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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 12 | WEDNESDAY

Arkansas State Highway
Commission Meeting
Central Office - Little Rock
9:30 AM

JUNE 19 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting
Central Office
Little Rock
10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

JUNE 22 | SATURDAY

Cops on Bulls
Harper Stadium
Fort Smith

JULY 4 | THURSDAY

Independence Day - Offices Closed

AUGUST 6 | TUESDAY

AHP Special Olympics
Golf Classic
Harbor Oaks Golf Club
Pine Bluff
9:00 AM

ROOFE NAMED DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

BY DAVID NILLES

Alex Roofe has been named District Maintenance Engineer for District Five.

Roofe began his career with the Department as an Intern before being hired as an Engineer in Monticello's Resident Engineer Office #21 in 2013.

Following the engineering career path, Roofe was promoted several times and obtained his former position of District Construction Engineer for District Seven in 2017.

Roofe has a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering with an emphasis in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



Alex Roofe, District 5 Maintenance Engineer

ADAMS IS NEW CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER FOR DISTRICT ONE

BY DAVID NILLES

Jeff Adams has been named District Construction Engineer in District One.

Adams began his career at ARDOT in 1992 as a Civil Engineer I with Resident Engineer Office #14 in West Memphis. Following the engineering career path, he became Advanced Construction Field Engineer in 1998. Adams continued to advance to his former position as Resident Engineer in Resident Engineer Office #14 in October 2001.

Adams has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



Jeff Adams, District 1 Construction Engineer

HUGHEY PROMOTED TO DISTRICT ENGINEER

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

Jason Hughey was named District Engineer for District Eight effective May 11. Hughey began his career with the Department as an Intern before being hired as a Civil Engineer in the Planning and Research Division in May 2002. In November 2002, he transferred to the Resident Engineer Office #23 in Pine Bluff. Following the engineering career path, he continued to advance until obtaining his former position of District Construction Engineer in District Four. Hughey has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



Jason Hughey, District 8 Engineer

NEW DISTRICT 7 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

BY BRITNI PADILLA-DUMAS

Todd Russell was named District Construction Engineer for District Seven effective May 11. Russell began his career as a Senior Construction Aide with the Resident Engineer Office #73 in Camden in October 1987. In July 1991, he was promoted to Civil Engineer I. Continuing the engineering career path, he advanced to his former position of Resident Engineer in Resident Engineer Office 73 in July 2002. Russell has a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering Technology from Louisiana Tech University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



Todd Russell, District 7 Construction Engineer

JUST A REMINDER:

Two upcoming ARDOT events offer a chance to get outdoors for a worthy cause.

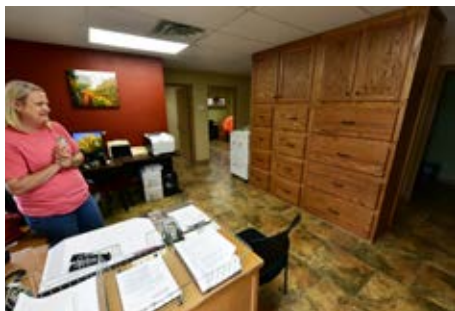
Harper Stadium in Fort Smith is the site for this year's **Cops on Bulls** event on June 22. This is the eighth year for the rodeo event benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Cops riding bulls will be featured at 5:00 p.m. The stadium is located at 4400 Midland Boulevard, near Exit 5 off Interstate 540.

The **Arkansas Highway Police Special Olympics Golf Classic** has been postponed and is now set for August 6, 2019 at Harbor Oaks Golf Club in Pine Bluff. The entry fee is \$240 per team and should be turned in by July 26. Call Chrissy Williams at 501-569-2421 for details. ♦



BIGGER, BETTER WORK SPACES District Eight Staff Put Remodeling Talents to Work

BY DAVID NILLES



Upon entering the District Eight Headquarters in Russellville, visitors are likely impressed with how attractive the offices look. The same can be said if you visit Resident Engineer Office #82 in Clarksville or Resident Engineer Office #84 in Conway. New walls, larger windows and nice furniture catch your eye. And not just the office areas, things are looking their best outdoors

in the District's shops as well.

The remodeling taking place across District Eight can be credited to the District staff. By taking advantage of their talent, many buildings have been remodeled and new furniture has been built.

"We have a heck of a lot of talent among our employees and we are proud of what they have accomplished

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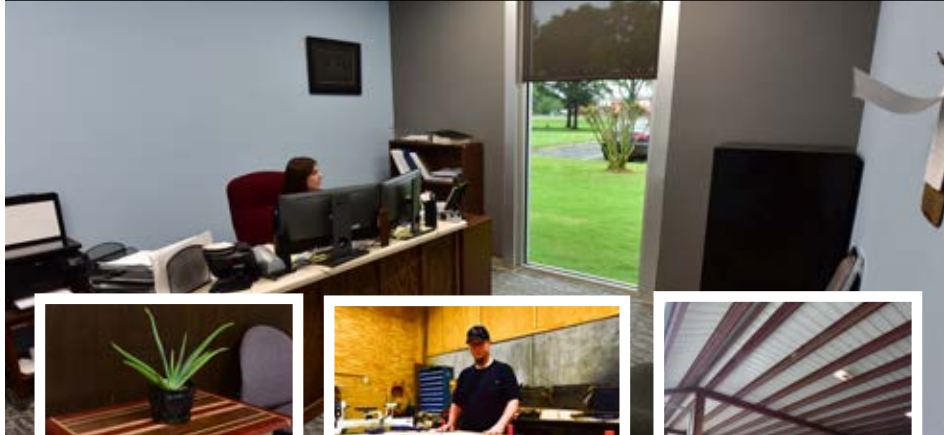
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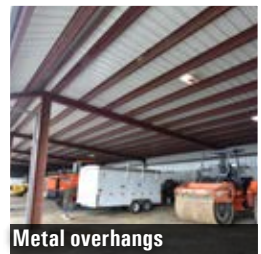


Charlie Martin and Scott Mullis with the table Martin built at District 8.

Larger office windows were part of the remodeling done by staff.



Woodshop



Metal overhangs

in our buildings," stated retired District Eight Engineer Scott Mullis.

An example of that talent is on display in the District headquarters conference room. It now features new walls and a new conference table.

"Our walls in the conference room used to be brick and featured 1950s technology," Mullis recalled. "We needed a new television on the wall so we removed a chalk board and a particle board and found they had been glued onto the brick walls. There was no way to remove the glue. Abner Perdomo, one of our District Carpenters, completed a mud job with a knockdown finish on the walls and now the room looks brand new."

The talents of Finish Carpenter Charlie Martin are on display in the new conference room as well. Martin built a new table that compliments the walls.

"We selected an African wood called Padauk for the table," Martin recalled. "I designed the table, built it and put a clear coat finish on it."

Office improvements go far beyond the conference room. The office areas at the headquarters feature new desks that Martin built, some new ceilings and new, larger windows, all done by staff. A closet area has been

remodeled into two new offices. Martin even built file drawers that feature wooden railings.

"I wouldn't be able to do all of these improvements within my budget if we went outside to get it done," Mullis commented. "Utilizing our staff's talent has allowed us to get a great deal accomplished."

Similar improvements have been made at RE Offices across District Eight. In Conway, Dwayne Cotton did sheetrock work in the office areas. Martin's cabinets and desks can be found there as well. Two new offices at Clarksville have been added on to the building.

The staff's time and talent has been utilized outdoors as well. At District Headquarters, employees have built metal overhangs in front of the service bays. The overhangs keep vehicles and equipment out of the weather when they are being serviced and keep the work areas cooler in the summer.

"We took old discarded bridge beams and cut them to form the columns. Our bridge crew did the concrete work," Mullis noted. "We can shelter every dump truck we have."

A new woodworking shop and a

metal fabrication shop have been completed by retooling unused space. The shops are air conditioned and heated. Crews have even built new spreader racks using plans borrowed from District Nine.

The staff's efforts extend out across the entire District.

"We have constructed seven remote buildings across the District for storing salt so that our crews don't have to come back down to Russellville to reload their trucks in the winter weather," Mullis added. "We have also built two remote headquarters large enough to pull our road equipment in to give our crews an area to fit blades onto our trucks for plowing rather than fitting them out in the snow."

Future plans call for rebuilding the Resident Engineer Office. The "to do" list may be growing as word spreads about what has been accomplished.

"We have had requests from another District as well as upper management," Mullis stated.

When it comes to building furniture and remodeling, word about the talent and hard work of the staff at District Eight is definitely making its way throughout the Department. ♦

ARDOT EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADDEO

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

CENTRAL OFFICE • APRIL 18, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Anthony Wood
 2nd Place Brian Barnett
 3rd Place N/A

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Eugene Farrell
 2nd Place Jeremy Kester
 3rd Place N/A

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Anthony Caudel
 2nd Place Nathan Shook
 3rd Place Ray McFee

BACKHOE

1st Place Jason Walker
 2nd Place Bryan Chesser
 3rd Place N/A

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Brian Glenn
 2nd Place Keyshawn Pittman
 3rd Place Darryn Thornsberry

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Ron Honeycutt
 2nd Place Grady Carter
 3rd Place N/A

DISTRICT 1 • APRIL 11, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Patrick Taylor
 2nd Place Robert Gray
 3rd Place Joey Barnett

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Troy Tims
 2nd Place Rodney Armstrong
 3rd Place Bobby Stephens

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place TJ Pulley
 2nd Place Kendrick Lee
 3rd Place Terry Warren

BACKHOE

1st Place Steven Johnson
 2nd Place Waymon Weeams
 3rd Place Corey Crawford

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Kyle Jones
 2nd Place Jimmy Cullen
 3rd Place Jason Willis

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Kyle Gaskin
 2nd Place Adam Moore
 3rd Place Brad Brown

DISTRICT 3 • MARCH 28, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Steve Muldrew
 2nd Place Channin Jameson
 3rd Place Kent Webb

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place James Pinkerton
 2nd Place David Lively
 3rd Place Justin McDonald

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Jerimiah Lingo
 2nd Place Tim Owens
 3rd Place Scott Glass

BACKHOE

1st Place Rodney Stone
 2nd Place Jason Haddix
 3rd Place John Pierson

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Kleavius Johnson
 2nd Place Drake Hall
 3rd Place Jerriod Hicks

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Aaron Morton
 2nd Place Ryan Lovell
 3rd Place Neal Price

DISTRICT 4 • MAY 16, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Joel Houck
 2nd Place John Wilhite
 3rd Place Keith Dedmon

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Dillon Vaught
 2nd Place Thurman Watkins
 3rd Place Jeremy Jackson

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Jesse Easom
 2nd Place Josh Pinter
 3rd Place David Watts

BACKHOE

1st Place Eric Brigance
 2nd Place Sarah Marker
 3rd Place Jack Imbush

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Danny Loyd
 2nd Place Matthew Nichols
 3rd Place Eric Hughes

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Jimmie Jetton
 2nd Place Tyler Sanders
 3rd Place Allen James

DISTRICT 5 • APRIL 25, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Johnny Jason
 2nd Place Steve Sutton
 3rd Place Jacob Murphy

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Steve Sutton
 2nd Place Anthony Nelson
 3rd Place Joe Goings

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Michael Harrison
 2nd Place Brad Fulks
 3rd Place Byron Bristow

BACKHOE

1st Place Daniel Knight
 2nd Place Jamieson Miller
 3rd Place Jeff Brewer

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Brian Johnson
 2nd Place Anthony Braim
 3rd Place Jeremy James

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Nick Rushing
 2nd Place Blake Smith
 3rd Place Lance Gross

DISTRICT 6 • APRIL 18, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Tony Skarda
 2nd Place Derrick Marshall
 3rd Place Fredrick Livingston

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Blake Angel
 2nd Place Fredrick Livingston
 3rd Place Terry Skaggs

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Rashad Dismuke
 2nd Place Newton Stokes
 3rd Place Thomas Nichols

BACKHOE

1st Place Tony Skarda
 2nd Place Rusty Bornemeier
 3rd Place Joe Carter

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Therman Clingmon
 2nd Place John Isbell
 3rd Place Taric Smith

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Jonathon Ritchie
 2nd Place Ronald Gragson
 3rd Place Mark Allen

DISTRICT 8 • APRIL 4, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Darrell Barnes
2nd Place Leon Gulledege
3rd Place Marcus Canady

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Jacob Stane
2nd Place Ricky Standridge
3rd Place Allen James

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Randy Wells
2nd Place Dale Carlat
3rd Place Rico Mulder

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Gary Hogrefe
2nd Place Trent Hudson
3rd Place Bradley English

BACKHOE

1st Place Chad Shipp
2nd Place Jerry McGehee
3rd Place Travis Sisco

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Chance Hayden
2nd Place David Pruitt
3rd Place J.D. Oels

DISTRICT 9 • MAY 2, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Jeff Upton
2nd Place Brady Vanhook
3rd Place Joshua Copeland

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Cole Moore
2nd Place Tim Hoyt
3rd Place Brad Edgmon

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Chad Foster
2nd Place Cliff Moore
3rd Place Aaron Drewry

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Andy Dotson
2nd Place Steven Graham
3rd Place Dusty Bryant

BACKHOE

1st Place Ethan Norman
2nd Place Stephen McGee
3rd Place Kylan McCutcheon

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Darren Ramsey
2nd Place Kenny Riley
3rd Place Terry Eidson

DISTRICT 10 • MAY 15, 2019

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Carlo Obregon
2nd Place Zach Gilbee
3rd Place Remington Garner

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Tony Ruhl
2nd Place Kyle Metz
3rd Place Scott Jurs

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Johnathan Scott
2nd Place Raul Diaz
3rd Place Jordan Wicker

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Sim Rice
2nd Place Scotty Rogers
3rd Place Alex Helms

BACKHOE

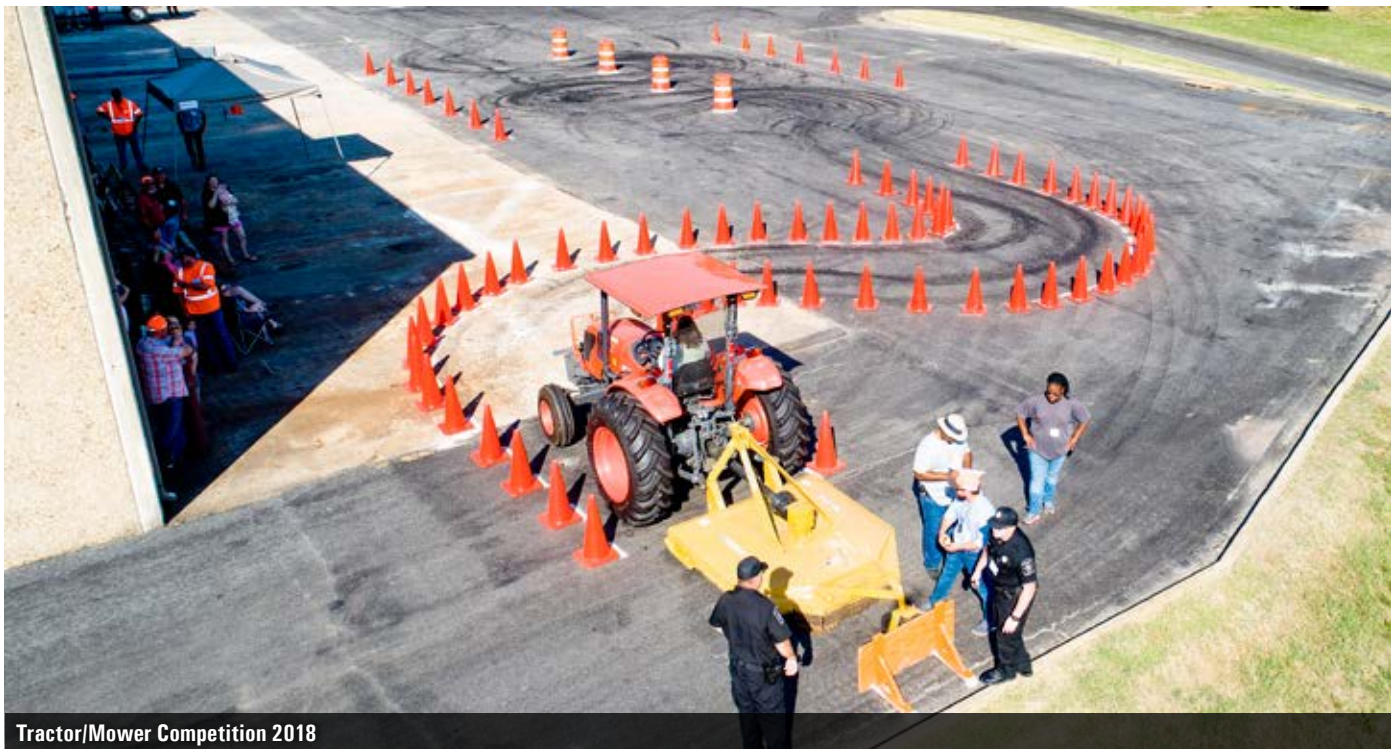
1st Place Cara Nelson
2nd Place Roudy Patton
3rd Place Zach Gilbee

MOTOR PATROL

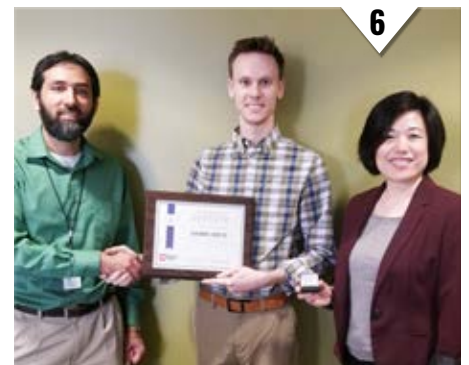
1st Place Scott Allison
2nd Place Dalton Tate
3rd Place Windell Rawls

See the **STATE ROADEO**
results in the next issue of
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***SEE THE APRIL 2019 CENTERLINE FOR DISTRICT 2 & 7 WINNERS.**



Tractor/Mower Competition 2018



1. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS OFFICE: (L. to R.) Randy Ort, Assistant Chief of Administration, presents Gill Rogers, Government Relations Officer, with his 5-year Service Award.

2. ROADWAY DESIGN: (L. to R.) Trinity Smith, Division Head, presents Brian Bettinardi, Staff Engineer, with his 15-year Service Award.

3. ROADWAY DESIGN: (L. to R.) Trinity Smith, Division Head, presents Mark Earl, Staff Engineer, with his 15-year Service Award.

4. ROADWAY DESIGN: (L. to R.) Trinity Smith, Division Head, presents Ishwor Gurung, Advanced Engineer, with his 15-year Service Award.

5. ROADWAY DESIGN: (L. to R.) Trinity Smith, Division Head, presents Jennifer Harris, Designer, with her 10-year Service Award.

6. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY: Ben Whatley (center), Advanced Engineer, receives his 5-year Service Award from Adnan Qazi (L), Traffic Safety Section Head, and Jessie Jones (R), Division Head.

7. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Keenan James, Crew Leader; T. Jason Willis, Maintenance Specialist; Darren Henderson, Construction Inspector; C. Dale Williams, Maintenance Aide II; and Corey Crawford, Maintenance Specialist, received their 10-year Service Awards.

8. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Tommy Hartsell, Staff Engineer, and Phillip Hunt, Mechanic, received their 15-year Service Awards.

9. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Tracy Heard, Bridge Repairer; Robert Gray, Area Maintenance Supervisor; and James Corley, Maintenance Specialist, received their 20-year Service Awards.


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10. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Travis Bell, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 25-year Service Award from Deric Wyatt, District Engineer.

11. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) John Boggs, Shop Supervisor, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenneth Tucker, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

12. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Jerry Howe, Sign Supervisor, presents Len Williams, Maintenance Specialist, with his 10-year Service Award.

13. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Alan Love, Bridge Repairer, receives his 5-year Service Award from Bruce Street, District Engineer.

14. DIVISION 7: (L. to R.) Paul Parnell, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-year Service Award from Cameron Forbush, Special Maintenance Supervisor.

15. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Kennedy Porchia, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 15-year Service Award from Cameron Forbush, Special Maintenance Supervisor.

16. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Greg Strange, Special Maintenance Crew Leader, receives his 15-year Service Award from Cameron Forbush, Special Maintenance Supervisor.

17. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Kenneth Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents Paul Burris, Tractor Trailer Driver, with his 15-year Service Award.

18. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) David Ross, Resident Engineer, presents Hershell (Duane) Cotton, Construction Inspector, with his 10-year Service Award.



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19. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Kenneth Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents Justin Huffman, Mechanic, with his 5-year Service Award.

20. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Mark McClanahan, Assistant Bridge Inspector, receives his 15-year Service Award from Gary Dorrrough, District Bridge Inspector.

21. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Mark Van Aalsburg, Bridge Repairer, receives his 15-year Service Award from Keith Carpenter, Bridge Job Superintendent.

22. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Ethan Norman, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

23. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Darren Ramsey, Crew Leader, receives his 15-year Service Award from Keith Carpenter, Bridge Job Superintendent.

24. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Brady Vanhook, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

25. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Andy Coffman, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

26. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Darsha Tipton, Storeroom Supervisor, receives her 20-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

27. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) James Golden, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 5-year Service Award from Todd Clifford, Maintenance Job Superintendent.


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28. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) John Smith, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

29. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Kyle Metz, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 5-year Service Award from Todd Clifford, Maintenance Specialist.

30. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Larry Davis, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

31. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Rochelle Moore, Maintenance Aide II, receives her 15-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

32. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Samantha Spencer, Maintenance Aide II, receives her 5-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

33. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Todd Myrick, Sign Erector, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

34. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Zach Gilbee, Tractor Trailer Driver, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brad Smithee, District Engineer.

FAMILY FOCUS



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1. HUMAN RESOURCES: Four-year-old Everett Nelson of Virginia attended the MacArthur Park 125th Anniversary celebrating Little Rock's first public park. Everett is the nephew of Travis Nelson, Health & Safety Officer. The event included vehicles from the Arkansas Military Vehicle Preservation Association, including this World War II Jeep.

"It was great to have an opportunity to talk to fellow veterans, listen to the Army band and see all the vintage military vehicles," Travis shared. Travis is a veteran of the Iraq War.

2. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Isaac Standard graduated from Kindergarten at Concord Elementary. He is pictured with his brother who graduated from Concord High School. They are the sons of Terry Standard, District Maintenance Supervisor, and Shay Standard.

3. SURVEYS: Lane Matthew High was born January 12, 2019, at 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and 20 inches to parents Lyndsey High, Office Assistant, and Matt High. Lane is also the first grandchild to LynAnne Ivy, recently retired Administrative Assistant of Environmental.

4. DISTRICT 5: Jace Watson graduated from kindergarten at Cave City Elementary School. He is the son of Adam Watson and grandson of Danny Watson, Storeroom Supervisor.

5. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Sophie Street graduated from kindergarten at Sulphur Rock Elementary School. She is the granddaughter of Bruce Street, District Engineer.

6. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Peyton Krieger graduated kindergarten at Rural Special Elementary School. He is the son of Mary Turner, Maintenance Aide II, in Stone County.

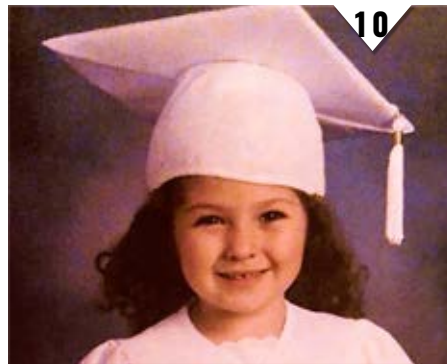
7. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Kallie Majors graduated kindergarten at Westside Greers Ferry Elementary School. She is the granddaughter of Ronny Majors, Maintenance Aide II.

8. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Maddy Hudson graduated kindergarten at Highland Elementary School. She is the daughter of Wayne Hudson, Maintenance Aide II.

FAMILY FOCUS



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9. DISTRICT 6: (L. to R.) Arlis Zuber graduated from Pre-K at Bryant. He is the grandson of Kerri Stephens, Crew Leader.

10. DISTRICT 6: (L. to R.) Elynn Whitlee Kester (5) graduated Pre-K at Bryant. She is the daughter of Patricia Fletcher-Kester, Administrative Assistant, and Jeremy Kester, Mechanic (Equipment & Procurement).



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11. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Ella Marie Hendrix, daughter of Robert Hendrix, Maintenance Aide II, was born on April 19, 2019. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

12. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Sawyer Ruth Norton, daughter of Tyler Norton, Engineer, and his wife Bailey, was born on January 28, 2019. She weighed 7 pounds, 7.5 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Sawyer Ruth is also the granddaughter of Greg Norton, District Materials Supervisor, and his wife Christy.

ON THE JOB



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1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE: Corporal Jason Daggs read to Mrs. Daggs' second grade class at Waldron Elementary School for Dr. Seuss's Read Across America.

2. CENTRAL OFFICE: (L. to R.) Roger Mahan, Pavement Profiling Job Superintendent, milling in front of the State Capitol.



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3. DISTRICT 3: David Morton, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Kayti Ewing, Natural Resources Specialist, and members of the Miller County Red Dirt Master Gardeners on Interstate 30 in Miller County were sowing seeds as part of the Operation Wildflower Program.

4. DISTRICT 8: Gary Dorrrough (Back), District Bridge Inspector; William "Woody" Wood (Front, Left), District Bridge Inspector; and Mark McClanahan (Front, Right), Assistant Bridge Inspector, show off the ARGO. The ARGO is an amphibious all-terrain vehicle which will aide in bridge inspections. This ATV will allow inspectors to inspect bridges more efficiently and safely, and access areas where deep water required the use of a boat in the past.

HOBBIES, ETC.



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1. CENTRAL OFFICE: ARDOT's "Lane Changers" participated in the American Heart Association's 2019 Heart Walk at North Shore Riverwalk Park in North Little Rock.



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2. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Shaun White, Mechanic (1st place winner), and Paul Jackson, Mechanic (2nd place winner), at the Horseshoe Mud Races on April 27th.



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3. DISTRICT 9: Justin Harris, Maintenance Aide II, had a successful turkey hunt this spring. He harvested this gobbler which had a 9-inch beard and 3/4-inch spurs. Great job, Justin!



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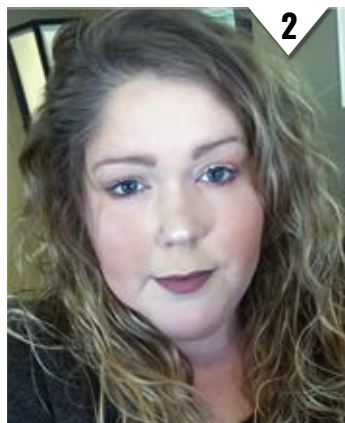
4. DISTRICT 5: Retiree Lee Campbell Watson was Area Maintenance Supervisor for Izard County (previously called Area Foreman). He retired from ARDOT with 30+ years. In early May, he was Grand Marshal for the 68th Annual Pioneer Day Parade in Melbourne. His son, Tony Watson, is the current Area Maintenance Supervisor for Izard County.

ARDOT GRADUATES*



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1. DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: Carmen Merrick Hollis graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology. She is the daughter of Lorie Tudor, Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer.



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2. DISTRICT 4: Bailey Nelson graduated from the University of Arkansas. She is the daughter of James Nelson, resident engineer.

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



NEW EMPLOYEES

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Thomas Hickox, AHP Guard

BRIDGE • Jesse Ward, Engineer

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Olivia Davies, Office Aide

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Brandon Lewis, Master Plumber

FISCAL SERVICES • Jennifer Barrett, Retirement Assistant

HEAVY BRIDGE • Derek Martin, Bridge Repairer; Christopher Polomsky, Bridge Repairer

HUMAN RESOURCES • Gregory Gibbs, Class & Compensation Specialist

MAINTENANCE • Jimmy Rains, Sign Fabricator

RIGHT OF WAY • Bobby Boyd, Utility Coordinator

SURVEYS • Krista Jones, Surveys Aide; John Kittler, Surveys Aide

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • Taunya Kidd, Traffic Safety Analyst; Erika Simple, Engineer

DISTRICT 1 • Donald Duncan, Maintenance Aide I; Meverly Isabell, Maintenance Aide I; Timothy Williams, Maintenance Aide I; Robert Wilson, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 2 • Stanley Campbell, Maintenance Aide I; Monteil Daniels, Maintenance Aide I; Joseph McGhee, Rest Area Attendant; Aaron Spencer, Maintenance Aide I; Veontra Watkins, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 3 • Jerry Sundberg, Mechanic

DISTRICT 4 • Johnathan Minyard, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 5 • Gary Seymore, Mechanic; Tracy Broadway, Construction Aide; Nathan Edwards Jr., Construction Aide

DISTRICT 6 • Sara Gates, Maintenance Aide I; Cleveland Gilliam, Maintenance Aide I; Jesse Gray, Maintenance Aide I; Tristyn Haggerty, Maintenance Aide I; Preston Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas Moton, Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 7 • Gary Barner, Maintenance Aide I; Ryan Buck, Welder; Jerrell Morris, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 8 • Jimmy Bowers, Maintenance Aide I; Kandace Sigrist, Field Clerk

DISTRICT 9 • Josh Pangle, Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas Womochil, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 10 • John Hardin, Maintenance Aide I; Chandler Henfling, Maintenance Aide I; Neal Hicks, Maintenance Aide I; Ellen Godsey, Construction Aide

PROMOTIONS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE • Rex Vines, Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Douglas Lafferty, AHP Second Lieutenant; Jeffrey Smith, AHP First Lieutenant

COMMUNICATIONS • Lindsay Manley, Office Assistant

CONSTRUCTION • Janelle Blair, Construction Materials Inspector; Justin Calhoun, Construction Materials Inspector; Justyn Harper, Construction Inspector; Serena Hill, Estimates Technician; John Rodgers, Construction Inspector

ENVIRONMENTAL • Caitlin Brown, Office Assistant; Jason Eads, Lead Cultural Resources Specialist; Kayti Ewing, Advanced Natural

Resources Specialist; Josh Seagraves, Assistant Division Head

HEAVY BRIDGE • Trace Honeycutt, Bridge Repairer

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • Jeremy Hill, Network Support Engineer; Paulette Rice, IT Project Manager

MAINTENANCE • Krystin Bunch, Assistant Sign Shop Supervisor

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT • Melana Cotton, Senior Program Management Engineer

RIGHT OF WAY • Elaine English, Utility Coordinator

ROADWAY DESIGN • Brian Bettinardi, Staff Traffic Design Engineer

SURVEYS • Walter Chamberlain, Surveys Technician; Justin Cody, Surveys Crew Chief; William Fields, Surveys Technician; Bryan Gann, Surveys Technician

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH • Jack Denis III, Lead Data Collection Technician

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • Tyler Post, Railroad Crossing Coordinator; Benjamin Whatley, Advanced Traffic Safety Engineer

DISTRICT 1 • Jerry Andrews, Maintenance Aide II; Rodney Armstrong, Mechanic; James Bradford, Maintenance Aide II; Cannon Callicott, District Engineer; Billy McBride, Maintenance Aide II; Luther Wade, Maintenance Aide II; Scott Walton, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor; Aaron Ward, Maintenance Aide II; Gregory Watlington, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 3 • Dominic Delloso, Lead Bridge Repairer; Jason Haddix, Tractor Trailer Driver; John Jones, Maintenance Aide II; Neal Price, Crew Leader; Timothy Roberts, Maintenance Specialist; Brent Teel, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 4 • Jeremy Jackson, Maintenance Specialist; Zachary Scroggin, Maintenance Aide II; David Watts, Tractor Trailer Driver

DISTRICT 5 • Stan Glover, District Construction Engineer; Alan Love, Lead Bridge Repairer; Miguel Romero, Bridge Repairer; Brandon Windland, Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 6 • Clifton Davis, Maintenance Aide II; Terry Johnson, Maintenance Aide II; Joseph Rapier, Assistant Bridge Inspector

DISTRICT 7 • Donald Green, Crew Leader; Thomas Kanipe, Lead Bridge Repairer; Michael Mason, Mechanic; Cody Whittle, Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 8 • Jonathan Blasioli, Maintenance Aide II; Kyle Wilson, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 9 • Lance Baker, Maintenance Specialist; Dillard Fletcher, Maintenance Specialist; Derek Gellerman, Maintenance Specialist

SERVICE

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Robert Garrett Jr., Law Enforcement Officer, 15+ yrs.

BRIDGE • Thomas Gerard, Staff Engineer, 10+ yrs.

CONSTRUCTION • Larry Cook, Construction Materials Inspector, 15+ yrs.; Sarah Powell, Construction Office Specialist, 15+ yrs.; Yulissa Mendoza, Administrative Assistant, 10+ yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL • John Baber, Advanced Environmental Impact Analyst, 35+ yrs.

HEAVY BRIDGE • Ronnie Bailey, Crew Leader, 10+ yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY • Randy Reynolds, Lead Beautification Coordinator, 30+ yrs.; Mary Zeno-Barnhart, Right of Way Acquisition Agent, 5+ yrs.; Tamela Miller, Office Assistant, 5+ yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN • Donald Fisher, Senior Engineer, 25+ yrs.

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH • Laura Debro Carter, Program Manager, 40+ yrs.; David Williams, Data Collection Technician, 35+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1 • Terry Dildine, Tractor Trailer Driver, 20+ yrs.

DISTRICT 2 • Royce Edmondson, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ yrs.; Calvin Ashcraft, Crew Leader, 10+ yrs.

DISTRICT 3 • Kriste Jameson, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4 • Jacky Baldwin Jr., Bridge Job Superintendent, 25+ yrs.; Michael Ward, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25+ yrs.; Chad Davis, District Maintenance Engineer, 15+ yrs.; Ricky Vaughn, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5 • Carl Davis, Crew Leader, 20+ yrs.; Alan Love, Bridge Repairer, 5+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7 • Dewayne Torrence, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8 • Michael Howard, Maintenance Specialist, 30+ yrs.; Donald Berry, Crew Leader, 25+ yrs.; Tina Maynard, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9 • Lance Baker, Tractor Trailer Driver, 20+ yrs.; Robert Mersman, Ferry Boat Pilot, 15+ yrs.; Jamie Begley, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs.; Chas Martin, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs.; Carla Sharp, Storerom Assistant, 5+ yrs.; Courtney Mullins, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs.; Eric Anderson, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs.; Robert Lopez, Maintenance Aide I, 5+ yrs.

DISTRICT 10 • Paul Vaulner, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ yrs.

RETIREMENT

BRIDGE • David Ball, Staff Engineer, 40+ yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL • Brenda Price, Assistant Division Head, 35+ yrs.; Sherry Leblanc, Advanced Environmental Impact Analyst, 15+ yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES • Marvlyn Underwood, Fiscal-Retirement Specialist, 17+ yrs.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • Lesa Frymark, Application Development Manager, 29+ yrs.; Margaret Hance, Lead Section Analyst, 32+ yrs.

MAINTENANCE • Donald Palmer, Sign Fabricator, 17+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1 • Bernice Ross, Rest Area Attendant, 9+ yrs.; Larry Fleming, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, 29+ yrs.; Rommie Harris, Maintenance Specialist, 35+ yrs.

DISTRICT 3 • Peggy Owenby, Field Clerk, 10+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4 • Leatrice Knight, Construction Inspector, 26+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5 • Joe Trantham Jr., District Construction Engineer, 28+ yrs.; Tim Dunlap, District Maintenance Engineer, 32+ yrs.; Donnie Schmidt, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 42+ yrs.

DISTRICT 10 • Phyllis Ashby, Maintenance Specialist, 17+ yrs.; James Nunnery, Crew Leader, 24+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

MATERIALS • Frances Roller, 5/2/19, retired

DISTRICT 1 • Lois Clements, 4/15/19, retired

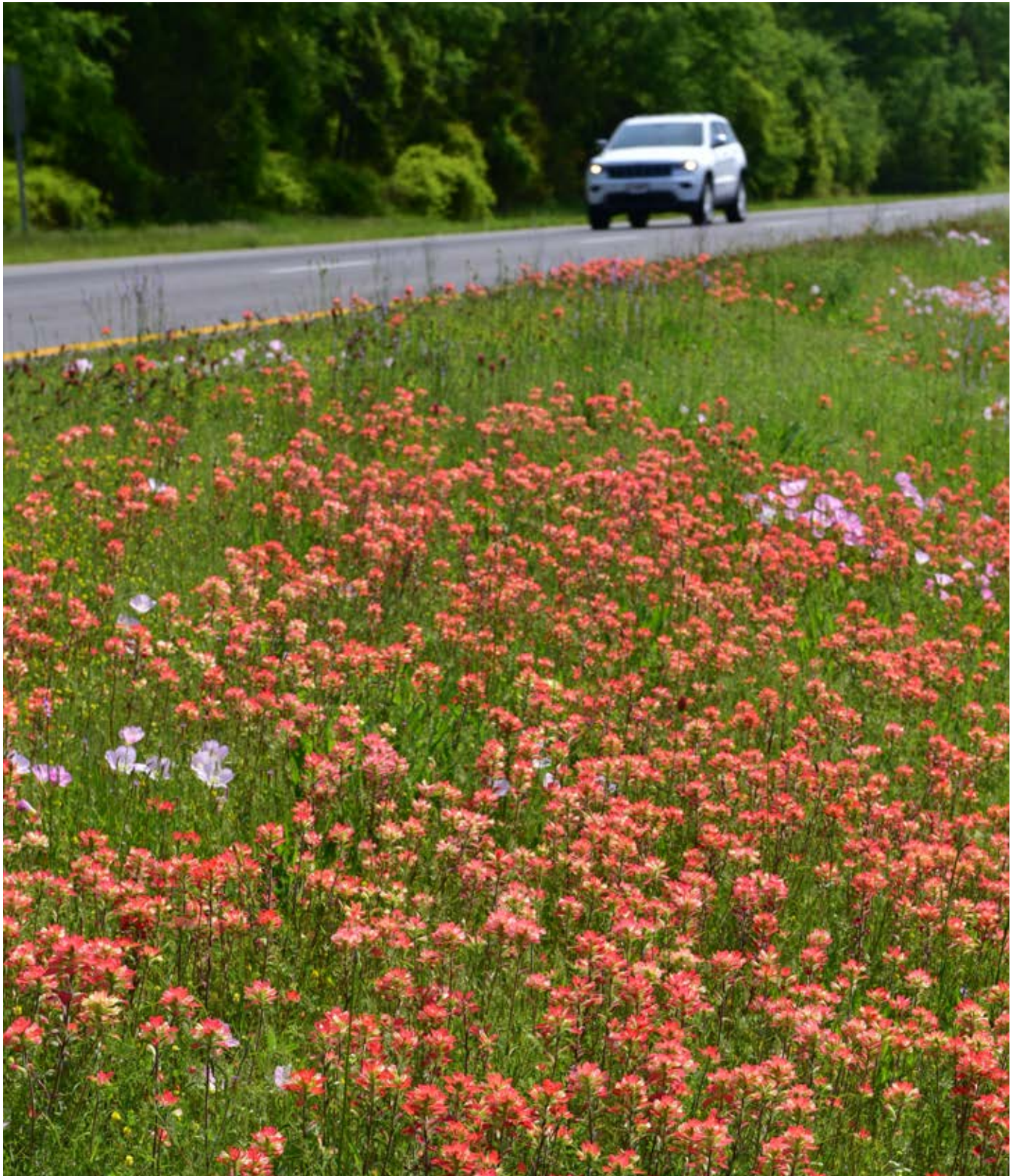
DISTRICT 2 • Barron Johnson, 5/12/19, retired

DISTRICT 4 • Linda Ryan, 4/11/19, retired; Shannen Ray, 4/15/19, active; Paul Jenkins, 5/10/19, active

DISTRICT 5 • Loren Trewyn, 5/3/19, retired

DISTRICT 6 • Stanley Sutterfield, 5/5/19, retired

DISTRICT 7 • Larry Hollis, 4/14/19, retired



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