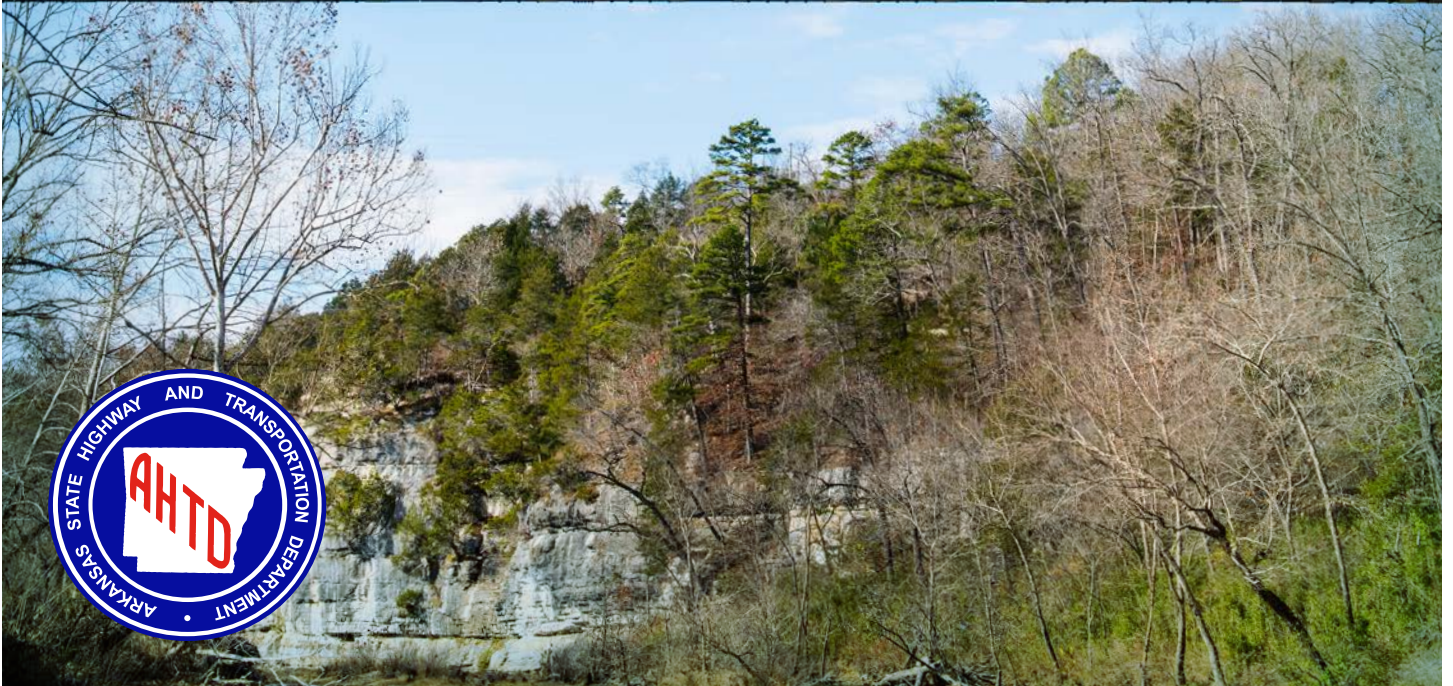


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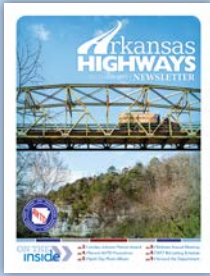


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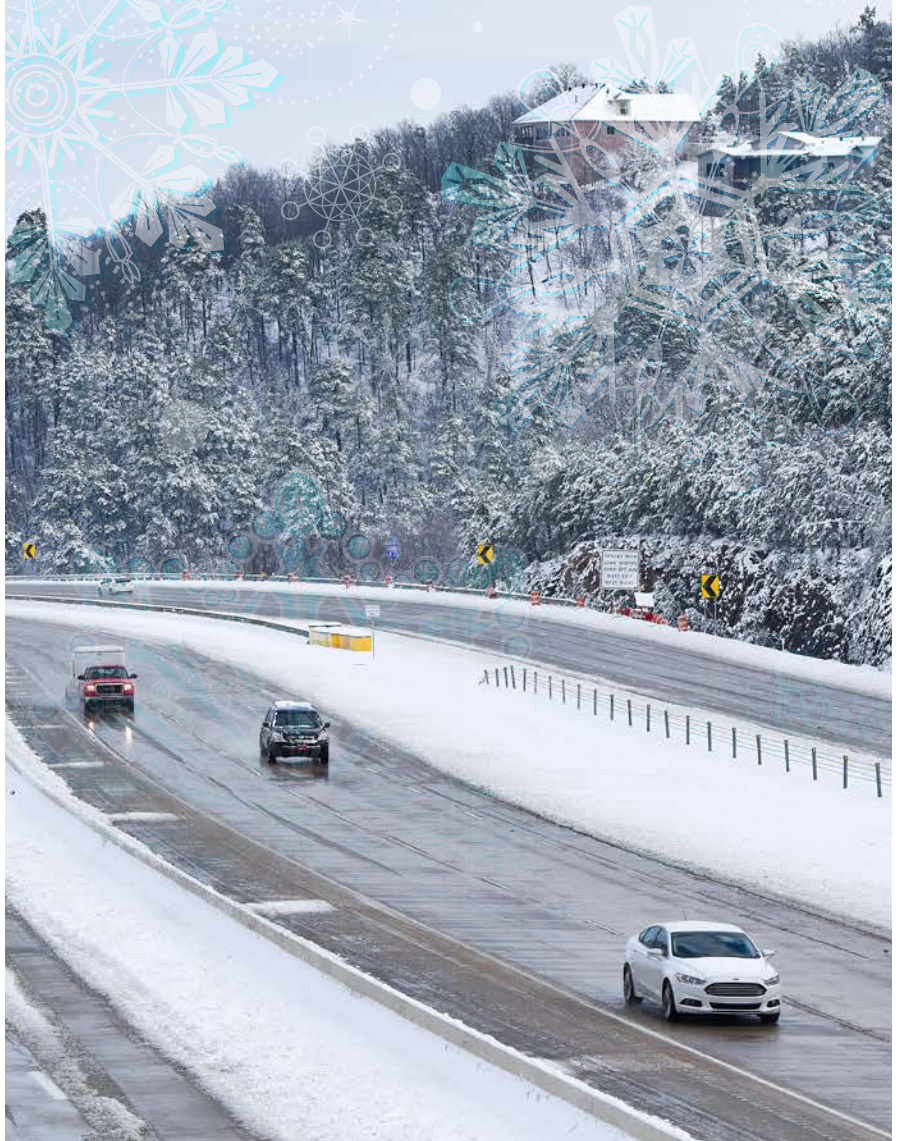
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



The **Arkansas State Highway Commission** sends you the warmest greetings for the New Year. The AHTD is lucky to have dedicated employees and the Commission would like to thank each of you for your hard work. May peace and prosperity be yours in 2017, and best wishes to you and your family for health and happiness throughout the coming year.

**DICK TRAMMEL • THOMAS B. SCHUECK • ROBERT S. MOORE, JR.  
FRANK D. SCOTT, JR. • DALTON ALEC FARMER, JR.**

# JORDAN-JOHNSON Receives Patriot Award

**R**UBY JORDAN-JOHNSON, SECTION HEAD OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, HAS RECEIVED RECOGNITION FROM THE EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR).

The ESGR is a Department of Defense program that promotes cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers. The group presented Jordan-Johnson with the organization's Patriot Award in late October.

The award is presented to employers or supervisors who show support for members of their staff that are serving in the National Guard or Reserve. Recipients show their support of those employees through a wide range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed.

Jordan-Johnson was nominated for the award by Karla Sims, Environmental Analyst III, in the Environmental Division.

Sims serves as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Reserves at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. She has been in the Reserves for 15 years.

"Although the timing of my training may have posed a burden to the Public Involvement section, Ruby has gone out of her way to accommodate my Battle Assembly schedule, as well as, adjusted to any changes that have occurred on short notice," Simms commented.



(L. to R.) Karla Sims, Environmental Analyst III, Sandra Jackson of the ESGR, and Ruby Jordan-Johnson, Public Involvement Section Head.

"She has made it easy for me to fulfill my military obligations. She may not say it herself, but she is a true patriot, and is someone that I look up to. She has demonstrated superior support to the military, to my service and to my family. For those reasons, she absolutely deserves the Patriot Award. As a 15-year service member and veteran of the United States Army Reserves, I have never received this much support or cooperation to both work a civilian job and serve my country."

The award was presented to Jordan-Johnson by Sandra Jackson of the ESGR. ♦



**T**HE MORNING OF AUGUST 30TH probably started out just like any other summer day for Logan Hardin, an Advanced Construction Field Engineer in District 10 who works in Office #5 in Osceola. That is, until an accident occurred on a construction site that changed the course of the day.

Hardin was on location for a bridge structure job on Highway 77 in Mississippi County when

## AHTD ENGINEER'S QUICK THINKING SAVES LIFE

a truck began accidentally rolling forward and pinned a contractor's leg against a guardrail. Those in the area immediately came to his aid. When the truck was backed up, the contractor's leg was found to be caught in between the tire and the front bumper, which caused the bumper to protrude into the contractor's leg.

"When we finally freed him, I think the bumper tore into one of his main arteries," Hardin stated, reflecting on the accident. "I was the closest person to him so I didn't hesitate."

Hardin proceeded to tie a tourniquet around the contractor's thigh in order to cut off his blood circulation while others called 911.

"I actually used his belt to apply the tourniquet," Hardin added.

His quick thinking probably saved a life. Emergency personnel and a medical helicopter arrived within 45 minutes.

"Having experience with the Department by going to meetings and being in Boy Scouts earlier in life helped me be more prepared to help him," Hardin said.

For his actions, Hardin was named the AHTD Unsung Hero for November.

AHTD Unsung Heroes is a new program recently begun to recognize AHTD employees that go above and beyond the call of duty. Visit the monthly program at [ArkansasHighways.com/UnsungHero.aspx](http://ArkansasHighways.com/UnsungHero.aspx). ♦

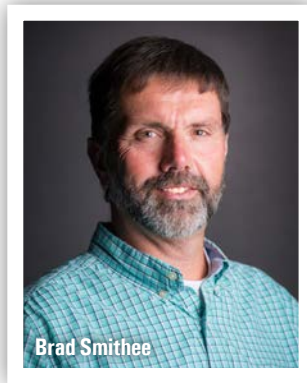


# SMITHEE Named DISTRICT ENGINEER

**B**RAD SMITHEE has been named District Engineer for District 10. The promotion became effective on October 1st.

Smithee began his career with the Department in 1988 as a Civil Engineer I in the Wynne Resident Engineer's Office. He transferred to the Paragould Resident Engineer's Office in 1989, and was promoted to Construction Field Engineer II in 1990. Smithee was promoted to Advanced Construction Field Engineer in 1991, and became Assistant Resident Engineer in 1994. He was then promoted to Resident Engineer in 2002, and became District Construction Engineer in 2009. Smithee transferred to his former position as District Maintenance Engineer in 2014.

Smithee has a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



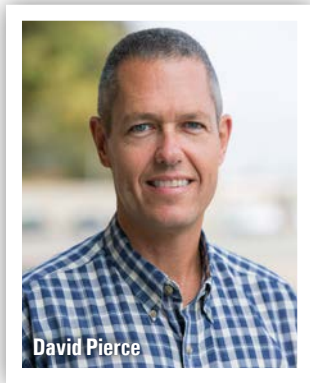
# PIERCE Named MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

**D**AVID PIERCE was named District 10 Maintenance Engineer in October.

Pierce began his career with the Department in May of 1990 as a seasonal employee at Resident Engineer's Office 6 in Jonesboro.

Upon graduating from college, Pierce became a Civil Engineer I and continued to advance through the engineering ranks until achieving his former position as Resident Engineer for District 10's Office 6 in Jonesboro in 2008.

Pierce obtained a master's degree in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



# INTEGRATED WARNING TEAM HOLDS WINTER WORKSHOP

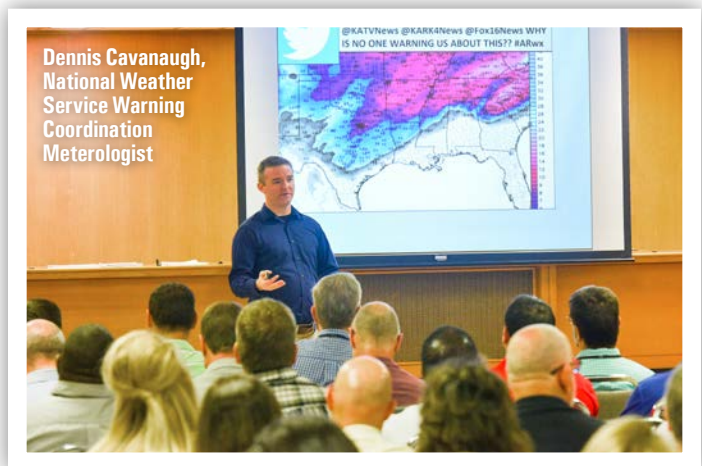
**A**GENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT RELAY HAZARDOUS WEATHER INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC and are members of an Integrated Warning Team met in October at the AHTD to attend a winter weather workshop presented by the National Weather Service.

The warning team is made up of law enforcement agencies, commercial television stations, emergency managers and those involved in school operations.

The team gathered to participate in a tabletop exercise that simulated an approaching winter weather event.

"We wanted to know what the National Weather Service can tell our team members that will allow them to make better decisions ahead of an approaching hazardous weather event," stated Dennis Cavanaugh, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Members analyzed each day of a four-day simulated winter weather event and shared their thoughts about when information



should go out and how each member uses that information to make decisions.

The simulated weather event enabled participants to better understand how each team member uses weather information to make decisions that affect public safety with the hopes of providing more consistent messaging of hazardous weather information in the future. ♦



# SPIRIT DAY PHOTO ALBUM

The AHTD's fifth annual Spirit Day, held on November 4th, was a big success. Once again, our employees had a good time, great food and showed their enthusiasm for their favorite team! Thank you to everyone that sent photos in for the *Arkansas Highways* newsletter. We are pleased to share many of them here on these pages. ♦



DISTRICT 8 HEADQUARTERS



DISTRICT 6 HEADQUARTERS



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# SPIRIT DAY PHOTO ALBUM



DISTRICT 4 HEADQUARTERS



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DISTRICT 5 - WHITE COUNTY 2



DISTRICT 5 - SHARP COUNTY





# RETIREES HOLD ANNUAL LUNCHEON



(L. to R.) Bonnie Wesson, President; Mike Selig, Senior Vice President; Mike Limbird, Vice President; and Doyle Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer

**T**HE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED AHTD EMPLOYEES held its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in October at The Center of Bryant, in Bryant.

A crowd of 153 members and guests were welcomed by outgoing State President Frank Russenberger.

Attendees had time for fellowship and then enjoyed a chicken and catfish lunch provided by Dorey's Catering.

The meal was followed by guest speaker Janet Carson, Horticulture Specialist for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Carson gave a presentation on fall gardening tips.

Following a business report, the program closed with the election of the association's 2017 slate of officers. Elected were: Bonnie Wesson, President; Mike Selig, Senior Vice President; Mike Limbird, Vice President; and Doyle Hughes, Secretary/Treasurer. ♦

## 2017 COMMISSION MEETINGS AND BID LETTING SCHEDULES

The Highway Commission has scheduled the following Commission Meetings and Letting dates for the 2017 calendar year. At this time, all Commission Meetings and Lettings are scheduled to be held in Little Rock. ♦

### COMMISSION MEETINGS:

JANUARY 19, 2017  
 FEBRUARY 10, 2017  
 APRIL 26, 2017  
 JUNE 7, 2017  
 JULY 26, 2017  
 SEPTEMBER 6, 2017  
 OCTOBER 18, 2017  
 DECEMBER 6, 2017

### BID LETTINGS:

JANUARY 18, 2017  
 FEBRUARY 22, 2017  
 APRIL 12, 2017  
 MAY 31, 2017  
 JULY 19, 2017  
 AUGUST 30, 2017  
 OCTOBER 11, 2017  
 NOVEMBER 15, 2017

## WHAT'S AHEAD

### Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER

#### JAN. 8-12 // SUNDAY-THURSDAY

- Transportation Research Board  
 96th Annual Meeting  
 Washington, D.C.

#### JAN. 16 // MONDAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- AHTD Offices Closed for Holiday

#### JAN. 18 // WEDNESDAY

- AHTD Bid Letting  
 Central Office, Little Rock

#### JAN. 19 // THURSDAY

- Highway Commission Meeting  
 Central Office, Little Rock

JANUARY







# THE DEPARTMENT

## Service Awards



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1. **AR HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) AHP Chief Ron Burks presents AHP Captain Ross Batson with his 30-Year Service Award.
2. **AR HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) AHP Chief Ron Burks presents Glenn McCoy, Administrative Aide V, with his 30-Year Service Award.
3. **AR HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) Julie Bellott, Data Entry Operator, receives her 5-Year Service Award from Chrissy Williams, Division Office Manager.
4. **BRIDGE:** (L. to R.) Rick Ellis, Bridge Division Head, presents Jim Pool, Staff Bridge Design Engineer, with his 10-Year Service Award.
5. **EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards:
  - Will Roark, Senior Mechanic, 15 years
  - Chuck Winkler, Senior Body Repairer & Painter, 40 years
  - Bob Sheldon, Skill Trades Trainee, 10 years
  - Rick Eubank, Senior Mechanic, 10 years
  - Danny Keene, Division Head, 30 years
6. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Paul Forst, Striping Crew Leader, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Boyd Dickey, Striping Superintendent.





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**7. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Boyd Dickey, Striping Superintendent, presents Brandon Bird, Striping Machine Driver, his 5-Year Service Award.



**8. MAINTENANCE:** (CENTER) Bobby Estes, Striping Zoner II, receives his 15-Year Service Award from (L.) Boyd Dickey, Striping Superintendent, and (R.) Brooks Booher, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



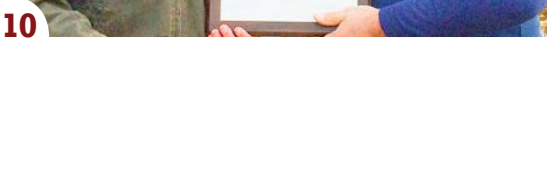
**9. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Stewart Linz, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents Billy Reed, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew Leader, with his 20-Year Service Award.



**10. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Andy Nanneman, Senior Heavy Bridge Design Engineer, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Stewart Linz, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.



**11. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Jason Walker, Bridge Repairer I, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Stewart Linz, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.



**12. MATERIALS:**  
 Receiving their Service Awards:  
 (Front Row, L. to R.)  
 • Dawn Richards, Chemistry Section Head, 25 years  
 • Deb Tyler, Materials Technician IV, 15 years  
 (Back Row, L. to R.)  
 • Khari Withers, Lab Coordinator, 15 years  
 • Robbie Robertson, Laboratory Facility Manager, 5 years

**13. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Kirk Chidester, Seal Crew Superintendent, presents Stanley Tripp, Maintenance Aide III, with his 20-Year Service Award.



**14. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Jeff Power, Maintenance Aide III, receives his 15-Year Service Award from David Waters, Area Maintenance Supervisor.





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**15. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Johnnie Tillman, Sr., Senior Mechanic, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Thomas Young, Shop Foreman.

**16. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Paul Jackson, Mechanic, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Thomas Young, Shop Foreman.

**17. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Jeremy Thomas, Resident Engineer 34, presents Brian Imler, Construction Project Coordinator, with his 25-Year Service Award.

**18. DISTRICT 3:** (Far Left) District Engineer Steve Frisbee and (Far Right) District Maintenance Engineer Kenny Bennett present Service Awards to: (Center, L. to R.)

- Shelia Tippitt, District Clerk, 15 years
- Gail Ratcliff, District Bookkeeper, 25 years
- Alicia Ross, Storeroom Assistant II, 10 years

**19. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Ken Gallinger, Maintenance Aide III, receives his 35-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

**20. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Timothy Nolen, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

**21. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Randy Roden, Crew Leader, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

**22. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Gerald Walker, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



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**23. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Charlotte McCarley, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives her 20-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



**24. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Brian Maroon, Maintenance Aide III, with his 5-Year Service Award.



**25. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Adrian Alvarez, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-Year Service Award.



**26. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Ryan Lovell, Maintenance Aide III, with his 15-Year Service Award.



**27. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) T.J. Brown, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Brad McCurry, Rest Area Attendant, with his 15-Year Service Award.



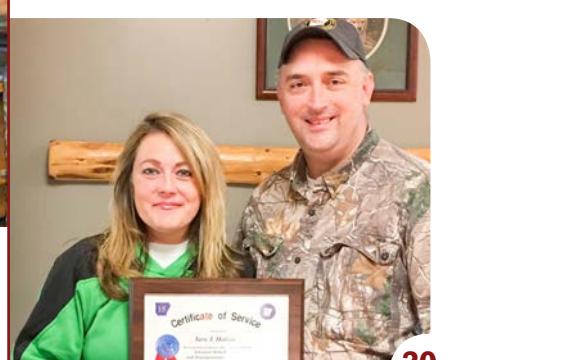
**28. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) T.J. Brown, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Turman Watkins, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-Year Service Award.



**29. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) T.J. Brown, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Brandon Jones, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-Year Service Award.



**30. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Tara Hollan, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives her 15-Year Service Award from Danny Loyd, Area Maintenance Supervisor.





# SERVICE AWARDS



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**31. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Kara Robinson, Inspector, receives her 15-Year Service Award from John Sharum, Resident Engineer.

**32. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Kenneth Gentry, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 30-Year Service Award from Chad Davis, District Maintenance Engineer.

**33. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Ken Wilson, Assistant Resident Engineer, presents Danny Brown, Senior Inspector, with his 20-Year Service Award.

**34. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Danny Harris, Resident Engineer, presents Brent Riddle, Construction Aide III, with his 10-Year Service Award.

**35. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Kenneth Doherty, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Drew Hoggard, District Maintenance Engineer.

**36. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Johnnie Risher, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Kenneth Wilbourn, Maintenance Aide I, with his 5-Year Service Award.

**37. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Cameron Forbush, Maintenance Job Superintendent, presents Rickey Anderson, Maintenance Aide III, with his 15-Year Service Award.

**38. DISTRICT 8:** (CENTER) David Ross, Resident Engineer, receives his 15-Year Service Award from (L.) Scott Mullis, District Engineer and (R.)Thale Kiesling, District Construction Engineer.



# SERVICE AWARDS

**39. DISTRICT 8:** (CENTER) Mike Hayes, Resident Engineer, receives his 20-Year Service Award from (L.) Scott Mullis, District Engineer and (R.)Thale Keisling, District Construction Engineer.



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**40. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) Kyle Goss, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 25-Year Service Award from David Tolleson, District Maintenance Engineer.



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**41. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) James McFadin, Maintenance Aide III, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Ron Sligar, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**42. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Bobby Kelley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Robert Leamons, Crew Leader, with his 15-Year Service Award.



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**43. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards:  
 • Stanzer Montgomery, Maintenance Aide II, 5 years  
 • Mary Delaney, Maintenance Aide I, 5 years  
 • Jimmy Crockett, Maintenance Aide I, 5 years

**44. DISTRICT 10:** (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards:  
 • Phyllis Ashby, Maintenance Aide III, 10 years  
 • Timothy Garrison, Maintenance Aide III, 10 years



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**45. DISTRICT 10:** Monte Smith, Maintenance Aide II, recently received his 20-Year Service Award.



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# THE DEPARTMENT *Noteworthy*

## On the Job



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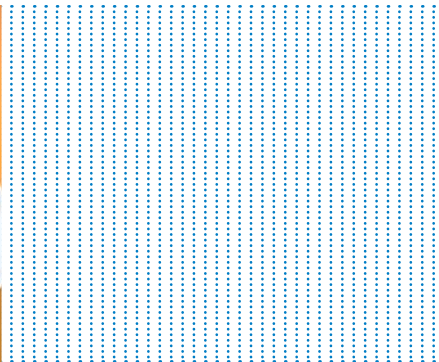
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### 1. AND 2. MATERIALS:

The Materials Division annual Awards Luncheon featured a toy drive for the local Toys for Tots. All toys were delivered to the Otter Creek Fire Station on Thursday, December 8, after the luncheon. Materials Division employees pictured in photo #1 are: Lakisha Rice, Pepper Hobby, Sharelle Brown and Reggie Cobb.

### 3. PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Administrative Assistant Holly Butler (CENTER), received special recognition from the National Weather Service Little Rock Forecast Office for her dedication and hard work behind the scenes to help make the Greater Arkansas Integrated Warning Team Meeting a success last fall.

4. **DISTRICT 4:** Rick Williams, Area Maintenance Supervisor for Polk County, was recently honored at a retirement lunch celebrating his 34+ years of service.

5. AND 6. **DISTRICT 5:** October was Community Helpers Week at the Batesville Community School. District Five employees Billy Barker and Blake Smith spent time at the school speaking with the children about their jobs and showing them the backhoe.

7. **DISTRICTS:** In mid-November, several District Engineers from past and present gathered for a friendly lunch at Fred's Fish House in Mountain Home. Altogether they equaled 217 years of AHTD service and 99 years of District Engineer experience.







# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

**8. AND 9. CENTRAL OFFICE AND DISTRICT 1:** On October 22nd, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was held in downtown Little Rock. A group of employees from the around the Department formed the "Big Rock Babes" team in order to participate in the race together.

### On the Job



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**1. INTERNAL AUDIT:** Boiden Wayne Brunson was born on November 11, 2016. Boiden weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 20 inches long. He is the grandson of Shirley Trippet, Auditor, and the son of Toni Trippet. Toni worked as an AHTD seasonal in past years.

### Family Focus



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**2. DISTRICT 1:** Tiffany Sharlene Williams, daughter of Arthur Williams, Construction Aide III, graduated from the University of Arkansas on December 17, 2016. Congratulations, Tiffany!



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**3. DISTRICT 2:** Joseph Allen Vance, Jr. was born on November 4, 2016. Joseph weighed 6 pounds, 8.2 ounces, and measured 19.5 inches long. He is the first grandson of Mathew Creppel, Crew Leader, and his wife Jodie. Joseph is the son of Haley Creppel and Joe Vance.



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**4. DISTRICT 5:** Brantley Cole Moore was born July 4, 2016, in Conway, Arkansas. He is pictured here waiting on a Razorback football game to begin. Brantley is the grandson of Danny Watson, Storeroom Supervisor, and his wife Denise. Brantley is also the nephew of Ryan Adam Watson, Construction Field Engineer.

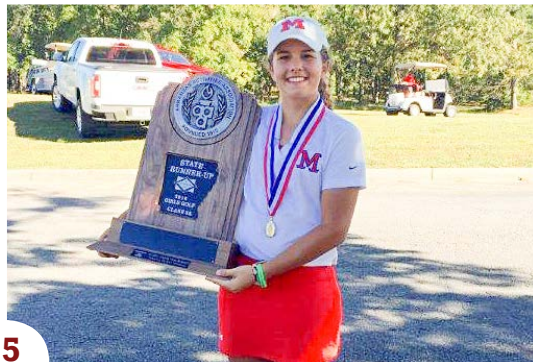




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### Family Focus



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**5. DISTRICT 5:** Josie Love of Melbourne High School was the individual Arkansas State Champion in 3A golf and her team was runner-up. Josie is the daughter of Brandon Love, Resident Engineer, R.E. 53 office.

**6. DISTRICT 5:** Sarah McCoy (CENTER) is pictured here with the Cedar Ridge Football Team. They presented her with a team jersey at their last home game. Sarah is special needs and watches all the home games from her back patio. She is the daughter of Scott McCoy, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Jackson County.



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**7. DISTRICT 5:** (L.) Chandler McCoy represented the Junior Class at the Lyon College Homecoming. Chandler is the son of Scott McCoy, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Jackson County.

**8. DISTRICT 9:** Cash Lane Willis was born on September 21, 2016. Cash weighed 12 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches long. He is the first grandchild of Scott Willis, Sign Crew Supervisor, and his wife Terri.



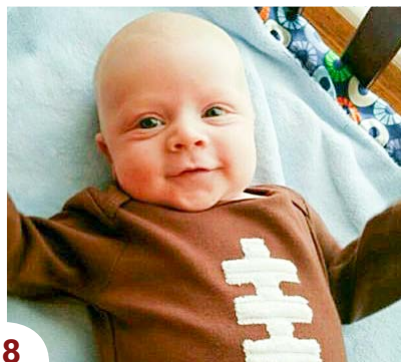
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**9. DISTRICT 9:** Connor Allen Bowen was born on September 21, 2016. Connor weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 20 inches long. He is the grandson of Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, and his wife Angela.

**10. DISTRICT 10:** Oakley Chevelle Elam was born November 21, 2016. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Oakley is the first granddaughter of Rick Hale, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Craighead County.



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**11. DISTRICT 10:** Andrew Cooper, (center of table) son of Randy Cooper, Storeroom Supervisor, was signed to play baseball at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge. The ceremony was held Monday, December 5, 2016, at the Greene County Tech Student Activities Center in Paragould.







# THE DEPARTMENT

## Noteworthy

### Hobbies, etc.

**1. MATERIALS:** Felisha Martin harvested her first deer on October 23rd. This 4-point buck was shot in Butler County, Missouri. Felisha is the daughter of Terry Standard, District Materials Supervisor, and his wife, Shay.



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**2. DISTRICT 8:** David Tolleson, District Maintenance Engineer, got a 9-point deer on the first day of deer season in Pope County.



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**3. DISTRICT 9:** Addison Bryant, daughter of Dusty Bryant, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, and Jodi Bryant, District Bookkeeper, took her first deer while hunting with her Daddy during the recent youth hunt. Congratulations Addison on a nice 8-point buck!



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**4. DISTRICT 9:** Desiree Williams, granddaughter of Randall Williams, Peel Ferry Supervisor, took this 10-point buck on November 5. Eight-year-old Desiree was hunting in Boone County during youth deer season.



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**5. DISTRICT 9:** Kooper Copeland, son of Josh Copeland, Maintenance Aide II, recently took his first doe AND his first buck while hunting with his Dad during this year's youth hunt.



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**6. DISTRICT 10:** Bryce Wicker, 7-year-old son of Jordan Wicker, Bridge Repairer II, got this 9-point buck on December 4th, during a youth hunt on Choctaw Island.



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**7. DISTRICT 10:** Paul Carr, Area Maintenance Supervisor, came home with a prized buck. He harvested this 12-point deer in Randolph County. The buck has a score of 169.



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**8. DISTRICT 10:** Sue Knowlton, Maintenance Aide II, bagged an 8-point buck on December 2nd, in Fulton County.



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# AHTD PEOPLE

## EMPLOYEE STATISTICS OCTOBER 2016

### NEW EMPLOYEES

**COMPUTER SERVICES** • Joey Langston, Application Developer; Pradeep Parmar, Application Developer

**MAINTENANCE** • Latonya Braggs, Office Administrative Assistant I

**MATERIALS** • David Harrison, Chemist I; Claude Woods, Materials Technician III

**SURVEYS** • Chuck Huggins, Surveys Helper; Austin Clark, Surveys Helper; Robert Ferrell, Surveys Helper

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Emily Tiampati, Transportation Planner

**DISTRICT ONE** • Travis Bryant, Maintenance Aide I; David Cole, Maintenance Aide I; Paul O'Neal Jr., Maintenance Aide I; Jon Clark, Maintenance Aide I; Tecumseh Harris, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT TWO** • Brandon Ashcraft, Maintenance Aide I; Chris Gattis, Maintenance Aide I; Garrett Taylor, Maintenance Aide I; Jeremy Liddel, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT THREE** • William Erwin, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Tommy Greenmyer, Mechanic; Darrin Brown, Maintenance Aide I; Sean Conley, Maintenance Aide I; Marvin Hull, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT SIX** • Rodney Cook, Maintenance Aide II; Steve Kelley, Maintenance Aide II; Kris Dacus, Maintenance Aide I; Bobby Eubanks, Maintenance Aide I; Michael Strickland, Maintenance Aide I; Billy Walker, Maintenance Aide I; Lee Griffin, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Ken Brooks, Maintenance Aide I; Lummie Curry, Maintenance Aide I; Calvin Poole, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Michael Bailey, Maintenance Aide I; Christopher Boren, Maintenance Aide I; Jeffrey Morrow, Maintenance Aide I; Billy-Wayne Hill, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT NINE** • Doyle Williams, Maintenance Aide I; Collin McCullough, Maintenance Aide I; James Jones, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT TEN** • Randy Hembrey, Mechanic; Brandon Scott, Mechanic; Jaried Cooper, Maintenance Aide I

### PROMOTIONS

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • Rasmitha Subedi, Division Bookkeeper

**CONSTRUCTION** • Chuck Holland, Section Head

**MAINTENANCE** • Ben Hayes, Paint Transport Truck Driver; Marcus Bettis, Sign Erector

**MATERIALS** • Corey Garrett, District Laboratory Technician

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT** • Christopher Davis, Program Management GIS Supervisor

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Johnathan Adams, Realty Appraiser II; Nathan Broyles, Realty Appraiser II

**SURVEYS** • Matthew Rowland, Surveys Crew Chief; Michael Castleberry, Surveys Technician II; Eric Benson, Surveys Crew Chief

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Rita Schmeckenbecher, Office Administrative Assistant III

**DISTRICT ONE** • Denesha Anderson, Maintenance Aide II; Richard Harper, Maintenance Aide III; John Vandesteeg, Maintenance Aide II; Joey Barnett, Maintenance Aide III

**DISTRICT TWO** • Billy Rogers, Maintenance Aide I; Johnnie Winfield, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Kenneth McFadden, Maintenance Aide II; Jerry Thompson, Maintenance Aide III; Alex Roofe, Advanced Const Field Engineer

**DISTRICT THREE** • Billy Roberts, Maintenance Aide II; Demario Haynes, Maintenance Aide III; Jonathan Parker, Mechanic; Robert Epps, Maintenance Aide II; Dora Ross, Storeroom Assistant II

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Tyler Franklin, Maintenance Aide II; TJ Brown, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Jonathon Wood, Maintenance Aide II; Shane Oxford, Welder; Jack Entrekin, Construction Aide I; Rex Fletcher, Construction Aide I; Kenneth Helmert, Construction Aide I

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Toby Dallas, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT SIX** • Shandale Smith, Sign Crew Supervisor; Damon Wingo, Bridge Repairer II; Devyn Arens, Maintenance Aide III; Mark Allen, Maintenance Aide III; Shawn Vergason, Maintenance Aide III

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Dona Mosley, Maintenance Aide II; Thomas Ezell, Crew Leader; Aaron Vanderzwal, Construction Aide III

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Stephen Bartolotta, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT NINE** • David Grinder, Body Repairer and Painter; John Brown, Rest Area Attendant; Tyler Norton, Engineer; Justin Sams, Resident Office Technician; Benjamin Kerwood, Construction Aide I; Tony Horton, Construction Aide I

**DISTRICT TEN** • David Pierce, District Maintenance Engineer; Darrell Tyler, Bridge Repairer II; Christina Lane, Maintenance Aide II; Brad Smithee, District Engineer; James Nunnery, Crew Leader

### SERVICE

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • James Stevens, AHP Second Lieutenant, 30 yrs

**CONSTRUCTION** • Corky Chamberlain, Senior Inspector, 30 yrs; Brent Ramsey, Construction Project Coordinator, 30 yrs; Young Mack IV, Construction Project Coordinator, 30 yrs; Brian Imler, Construction Project Coordinator, 25 yrs; Danny Brown Jr., Senior Inspector, 20 yrs; Kara Robinson, Inspector, 15 yrs; Dustin Treadway, Assistant Resident Engineer, 15 yrs; Lamark Hobbs, Construction Aide II, 15 yrs; David Ross, Resident Engineer, 15 yrs; Beverly Page, Field Clerk, 10 yrs; Gloria Stuart, Field Clerk, 5 yrs

**ENVIRONMENTAL** • LynAnne Ivy, Office Administrative Assistant V, 25 yrs; Richard Jenkins, Environmental Analyst II, 15 yrs

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT** • Tyrone Lee, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**HEAVY BRIDGE** • Jason Walker, Bridge Repairer I, 5 yrs

**HUMAN RESOURCES** • Jayson Thompson, Safety Inspection Officer, 10 yrs

**MAINTENANCE** • Bert Porterfield, Traffic Services Specialist, 35 yrs; Bobby Estes, Striping Zoner II, 15 yrs

**PEEL FERRY** • Jeff Pokorny, Ferry Boat Pilot, 15 yrs; David King, Deck Hand, 10 yrs

**STATE AID** • Cindy Allen, Office Administrative Assistant V, 30 yrs; Al Fleagle, Staff Design Engineer, 25 yrs

**SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH** • Sarah Tamayo, Engineer IV, 10 yrs

**DISTRICT ONE** • Wayne Hamilton, Mechanic, 30 yrs

**DISTRICT TWO** • Tim Hall, Crew Leader, 20 yrs

**DISTRICT THREE** • Gail Ratcliff, District Bookkeeper, 25 yrs; Wayne McCoy, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs; Tracy Ford, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs; Sheila Tippitt, District Clerk, 15 yrs; Dora Ross, District Clerk, 10 yrs; Demario Haynes, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Cody Tewart, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Pamela Bruce, Office Administrative Assistant I, 30 yrs; Brandon Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Thurman Watkins, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Thurman Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs

**DISTRICT SIX** • Robert Nelson, Maintenance Aide III, 20 yrs; Terrence Carter, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Jeff Murray, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Greg Bird, Crew Leader, 20 yrs; Kenneth Wilbourn, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Janet Boozer, District Bookkeeper, 15 yrs; Charles Whitaker, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; James McEwen, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Charles Martin, Carpenter, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT NINE** • Paul Thornhill, Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Jeffery McFall, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs; James McFadin, Maintenance Aide III, 15 yrs; Robert Leamons, Crew Leader, 15 yrs

**DISTRICT TEN** • Jerry Reeves, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25 yrs; Ronald Hart, Crew Leader, 10 yrs

### RETIREMENT

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • Ricky Evans, Law Enforcement Officer, 29+ yrs; Ronnie Anderson, Arkansas Highway Police Captain, 43+ yrs

**CONSTRUCTION** • Ron Price, Construction Pay & Audit Section Head, 42 yrs

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT** • John Allen, Storeroom Supervisor, 36+ yrs

**MAINTENANCE** • Michael Brown, Senior Designer, 33+ yrs

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Eric Phillips, Staff Traffic Engineer, 42+ yrs

**DISTRICT ONE** • Steve Jones, Mechanic, 20 yrs

**DISTRICT TWO** • Lamark Hobbs, Construction Aide II, 14+ yrs; John Haynes, Maintenance Aide III, 22 yrs; Ezra McFadden Sr., Area Maintenance Supervisor, 31 yrs

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Janet McElroy, District Bookkeeper, 24+ yrs

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Bobby Manor, Electrical Plumbing & Mechanical Repairer, 14+ yrs

**DISTRICT SIX** • Jimmy Thrift, Maintenance Aide II, 4+ yrs; Jerry Campbell, Sign Crew Supervisor, 28+ yrs; Howard Lewis, Mechanic, 8+ yrs

**DISTRICT SEVEN** • Michael Barnett, Maintenance Aide III, 31+ yrs

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Donald Cowen, Station Attendant II, 31+ yrs; Larry Hill, Maintenance Aide II, 12+ yrs

**DISTRICT NINE** • Jeffery McFall, Maintenance Aide II, 14+ yrs; Thomas Dohn, District Bridge Inspector, 17+ yrs

**DISTRICT TEN** • Walter McMillian, District Engineer, 38+ yrs

### MEMORIALS

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** • Maude Hilda Harris, 11/17/16, retired

**DISTRICT ONE** • Daniel L. Norman, 11/25/16, retired

**DISTRICT TWO** • Curtis Eugene Woodfield, 11/26/16, retired

**DISTRICT THREE** • Cleo George Qualls, 11/5/16, retired

**DISTRICT FOUR** • Claudie C. Johnson, 11/16/16, retired; Steven L. Cole, 12/3/16, active

**DISTRICT FIVE** • Frank W. Oliver, 11/12/16, retired

**DISTRICT SIX** • Mac A. Dotson, 11/15/16, retired; Doyle Michael Lee, 11/16/16, retired

**DISTRICT EIGHT** • Erwin Edward Olinger, 11/13/16, retired

**DISTRICT NINE** • Arland Y. Carlton, Jr., 11/24/16, retired

**DISTRICT TEN** • Orville G. Groves, 12/7/16, retired







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