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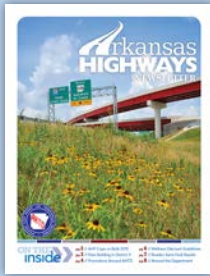


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**COPS ON BULLS**

is **JUNE 6** in **FORT SMITH**

**T**HE LOCATION HAS CHANGED, BUT THE GOAL FOR EVERYONE AT “COPS ON BULLS” REMAINS THE SAME... HAVE A GOOD TIME WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

This year, the Arkansas Highway Police “Cops on Bulls” event will take place in a new location. Come be part of the fun on June 6th at Harper Stadium in Fort Smith.

“We have some great sponsors in Fort Smith and it’s really growing so we thought we would hold our event in that area this year,” stated AHP Major Jay Thompson.

Plans for the day include several law enforcement officers riding bulls to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In addition, The Old Fort Days Dandies will be performing for the audience. The Dandies are a precision horse riding team made up of high school girls in the Fort Smith area. The group performs precision riding and tricks on horseback.

In addition to the planned events inside the stadium, there will be a dunking booth, food vendors and pony rides.

This is the fourth year for the “Cops on Bulls” event. Proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions in the United States and its territories.

Admission to the event is \$5.00. Children 12 and under get in free. So bring the family for a day of fun!



Harper Stadium is located at 4400 Midland Boulevard. Take Exit 5 off of Interstate 540 or Exit 2A off of Highway 64 West. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. Bull riding starts at noon. The Old Fort Days Dandies will perform after the bull riding takes place.

“Cops on Bulls” is sponsored by Arkansas Truck Center Towing and Recovery. ♦

# New Area Maintenance Headquarters IN DISTRICT NINE



**A**HTD EMPLOYEES AT THE BAXTER COUNTY AREA MAINTENANCE HEADQUARTERS WILL SOON BE ENJOYING A NEW FACILITY IN MOUNTAIN HOME. The new Area Headquarters is located just south of town on Highway 5.

The facility was constructed by John M. Brown and Sons, Inc. of Sage, Arkansas, for \$1.5 million. It replaces the old facility in Mountain Home which the Department had outgrown.

“We are very excited about the new facility in Baxter County,” stated District Nine Engineer Steve Lawrence. “The contractors and our crews have done an excellent job in constructing it. It is at a much better location and is substantially larger than our old facility, which will allow us to perform our needed functions in a more efficient manner.”

The new facility features a new building for the headquarters, a covered wash bay for washing vehicles, a 65' by 100' salt

storage building and a commercial salt brine maker with storage tanks for salt brine and other de-icing chemicals.

“The additional salt storage and brine making capacity will be a great benefit during times of snow and ice,” Lawrence adds. “It is going to be able to hold approximately 3,000 tons of salt, the largest storage in our District.”

A & B Construction, LTD of Harper, Iowa, is constructing the salt storage building. ♦

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS NEW DEMO BUILDING

**T**HE NEW DEMONSTRATION BUILDING for the AHTD's Public Transportation Programs Section is now in operation. The building is located at the Central Office complex in Little Rock. It was designed specifically for the purpose of transferring new vehicles to the non-profit agencies receiving them. The building features two bay doors so vehicles can be driven inside for washing and checking equipment. A secured parking lot with oversized parking spaces accommodates all sizes of new vehicles waiting to be picked up by transit provider agencies. ♦



# PROMOTIONS

**A** number of promotions were announced during the first quarter of 2015 at the AHTD Central Office and District Six Headquarters in Little Rock.



**RANDY ORT** has become the Department's Assistant Chief of Administration.

He began work at the AHTD in

1988 in the Public Affairs Office. He advanced to Public Hearing Specialist, Assistant Public Affairs Officer and Public Affairs Officer over the next 14 years. In 2002, he transferred to the Environmental Division. In 2003, he returned to what is now the Public Information Office and was promoted to Public Information Coordinator. Ort has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas. ♦



**LARRY DICKERSON** has been named the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System (ASHERS) Executive Secretary

in the newly created Retirement Office. Prior to coming to work at the AHTD, Dickerson worked for Legislative Audit. He was hired as the Department's Assistant Chief Fiscal Officer in 1987 in the Fiscal Services Division. That same year, he was promoted to Chief Fiscal Officer. He has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is a Certified Public Accountant. ♦



# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



**MIKE BOYD** has been promoted to the AHTD's Chief Fiscal Officer. Prior to coming to work for the Department, he worked for the Department of Finance and Administration, the Game and Fish Commission and Legislative Audit. In 1994, he began his

career with the AHTD in the Planning & Research Division (now named the Transportation Planning & Policy Division) as an Administrative Officer III. In 1999, he was promoted to the Assistant Chief Fiscal Officer in the Fiscal Services Division. Boyd has a bachelor's degree in Economics and Business with an emphasis in Accounting from Hendrix College. He is a Certified Public Accountant. ♦



**BEN BROWNING** was named Division Head of Program Management in January of this year. Browning began work with the Department in 2003 as a Civil Engineer in the Hot Springs Resident Engineer Office. Over the next five years, he continued to advance to higher

level engineering positions with increasing responsibilities. In 2008, he transferred to the Construction Division as the Assistant Systems Administrator. In 2011, he was promoted to Staff Construction Engineer and, in the same year, took on the duties of the Systems Administrator. He transferred to the Program Management Division as Assistant Division Head in 2014. Browning has a bachelor's degree in Engineering with an emphasis on Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



**JOHNATHON MORMON** has been named District Maintenance Engineer for District Six in Little Rock.

The promotion became effective in February. Mormon's career with the AHTD began in 1995 as an Engineering Student Intern. In 2003, he was hired as a Civil

Engineer in the McGehee Resident Engineer Office. A year later, Mormon was promoted to Civil Engineer I and then advanced to the title of Construction Field Engineer I in 2005. He was promoted to Construction Field Engineer II in February of 2006 and two months later, Mormon was promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer. In 2011, Mormon moved to Resident Engineer Office #62 in Little Rock as the Assistant Resident Engineer. He obtained his former position of Resident Engineer at Resident Engineer Office #05 in Osceola in late 2013. Mormon has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



**STEVEN THOMAS** has been named Assistant Division Head in the Program Management Division.

The promotion took effect in early February. Thomas began his career with the AHTD as an Engineering Student Intern in 1999 prior

to being hired in a full-time position as a Civil Engineer in the Bridge Division in 2001. He was promoted a year later to Civil Engineer I and advanced to Bridge Design Engineer in 2003. Thomas was promoted to Advanced Bridge Design Engineer in 2004 and advanced to Quality Assurance Engineer in the Materials Division in 2007. He was Staff Materials Engineer prior to being named Assistant Division Head of Program Management. Thomas has a bachelor's degree in Engineering with an emphasis in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

# WELLNESS DISCOUNT GUIDELINES

## FOR 2016



Access the Health Assessment by going to [www.ARBenefits.org](http://www.ARBenefits.org). Click on “Resources & Links” in the Health Enhancement section of their homepage. On the Resources & Links page, there will be a link for “Guidance Resources” on the right-hand side in the Employee Assistance Program – EAP section. An email confirmation will be received after completing the Health Assessment.


In addition to the assessment, members will also need to have a wellness visit conducted by a physician. Spouses are not required to have a wellness visit to qualify for the discount.

The Health Assessment and wellness visit must be completed by October 31st of this year in order to be eligible for the discount. However, since doctors have up to six months to file a claim, members who want to make sure their wellness visit is processed by the end of the year should have it completed by June 30th. ♦

## WELLNESS DISCOUNT GUIDELINES FOR THE 2016 PLAN YEAR HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

In order to be eligible for the discount, AHTD employees will need to complete two things.

Members and any spouses included on policies will have to take the online Health Assessment offered by Guidance Resources.



## GRADUATION PHOTO SUBMISSIONS Due Friday, April 24

Let everyone know how proud you are of your favorite graduate! **Submit your photos to the Public Information Office NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>** in order to have yours included in our special section to be published in the June issue of *Arkansas Highways Newsletter*. Photos and information must be submitted according to the following guidelines so that the photos will print clearly and with the proper identification.

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



**WITH YOUR PHOTO, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:** Student Name, School Name, Student’s Relationship to AHTD Employee, Employee Name and Employee District/Division. ♦

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# AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO

## Semi-Final Results

### DISTRICT 2 • MARCH 19, 2015

#### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... John Harvey  
 2nd Place ..... Tommie Davis  
 3rd Place ..... Lloyd Reid

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Wayne Givens  
 2nd Place ..... Jake Johnson  
 3rd Place ..... Tyler Capps

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Charles Gant  
 2nd Place ..... Carl Lamb  
 3rd Place ..... Melissa Starnes

#### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Robert James  
 2nd Place ..... Royce Edmondson  
 3rd Place ..... Terence Loudermilk

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Johnnie Tillman, Jr.  
 2nd Place ..... Erik Tyler  
 3rd Place ..... Craig Uranga

#### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Calvin Ashcraft  
 2nd Place ..... John Harvey  
 3rd Place ..... Isaac Barnes

### DISTRICT 3 • MARCH 18, 2015

#### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Steven Muldrew  
 2nd Place ..... George Clay  
 3rd Place ..... Andrew Tidwell

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... James Pinkerton  
 2nd Place ..... Jim Faulkner  
 3rd Place ..... Adrian Alvarez

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Gerald Walker  
 2nd Place ..... Bobby Sharp  
 3rd Place ..... Stan Whatley

#### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Larry Otwell  
 2nd Place ..... Kyle Huckabee  
 3rd Place ..... Brad McJunkins

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Shane Buck  
 2nd Place ..... Eugene Greenwood  
 3rd Place ..... George Stuart

#### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Neal Price  
 2nd Place ..... Ryan Lovell  
 3rd Place ..... Todd Rucker

### DISTRICT 7 • MARCH 12, 2015

#### TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place ..... Courtney Ellis  
 2nd Place ..... Ernest Jones  
 3rd Place ..... Stephen Henson

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Mickey Davis  
 2nd Place ..... Roosevelt Wright  
 3rd Place ..... Jeremy Amerson

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Curtis Hamilton  
 2nd Place ..... Greg Bird  
 3rd Place ..... Royce Hall

#### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Donald Crawford  
 2nd Place ..... Grant Dodson  
 3rd Place ..... Jermy Purifoy

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Jamieson Miller  
 2nd Place ..... Gary Hall  
 3rd Place ..... Roland Bettis

#### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Jeremy Evans  
 2nd Place ..... Cory Anderson  
 3rd Place ..... Dewayne Torrence

**THE 2015 AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO FINALS WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE ON JUNE 11, 2015**

THE REMAINING SEMI-FINAL COMPETITIONS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

|                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| District 1 Semi-Finals ..... April 16 | District 8 Semi-Finals ..... April 9  |
| District 4 Semi-Finals ..... May 14   | District 9 Semi-Finals ..... April 30 |
| District 5 Semi-Finals ..... April 23 | District 10 Semi-Finals ..... May 7   |
| District 6 Semi-Finals ..... April 2  | Central Office Semi-Finals... April 2 |

## WHAT'S AHEAD

### Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER

#### APRIL 15 // WEDNESDAY

- Tax Day  
Remember to file your tax returns.

#### APRIL 21 // TUESDAY

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

#### APRIL 22 // WEDNESDAY

- Highway Commission Meeting  
Central Office, Little Rock, 10:00 a.m.

#### APRIL 24 // FRIDAY

- Graduation Photo Submissions due to Public Information Office by 5:00 p.m.

#### MAY 10 // SUNDAY

- Mother's Day

#### MAY 25 // MONDAY

Memorial Day

- AHTD Offices Closed for Holiday

APRIL // MAY







# THE DEPARTMENT

## Service Awards

### 1. AR HIGHWAY POLICE:

(L. to R.) PFC Marlin Brown receives his 5-Year Service Award from Captain Jeff Holmes, AHP District 5 Commander.



### 2. CHIEF ENGINEER'S

OFFICE: (L. to R.) Patti Bryant, Administrative Assistant I, receives her 30-Year Service Award from Emanuel Banks, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer.



3. **FISCAL SERVICES:** Julian Moore, Administrative Aide I, recently received his 5-Year Service Award.

4. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Boyd Dickey, Striping Superintendent, presents Alex Hester, Striping Crew Supervisor, with his 15-Year Service Award.



5. **SURVEYS:** (L. to R.) Leonard "Lenny" Petroff, Surveys Technician II, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Jim Butler, Surveys Crew Chief.



6. **DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Cathy Blasengame, Area Station Attendant, receives her 20-Year Service Award from Kelly Slater, Lincoln County Area Maintenance Supervisor.







# THE DEPARTMENT

## Service Awards



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**7. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Kenneth Gentry, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Washington 1, presents Larry Miedema, Roller Operator/Distributor, his 5-Year Service Award.



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**8. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer, presents Jeff Maze, Construction Aide III, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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**9. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Stacy Linder, Construction Aide II, receives his 10-Year Service Award from John Sharum, Resident Engineer.



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**10. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Pat Mowrey, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Crawford, presents Cecil Roberts, Rest Area Attendant, with his 10-Year Service Award.



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**11. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Rhett Franks, Assistant Bridge Inspector, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Eric West, District Bridge Inspector.



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**12. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards: Doris Barkley Taylor, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10-Year Service Award; Terrence Carter, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 10-Year Service Award; Rodney Barnett, Crew Leader, 10-Year Service Award; and Carroll Seaton, Storeroom Assistant I, 5-Year Service Award.



# SERVICE AWARDS

**13. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Receiving their 10-Year Service Awards: Michael Hicks, Single Axle Truck Driver; Jimmy Beams, Senior Mechanic; Amie Bristow, Field Clerk I; Phillip Dearien, Motor Patrol Operator; and Jimmy Eldridge, Maintenance Aide II.



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**14. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards: Heath Everett, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15-Year Service Award; Jeremy Conyers, Bridge Repairer I, 15-Year Service Award; and Robert Adkins, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5-Year Service Award.



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**15. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards: Wanda Aldrich, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20-Year Service Award; Calvin Brannon, Maintenance Aide II, 15-Year Service Award; Gary Franks, Inspector, 15-Year Service Award; and Anthony Cossey, Construction Aide I, 15-Year Service Award.



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**16. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards: Danny Watson, Storeroom Supervisor, 35-Year Service Award; Kevin Hardaway, Crew Leader, 25-Year Service Award; Tommy Satterwhite, Sign Crew Supervisor, 30-Year Service Award; and Scott Lawrence, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 30-Year Service Award.



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**17. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Eric Paulus, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Patrick Bradbury, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, with his 10-Year Service Award.



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**18. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Bobby Hall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Carl Garlington, Motor Patrol Operator, his 10-Year Service Award.



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**19. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Bobby Hall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Raymond Prescott, Maintenance Aide II, with his 30-Year Service Award.



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**20. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Bobby Hall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Sharod Ricks, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 10-Year Service Award.



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# SERVICE AWARDS



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**21. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Randy Stinnett, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Jeff Turner, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, his 25-Year Service Award.

**22. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Alan Quimby, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 35-Year Service Award from Deric Wyatt, District Maintenance Engineer.

**23. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) Terry Johnsgard, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives his 5-Year Service Award from David Hogue, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**24. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) Gary Buzbee, Resident Engineer, presents Julie Roush, Inspector, with her 10-Year Service Award.

**25. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Cameron Whitney, Bridge Repairer I, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Keith Carpenter, Bridge Job Superintendent.

**26. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Steve Halstead, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Kirk Watts, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 10-Year Service Award.

**27. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Nathan Daniels, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Billy Joe Roberts, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**28. DISTRICT 10:** Debbie Myrick, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, recently received her 20-Year Service Award.

# SERVICE AWARDS

**29. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Cedrick Jones, Construction Helper, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Walter McMillan, District Engineer.



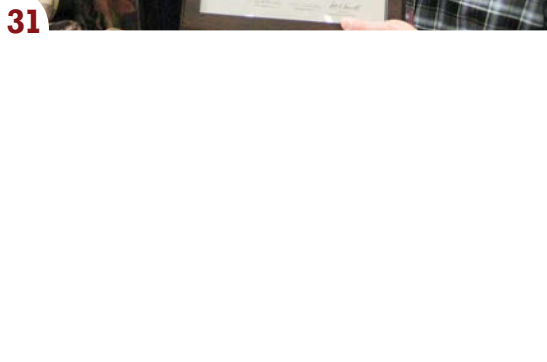
**30. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Dustin James, Rest Area Attendant, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Walter McMillan, District Engineer.



**31. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Jason Orrick, Crew Leader, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Walter McMillan, District Engineer.



**32. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) John Wamock, Construction Aide I, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Walter McMillan, District Engineer.



**34. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Larry Brown, Maintenance Aide I, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Walter McMillan, District Engineer.







# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

### Family Focus



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**1. PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Andrew Jesse Jackson, grandson of Rita Schmeckenbecher, Administrative Aide, was born on February 21, 2015, to Jessica and Dalton Jackson. Andrew weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He is the first grandchild of Rita and Arty Schmeckenbecher.

**2. RIGHT OF WAY:** On February 25, Ashley Reeder (L.), Plans Designer III, built a snowman with her husband Josh and their two sons, Zayne and Kagen.



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**3. DISTRICT 10:** Richard Jones, Assistant Bridge Inspector, and his wife, Haley Jones, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Claire Jones. Anna Claire was born on December 23, 2014, and weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces. She was 19 ¼ inches long. Anna Claire was welcomed by her big brother, Desmond.

### On the Job



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**4. AND 5. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) The AHTD conducted an equipment demonstration at Garland ABC Preschool on March 11th. David Morton, Miller County Area Supervisor, spoke to 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds at the preschool about the work that AHTD does for the State. Larry Otwell, Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish, demonstrated the excavator.



# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

**6. DISTRICT 3:** During the ice storm on February 23, Debbie Pate, Area Headquarters Attendant in Nevada County, noticed this ice formation on the wheel of a Department truck. Debbie snapped a photo and shared it with us.

**7. DISTRICT 10:** Christy Cambron, Maintenance Aide II, recently wrote a poem about the various duties of AHTD employees.

**8. DISTRICT 2:** Jeff Power, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, plows snow off a bridge over Hurricane Creek on Highway 46 northeast of Sheridan.

### On the Job



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## "AHTD EMPLOYEES"

A Poem by Christy Cambron, Maintenance Aide II

Winter Spring  
 Summer and Fall  
 We are there  
 To work in it all  
 Mowing flagging  
 And hauling as much  
 Pot holing plowing snow  
 Just as such  
 Summer days  
 And cold Winter nights  
 Spring air  
 Is such a delight  
 Welding metal  
 Or reposting signs  
 Sealing roads  
 And painting lines

Pushing gravel  
 And bridge repair  
 Paving roads  
 That are bare  
 Replacing pipes  
 And surveying the land  
 Digging ditches  
 And stocking up sand  
 Answering phones  
 And going to class  
 Some would rather  
 Cut the grass  
 Putting in time  
 And picking up litter  
 Ordering parts  
 And scraping up critters

Fixing fences  
 And spraying weeds  
 Digging out  
 And planting seeds  
 Changing oil  
 And taping the loads  
 The miles we drive  
 Sometimes get old  
 Clocking in  
 And clocking out  
 This is what  
 We're all about  
 So if you see us out  
 Just be aware  
 We're doing our job  
 And drive with care





# AHTD PEOPLE

## EMPLOYEE STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2015

### NEW EMPLOYEES

**CONSTRUCTION** • Mark Adams, Construction Helper

**LEGAL** • Todd Elder, Staff Attorney

**REPROGRAPHICS** • Holly Butler, Administrative Aide I

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Johnathan Adams, Realty Appraiser I; Samuel Bartolotta, Relocation Coordinator I; Lillian Johnson, Realty Appraiser II; Michael Stewart, Right of Way Acquisition Agent I

**SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH** • Joseph Jabo, Engineer II

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Aimee Goode, Publications Specialist

**DISTRICT ONE** • Andre Washington, General Laborer; Starles McDaniel, Single Axle Truck Driver; Mike Meredith, Single Axle Truck Driver; David Powers, General Laborer; Cody Pearson, General Laborer

**DISTRICT TWO** • Marvin Wilson, Skill Trades Trainee; Robert Lunsford, General Laborer

**DISTRICT FOUR** • David Elam, General Laborer; Kenneth Freeman, General Laborer

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Earl Mitchell, Single Axle Truck Driver; Hollis Hibbits, Single Axle Truck Driver; Bill Sparkman, Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT SIX** • Diane Reynolds, Storeroom Assistant I; Eric Sibole, General Laborer; Darice Hayes, General Laborer; Jonathan Hammond, General Laborer

**DISTRICT TEN** • Mitchell Holcomb, General Laborer; Bernice Parker, General Laborer

### PROMOTIONS

**BRIDGE** • Jeffrey Covay, Staff Bridge Design Engineer; Thomas Gerard, Senior Bridge Design Engineer; Tandra Herman, Senior Bridge Design Engineer; Christopher Williams, Senior Bridge Design Engineer

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT** • Desmond Williams, Office Administrative Assistant I

**MAINTENANCE** • Jacob Trotter, Maintenance Aide II

**MATERIALS** • Robbie Robertson, Laboratory Facility Manager

**PERMITS** • Lela Cook, Permit Technician

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT** • Steven Thomas, Assistant Division Head

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Lynzi Frizzell, Administrative Aide V

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Christopher Lindsey, Advanced Design Engineer; Stephen Sichmeller, Advanced Design Engineer

**STATE AID** • Mark Edwards, Roadway Designer

**SURVEYS** • Colt Smith, Construction Helper

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Kenneth Bon Banga, Transportation Programming Specialist

**DISTRICT ONE** • Charlie Fryer, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver; Alden Taylor, Construction Helper

**DISTRICT TWO** • Charlie Gipson, Senior Mechanic; Antonio Spicer, Crane Operator; Bruce Tucker, Senior Mechanic

**DISTRICT THREE** • Brandon Bennett, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Paula Chesshir, Resident Office Technician; Shane Rothenberger, Bridge Repairer I

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Tyler Lincks, Bridge Repairer II

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Kevin Hardaway, Crew Leader; Josh Higginbottom, Crew Leader; Aaron Nyitrai, Maintenance Aide I; John Pendergrass, Crew Leader; Ryan Watson, Construction Field Engineer II

**DISTRICT SIX** • James Johnson, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish; Rebecca Larney, Crew Leader; Johnathon Mormon, District Maintenance Engineer; Chris Ward, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Tommie Kitchens, Area Maintenance Engineer; Kenneth Starr, Inspector

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Joshua Bryant, Distributor/Roller Operator; Jonathon Gates, Backhoe/Front End Loader; Bruce Jones, Rest Area Attendant; Lisa Lewis, Storeroom Assistant II

**DISTRICT NINE** • Thomas Dixon, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Dallas Hill, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT TEN** • Ronald Campbell, Jr., Distributor/Roller Operator; Derek Jackson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

### SERVICE

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • Latoya Best, AHP Patrol Officer First Class, 5 years; Brandon Dehart, AHP Patrol Officer First Class, 5 years

**CONSTRUCTION** • John James, Resident Engineer, 30 years; Gary Buzbee, Resident Engineer, 15 years; Casey Chastain, Assistant Resident Engineer, 15 years; Marilyn Johnson, Field Clerk II, 15 years; John Wamock, Construction Aide I, 5 years

**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE** • Lorie Tudor, Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer, 30 years

**MAINTENANCE** • Keith Pounders, Sign Maker II, 25 Years; Randall Hayes, Striping Crew Supervisor, 20 years

**DISTRICT ONE** • Wilton Warren, Crew Leader, 5 years; Dennis Carter, Senior Mechanic, 5 years

**DISTRICT THREE** • Melinda Lester, Area Headquarters Attendant, 30 years; Larry Johnson, Distributor/Roller Operator, 15 years; Vincent Brzeski, Maintenance Aide II, 10 years

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Rhett Franks, Assistant Bridge Inspector, 5 years; David Matevia, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 years; James Trammell, Maintenance Aide I, 5 years; Larry Miedema, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 years

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Cecil Meggs, Jr., Crew Leader, 15 years

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Patty Grice, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15 years

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • David Hogue, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 years; Robert Hale, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, 25 years; Walter Kordsmeier, Maintenance Aide II, 25 years; Terry Johnsgard, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 5 years

**DISTRICT NINE** • Nathan Daniels, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 years; James Watts, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 10 years

**DISTRICT TEN** • Sammy Parrish, Maintenance Aide II, 25 years; Richard Jones, Assistant Bridge Inspector, 10 years; Larry Brown, Maintenance Aide I, 5 years

### RETIREMENT

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • James Moore, AHP First Lieutenant, 31+ years; Daniel McArthur, Jr., AHP Corporal, 29+ years

**MAINTENANCE** • Joe Peacock, Striping Machine Driver, 11+ years

**DISTRICT SIX** • Kevin Hall, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, 28+ years

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • William Wilkerson, Distributor Operator, 15+ years

**DISTRICT TEN** • Bradley Porter, Senior Inspector, 37+ years; Charles Loop, Senior Inspector, 28 years

### MEMORIALS

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • LT. Bobby F. Hamrick, 2/25/2015, retired

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** • Laura A. Hinze, 2/19/2015, retired

**DISTRICT ONE** • Kenneth R. Allen, 3/1/2015, retired

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Jimmy N. Barker, 2/28/2015, retired

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Johnnie Carl Flippo, 3/5/2015, retired

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Bobby G. Davidson, 2/17/2015, retired; Charles E. Vance, Jr., 2/18/2015, retired

**DISTRICT TEN** • J. T. Kingston, 2/22/2015, retired

### ACTIVE DUTY

As of 1/30/15, the AHTD has three employees serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment dates are noted.

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • James Friend, AHP Officer, 7/6/14

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Arrow Thornburg, Motor Patrol Operator, 5/1/14

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







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