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An ARDOT crew works on an asphalt paving project on Interstate 40.

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# Happy Traveling!

In the United States, over **650 MILLION** long-distance summer trips are made.



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# FORT SMITH TO HOST COPS ON BULLS ON JUNE 23

BY DAVID NILLES

**T**HE BULLS ARE COMING TO HARPER STADIUM IN FORT SMITH AND MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE GETTING READY TO RIDE THEM.

It is just part of the excitement of attending the annual Cops on Bulls event benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

This is the seventh year for the rodeo, scheduled for Saturday, June 23. In addition to bull riding, there will be calf riding, barrel racing and mutton busting. Outside the stadium, there will be a big truck show, a car show and a bike show.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for the exhibitions. Cops on bulls are featured at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children ages 18 and under get in the gates free. Harper Stadium is located at 4400 Midland Boulevard, near Exit 5 off Interstate 540.

Have fun with the entire family while benefiting a good cause! Cops on Bulls is sponsored by Arkansas Truck Center Towing and Recovery. ♦

## Upcoming Dates to **REMEMBER**

### **JUNE 13** // WEDNESDAY

- ARDOT Bid Letting  
Central Office  
Little Rock • 10:00 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.

### **JUNE 19** // TUESDAY

- Arkansas Highway Police Golf Classic  
Harbor Oaks Golf Club  
Pine Bluff • All Day

### **JULY 4** // WEDNESDAY

- July 4th holiday – Offices Closed

### **JULY 25** // WEDNESDAY

- ARDOT Bid Letting  
Central Office  
Little Rock • 10:00 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.

JUNE/JULY



Cops on Bulls 2017



# CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

## LORIE TUDOR

**D**EPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER LORIE TUDOR WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ACADEMY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. She is one of 30 ARDOT engineers honored by the Academy and the Department's first female inductee. The University of Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineers is an accomplished group of civil engineering alumni who have shown exceptional merit.

Tudor has over 34 years of service with ARDOT. She graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1997. She held various titles in the Planning Branch, including Assistant Division Head and Division Head of Programs and Contracts before becoming Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning in 2011. In November 2014, she was named the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for ARDOT. This position is responsible for overseeing all operational activities of the Department. Tudor is an active member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas. ♦



Lorie Tudor

## JESSIE JONES



Jessie Jones

**T**HE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING HAS HONORED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICY DIVISION HEAD JESSIE JONES. She received the Early Career Alumni Award. Jones is ARDOT's second engineer to receive this award and the Department's first female recipient.

The Early Career Alumni Award is presented to College of Engineering graduates who are achieving distinction in their fields and show significant promise for professional leadership in state, national, and international activities. Those considered for this award have served in their industries for 15 years or less.

Jones oversees transportation planning activities, including long-range transportation planning, transportation performance management, public transportation, and traffic safety. She has held various positions in design, planning, and research prior to her current position. Jones is an active member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Transportation Research Board. She graduated from Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 2001 and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 2003. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas. ♦

# THOMPSON NAMED CHIEF OF HIGHWAY POLICE

BY DAVID NILLES

**M**AJOR JAY THOMPSON WAS NAMED CHIEF OF THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE (AHP) IN APRIL.

Thompson began his career with the Department as a Telecommunications Operator in 1988. He left the Department in 1990 and was rehired in 1992 as an AHP Patrolman. While working in Pine Bluff, he was promoted to the ranks of Patrol Officer First Class and Corporal. After transferring to a patrol unit in Benton, he was promoted to Inspector and was assigned to the AHP Central Office, carrying out a variety of administrative duties including working with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. He was then promoted to Captain over the Permit Section where he managed the day-to-day operations of the Section. Prior to being named Chief, he held the position of Major at the AHP Division and the Oversize/Overweight Permit Section.

"We are extremely pleased to announce Major Thompson as our new Chief of the Arkansas Highway Police," stated ARDOT Director Scott Bennett. "Major Thompson has done an outstanding job in his years at the AHP and is respected by his peers, both here at the Department and throughout the law enforcement community. I am confident in the leadership he will provide to all of the officers in our Division."

Thompson currently serves as a Board Member for the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) and served as president of the organization in 2016. He received the CVSA *John Youngblood Award of Excellence* in 2003. In 2016, Thompson received the



*Professionalism, Harmonization, Partnership and Leader Award* from the Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association. He also serves as Vice-Chair of the AHP Charity Fund, a non-profit organization.

Thompson has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Pikes Peak Community College in Golden, Colorado. He replaces former AHP Chief Ronnie Burks who retired earlier this year. ♦

## TEE TIME IS ON JUNE 19 FOR AHP GOLF CLASSIC

BY DAVID NILLES

**G**OLFERS, GET READY FOR THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

CLASSIC. The annual 4-person scramble is set for June 19 at the Harbor Oaks Golf Club in Pine Bluff.

Get a group of friends together and enjoy a nice day on the golf course. The entry fee is \$240 per team (\$60 per player) and includes green fees, cart, drinks and lunch. In addition to all the fun, you will have a chance to win one of several door prizes to be given away. Hole-in-one prizes will be offered and all participants receive a loaded ditty bag! Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each flight.

**The entry deadline is June 8** and fees must accompany your entry. For more information, contact Chrissy Williams at 501-569-2421 or mail your entry to her attention at the Arkansas Highway Police Central Office, P.O. Box 2779, Little Rock, AR 72203. Registration is first come, first served. Make checks payable to "AHP Charity Fund." Proceeds go to Special Olympics Arkansas.

Make plans now to attend. It is for a great cause and everyone will have a day full of fun on the golf course! ♦





# ARDOT EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO

## Semi-Final Results

### DISTRICT 1 • APRIL 9, 2018

#### LOWBOY TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Joey Barnett  
 2nd Place ..... James Roland  
 3rd Place ..... Logan Peterson

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

- 1st Place ..... Rodney Armstrong  
 2nd Place ..... Marlyn Wilkins  
 3rd Place ..... Kendrick Lee

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Jim Moore  
 2nd Place ..... TJ Pulley  
 3rd Place ..... Kendrick Lee

#### BACKHOE

- 1st Place ..... Ray Chapman  
 2nd Place ..... Waymon Weeams  
 3rd Place ..... Steven Johnson

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Kyle Jones  
 2nd Place ..... Jimmy Cullen  
 3rd Place ..... Andy Wizer

#### MOTOR PATROL

- 1st Place ..... Kyle Gaskin  
 2nd Place ..... Morrison Baker  
 3rd Place ..... Robert Gray

### DISTRICT 4 • MARCH 8, 2018

#### LOWBOY TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Bob Dunmeyer  
 2nd Place ..... Terral Scroggins  
 3rd Place ..... Tyler Sanders

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

- 1st Place ..... Serrita Pense  
 2nd Place ..... Dillon Vaught  
 3rd Place ..... Thurman Watkins

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Jason Rouell  
 2nd Place ..... Yvonne Blair  
 3rd Place ..... Kara Wallace

#### BACKHOE

- 1st Place ..... Eric Brigance  
 2nd Place ..... Daniel Godfrey  
 3rd Place ..... Malcom Smith

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Jessie Barron  
 2nd Place ..... Billy Thomas  
 3rd Place ..... Doug Edwards

#### MOTOR PATROL

- 1st Place ..... Jimmie Jetton  
 2nd Place ..... Jerry Trotter  
 3rd Place ..... Butch Seaton

### DISTRICT 5 • MARCH 8, 2018

#### LOWBOY TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Johnny Jason  
 2nd Place ..... Brandon Love  
 3rd Place ..... Steve Sutton

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

- 1st Place ..... Steve Sutton  
 2nd Place ..... Dan Miller  
 3rd Place ..... Josh Smith

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Randy Zeigler  
 2nd Place ..... Nathan Ramer  
 3rd Place ..... Shawn Braswell

#### BACKHOE

- 1st Place ..... Stephen Norris  
 2nd Place ..... Evan Higginbottom  
 3rd Place ..... Jesse Davis

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Brian Johnson  
 2nd Place ..... Luke Miller  
 3rd Place ..... Josh Simmons

#### MOTOR PATROL

- 1st Place ..... Kevin Huff  
 2nd Place ..... Bo Qualls  
 3rd Place ..... Nick Rushing

### DISTRICT 6 • MARCH 8, 2018

#### LOWBOY TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Tony Skarda  
 2nd Place ..... James Tarry  
 3rd Place ..... Derrick Marshall

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

- 1st Place ..... Blake Angel  
 2nd Place ..... Shawn Holloway  
 3rd Place ..... Maurice Williams

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Tristin Yates  
 2nd Place ..... Stewart Smith  
 3rd Place ..... Bryson Whiteside

#### BACKHOE

- 1st Place ..... Tony Skarda  
 2nd Place ..... Robert Phillips  
 3rd Place ..... Patty Wicker

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Mitchell Bowman  
 2nd Place ..... Daniel Donahue  
 3rd Place ..... Bruce Woodruff

#### MOTOR PATROL

- 1st Place ..... Derrick Burrus  
 2nd Place ..... Brent Jenkins  
 3rd Place ..... Jared Shinn

### DISTRICT 8 • APRIL 9, 2018

#### LOWBOY TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Darrell Barnes  
 2nd Place ..... Marcus Canady  
 3rd Place ..... Paul Burris

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

- 1st Place ..... Trent Hudson  
 2nd Place ..... Joe Nutt  
 3rd Place ..... Marlin Miller

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Jacob Stane  
 2nd Place ..... Blake Reed  
 3rd Place ..... Lee Cox

#### BACKHOE

- 1st Place ..... Travis Sisco  
 2nd Place ..... Billy-Wayne Hill  
 3rd Place ..... Scott Craig

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... David Pruitt  
 2nd Place ..... Ricky Standridge  
 3rd Place ..... Joshua Pickens

#### MOTOR PATROL

- 1st Place ..... Raymond McCoy  
 2nd Place ..... Scott Blair  
 3rd Place ..... Stephen Bartolotta

### DISTRICT 9 • MARCH 8, 2018

#### LOWBOY TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Jeff Upton  
 2nd Place ..... Brady Vanhook  
 3rd Place ..... Brian Walker

#### TRACTOR/MOWER

- 1st Place ..... Travis Swanson  
 2nd Place ..... Dusty Bryant  
 3rd Place ..... Andy Dotson

#### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Keith Carpenter  
 2nd Place ..... Brad Edgmon  
 3rd Place ..... Robert Lopez

#### BACKHOE

- 1st Place ..... Kenny Riley  
 2nd Place ..... Ethan Norman  
 3rd Place ..... Andy Gann

#### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

- 1st Place ..... Scott Willis  
 2nd Place ..... Marilyn Hembry  
 3rd Place ..... Aaron Carter

#### MOTOR PATROL

- 1st Place ..... Chad Foster  
 2nd Place ..... Derek Stroot  
 3rd Place ..... Ben Campbell

## DISTRICT 10 • MARCH 8, 2018

### LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place ..... Katherine Griffin  
 2nd Place ..... David Danaho  
 3rd Place ..... Christina Lane

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Alex Helms  
 2nd Place ..... Monte Smith  
 3rd Place ..... Dustin Leonard

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Colton Groves  
 2nd Place ..... Kyle Metz  
 3rd Place ..... Jordan Wicker

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Roy Hunt  
 2nd Place ..... Dylan Nelson  
 3rd Place ..... Robert Nelson

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Raul Diaz  
 2nd Place ..... Joshua Rakoczy  
 3rd Place ..... Johnathan Scott

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Dalton Tate  
 2nd Place ..... Kevin Allison  
 3rd Place ..... Kim Pugh

## CENTRAL OFFICE • MARCH 8, 2018

### LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place ..... Anthony Wood  
 2nd Place ..... Brian Barnett

### TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place ..... Eugene Farrell  
 2nd Place ..... Jeremy Kester

### TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Anthony Caudel  
 2nd Place ..... David Strano  
 3rd Place ..... Ray McFee

### BACKHOE

1st Place ..... Jason Walker  
 2nd Place ..... David Strano

### SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place ..... Brian Glenn  
 2nd Place ..... Lino Rios  
 3rd Place ..... Eddie Partridge

### MOTOR PATROL

1st Place ..... Grady Carter

# ARDOT CREWS COME TOGETHER FOR CONFERENCE

BY DAVID NILLES

**A** STATEWIDE ARDOT MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE BROUGHT CREWS FROM ALL 75 COUNTIES IN ARKANSAS TOGETHER IN EARLY APRIL. It marked just the second time that Maintenance and Construction crews have attended a joint conference.

Tony Sullivan, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, welcomed attendees and wasted no time congratulating the maintenance crews for their hard work over the past year, especially when it came to keeping the roads clear during the winter months.

"I'm really proud of your snow and ice efforts, our success is all on you guys," he shared. "We have made tremendous strides in the past two years."

Sullivan also suggested that Maintenance and Construction crews may work together more often in the years ahead.

"I really think that our Area Maintenance Supervisors should be more involved in planning and design because once a highway is built; you Maintenance guys have to maintain it."

State Maintenance Engineer Joe Sartini was thinking of the future when he addressed attendees.

"Maintenance is going to be a little different in the future," he shared. "It will be more high tech than it has been in the past. We want all of you to be aware of what's coming."

There were 28 sessions offered at the conference. Among them



Andrew Tackett

were subjects such as Pavement Preservation, Signal Construction and Inspection, Mowing and Wildflowers, and an overview of the Broadway Bridge (U.S. Highway 70 in Little Rock) construction project.

ARDOT Director Scott Bennett served as the keynote speaker at the conference and addressed several areas that attendees will be learning more about in the upcoming months. He elaborated on additional Traffic Incident Management training, introduction of the new Traffic Management Center at the Central Office and additional benefits of the Achieving Career Excellence (ACE) program.

The three-day conference was held at the Benton Event Center and was attended by just over 300 employees. ♦

# AROUND AR DOT

**1. BRIDGE:** (L. to R.) Rick Ellis, Bridge Division Head, presents Tammy Herman, Senior Structures Engineer, with her 10-year Service Award.



**2. COMMUNICATIONS:** (L. to R.) Kamara Durham, Communications Operator, receives her 10-year Service Award from Monica Saffle, Communications Coordinator.



**3. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT:** (L. to R.) Mark Holloman, Fleet Manager, presents Grady Carter, Senior Mechanic, with his 5-year Service Award.



**4. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT:** (L. to R.) Mark Holloman, Fleet Manager, presents Larry Golden, Shop Supervisor, with his 35-year Service Award.



**5. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT:** (L. to R.) Mark Holloman, Fleet Manager, presents Desmond Williams, Lead Storeroom Assistant, with his 5-year Service Award.



**6. FISCAL SERVICES:** (L. to R.) Wayne Whitley, Section Head, presents Mary Rodgers, Fiscal Assistant, with her 5-year Service Award.



**7. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Roger Mahan, Pavement Profiling Job Superintendent, presents Cody Reed, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.



# SERVICE AWARDS



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**8. DISTRICT 1:** (L. to R.) Dorothy Childs, Area Headquarters Attendant, and Therese Yarnold, Office Technician, receive their 20-year Service Awards.

**9. DISTRICT 1:** (L. to R.) Donnaire Granger, Advanced Engineer, Ronnie Reel, Maintenance Specialist, Lilburn Morelock, Maintenance Aide II, and Dennis Forrest, Maintenance Specialist, receive their 15-year Service Awards.

**10. DISTRICT 1:** (L. to R.) Michael Howard, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 20-year Service Award; Fayrene Lamastus, Maintenance Aide II, receives her 10-year Service Award.

**11. DISTRICT 1:** (L. to R.) Waymond Weeams Sr., Maintenance Aide II, Andy Jetton, Station Attendant, Myron Futrell, Assistant Bridge Inspector, and Pamela Morelock, Maintenance Aide II receive their 10-Year Service Awards.

**12. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Jerry Thompson, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-year Service Award from Johnnie Winfield, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**13. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Sharetha Buckner, Maintenance Aide II, receives her 10-year Service Award from Johnnie Winfield, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**14. DISTRICT 4:** Ken Wilson (L), Staff Engineer, and Stephen Nickell (R), Senior Engineer, present Janelle Blair (Center), Construction Aide, her 5-year Service Award.

**15. DISTRICT 4:** (L to R) T.J. Brown, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Eric Brigance, Maintenance Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.

# SERVICE AWARDS

**16. DISTRICT 4:** Bashar Qedan, Resident Engineer, presents Shawn Bennett, Construction Aide, with his 5-year Service Award.



**17. DISTRICT 7:** Donald Juniell, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-year Service Award from David Wages, Sign Crew Supervisor.



**18. DISTRICT 7:** Lindsey Dow, District Clerk, receives her 10-year Service Award from Rhonia Krisell, Office Manager.



**19. DISTRICT 7:** Johnnie Risher, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Randy Wesley, Maintenance Specialist, with his 25-year Service Award.



**20. DISTRICT 8:** Don Williams, Shop Supervisor, presents Doug Jones, Body Repairer & Painter, with his 30-year Service Award.



**21. DISTRICT 9:** Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Brad Edgmon, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.



**22. DISTRICT 9:** Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 30-year Service Award.



**23. DISTRICT 9:** Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Kevin Walden, Maintenance Aide II, with his 20-year Service Award.



# SERVICE AWARDS



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**24. DISTRICT 9:** Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Ron Sligar, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 35-year Service Award.

**25. DISTRICT 9:** Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Scott Willis, Sign Crew Supervisor, with his 15-year Service Award.

**26. DISTRICT 10:** Timothy Bohannon, Maintenance Specialist, Carl Honourable, Maintenance Aide II, Rickey Johnson, Maintenance Aide I, and Ethan Clark, Engineer, receive their 5-year Service Awards.

**27. DISTRICT 10:** Robert Nelson, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-year Service Award from Rick Hale, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

**28. DISTRICT 10:** Kenneth Neely, Construction Materials Inspector, receives his 15-year Service Award from David Pierce, Maintenance Engineer.

**29. DISTRICT 10:** Lesa Osborn, Administrative Assistant, receives her 15-year Service Award from David Pierce, Maintenance Engineer.

**30. DISTRICT 10:** Rosalind Highfill, Field Clerk, receives her 15-year Service Award from David Pierce, Maintenance Engineer.

# AR DOT Noteworthy

## On the Job



**1. DISTRICT 4:** Steve Hunt retired on March 27 with 15 years of service. Steve works out of the district shop as Body Repairer & Painter.

**2. HEAVY BRIDGE:** Raymond Parker (L), Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supt., retires after 32+ years with the Department. He is pictured with Mike Hill (R), State Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.

**3. DISTRICT 4:** Debbie Caster, Office Manager, at her retirement party. Debbie retired with 35 plus years.

## Hobbies, etc.



**1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** AHP CPL James Ludwig (assigned to Cleburne County) recently qualified as ELITE for the 220lb. weight class for 45-49 year olds in a recent power lifting competition held in Little Rock with a 500lb. deadlift and 430lb. bench press.

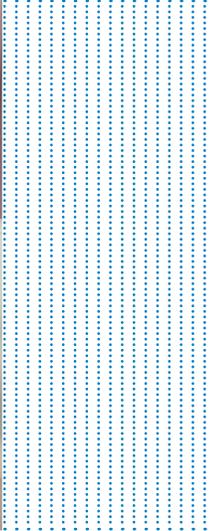
**2. DISTRICT 9:** Joseph Ragland, Crew Leader, and his wife Michelle at the Bataan Death March Memorial Marathon in White Sands, New Mexico. Joseph did the marathon in the heavy category carrying a 35 pound pack for 26.2 miles. Michelle did the half marathon in the light category.

# AROUND **AR DOT** Noteworthy

## Family Focus



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**1. MAINTENANCE:** Brian Bynum, Crew Leader, attended his daughter Danyelle's Pulaski County Special School District's Scholarship Recipients Reception at the Clinton Presidential Center Library.

**2. DISTRICT 5:** Dani Hardaway (left) won 2018 Jr. Miss Pioneer Day in Melbourne. She is the daughter of Kevin Hardaway, Izard County Crew Leader.

**3. DISTRICT 5:** Elam, born January 2, 2018, is posing with his big sister, Jolene. They are the grandchildren of Sherry Stout, Field Clerk.

**4. DISTRICT 5:** Jace Rylan Qualls born 3/15/18, 4lbs-11oz. He is the son of Bo Qualls, Maint. Specialist, Independence County Crew.

**5. DISTRICT 10:** Landry Lowtharp was crowned Petite Miss Pocahontas, Most Photogenic and People's Choice winner. Landry is the granddaughter of Mark Lowtharp, Construction Inspector.



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# AROUND ARDOT Noteworthy

## ARDOT Graduates\*



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**1. DISTRICT 4:** Mason Baldwin graduated from Greenwood High School. Mason is the son of Jeb Baldwin, Bridge Job Superintendent. He will be attending the University of Arkansas in the fall.

**2. DISTRICT 2:** Mikka Coburn graduated from the Arkansas School for the Deaf. Mikka is the granddaughter of Janet Bogle, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

\*The mentioned graduates were unintentionally omitted in the graduation insert.

## Memorial



In this journey of life,  
even though we may begin  
at different times and places...  
Our paths cross with others  
so that we may share our love,  
compassion, observation and hope...



**Lenny Fulco**  
12/28/64 - 4/15/18

*District 10*

**1. DISTRICT 10:** In loving memory of Lenny Fulco. Lenny is pictured with his son Shawn.



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# ARDOT PEOPLE

## NEW EMPLOYEES

**CONSTRUCTION** • Rebecca White, Field Clerk; Brad Delaney, Construction Aide; James Brown, Engineer

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT** • Dustin Green, Electrical Plumbing & Mechanical Rep

**INTERNAL AUDIT** • Kevin White, Staff Utility Auditor

**MATERIALS** • Lurn Brawley, Materials Technician; John Burlison, Materials Technician

**MAINTENANCE** • Joseph Chilton, Sign Erector; Joshua Kirkpatrick, Sign Erector; Matthew Hall, Striping Helper

**PERMITS** • Mistica Martin, Permit Technician

**DISTRICT 1** • Earl Futrell, Maintenance Aide I; Gregory Walington, Maintenance Aide I; Kenneth Woodward, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 2** • Samantha Agree, Janitor; Micheal Joseph, Parts Runner

**DISTRICT 3** • Matthew Turbeville, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 4** • Christopher Carr, Electrical Plumbing and Mechanical Rep; Jim Cox, Maintenance Aide I; Thomas Miller, Maintenance Aide I; Wesley Binyon, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 5** • Don McCollum, Station Attendant; David Knapp, Maintenance Aide I; Zachary Vaughan, Maintenance Aide I; Shawn Braswell, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 6** • Jimmy Lawson, Maintenance Aide I; Dale Hall, Maintenance Aide I; Emory Williams Sr., Maintenance Aide I; Kevin Yates, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 7** • Colby Lamay, Maintenance Aide I; Raymon Davis, Maintenance Aide I; Justin Duhon, Maintenance Aide I; Michael Scott III, Maintenance Aide I; Joshua Scroggins, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 9** • Cameron Cannon, Maintenance Aide I; Ricky Ridenoure Jr., Maintenance Aide I

## PROMOTIONS

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** • Jay Thompson, Arkansas Highway Police Chief

**CONSTRUCTION** • George Wilson, Staff Engineer; Brandon Ashcraft, Construction Aide

**HEAVY BRIDGE** • Sam McIntare, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Superintendent

**MAINTENANCE** • David Strano, Tractor Trailer Driver; Michael Marable, Tractor Trailer Driver; James Elmer, Tractor Trailer Driver; Cody Reed, Pavement Profiler; Steven Schilling, Tractor Trailer Driver; Eddie Partridge, Tractor Trailer Driver; Jacques Gantt, Striping Machine Driver; Bill Sparkman, Tractor Trailer Driver; Jacob Wallace, Tractor Trailer Driver; Douglas Ford, Tractor Trailer Driver; Stephen Robbins, Tractor Trailer Driver

**DISTRICT 1** • Paris Thompson, Maintenance Aide II; Kenneth Stevenson, Maintenance Specialist;

Patrick Taylor, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 3** • James Lamb, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Levi Vancamp, District Clerk

**DISTRICT 4** • Joe Green, Jr., Bridge Repairer

**DISTRICT 5** • Korbin Ratliff, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 6** • James York, Area Headquarters Attendant; Tristin Yates, Tractor Trailer Driver

**DISTRICT 7** • William Pickett, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 9** • William Rowland, District Bridge Inspector; Kylan McCutcheon, Maintenance Specialist

## SERVICE

**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE** • Wayne Whitley, Section Head, 30+ yrs; Christie Heidelberg, Executive Assistant, 5+ yrs

**COMMUNICATIONS** • Robert Allison III, ITS Operations Supervisor, 15+ yrs

**CONSTRUCTION** • Sandra Champan, Construction Project Coordinator, 25+ yrs; Caleb Nicholson, Construction Aide, 5+ yrs; Shawn Bennett, Construction Aide, 5+ yrs; Ethan Clark, Engineer, 5+ yrs; Tazwell Johnson, Engineer, 5+ yrs; Steven Lewis, Advanced Engineer, 5+ yrs

**COMPUTER SERVICES** • Charles Ashmore, Jr., Hardware Technician, 20+ yrs; Charlie Frame, System Support Technician, 15+ yrs

**FISCAL SERVICES** • Mary Rodgers, Fiscal - Retirement Assistant, 5+ yrs

**HUMAN RESOURCES** • Doris Harrison, Records Specialist, 10+ yrs

**INTERNAL AUDIT** • Steven Taylor, Staff Auditor, 10+ yrs

**MAINTENANCE** • Donald Norris, Assistant Striping Superintendent, 25+ yrs; Nathan Shook, Sign Erector, 5+ yrs; Cody Reed, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs

**RIGHT OF WAY** • David Thomey, Lead Row Billing Coordinator, 5+ yrs

**SURVEYS** • Nghia Le, Surveys Aide, 15+ yrs; James Sibley, Surveys Aide, 5+ yrs

**SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH** • Elmarie Barnes, System Information Technician, 25+ yrs; Xuyang Li, System Information Analyst, 15+ yrs

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY** • Ronald Fields, Transportation Planner, 20+ yrs

**DISTRICT 1** • Dorothy Childs, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20+ yrs

**DISTRICT 2** • Charles Morrison, Crew Leader, 20+ yrs; Jerry Thompson, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ yrs; Bobby Trotter, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs; Sharetha Buckner, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs

**DISTRICT 3** • Richard Bailey, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ yrs; James Faulkner, Crew Leader, 10+ yrs

**DISTRICT 4** • Michael Stevens, Mechanic, 5+ yrs

**DISTRICT 5** • Dale Smith, Mechanic, 30+ yrs; Brandon Carter, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ yrs; Russell Downing, Maintenance Specialist,

5+ yrs; Catrina Sullivan, Crew Leader, 5+ yrs; Calvin Glenn, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs; Brian Johnson, Maintenance Aide II; 5+ yrs; Bobby Finley, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs

**DISTRICT 6** • Harvey Hall, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs; Billy Richey, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ yrs; Leonard Ramsey, Mechanic, 5+ yrs

**DISTRICT 7** • Randy Wesley, Maintenance Specialist, 25+ yrs

**DISTRICT 8** • Douglas Jones, Body Repairer & Painter, 30+ yrs; Curtiss Watkins, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ yrs; Danny Story, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs

**DISTRICT 9** • Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ yrs; Kevin Walden, Maintenance Aide II, 20+ yrs; Steven Graham, Lead Bridge Repairer, 15+ yrs; Ronald Collins, Crew Leader, 15+ yrs; Brad Egmon, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ yrs; Lisa Echart, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs

**DISTRICT 10** • David McPherson, Mechanic, 25+ yrs; Lesa Osborn, Administrative Assistant, 15+ yrs; Sylvia Stormes, Lead Bridge Repairer, 10+ yrs; Rickey Johnson, Maintenance Aide I, 5+ yrs; Carl Honorable, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs

## RETIREMENT

**ENVIRONMENTAL** • Henry Langston, Advanced Natural Resources Spec, 25+ yrs

**HEAVY BRIDGE** • Michael Jones, Senior Engineer, 35+ yrs; Raymond Parker, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, 32+ yrs

**MAINTENANCE** • Boyd Dickey, Striping Superintendent, 28+ yrs

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Charles Phillips, Realty Appraiser, 21+ yrs

**DISTRICT 2** • Otha Grice, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ yrs

**DISTRICT 3** • Deborah Stueart, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 39+ yrs

**DISTRICT 4** • Melvin Dodson, Maintenance Aide II, 18 yrs

**DISTRICT 7** • Dave Stevens, Mechanic, 24+ yrs; Douglas Scharbor, Rest Area Attendant, 32+ yrs; Donald Juniel, Maintenance Specialist, 9+ yrs

## MEMORIALS

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** • Thomas Newkirk, 5/2/18, retired

**CONSTRUCTION** • Lawrence Carter, 11/23/17, retired

**MATERIALS** • Orville Wiggins, 4/15/18, retired

**RIGHT OF WAY** • Anna Belle Sniff, 5/2/18, retired

**DISTRICT 4** • Nathan Mefford, 5/2/18, retired

**DISTRICT 5** • John King, 5/29/18, retired

**DISTRICT 7** • Judge T. Parham, 4/16/18, retired; Donald Hudson, 4/26/18, retired; Larry Thompson, 4/30/18, retired;

**DISTRICT 8** • Edwin Shinn, 4/24/18, retired; Gary Burnett, 5/21/18, retired; Donnie Duvall, 5/28/18, retired

**DISTRICT 10** • Lenny Fulco, 4/15/18, active



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