the Maps competition, we were pleasantly surprised by the quality and number of entries we received," says Mark Bright, sales director for Corporate Montage.

Maps receiving recognition may be viewed on the Corporate Montage website at www.corporatemontage.com.

The new 2002 State Highway Map is available by contacting the AHTD Map Sales Office at 501-569-2444 or by logging onto the Department's website at www.ArkansasHighways.com and clicking on "request state map."



Larry Newman and Paul Edwards



Highway Commissioner Prissy Hickerson looks at the different designs on display.



A representative of the Atkins/Benham architecture firm explains the new designs for each tourist information center.

AHTD Begins Replacing Tourist Information Centers

Tourist Information Centers (TICs) in Arkansas are owned and maintained by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and staffed by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. With a total of 12 TICs spread across Arkansas, these facilities provide a wide variety of services to travelers.

Several of Arkansas' information centers, however, have seen their best days. It is time to begin replacing them with new facilities that will be more compatible with the missions of both departments. In particular, it is important to provide safe and clean locations for travelers to rest, as well as to promote tourism in Arkansas.

These new centers will include more space for travel brochures and special exhibits. Inside seating areas will also be provided. Each new center will contain computer kiosks, televi-

sion monitors, security equipment, multimedia rooms and picnic areas. A theme will be selected for each center and will be reflected in the design of the building as well as the exhibits.

Each center will be a destination in itself. They will be educational and entertaining, as well as more visitor friendly. Travelers will be able to relax, review maps and literature, see exhibits and visit with travel consultants.

The Texarkana and Corning locations will be the first under construction, with contracts scheduled to be let in late 2002 or early 2003. Dora/Ft. Smith and Junction City/El Dorado will be let to contract in 2003.

The Texarkana and Dora/Fort Smith sites are both interstate facilities. These centers will have approximately 6,000 square feet of floor space for tourist information areas, exhibit space, offices,

public restrooms and parking. Junction City/El Dorado and Corning both have non-interstate tourist information centers. These centers will be replaced with 3,000 to 3,500 square foot buildings with amenities similar to the interstate facilities.

The Governor and Legislature by Act 345 of 2001 approved the initial phase of this plan. The Director, in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Tourism, was authorized to procure the services of an architectural firm to proceed with the design and construction of these facilities. A Minute Order was passed on May 16, 2001 approving these projects.

The Atkins/Benham firm of Lowell, Arkansas has been selected as the Department's architect. They will design AHTD's first four new tourist information centers and oversee the development of these projects.

Department Honored With 2002 “Best of ITS” Award

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's *Pave The Way* information campaign to help motorists stay safe and aware of interstate construction won top honors from the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) in its annual “Best of ITS Awards” competition.

Steve Teague, AHTD Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning,

accepted the award on behalf of the Department at ITS America's annual meeting and awards banquet in Long Beach, California on April 30, 2002. From a record high of 75 entries, a blue ribbon panel of judges consisting of ITS America members evaluated 25 finalists across seven different categories.

“Because of the widespread interstate construction underway,

we recognized the importance of helping motorists take advantage of the technology-driven systems Arkansas has to offer,” said Teague. “This award affirms our efforts to creatively serve Arkansans and others with a useful information program.”

Citing the AHTD as having one of the best examples of intelligent transportation systems in the country, *Pave The Way*

Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department

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Traffic Zone Safety Zone
Info Zone Fun Zone

Rebuilding Arkansas Interstates

Quick Links

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to review our Pave The Way Web site about the Interstate Rehabilitation Program in Arkansas.

We hope this Web site will give you an overview of the construction program and spell out the various ways you can plan ahead to make your journey through Arkansas easier.

Buckle UP!

Please come back and visit often since we will update this site continuously. It is the most complete reference to all of the information resources available to you about construction and delay updates.

And, please remember to Think Ahead — in order to make travel safer for you, your passengers and other motorists.

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ITS America

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was judged as the winner of the Advocacy category. This category recognizes public service or outreach campaigns that inform and educate the public about the benefits of a particular ITS program. Each entry was judged on qualitative and/or quantitative success, innovative

aspects, and emphasis of how time, money and lives will be saved by the ITS systems.

Media coverage, public relations efforts and evidence of effectiveness were also factors considered in selecting the winners. Other Advocacy finalists included the Utah Depart-

ment of Transportation (Know Before you Go Campaign); Maryland State Highway Administration (Coordinated Highways Action Response Team); and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Twin Cities Ramp Meter Evaluation).

AHTD “Pave the Way” Campaign Receives Prism Award

The AHTD’s *Pave The Way* safety and information campaign received a Prism Award for communications excellence at a reception and ceremony on March 14, 2002, at the Arkansas Repertory Theatre. This is the seventh major award honoring the campaign’s success in keeping motorists informed about the Interstate Rehabilitation Program. The Prism Award is an annual competition sponsored by the Arkansas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

“It is an honor for our campaign to be recognized by industry professionals, yet we are most rewarded by the safety impact *Pave The Way* is having on Arkansas motorists during this construction program,” said Dan Flowers, AHTD Director. The AHTD and Thoma Thoma Creative, media consultant to the Department, were presented the single award in the Non-Profit Institutional Campaign category. Farrell Wilson, Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator,



Accepting the Prism Award were left to right: Jane Wilson, AHTD Chief of Administration and Public Affairs; Farrell Wilson, AHTD Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator; Thoma Thoma Creative representatives Jeanette Wagner, Public Relations Director; Tom Steves, Senior Vice President; Amber Helms, Account Executive; and Lee Gordon, AHTD Public Information Officer.

accepted the award on behalf of the Department. Others in attendance included Jane Wilson, AHTD Chief of Administration & Public Affairs, who serves as Chairperson of the *Pave The Way* campaign’s development committee; Lee Gordon, AHTD Public Information Officer, and representatives

from Thoma Thoma Creative.

The Arkansas Chapter of PRSA is made up of 120 professionals and is affiliated with the 2000-member national PRSA organization.

This year’s Prism Award entries were judged by the Arizona chapter of the Society.

AHP Officers David Harris and Pete Lopez Receive Awards

Two Arkansas Highway Police officers received recognition at an awards presentation on December 15, 2001. Dan Flowers, Director of Highways and Transportation, presented the Highway Police Division's Lifesaving Award to Patrol Officer First-Class David Harris and a Certificate of Recognition to Patrol Officer First-Class Pete Lopez. After presenting the award and certificate, Director Flowers said, "We are extremely proud of these officers' actions. We appreciate the often-unrecognized work our highway police officers do on a day-to-day basis and take great pride in the fact that they make our state a safer place to live and work."



AHP Chief Ron Burks and Pfc. David Harris

Pfc. David Harris Receives

AHP Lifesaving Award

Pfc. David Harris, while off-duty on October 4, 2001, was attending his son's football game in Dumas. After noticing unusual activity in the bleachers below where he was seated, he found a man lying unconscious. After checking, Harris determined the man had no heartbeat and was not breathing. Harris immediately began administering CPR and continued until an ambulance arrived. Emergency medical personnel used a defibrillator to restore the man's heartbeat.

The man, Mr. Oneal Moreland, was initially transported to a Dumas hospital and later to Little Rock where he underwent successful heart surgery. Mr. Moreland has since returned home, and a full recovery is expected. All parties involved spoke of Harris's quick and professional actions as being responsible for sustaining Mr. Moreland's life until he received additional medical attention.

Harris is a nine-year AHP veteran and is currently assigned to a patrol unit in Dumas.

Pfc. Pete Lopez Receives AHP Certificate of Recognition

Pfc. Pete Lopez, while off-duty on August 16, 2001, entered the Firststar Bank in Van Buren. Upon entering the bank, Lopez was confronted by a man armed with a pistol who was in the process of robbing the bank. With a gun pointing at his face, Lopez was ordered to sit.

Upon closer examination, Lopez was able to distinguish that

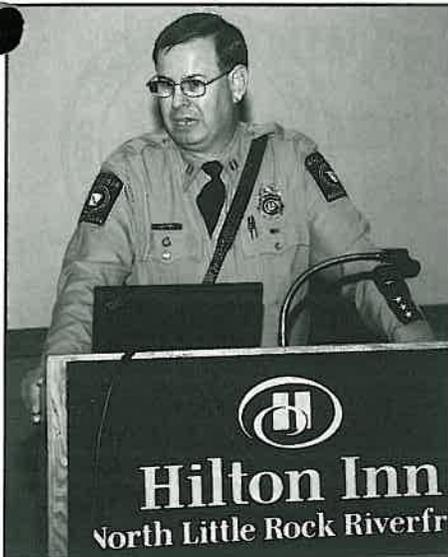
the gun was a replica and that no other weapons were readily available. When the robber's attention was redirected to the bank tellers, Lopez, who feared for the safety of the bank employees, took the opportunity and physically subdued the man while taking control of the weapon.

The suspect, a Kansas resident, was arrested and held on federal bank robbery charges. Additional information revealed that he was also being sought in connection with other robbery charges outside of Arkansas.

Lopez is a ten-year AHP veteran and is currently assigned to the Alma Weigh Station.



AHP Chief Ron Burks and Pfc. Pete Lopez



AHP Captain Don Hastings addresses the group of drivers.



Volunteer Highway Watch drivers at a training session on April 6, 2002

AHP Begins Training ‘Highway Watch’ Drivers To Step Up Security for Arkansas Roadways

To help keep America’s roadways secure, the AHTD’s Highway Police Division, in conjunction with the Arkansas Trucking Association, has joined the Highway Watch program.

This program, organized at the national level by the American Trucking Association, is funded by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to better secure highways and bridges.

Through this program, highway dangers such as impaired drivers, abandoned vehicles and hazardous road conditions will be reported through certified truck drivers. The Highway Watch program will be a means to help answer President George W. Bush’s challenge for “...transportation and utility workers to serve as the ‘eyes and ears’ of law enforcement officials.”

Highway Watch drivers are responsible for promptly reporting

dangerous road conditions through the use of up-to-date wireless communication technology. In life-threatening situations, drivers will be able to directly contact emergency personnel to alert them of severe roadway incidents while providing authorities with up-to-the-minute information until they reach the scene. Drivers will also be provided with a nationwide toll-free number to contact state authorities regarding less urgent situations such as broken traffic signals and developing weather conditions.

Highway Watch drivers must have a clean driving record and employment history to participate. A special decal on trucks, along with ID cards for their cabs, identifies participants in the program. Being a Highway Watch driver is voluntary with no monetary incentive. The reward is the contribution they make to safer

roadways and workplaces.

According to AHP Chief Ron Burks, “We’re pleased with the Highway Watch partnership between the Highway Police Division and the transportation industry. It will be a beneficial tool to support our continuing commitment to ensuring the safety of motorists in Arkansas.”

On April 6, 2002, the Highway Police held their first training session for Highway Watch drivers and on April 7, the first day of reporting, five calls were logged in at the call center. Of those calls, two were flat tires, one stranded motorist, one abandoned vehicle and one for poor road conditions.

Currently, there are ten states involved in the program including Arkansas. The other states are Kansas, Minnesota, Virginia, Oregon, Florida, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland and Colorado.

February 2002 Contract Letting Sets Record for Highway Commission



The Arkansas Highway Commission's February bid letting set a record as the largest dollar amount in Highway and Transportation Department history. The total amount for all projects awarded to contract was \$182,749,309.

The previous record, set in May 2001, was \$152,314,477.

A sizeable crowd was on hand in the Central Office auditorium on February 20, 2002, as bids

were announced on 28 projects.

Of the projects awarded, six were jobs associated with the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, the Department's \$950 million program to improve over 300 miles of interstate highways in the state. Of those jobs, two are located on I-30, three on I-40, and one on I-55.

Among the other projects let to contract in February were the

addition of passing lanes on Highway 10 in Pulaski County, the widening of Highway 63 in Warren, and replacement of four bridges on Highways 201 and 341 in Baxter County. Numerous resurfacing projects were also among the jobs for which bids were opened.

Construction on all of the projects awarded in February will begin in mid-2002.

Five Highway Police Officers Complete Special Training

Five Arkansas Highway Police Officers recently completed a post-crash inspection training course for commercial motor vehicles (CMV) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

This course provides officers with the necessary training to identify driver or mechanical deficiencies that may have existed prior to a commercial motor vehicle crash. AHP officers completing the training are Corporals Ross Batson, Randy Harrison, Doyle Crouch, Lowell Stephens and Sergeant James Speer.

These officers will now assist the Arkansas State Police in determining the fault of any commercial motor vehicle crash. Because of the limited number of officers trained in post-crash

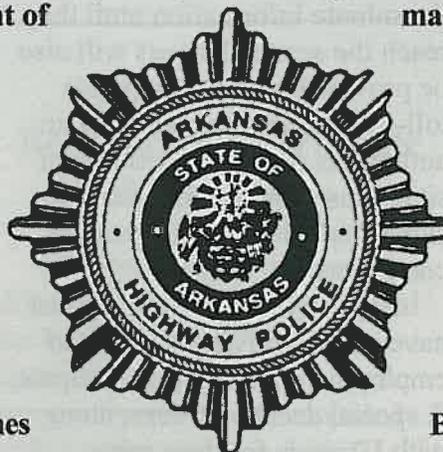
inspection, the AHP officers will assist only in fatal crashes or those with serious physical injuries likely to result in a fatality. After an inspection is made, the AHP officer will provide all

information and results to the investigating officers and will consult as necessary with the Prosecuting Attorney of the jurisdiction.

"This specialized training allows our officers to give the vehicles a thorough inspection to determine if mechanical difficulties may have contributed to the crash," said AHP Chief Ron

Burks. "They will also be able to inspect the driver's paperwork to determine if they had driven beyond their hours or were fatigued when the accident happened."

These officers will be on call to assist any officers in the state who require their services.



Permits Section Implements New System Improving Customer Service

Vehicles weighing in excess of 80,000 pounds, being over 8.5 feet wide, or over 13.6 feet tall must receive a permit from the Permits Section of the Arkansas Highway Police Division. Due to the volume of calls, the process of getting a permit for these loads had long been cumbersome and complicated. Recently, however, Permits Section Head George Coffman, and his assistant, Marcia Zeno, proposed a plan to improve the system for telephoned permit requests.

Previously, customers calling for permits were reportedly placed on hold for extended periods due to the volume of calls. Zeno's first change was to reorganize employee work shifts to coincide with the hours of peak demand. Calls are now taken from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with Monday being the heaviest call day. The Permit Office is no longer open on Saturdays.

The Permit Office receives over 400 calls each day; however, the number of permits sold exceeds the calls taken. The new system allows all calls to be transmitted to a permit technician, with typical holding times no longer than 3 minutes. From 6 to 8 a.m., there are times when up to 20 callers are on hold, yet callers are not kept waiting long due to the system

of rotating calls among the technicians. According to Zeno, the system disperses the workload, which leads to happier workers as well as pleased permit callers. The system comes from Nextera, and works through the Nortel Network program.

During the last fiscal year, the AHTD collected over \$6.8 million in permit fees. Zeno noted that permit fees contribute to the development of highway construction so that the traveling public will have the shortest and safest route to reach their destination.

The Department's Public Affairs Office also benefits from this system. Instead of displeased callers forwarding their complaints to Public Affairs, they are now giving the new system praise.

Coffman believes the new system is functioning correctly and will continue to improve customer service even more once it is automated. The automated system will also allow for electronic storage of permit account holders, which will, in turn, be beneficial for the Department's Fiscal Services Division.



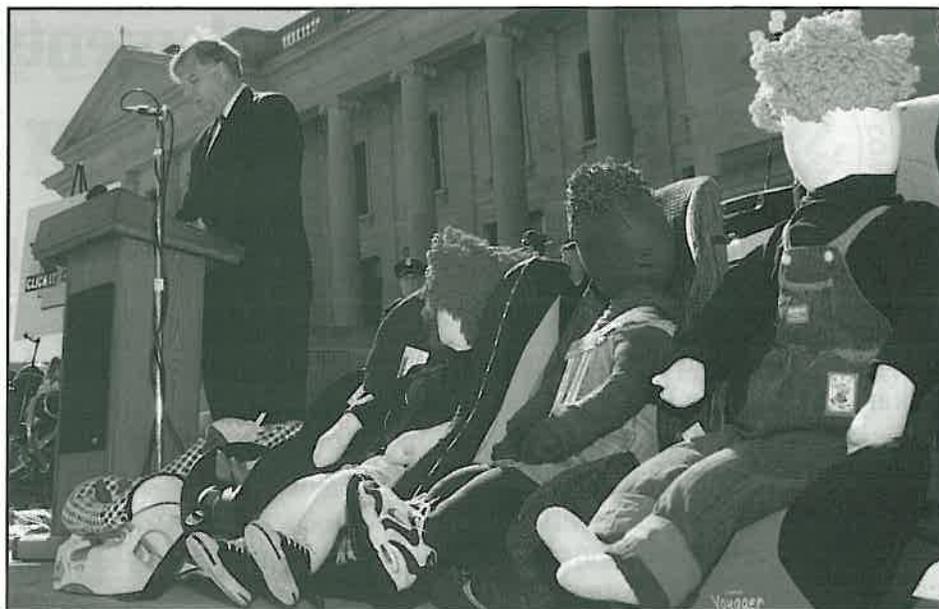
George Coffman, Permits Section Head, and Marcia Zeno, Administrative Assistant III, watch the new system in action as Linda Connell, Permit Technician, takes information over the phone.

AHTD Initiates “CLICK-IT or TICKET”

National Child Passenger Safety Week in Arkansas was launched by the AHTD along with 34 law enforcement agencies who will spend their time making sure motorists' children are buckled up. They are participating in the “Click it or Ticket” campaign to publicize the new child seat belt and restraint law and will help educate people about how to comply.

Dan Flowers, AHTD Director, announced the program at a news conference on Friday, January 25, on the steps of the State Capitol.

Act 470 of 2001, which took effect last August, requires children under age 15 to be restrained



Dan Flowers, AHTD Director, announces the “Click it or Ticket” program.

when riding in passenger vehicles, instead of the previous age limit of five years. The act also requires children under age six who weigh less than 60 pounds to be restrained in a child passenger safety seat. The previous age and

weight limits were four years old and 40 pounds.

“This is a primary law, which means officers may stop a motorist and issue a ticket for this violation alone,” said Flowers.

Trucks, Mowers, Graders, Rollers, and Sweepers All Auctioned Off at Annual Equipment Auction

The Department held its annual equipment auction on October 30, 2001, on the lot of the Equipment and Procurement Division in Little Rock.

The quality of used equipment auctioned off each year by the AHTD brings in a large crowd and this year was no exception. People from across the state gathered to bid on the auction items.

Among the equipment auctioned were pickup trucks, mowers, graders, rollers, sweepers and other pieces of machinery.

Blackmon Auctions, Inc. coordinated the auction. When the

day's activities came to a close, 315 pieces had been sold to the

highest bidders. The total dollar amount was \$567,150.



Rows and rows of Department vehicles were inspected and bid upon by the public.

AHTD Personnel Changes

With the impending retirements of a number of Highway and Transportation Department personnel, continuity of supervisory functions during these transitions is important. Therefore, AHTD Director Dan Flowers has announced the following personnel changes.

Phil McConnell **Assistant Chief Engineer** **for Design**

Phil McConnell, Roadway Design Engineer, will assume the duties of Assistant Chief Engineer for Design upon the retirement of Dale Loe. McConnell is a 32-year AHTD employee and a 1970 civil engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a registered professional engineer. McConnell has served in the Roadway Design Division his entire Department career.



McConnell



Hall

Leonard Hall **State Maintenance Engineer**

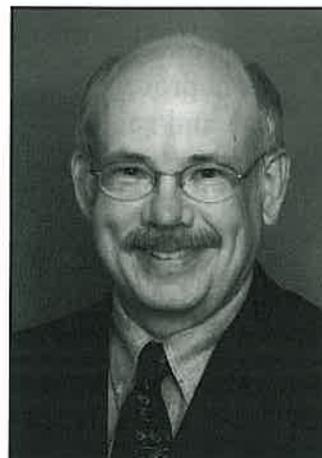
Leonard Hall, District 6 Engineer, will assume the duties of State Maintenance Engineer upon the retirement of Jim Barnett. Hall is a 30-year AHTD employee, a 1972 civil engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a registered professional engineer. He has served the Department in various construction and maintenance positions.

NEW DIVISION HEADS: **Clements and Westerman**

Charles Clements, Assistant Roadway Design Engineer, will assume the duties of Roadway Design Engineer when Phil McConnell moves to Assistant Chief Engineer for Design. Clements, a 27-year AHTD employee, is a 1974 graduate of the University of Arkansas. He is a registered professional engineer and has served in various positions in the Roadway Design Division.

Jerry Westerman, Assistant Division Head for Materials, will assume the duties of Materials Division Head upon the retirement of Jim Gee. Westerman, a

1973 graduate of the University of Arkansas, is a 29-year Department employee. He is a registered professional engineer and has served in Planning & Research and Materials.

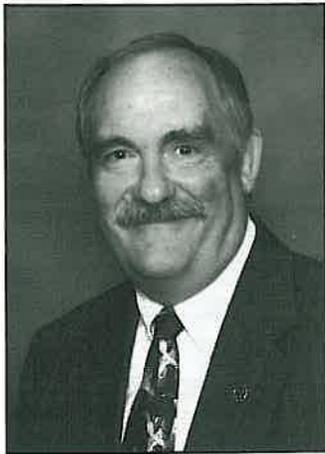


Clements



Westerman

NEW DISTRICT ENGINEERS: House, Donaldson, Lambert and Bachelor



House
District 2

James House, District 5 Construction Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 2 in Pine Bluff upon the retirement of Jim Briley.

House is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and has been with the Department 32 years. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as Resident Engineer, Staff Maintenance Engineer, and Staff Construction Engineer prior to moving to District Construction Engineer.



Donaldson
District 3

Don Donaldson, District 3 Construction Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 3 in Hope upon the retirement of William Tyler.

Donaldson is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and has been with the Department 31 years. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as Resident Engineer and Staff Surveys Engineer prior to becoming District Construction Engineer.



Lambert
District 6

David Lambert, District 6 Construction Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 6 in Little Rock when Leonard Hall assumes the duties of State Maintenance Engineer.

Lambert is a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is a 31-year Department employee. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as a Bridge Design Engineer, Resident Engineer, Staff Maintenance Engineer and Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer prior to becoming District Construction Engineer.



Bachelor
District 7

Carl Bachelor, District 10 Maintenance Engineer, will assume the duties of District Engineer for District 7 in Camden upon the retirement of Coy Campbell.

Bachelor, a 16-year Department employee, is a 1985 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a registered professional engineer and has served as Resident Engineer and Staff Construction Engineer prior to becoming District Maintenance Engineer.

Lee Gordon Public Information Officer

Lee Gordon has been named Public Information Officer for the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Prior to coming to the Department, he was the Executive Director of the Arkansas Business and

Education Alliance. Gordon earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.



Gordon



Mayo

David Mayo State Aid Assistant Division Head

David Mayo, Programs and Contracts Staff Project Development Engineer, was named Assistant Division Head for State Aid replacing Wilbert Chapman who retired at the end of 2001.

Mayo is a 25-year Department employee and a 1977 civil engineering graduate of Memphis State University. He is a registered professional engineer.

Walter McMillan District 10 Construction Engineer

Walter McMillan, Paragould Resident Engineer, was named District 10 Construction Engineer, replacing Bob Faulkner, who will be retiring in June.

McMillan is a 25-year Department employee and a 1978 graduate of Mississippi State University. He is a registered professional engineer.



McMillan



Ort

Randy Ort Public Outreach Coordinator

Randy Ort, Public Affairs Officer, has transferred to the Environmental Division as the Department's Public Outreach Coordinator.

Ort will be coordinating the AHTD's public hearing and involvement efforts to assure effective com-

munication with citizens, elected officials and the media.

Ort, a 15-year Department employee, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville earning a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in marketing.



Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton speaks to the crowd at the Greenville Bridge Groundbreaking.

Greenville Bridge Groundbreaking

With a center span of 1,378 feet, the new Greenville Bridge will be the longest cable-stayed span in the continental United States when completed.

On November 2, 2001, Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman John "M" Lipton and Commissioner Jonathan Barnett joined Mississippi Department of Transportation

officials and local dignitaries on the bank of the Mississippi River at Lake Village as they broke ground for the joint project.

Located just downstream from the existing bridge, construction of the new bridge and approaches is expected to cost \$210 million. Mississippi is the lead agency for the venture.

"This new river bridge for Highway 82, from the Lake Village area to Greenville, will be built to specifications that compliment the proposed route of Interstate 69," said Lipton.

The first phase of the project was awarded to Massman Construction and Traylor Brothers of Kansas City to construct the main span for \$110.8 million. Arkansas' share is \$55.4 million. This phase is scheduled for completion in late 2005 or early 2006.

Approaches will have to be built on each side of the river. Arkansas side approaches are expected to cost some \$40 million.

The original bridge was built 60 years ago and remains structurally sound. Both narrow and a hazard to river navigation, the bridge has become functionally obsolete by modern standards. The initial cost for the bridge was \$4.5 million.

Since 1972, it has sustained more barge collisions than any other bridge on the Mississippi, and in the 1950s was damaged when a plane collided with the structure.

New Section of U.S. Highway 167 Opened to Traffic

It was a beautiful fall morning on November 7, 2001, when Highway Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum and AHTD Director Dan Flowers joined local officials to dedicate a new section of U.S. Highway 167 between the Highway 14 Spur and Highway 25.

"Batesville is a growing area and surely needed this project," said Rosenbaum. "U.S. 167 is a major roadway for connecting Central Arkansas to Missouri."

White River Materials of Batesville was awarded the \$6.6 million, 3.3-mile widening project in October 1999.



Highway Commissioner Carl S. Rosenbaum (with scissors) and AHTD Director Dan Flowers (behind bow) cut the ribbon officially opening the new section of Highway 167.

Arkansas and Missouri Hold Joint Groundbreaking For New St. Francis River Bridge

Arkansas Highway Commission Vice Chairman J.W. "Buddy" Benafield represented the state as he joined members of the Missouri Department of Transportation and local officials on October 10, 2001, at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new St. Francis River Bridge. The project is a joint venture of the two states.

"This project is very important

to Northeast Arkansas. The bridge is the focal point of planned improvements along the U.S. Highway 412 corridor in both Missouri and Arkansas," Benafield told the large gathering.

To accommodate the bridge's new alignment with Highway 412, AHTD has plans to replace the St. Francis River Relief and Big Slough Bridges immediately west

of the joint construction site.

Those new structures will be four lanes and cost nearly \$7 million.

Scott Meyer, District Engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation, was the Master of Ceremonies. Dignitaries joining Commissioner Benafield for the event were Arkansas State Senator Tim Wooldridge, Paragould Mayor Mike Gaskill, AHTD District 10 Engineer Joe Barnett, MoDOT Commissioner Marge Schramm and former MoDOT Commissioner Mark Preyer.

The new four-lane St. Francis River Bridge, constructed just north of the old structure, is expected to be complete in late 2003. The \$12.5 million contract was awarded to Robertson Bridge and Grading of Poplar Bluff.

"The joint venture is a challenging project for us," said District 10 Engineer Joe Barnett. "All the work we have going on in Greene, Mississippi and Craighead counties will benefit from the new bridge."



Arkansas and Missouri officials break ground for a new bridge across the St. Francis River.

Groundbreaking for Highway 49 and Dedication of Highway 141 Held December 20

"There are a lot of good things happening in Jonesboro and Northeast Arkansas these days," said Highway Commission Vice Chairman J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, as he and AHTD Director Dan Flowers joined a large gathering of local officials and dignitaries for an event-filled day in

Jonesboro on December 20, 2001.

The first event was a groundbreaking ceremony to signify the beginning of the Highway 49 project between Highway 63 and Valley View. This \$5.4 million dollar project was awarded this past November to widen a three-mile section of Highway 49 to a

five-lane curb and gutter roadway. The project should be completed in the latter part of 2003, which will be before the scheduled opening of the new mall.

Then it was on to a ribbon-cutting dedication of a project on Highway 141.

"This project is the result of you

folks passing a bond for capital improvements,” said Benafield during the ceremony. “The City of Jonesboro took the lead on this project and now you have a four-lane road from Johnson Street out to the city limits.”

The \$4.5 million job widened Highway 141 from two lanes to four. Gary Meadows Construction was awarded the job.

Other projects in the area scheduled for Spring 2002 construction include the estimated \$3.85 million Highway 63 interchange and the estimated \$6.3 million Bono Bypass.

After the two events, Benafield spoke to a special meeting of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce.

“We currently have almost \$25 million of work under contract on four other widening projects in this immediate area,” Benafield told the lunch crowd.



Highway Commission Vice Chairman J.W. “Buddy” Benafield cuts a ribbon officially opening the new section of State Highway 141.

“Jonesboro is growing and the transportation needs of the area

are changing. We are keeping up with those needs.”



State and local officials turn the first shovels of dirt to begin the new Highway 49 widening project in Jonesboro.

Governor Joins AHTD Officials to Break Ground for New Ashdown Bypass

“Your children will no longer be on the opposite side of the railroad tracks during school hours and no one will be delayed in route to the hospital,” said Highway Commissioner Prissy Hickerson to the crowd before turning a shovel full of dirt to commemorate the beginning of the Ashdown Bypass.

The significance of the December 17, 2001, event was evident as AHTD Director Dan Flowers, Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, State Senator Barbara Horn, local officials from Ashdown and Texarkana, and numerous business representatives joined Hickerson.

“This is the first in a series of projects that will eventually become the Ashdown Bypass,” said Hickerson.

The first phase, a \$4.29 million project, was awarded this past November to McGeorge Construction. The second phase is for the new Highway 71 Kansas City Railroad overpass. By late 2003, the final contract will be ready to complete the roadway from

Highway 32 west to Highway 71.

“All of this means a more convenient and safer way of life for this area,” Hickerson stated to the crowd before introducing the Governor.

Governor Huckabee introduced Ashdown High School senior Emily Dumas to those in attendance for the groundbreaking. Dumas was part of a junior high letter-writing project that campaigned for the bypass.

“And those letters had an impact,” said the Governor. “It proves that not only can you move City Hall, but you can move Congress as well.”

The Ashdown Bypass was listed as a Congressionally-designated High Priority Project in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. TEA-21 provided \$4.5 million in earmarked Federal-aid over six years for construction of the bypass.



AHTD Director Dan Flowers, Highway Commissioner Prissy Hickerson, Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee along with Emily Dumas shovel dirt for the groundbreaking of the Ashdown Bypass.

Jonesboro – Highway 63B Culberhouse St. to Highway 49

Growth in Jonesboro in recent years has created a need to widen Highway 63B, also known as Johnson Avenue. One segment of that road, from Culberhouse Street to Highway 49, was the topic of a public hearing held December 4, 2001.

The primary reason for the hearing was to discuss the potential impact of the widening project on a historic structure, the City Water and Light Building. Though the building itself lies outside the proposed right of way, a canopy on the building will need to be removed. After working with the City of Jonesboro, the Federal Highway Administration and historic preservation groups, an agreement was reached to remove the canopy and use bricks from the canopy to restore the front of the building.

Approximately 50 people came by the hearing to view the latest plans and offer comments. The Department hopes to begin the widening of that section of Highway 63B late in 2002.

Hot Springs – Highway 70 Hempwallace to Highway 192

Rain didn't keep interested citizens away from a public hearing February 19, 2002. About 150 area residents attended the hearing at the Lake Hamilton Jr. High Cafeteria in Hempwallace to view plans and discuss the proposed widening of Highway 70 West in Hot Springs.

Original plans called for the highway to be widened entirely on the existing location. But early public involvement meetings in the area indicated a desire for the Department to explore the possibility of building part of the roadway at a new location to bypass the Lake Hamilton School campuses. The plans shown at the February 19 hearing

involved widening on the existing location for approximately four miles west from Highway 192, then shifting to a new location route north of the school campus for the final mile before tying back in with existing Highway 70 just west of the school.

Once plans are finalized, the Department hopes to be ready to award a construction contract in 2003. The \$15-20 million project will take about two and one-half years to build.



Roadway Design Engineer Phil McConnell reviews plans for the Highway 278 widening with Wilmar residents.

Wilmar - Highway 278 Warren to Monticello

A public hearing was held February 21, 2002, in the Wilmar Community Center to discuss the widening of Highway 278 through the town. Widening the highway through Wilmar will complete the final link of the overall plan to widen Highway 278 between Warren and Monticello.

Residents had previously viewed possible bypass alternates as well as the through-town route. Based on comments received at the earlier meetings, the Department presented its preferred alternate of widening entirely on the existing location.

Aside from the Highway 278 widening, Wilmar also sits near the intersection of the proposed I-530 coming south from Pine Bluff. Plans are also underway to build an intermodal facility on the outskirts of town.

Letters to the Department



TO: AHTD Director Dan Flowers

During the December holidays, we drove to Norman, Oklahoma to visit our daughter and her family. We used Interstate 40 from Conway to Interstates 240 and 35 near Oklahoma City.

I want to commend you, members of the Highway Commission, and others at the Department who may be directly and/or indirectly involved in the improvement projects on I-40. The work zones are clearly marked and well maintained, and enable the traveler to safely and timely complete the journey.

The quality of the improvements that are complete appears to be very good and surely warrant any and all inconvenience the work areas may present.

In addition, the improvement to U.S. Highway 67/167 near Bald Knob is being handled in a "quality workman-like manner." We must travel to Little Rock regularly, and while we look forward to the completion, the work zone causes only a minimum delay.

Wendell Kimbrough
Pocahontas, Arkansas

TO: AHTD Director Dan Flowers

On August 31, 2001, I experienced a flat tire on Interstate 40 west about one mile from the Prothro Junction exit. While I have had flat tires before, I have never experienced such on the interstate. Although it was an anxiety-filled experience, I look back upon this incident with much pleasure. I had incredible luck that day because it just so happened that Officer James Thomas with your Highway Police Division was in the area. Officer Thomas immediately contacted the Motorist Assistance Patrol.

Within minutes MAP employees Bo Watkins and Shawn Goodwin arrived and quickly got me back on my way home. All three men did their work (beginning of rush hour traffic and in the rain) with professionalism, efficiency and a smile.

The entire incident took approximately 30 minutes from my initial contact with Officer Thomas, to my vehicle and myself getting back on the interstate.

Thank you for having hard working and exceptional employees, as well as a wonderful program for stranded motorists.

Susan Wilson
Jacksonville, Arkansas

TO: AHTD Director Dan Flowers
Forwarded from Governor Mike Huckabee's Office

I am a truck driver who works for Atlas Carriers in Searcy. I would like to thank you for improving our interstate highways. I appreciate the highway workers for their hard work. I have noticed a big improvement with the way our trucks travel over the interstates.

When I traveled over the interstates before the improvements were made, my truck felt like it was going to fall apart. The smoother road makes the trip through Arkansas a much better ride. Keep up the good work. Arkansas is a beautiful state and I enjoy living here.

Gilbert Ruiz
Carlisle, Arkansas



Officer Daniel Morales

TO: Highway Police Chief Ron Burks

It is with genuine sincerity that I submit this letter of commendation for Daniel Morales of your Arkansas Highway Police Division. Officer Morales has contributed unwavering assistance to the Hempstead County Sheriff's Department as well as the neighboring municipalities within this county. His character and professionalism are admired by all that know him. He has assisted in numerous investigations within the city and county. Drug investigations are resolved expediently due to Officer Morales making available his canine unit. He has contributed immensely to the government of Hempstead County by conducting translations during Municipal and Circuit Court hearings. He insures continuity between the Highway Police and Hempstead County officials with unending devotion to his work and unselfish support for this department.

On behalf of the Hempstead County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of this community, I extend our earnest commendation for Officer Daniel Morales.

Jerry T. Crane
Hempstead County Sheriff
Hope, Arkansas

TO: AHTD Director Dan Flowers

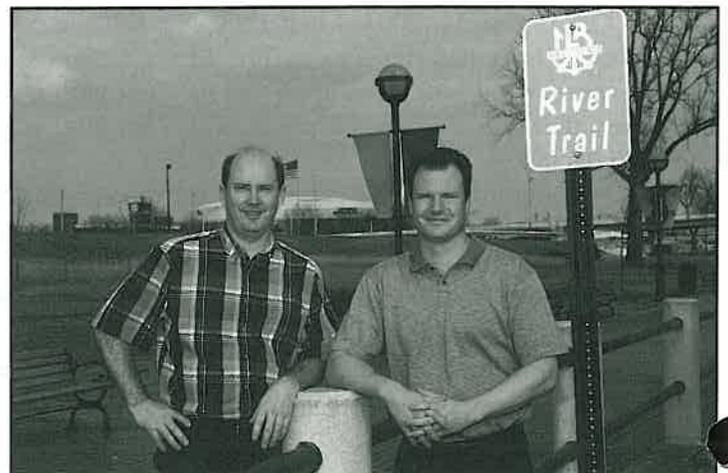
On behalf of Friends of Fayetteville, the hosting nonprofit for the Arkansas Trails and Greenways Forum, thank you for allowing Bill Bradberry and Steve Morgan to participate in the Transportation Enhancement Roundtable.

The knowledge and professionalism exhibited by these gentlemen was crucial to the success of this meeting. All who participated spoke highly of their interface and willingness to help educate others on appropriate TEA-21 grant management techniques.

Because of the willingness of state and national agencies to work together to facilitate the growth and development of trails and greenways in Arkansas, we have countless opportunities to utilize our resources wisely and effectively.

Thank you again for participating in this important project. This educational outreach will have many positive ramifications for the citizens of Arkansas in the future.

Terry Eastin, Chair
Friends of Fayetteville, Arkansas



Bill Bradberry and Steve Morgan,
Programs and Contracts Division



Farrell Wilson
Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator

TO: Ms. Farrell Wilson
AHTD Public Affairs Office

Thank you for your presentation on highway construction. You did an excellent job. Our staff found your information very helpful and they truly appreciated the update as this is an issue that concerns all Arkansans.

Although unable to attend, the Governor did receive word about the meeting and he was very pleased.

Steve Guntharp
Office of the Governor
State of Arkansas

TO: Ms. Farrell Wilson
AHTD Public Affairs Office

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and participating in the 2001 Holiday Safety Program with the men and women of the 189th Airlift Wing. Throughout the year the Safety Office stresses the importance of personal safety both on and off duty.

Your presentation was very insightful as to the large volume of work currently going on to improve our highway system. You gave the folks a lot of "food for thought" for the needed progress as they drive along the construction zones.

The safety message you brought to this briefing was both informative and fun. Thank you again for your insightful briefing using an outstanding PowerPoint presentation.

Col. Riley P. Porter, Commander
Lt. Col. William S. Cromer, Chief of Safety
189th Airlift Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard

TO: Bud McMillian, Conway Resident Engineer

Our daughter had a flat tire between Conway and Morrilton last week. One of your employees, Darron Tytler, Inspector, stopped to help her change the tire and get her back on her way safely. It is good to know there are good Samaritans like Darron. We wanted you to know we appreciated his helpfulness.

Jimmy Williams,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

TO: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

This letter is to compliment you on one of your rest areas. While driving on Interstate 30 west on our way to Houston, Texas, we stopped at the rest area near mile marker 57. The women's restroom was impeccable. There was a lemony fresh scent upon entering, the stalls were clean, and there was no paper on the floor. Thank you for making our rest stop pleasurable.

Amber Tweh
Little Rock, Arkansas



Darron Tytler, Inspector

TO: District 10 Engineer Joe Barnett

Our company ships over 1,000 loads of grain to the Caruthersville, Missouri, area each year. We bring from 400 to 500 loads of fertilizer from that area back to our facilities at Corning, Success and Reyno. That is over 36,000 tons of freight we put across Arkansas Highway 90 between Highway 135 and Kennett, Missouri each year. We are very aware of what happens on that stretch of Highway 90.

We are very pleased with the improvements that have already been made to Highway 90 in that area and the improvements are still being made.

On the weekend of December 15, rains that totaled around nine inches played havoc with two of the detours that were built around existing bridges between Boydsville and Rector. We were impressed with the effort made by your people when traffic was restored by December 20.

Thank you and please thank your people for a job well done.

Jerry G. Berry, President
Success Grain, Inc.

TO: District 10 Engineer Joe Barnett

Riceland Foods, Inc. would like to thank you and your staff for your prompt and efficient attention to getting traffic restored during the recent flooding that made Highway 90 in our area impassable for four days.

We appreciate the hard work, dedication and prompt attention required of you and your staff in making Highway 90 passable once again.

D.J. Herzog, District Drier Manager
Riceland Foods, Inc., Corning, Arkansas

TO: Arkansas Highway Police Chief Ron Burks

This is a note of appreciation to two of your employees - Sgt. Carolyn Ray and Pfc. Sharlotte Mixon.

My niece and I were stranded on Highway 425, south of Hamburg. The car suddenly came to a complete stop. These two officers came to our rescue by contacting my mechanic, Lynn Sanders of Bastrop, Louisiana, who came and towed us back home.

These ladies were courteous, kind, patient and professional in every aspect. Please inform them of our sincere appreciation for their assistance and protection. I am 87 years old and know there are angels around.

Verdelle Williamson
Bastrop, Louisiana

TO: AHTD Director Dan Flowers

I wanted to take this opportunity to send you a sincere thank you for attending the ribbon cutting for the completion of Highway 133 in South Arkansas. I really appreciate all of the Highway and Transportation Department's hard work and dedication in finishing this project.

It thrills me to see this kind of work being done in my area. Again, thanks so much for the effort. I think our hard work in this part of Arkansas is paying off.

Johnnie Bolin
State Representative, District 83
Crossett, Arkansas



Sgt. Carolyn Ray

TO: AHTD Director Dan Flowers

I want to express my appreciation to you and the Highway and Transportation Department for the implementation of the Motorist Assistance Patrol Program.

On February 20, 2002, I had just crossed the Mississippi River bridge at West Memphis on my way back to Arkansas. I have traveled this road several times before and have often thought - wouldn't this be a bad place to have a flat or car problems of any kind.

Well, sure enough, I had a flat tire almost right in front of the weigh station, where the truck traffic was unbelievable. I walked over to the weigh station asking for assistance. The accommodations that I received from Sgt. Willie Gammon, Ptl. Louis Hatchett, Jr., and Patrol Provider Marvin McCallister were excellent. Frankly, with the help of these three men, a terrible situation turned into a very pleasant one.

The two officers explained to me how this new system works to help people when they have car problems. Just in a short period of time, the patrol provider was there to assist me. Marvin McCallister took my tire off and invited me to ride with him to get another one; he actually located a used tire that looked like brand new for only \$25.00. We got back to my vehicle and Marvin put the tire back on within a few minutes.

As a former member of the Arkansas State Legislature, I know what it means to have services like this. Your department is not only helping Arkansas motorists, the Highway and Transportation Department is assisting all the motorists that travel through our great state.

Please let me know any time I can be of assistance in working with you to provide better service to our state.

Tommy Mitchum
Batesville, Arkansas

TO: District 3 Engineer William Tyler

This is to let you know how much I appreciate the highway repair on Main Street. We, at the Judy Murphy Company, for years have had to endure a very rough approach into our parking lot on South Main Street. Now it is such a joy to enter over a very, very smooth asphalt entry.

Thanks so much for your efforts on this project. It was much needed.

Judy Murphy
Hope, Arkansas

TO: District 8 Maintenance Superintendent Thomas Kinslow

Thanks so much to you and Jack Cossey, Pope County Area Maintenance Supervisor, for coming by and talking to me in response to my letter about the work that took place on the Highway 164 frontage west of Dover which is near and in front of my home.

The workers did return, as you said, and worked very hard along the frontage road removing branches. The entire roadway looks so much better.

After speaking with you, I understand how difficult it is to oversee every aspect of the roadway improvements and repairs made daily, especially with contractors and others involved.

I appreciate more than you know the time and effort you and the highway workers took to make this right.

Joy Simmons
Dover, Arkansas



Motorist Assistant Provider Marvin McCallister, center, with AHP Ptl. Louis Hatchett, Jr. and Sgt. Willie Gammon

TO: Dan Flowers, AHTD Director

Yesterday, March 25, 2002, I was on a return trip to Little Rock from Fayetteville. The weather was cold and drizzling and, in a word, miserable. Just west of Lamar on Interstate 40, I was on the inside lane on the crest of a hill when my left rear tire blew. Unfortunately, I was alongside and passing an eighteen-wheeler when my flat occurred, but fortunately, I was able to negotiate my car around the truck and trailer, and came to rest on the shoulder of the highway. When I came to a stop, a Highway Department truck was parked on the shoulder and its driver was in the median picking up litter.

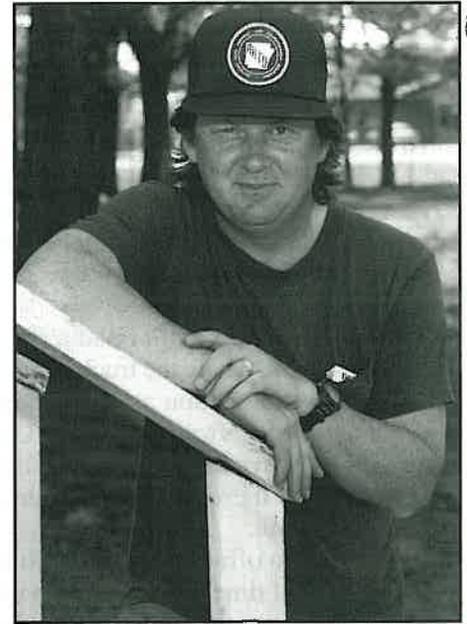
As I got out of my car to view the damage, your employee came over to help. The next thing I knew, he was working on taking off the flat tire, which, I might add, was no easy feat, since the lug nuts were fixed tightly on the tire wheel. Frankly, I gave up fixing tires a long time ago, and I doubt I could have ever gotten them off. This bad experience turned out to be not-so-bad, thanks to the help extended me by this young man.

Being most grateful for the help, I offered to pay your employee money, which he immediately rejected, saying, "No, that would be illegal." At the time I would have paid someone a substantial fee for this service. After he rejected my offer, I introduced myself, and suggested if he was ever in Little Rock I would buy him lunch or dinner, but I doubt I will see him, since he said that he does not get to Little Rock often.

At the very least, I am moved to send you this letter of thanks for the aid and assistance your employee gave me. His name is Michael Guess and I understand his supervisor is Kevin White. Too often, we are critical of public servants, who are tending to their ordinary daily responsibilities. Mr. Guess's assistance was most appreciated and was rendered at a very lonely spot on the highways where I would have otherwise languished for a long, cold and wet time.

Please put me down as a satisfied recipient of your Department's services.

Tom Glaze
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Arkansas



Michael Guess, Single Axle Truck Driver
District 8 Johnson County Maintenance

IN MEMORY

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

Luther Pennington, District 2
died February 7, 2002

Hulon C. Rice, District 5
died February 12, 2002

RETIREEES

Chester Jester, Traffic
died February 3, 2001

Frank J. Brown, District 2
died May 1, 2001

Ivory L. Jackson, District 6
died May 6, 2001

Charlene McClain, M&R
died May 12, 2001

Drexel G. Evens, District 5
died June 17, 2001

Osmond Langford, District 8
died August 2, 2001

Charles Ellingburg, District 2
died August 11, 2001

John C. Ashcraft, District 2
died August 17, 2001

Gray E. Putman, District 7
died August 22, 2001

Wiley P. Felts, District 5
died August 25, 2001

Andrew Hall, District 6
died September 2, 2001

Samuel G. McDaniel, District 10
died September 15, 2001

Nathan C. Brown, District 8
died September 17, 2001

Jonas W. Plyler, District 3
died September 18, 2001

Durwood L. Erwin, District 7
died September 23, 2001

Earnest Waid, District 8
died September 26, 2001

Israel H. Nute, District 6
died October 16, 2001

John F. Bradley, District 6
died November 2, 2001

Charles R. Breeding, AHP
died November 3, 2001

Gazola Halbert, District 1
died November 15, 2001

Percy D. Morton, District 7
died December 3, 2001

Ellis Stewart, District 9
died December 11, 2001

Frank Novok, District 2
died December 12, 2001

Gaylörd Evans, District 7
died December 14, 2001

Denvil Sparks, District 3
died December 14, 2001

John Bridgeman, District 5
died December 15, 2001

Fred Wade, AHP
died December 22, 2001

Willie V. Prince, District 8
died December 24, 2001

Kenneth Peerson, District 4
died December 29, 2001

Paul F. Newton, District 8
died January 1, 2002

William F. Hulan, District 3
died January 3, 2002

Augustus J. Moses, District 3
died January 10, 2002

Willie G. Peterson, District 2
died January 15, 2002

Around the Department

BRIDGE

This Division welcomes Jessie Jones, Civil Engineer, who began working in January after graduating from ASU in Jonesboro. She worked for the equivalent of the AHTD in her home country, China, before coming to the U.S. She and her husband Denny reside in Conway.

CONSTRUCTION

The Construction Division welcomes new employees David Corbin, Estimates Technician; Andrea Broadway, Office Administrative Assistant III; and Kari Reid, Construction Office Specialist.



Allan Holmes, left, State Construction Engineer, presents a 30-year service pin to Ann Harrell, Estimates Technician.



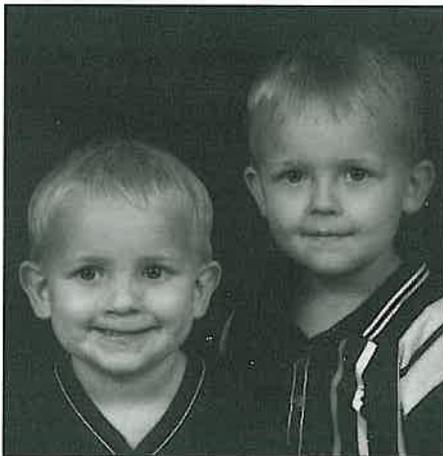
Brenda Walden, left, Office Administrative Assistant V, receives a 25-year service pin from State Construction Engineer Allan Holmes.



Reta McCoy, left, Estimates Supervisor, receives a 25-year service pin from State Construction Engineer Allan Holmes.



State Construction Engineer Allan Holmes, left, presents a 10-year service certificate to Sandra Bivins, Estimates Technician.



Dylan and Blake Fite are the grandsons of Karen Turner, Contract Estimates Supervisor, and James Turner, retired Senior Inspector for District 6.

HIGHWAY POLICE



AHP Chief Ron Burks, left, presents a 25-year service certificate and pin to Permits Section Head George Coffman.



2nd Lt. Jerry Booker, left, receives a 20-year service certificate from Captain Gary East. Booker is the station supervisor at the Hope Weigh Station.



Cpl. Billy Smith, left, receives a 20-year service certificate from District 4 Captain Gary East. Cpl. Smith is assigned to Patrol Unit 482 in Hempstead County.



Lt. Todd Wetzel receives a 20-year service certificate from District 2 Captain Ronnie Anderson.



Sgt. Doug Honey, left, receives a 20-year service certificate from District 2 Captain Ronnie Anderson.



Cpl. Randy Harrison, left, receives a 20-year service certificate from Lt. Ronnie Elmore, District 3 Assistant District Commander.



Cpl. Ross Batson, left, receives a 15-year service certificate from District 1 Captain Don Hastings.



Cpl. Alice Murphy, left, receives a 15-year service certificate from Lt. Ronnie Elmore, District 3 Assistant District Commander.



Cpl. Jim McCord, left, receives a 15-year service certificate from Lt. Ronnie Elmore, District 3 Assistant District Commander.



Sgt. Howard Besett, left, receives a 15-year service certificate and pin from Lt. Ronnie Elmore, District 3 Assistant District Commander.



Captain George Coffman, left, presents a 15-year service certificate and pin to Glenn McCoy.



Pfc. Pete Lopez, left, receives a 10-year service certificate and pin from Lt. Ronnie Elmore, District 3 Assistant District Commander.



Hunter, left, and Austin, right, are the children of Ray and Sgt. Nancy Harmon of Texarkana. Sgt. Harmon is a station supervisor at the Hope Weigh Station.



John Roth Stitt, III (Trey), born November 15, 2001, is the son of Mona, Permit Technician, and John Stitt.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Kay Crutchfield, left, EEO/DBE Section Head, presents a 10-year service certificate to Wanda Bynum-Ashley, Internal EEO Coordinator.



Kay Crutchfield, left, EEO/DBE Section Head, presents a 15-year service certificate to Howard Jackson, DBE Supportive Services Coordinator.



Melissa Doss, left, Office Administrative Assistant III, receives a 10-year service certificate from Crystal Cole, Human Resources Officer.



Paul Dorsey, left, Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical Repairer, receives a 10-year service certificate from Crystal Cole, Human Resources Officer.

LEGAL



Erin Renee Perryman, age 15 months, is the granddaughter of Jody Wittke, Legal Aide.



Pfc. Ron Moren, son of Joanne Moren, Administrative Aide V, recently completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

MAINTENANCE



Billy W. Reed, left, Bridge Repairer II, receives a 5-year service certificate and pin from Bill Ritchie, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor.



Whitney J. White, daughter of Rick Rawls, Facilities Management Senior Design Technician, is a recent graduate of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Fernie Speights, Transportation Information Analyst in the Policy Analysis Section, retired February 2002 with 25 years of service.

Virginia Porta, Policy Analysis Section Head, and her husband Mike, welcomed a son, Benjamin Michael, on January 19, 2002.

The Research Section welcomes three new employees: Mark Bradley, Mark Greenwood, and Lorie Tudor. Bradley assumed the duties of the T-Square program, Greenwood is a new research technician, and Tudor, Civil Engineer IV, is coordinating several new research projects.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS

Left to right: Jessie Meabon, Data Collection Technician, 30 years; Kathy Upchurch, Engineering Research Technician, 25 years; Tom Harrell, Division Head; Reba Pettus, Transportation Management Analyst I, 25 years; and Fernie Speights, Transportation Information Analyst, 25 years



Vonshelia Wesley, COE student in Technical Services, is a recent graduate of J.A. Fair High School.



Samantha, age 14, above, and Olivia, age 10, below, are the daughters of Alan Meadors, Staff Research Engineer. They are shown during recent gymnastic competitions.



RIGHT OF WAY



5-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Left to right: Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum, Scott Wroten, Appraiser/Negotiator; Charles Phillips, Realty Appraiser II; Bill Taylor, Realty Appraiser III; Jan Wiles, ROW Plans Designer I; Director Dan Flowers



10-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Front row: George Hohnbaum, Realty Appraiser III; Patrick Holley, Utility Coordinator I. Back row: Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum; Tomps Gray, Appraiser/Negotiator; Tom Lynn, Reviewing Appraiser; Gene Kuettel, Utility Coordinator II; Vickie Whitley, Utility Coordinator I; Trish Lynn, Negotiator; Director Dan Flowers.



15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Left to right: Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum; Ric Scruggs, Realty Appraiser III; Shirley Holmes, Senior Abstractor; Director Dan Flowers



20-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Left to right: Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum; Sherry Pratt, Negotiator; Priscilla Winkler, Office Admin. Asst. I; Marty Bevans, ROW Plans Designer I; Director Dan Flowers



35-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Left to right: Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum; Vic Winchell, Administrative Section Head; Director Dan Flowers



Hunter Lee Bulloch, age 2, is the daughter of Relocation Coordinator Gary and Belinda Bulloch.

ROADWAY DESIGN



SERVICE AWARDS

Left to right: James Lee, Advanced Design Engineer, 20 years; Tammy Jernigan, Design Engineer, 5 years; Amy King, Design Engineer, 5 years; Margaret Middleton, Roadway Designer, 15 years; Linda Gunn, Advanced Design Engineer, 10 years. Not pictured: Nena DeSousa, Hydraulic Design Engineer, 10 years



John Gorton, Advanced Traffic Engineer, receives a 20-year service certificate.



Kevin Toblesky, left, Design Engineer, receives a 5-year service certificate from Phil McConnell, Division Head.



Tammy Jernigan, Design Engineer, recently passed the professional engineering exam and is now a registered professional engineer.



David Hall, Civil Engineer, is a new employee in Roadway Design. He is a 2001 graduate from the University of Arkansas.

SURVEYS



George West, left, Staff Senior Land Surveyor, presents a 5-year service certificate to Mike Mohler, Surveys Technician II.

TRAINING AND SAFETY



Eddie Tanner, left, Safety Inspection Officer, receives a 10-year service certificate from Ken Jordan, Training and Safety Section Head.



Cecil Coleman, Lee County Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service award.

DISTRICT ONE



SERVICE AWARDS

L-R: James Poindexter, Woodruff County Motor Patrol Operator, 5 years; Allen Rodgers, Cross County Motor Patrol Operator, 5 years; Stanley Bennett, Maintenance Aide II, District Sign Crew, 10 years



15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Standing L-R: Will Copeland, District Parts Runner; Joe Sartini, Wynne Resident Engineer; Ricky Simpson, Woodruff County Area Headquarters Attendant. Seated: Wayne Hamilton, District Shop Senior Mechanic; Gary Fendley, Cross County Area Headquarters Attendant



5-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

L-R: Gerry Washington, Crittenden County Maintenance Aide II; Eddie Simons, Monroe County Maintenance Aide I; Jason Moore, Wynne RE Office Construction Helper I

Congratulations to Lyndsey Bryant, daughter of Lee County Area Maintenance Supervisor Jimmy and Vivian Bryant. Lyndsey, a sophomore at College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, received a \$1,000 John Kilcrease Scholarship from the Lee County Farm Bureau.

Congratulations also to Byron Lyle Aldridge, son of Charles and Maxine Aldridge. In February 2002, he received an associate's degree in electronic engineering from Southeast College of Technology in Memphis, graduating with honors and a 3.9 gpa. Charles is a General Laborer in the District Shop.



T.J. Pulley, left, #96 and Alex McClanahan, right, #50, are members of the Cross County Falcons football team who won the Northeast Youth Football League Championship for 3 consecutive years. T.J. is the son of Jimmy Pulley, District Bridge Crew, and Alex is the son of Joey McClanahan, District Sealing Crew.



Madison Hunter Perez, born April 2, 2001, is the grandson of Nancy Jumper, District Fuel Clerk.



Tamia Desirae Stovall, born August 8, 2001, is the daughter of Kiwanna Stovall, Storeroom Assistant I.

DISTRICT TWO

Congratulations to the following crews who received safety awards for 2001: Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln County Maintenance Crews; Resident Engineer Offices #21 and #23; District Sealing Crew; District Maintenance crew; District Sign Crew; District Bridge Inspection Crew; and District Office.



SERVICE AWARDS
L-R: Kelly Fields, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Repairer, 5 years; George Patterson, Senior Mechanic, 15 years



Al Fleagle, center, Senior Inspector, receives a 10-year service award from Resident Engineer Thale Keisling and District Construction Engineer Scott Mullis.



Polly, daughter of District Maintenance Engineer Ernie Westfall, and Eric Power were married August 17, 2001.

Shown below are the sons of Desha County Crew Leader J.W. and Joyce Colbert. All three are members of the United States Air Force.



Reginald Colbert, AIC, is stationed at Beale Air Base in California.



Staff Sgt. J.W. Colbert, Jr. is stationed at Barksdale Air Base in Louisiana.



Tech Sgt. Saul M. Colbert is stationed at Lumberton, North Carolina.

DISTRICT THREE



District 3 Engineer William Tyler, left, presents a 30-year service pin to Alvin Vaughn, Howard County Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Kurt Moritz, left, Maintenance Job Superintendent, receives a 30-year service pin from District Engineer William Tyler, right.



John Ardwin, left, Little River County Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives a 25-year service pin from Ronnie Garner, right, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Albert Dismuke, left, District Sealing Crew Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, receives a 25-year service pin from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ken Gollinger, left, Miller County Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, receives a 20-year service certificate and pin from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Jeff Rose, left, District Maintenance Crew Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives a 15-year service certificate and pin from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Sid Zimmer, left, District Sealing Crew Distributor Operator, receives a 15-year service certificate and pin from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ed Cross, left, Nevada County Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, receives a 15-year service certificate and pin from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Jesus Areciga, left, District Bridge Crew Bridge Repairer II, receives a 15-year service certificate and pin from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



District Engineer William Tyler, left, presents a 10-year service certificate to Gail Ratcliff, District Fuel Clerk.



R.D. Billingsley, Construction Aide I, receives a 10-year service certificate from Jason Efird, Nashville Resident Engineer.



Charles Bradley, left, District Sealing Crew Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives a 10-year service certificate from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Ray Cottingham, left, Nevada County Single Axle Truck Driver, receives a 10-year service certificate from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Casey Johnson, left, Lafayette County Distributor/Roller Operator, receives a 10-year service certificate from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



David Morton, left, Lafayette County Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service certificate from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



Tim Nolen, left, Little River County Maintenance Aide I, receives a 10-year service certificate from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Supt.



Ronnie Garner, left, District Maintenance Supt., presents a 10-year service certificate to Gary Eddy, Lafayette County Maintenance Aide I.



Larry Hovarter, left, Lafayette County Maintenance Aide I, receives a 5-year service certificate from Ronnie Garner, District Maintenance Superintendent.



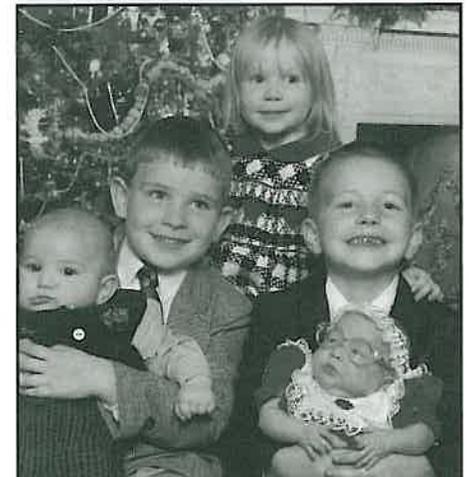
Ronnie Garner, left, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents a 5-year service certificate to Kevin Townsend, Lafayette County Motor Patrol Operator.



Slade Furr, born November 20, 2001, is the grandson of Debbie Stuart, Howard County Crew Leader.



Gabriel Wayne Hanson, born July 26, 2001, is the grandson of Doris Whitaker, Howard County Crew Vegetation Controller.



Bobby Sharp, Howard County Multi-Axle Truck Driver, is the grandfather of Matthew Kesterson, age 5 months; Nicholas Kesterson, age 5; Emily Kesterson, age 3; Marcus Parsons, age 5; and Shasati Parsons, age 4 months.



Caleb Thomas McMurray, born January 8, 2002, is the son of Lafayette County Multi-Axle Truck Driver Jerry and Misty McMurray, and the grandson of Charlotte McMurray and the late Tommy McMurray, who was a Single Axle Truck Driver for 29 years with the Miller County Crew.



Darryn Wayne Peck is the grandson of Miller County Maintenance Crew Leader Waylon and Marie Gennings.



Conner Ray Walker is the grandson of Miller County Maintenance Aide I Eddie and Connie Carter of Texarkana.



Heather Little, left, and Paige Martin, granddaughters of Donald Embry, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish for the District Maintenance Crew, both brought home trophies in the America Cover Miss Pageant.



Angela Arledge, daughter of LaVerne Arledge, Storeroom Supervisor, is a graduate of Henderson State University.



David Becker, left, District Maintenance Superintendent, receives a 30-year service pin from Harold Beaver, District Engineer.



Jim Carter, left, Sebastian County I Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives a 25-year service pin from Harold Beaver, District Engineer.

DISTRICT FOUR



Jerry Hunsucker, Inspector for the Waldron Resident Engineer's Office, receives a 30-year service pin.



James Goff, Senior Inspector for the Fayetteville Resident Engineer's Office, receives a 25-year service pin.



Bashar Qedan, left, Van Buren Resident Engineer, presents a 5-year service certificate to Danny Brown, Jr., Construction Aide I.



Bashar Qedan, left, Van Buren Resident Engineer, presents a 5-year service certificate to Matthew Barker, Construction Aide I.



Karen Strunk, left, Field Clerk II, receives a 5-year service certificate from Bashar Qedan, Van Buren Resident Engineer.



James Hamilton, left, with wife Joan, at his retirement reception. James retired as an Inspector at the Van Buren Resident Engineer's Office after 41 years.



Shane Reeves, District Permit Officer, receives a 10-year service certificate and pin.



Lonnie Bearden, left, Sebastian County II Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 5-year service certificate to Angela Crossland, Multi-Axle Truck Driver.



Twandria Taylor, right, Personnel Clerk, was married to Chris Campbell on September 22, 2001.



DISTRICT 4 SAFETY AWARDS
Seated L-R: Jeff Stroud, Fayetteville RE; Larry Thornburg, Washington County AMS; Gus Young, Logan County AMS; Dean Nichols, Waldron RE; John Sharum, Mountainburg RE; Mark Williams, Bridge Job Supt.; Debbie Caster, District Office Manager. Standing: Raymond Lea, District Bridge Inspector; Jonathan Barnett, Commissioner; Greg Farris, Bridge Inspector Helper; Dan Flowers, Director; Jane Wilson, Chief of Administration and Public Affairs; Harold Beaver, District Engineer

DISTRICT FIVE



Ron Hedges, right, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, retired with 37+ years. He is shown with his wife Evelyn at a retirement reception where he was presented with some computer software from his coworkers.



Receiving service awards are James Hoggard, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 30 years; and Keith Richardson, Senior Inspector, 40 years.

**25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS**

L-R: Thomas Caudel, Area Headquarters Attendant; Stephen Hampton, Maintenance Job Superintendent; Leon Ezell, Area Headquarters Attendant

**25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS**

L-R: Joey Hipp and Donnie Schmidt, Area Headquarters Attendants

**DISTRICT 5 SERVICE AWARDS**

L-R: Ruth Moody, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 years; Russell Evans, Construction Aide I, 10 years; Tony Matthews, Motor Patrol Operator, 15 years; Anthony Mesa, Distributor Operator, 15 years; Brent Ramsey, Construction Project Coordinator, 15 years; James Leggett, Resident Engineer, 25 years

**DISTRICT 5 SERVICE AWARDS**

L-R: Timothy Dunlap, Assistant Resident Engineer, 15 years; Kendall Stroud, Inspector, 15 years; Stacey Caplener, Inspector, 15 years; Jeffrey Qualls, Distributor Operator, 15 years; Merle Campbell, Motor Patrol Operator, 20 years

**DISTRICT 5 SERVICE AWARDS**

L-R: Lance Humphries, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; Keith Foushee, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 years; Howard Blankenship, Maintenance Aide I, 10 years; Todd Bolin, Bridge Repairer II, 10 years; Joshua Green, Construction Aide I, 10 years; Elvin Garrett, Sign Erector, 5 years; Steven Davis, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 years

DISTRICT SIX

E.J. Webb, left, Guard, receives a 25-year service certificate from District Engineer Leonard Hall.



Louis Turner, left, Hot Spring County Maintenance Aide II, receives a 20-year service certificate from Brian Wright, District Maintenance Engineer.



Cleo Penn, left, Prairie County Motor Patrol Operator, receives a 15-year service certificate from Brian Wright, District Maintenance Engineer.



Steve Talley, left, Prairie County Crew Leader, receives a 15-year service certificate from Brian Wright, District Maintenance Engineer.



Brian Wright, left, District Maintenance Engineer, presents a 15-year service award to Paul Precord, Saline County Street Sweeper Operator.



LaDonna Pasley, center, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives a 10-year service award from Sammie Holton, left, Garland County AMS and Brian Wright, District Maintenance Engineer.



Christina Cole, left, West Pulaski County Maintenance Aide II, receives a 10-year service certificate from Brian Wright, District Maintenance Engineer.



DISTRICT 6 SAFETY AWARDS
Seated L-R: Jim Pound, Little Rock RE; Emanuel Banks, Little Rock RE; Jerry Stovall, Pulaski County 3 AMS; Floyd Inman, Prairie County AMS; Calvin Hill, David Jackson, and Bill Marlow, District Bridge Inspectors

DISTRICT SEVEN



Casity Turner, age 10, is the daughter of Jeff Turner, Ouachita County Maintenance Aide II. She recently placed 2nd runner-up in the Young Miss Calhoun County pageant.



25-YEAR SAFETY CERTIFICATE
Clarksville Resident Engineer's Office
Seated L-R: Marcus Rainwater, Construction Field Engineer II; David Wyers, Construction Aide I; Carolina Castellanos, Civil Engineer; Bill Fine, Resident Engineer, and Joe Hurst, Inspector. Standing: Frank Russenberger, District Engineer; Jane Wilson, Chief of Administration and Public Affairs; Prissy Hickerson, Commissioner; and Dan Flowers, Director

Also receiving safety certificates were the District Stockroom, 11 years; District Bridge Inspection Crew, 9 years; Perry County Maintenance Crew, 5 years; Van Buren County Maintenance Crew, 3 years; Johnson County Maintenance Crew, District Sealing Crew, and District Bridge Crew, 2 years.

DISTRICT EIGHT



Thomas Kinslow, third from left, District Maintenance Superintendent, was presented a 45-year service award. Shown are his son Eddie, his wife Bobby, and his mother Rheba.



15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS
L-R: Dawn Biggs, Maintenance Aide II; William Alvey, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Keith Chronister, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish



Michael W. Fine, son of Clarksville Resident Engineer Bill and Teresa Fine, was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

DISTRICT NINE



DISTRICT 9 SAFETY AWARDS

Seated L-R: Debra Meyer, District Office, 1 year; Joe Davidson, District Shop, 1 year; Louis Carter, Jr., Benton I, 1 year; Tim Fields, District Maint. Crew, 2 years; John James, RE #95, 1 year. Standing: Ralph Fulton, District Engineer; Greg Wowerton, Carrol County, 3 years; Kenneth Oxford, Marion County, 3 years; Ronnie Faught, District Sealing Crew, 4 years; Butch Fancher, District Bridge Inspection Crew, 9 years; Mark Grozis, Peel Ferry, 22 years; Jonathan Barnett, Commissioner



Butch Martin, left, Resident Engineer, receives a 25-year service pin from Gerald Teague, District Construction Engineer.



Receiving service pins in October 2001 were Joe Davidson, Equip. Maintenance Supv., 30 years; Alma Cantrell, Fuel Clerk, 20 years; and Gerald Teague, District Const. Engineer, 25 years.



Joe Davidson, left, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents a 30-year service pin to Loy Phillips, Senior Mechanic.



Kenneth Oxford, left, Marion County AMS, presents a 10-year service certificate to Glen Akins, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator at Yellville.



Chuck Seftar, left, Yellville RE Office Field Clerk II, receives a 15-year service certificate and pin from Resident Engineer Greg Harding.



Herb Jordan, left, District Bridge Inspector Helper, receives a 15-year service certificate from Butch Fancher, District Bridge Inspector.



Hannah Grace and Allison Marie King, born September 25, 2001, are the great-nieces of Rayma King, Harrison Resident Engineer Office Tech.



Trey Bradley, born August 22, 2001, is the grandson of Ronnie Stone, District Sign Crew Maintenance Aide II.



Lindsay Crow, daughter of Searcy County Motor Patrol Operator Mike Crow, had the Reserve Champion Heifer in the Arkansas Limousin Futurity at the Arkansas State Fair. Lindsay is also the granddaughter of retired Area Maintenance Supervisor Willard Crow.

DISTRICT TEN



Rex Vines, left, Osceola Resident Engineer, presents a 25-year service certificate to Corkey Wilson, Resident Office Tech.



20-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Ben Denton, Sign Crew Supervisor, and Bryant Terrell, Osceola Residency Inspector



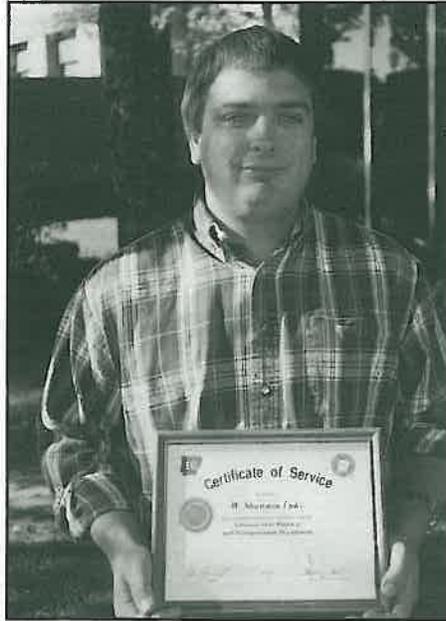
15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

L-R: Jerry Reeves, Clay County Motor Patrol Operator/Finish; Greig Lynn, District Bridge Inspector Helper; Mark Jarrett, District Shop Senior Mechanic



5-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Charles House, Mississippi County Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, and Cindy Counts, Clay County Maintenance Aide I



Shannon Luke, Adv. Construction Field Engineer for the Paragould Residency, receives a 10-year service certificate.



5-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Monte Smith, Greene County Multi-Axle Truck Driver, and Joy Wagster, District Sealing Crew Multi-Axle Truck Driver



Joe Barnett, right, District Engineer, presents Jerry Phillips, Clay County Area Maintenance Supervisor, a plaque on behalf of his crew for having the highest percentage points for Rodeo Crew Champions for District 10.



Emily Ann, age 8 months, and Carey Blake, age 4, are the children of Brian and Christy Rowe. Brian is an Adv. Construction Field Engineer for the Jonesboro RE Office.



Delphia LeighAnn, born June 26, 2001, is the daughter of District Receptionist Stephanie and Leslie Ward.



Adrienne Brooke Quinn, born January 10, 2002, is the granddaughter of Equipment Supervisor Dale Johns.

AHTD Outdoors



Jade Prince, District 10 Greene County Backhoe/ Front End Loader Operator, with a 7-point buck killed during deer season.



Terry Gaither, Surveys Photogrammetry Lab Supervisor, took this 6x6 elk during the 2001 hunt in Colorado.



David Grice, District 7 Bradley County Backhoe/ Front End Loader Operator, harvested this 10-point buck on November 10.



Ronnie Garner, District 3 Maintenance Supt., took this 5x5 elk while hunting in New Mexico.



David Grice, District 7 Bradley County Backhoe/ Front End Loader Operator, killed this 8-point buck on November 13.



District 7 Union County Maintenance Crew members Jerry Smith, Distributor Roller Operator, 10-pointer; David Culp, Maintenance Aide II, 10-pointer; and Randy Gates, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 11-pointer.



AHP Cpl. Ross Martin and Pfc. David Harris both harvested 10-point bucks.



Janet Smith, Construction Aide I in the District 9 Harrison Resident Engineer Office, killed a 7-point buck and a 5-point buck at the same time.



Howard Farmer, District 9 Marion County Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, killed this 8-point buck in the Monarch area.



Jade Prince, District 10 Greene County Backhoe/ Front End Loader Operator, killed this 22-pound turkey on opening day.



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