

The AHTD

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Bryan Stewart Promoted To Computer Services Division Head

Bryan Stewart, Data Processing Manager, has been promoted to Division Head of Computer Services effective June 1, 2000. Stewart replaced Jerry Stussy who retired May 31 with 30 years service.

Stewart began his career at the Department in October 1975 as an Accountant I in the Audit Section. He held the positions of Accountant II, Internal Auditor, Senior Internal Auditor, Staff Administrative Assistant and Electronic Data Processing Auditor in the Internal Audit Section.

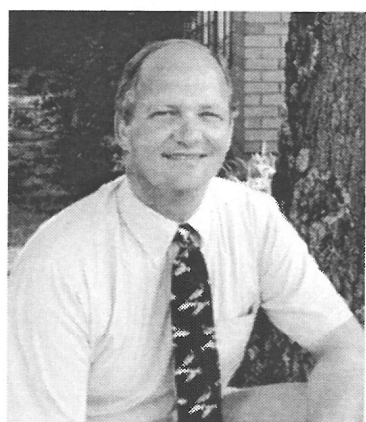
In 1990 he transferred to the Computer Services Division as a Programmer Analyst III and promoted to Senior Applications Analyst, Computer Technical Coordinator and Data Processing Manager.

Stewart earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

He and his wife Susan reside in Little Rock with their two children, Virginia and Sam.



Bryan Stewart
Computer Services Division Head



Bruce Street
D-1 Construction Engineer

Bruce Street Named District 1 Construction Engineer

Bruce Street, Resident Engineer at Wynne, assumed the position of District 1 Construction Engineer, effective March 23, 2000. He replaces Gene Belknap who retired.

Street earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. After graduation in 1983 he worked for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation as a Field Engineer. In 1986 he returned to Arkansas and worked as a Staff Engineer with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in Bentonville.

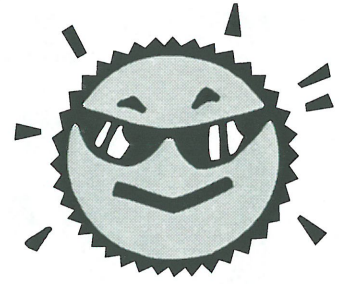
He came to work for the Department in 1989 as a Construction Field Engineer in the Bentonville Resident Engineer's Office. In 1990 he promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer in Jonesboro and promoted to Wynne Resident Engineer five years later.

Street and his wife Heidi have three children, a son Isaac and daughters Erin and Kati.

Employees Urged To Use Caution During Summer Heat

With summer temperatures and high humidity upon us, AHTD employees are urged to use precautions to prevent heat-related discomfort. Staying as cool as possible, increasing fluid intake and making simple changes in activities and clothing can help employees remain safe and healthy. The following tips are advised:

- ✓ Increase fluid intake. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink fluids. Drink two to four glasses of water, fruit juices or sports beverages each hour.
- ✓ Avoid caffeine or large amounts of sugar.
- ✓ Take more frequent breaks in a shady area so that your body's thermostat can recover.
- ✓ A hat will provide shade and help keep your head cool.
- ✓ Casual, comfortable clothing is recommended for all personnel.
- ✓ Wear sunscreen to protect your skin from harmful sunrays.
- ✓ Avoid eating heavy meals.

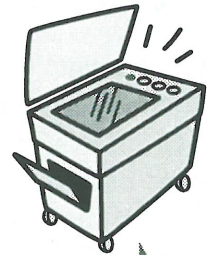


Personal Use of Copiers and Fax Machines

Occasionally employees have a need to copy items for personal business or to send or receive a fax related to personal matters. In order to accommodate those needs, the Department is making this service available for a reimbursement charge.

The following procedure has been established for the convenience of AHTD employees:

- ✓ The employee utilizing this service will pay 50-cents per page, including cover page for sending or receiving faxes and 10-cents per page for copies.
- ✓ The employee will complete a "Remittance For Use of Fax Machine or Copier" form and submit along with the reimbursement charge to the person designated in each office to handle this function.
- ✓ The receipts will be remitted to the Chief Fiscal Officer on a daily basis by the Division/District or Section designee.



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OZONE ACTION DAYS

What You Can Do To Make A Difference!

- Limit driving. Share a ride, carpool, walk or ride the bus.
- Combine errands.
- Keep vehicles well tuned, avoid quick starts and excessive idling.
- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- Avoid the use of solvents and chemicals.
- Avoid the use of lawn and gardening chores that use gasoline powered equipment until after 7:00 p.m.
- Refuel your vehicle after dark and don't fill the tank completely.
- To avoid respiratory problems, don't exercise outdoors.

10th Annual Statewide Equipment Operators'

ROADEO 2000

The tenth annual Equipment Operators' Roaddeo was held June 1 at the Department's Central Shops in Little Rock. Over 300 Department employees and family members attended.

This year's event also recognized a Team of the Decade and an Operator of the Decade.

Claiming "Team of the Decade" was District 4 with 12 first-place, 6 second-place, and 9 third-place finishes over the last ten years in the state finals.

The title of "Operator of the Decade" went to Kenny Riley, District 9 Crew Leader for the Huntsville maintenance crew in Madison County. Kenny has won 6 first-place, 3 second-place, and 1 third-place, statewide, during the history of the Roaddeo.

District 9 won this year's team championship.

The Roaddeo competition takes place in three phases beginning with each crew selecting up to four representatives to

compete in various events. The semifinals are then held at the District Headquarters and Central Shop Complex with first-place winners earning the right to participate in the state finals in Little Rock.

Competition categories include: single axle dump truck, tandem axle dump truck, tractor truck/lowboy, tractor/mower, backhoe and motor patrol. Defending state champions are also invited to participate in the

ROADEO 2000 TEAM CHAMPIONS

DISTRICT NINE



L-R: Tommy Jackson, Randall Edgmon, Jackie Villines, District Engineer Ralph Fulton, Kenny Riley, Joey Fierro, Ashley Hale

state finals.

Planned activities for the children of participants were a big hit this year. Highway Police Officers Sharlot Mixon and Sandra Bates Bailey painted everything from dump trucks to flowers on the childrens' faces and Crash Dummies Vince and Larry visited with the children and stressed the importance of wearing seatbelts.

The Department's Training and Safety Section is responsible for the organization and implementation of the day's activities coordinated by Lynn Caple, Training Coordinator, and Odis Barker, Equipment Specialist, Equipment and Procurement Division.



AHTD Equipment Operators' Statewide Roadeo

OPERATOR OF THE DECADE

KENNY RILEY - DISTRICT 9

Kenny is shown with his children Laken, Logan and Levi

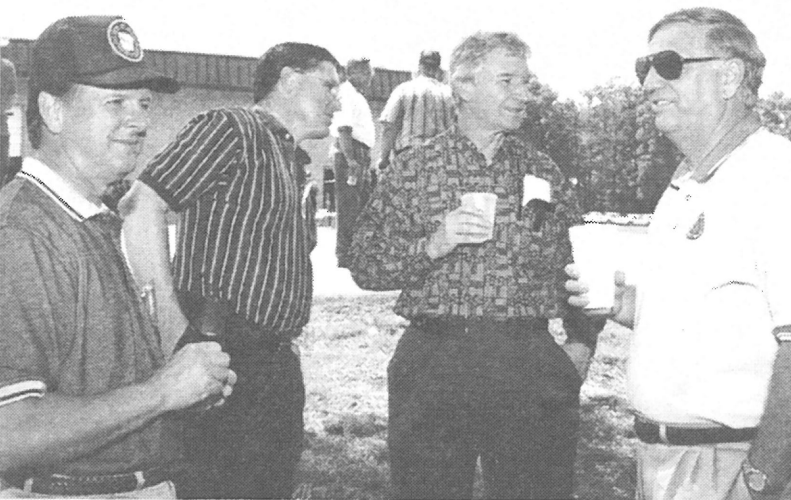
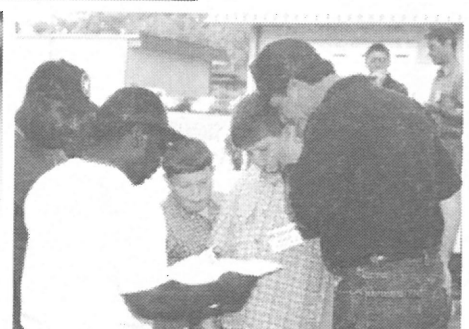
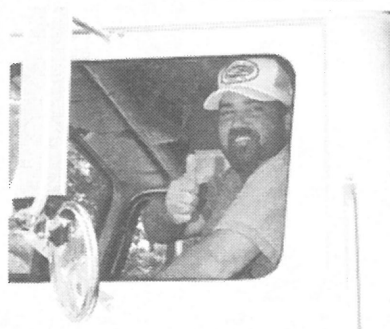
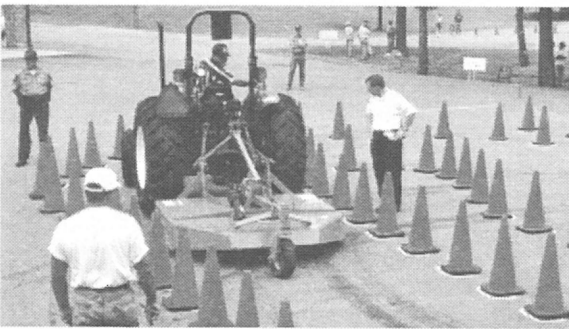
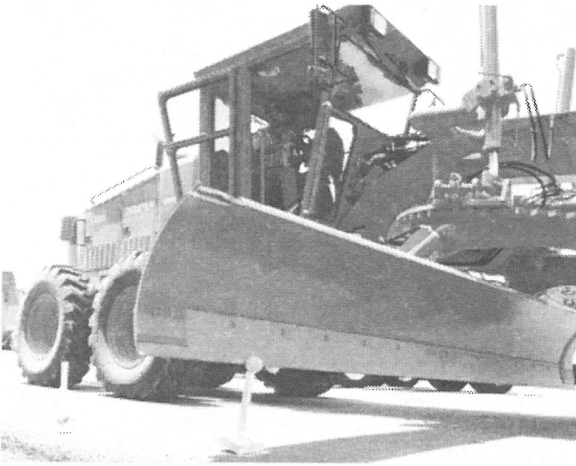
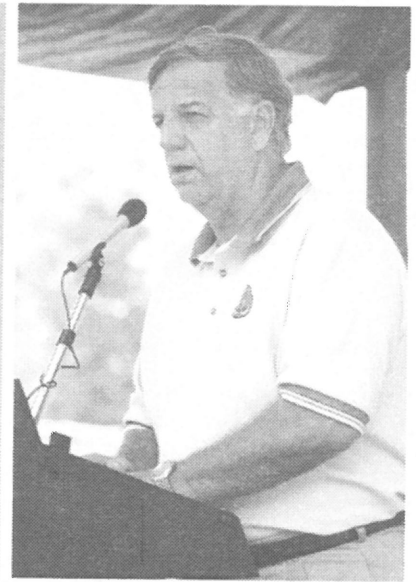
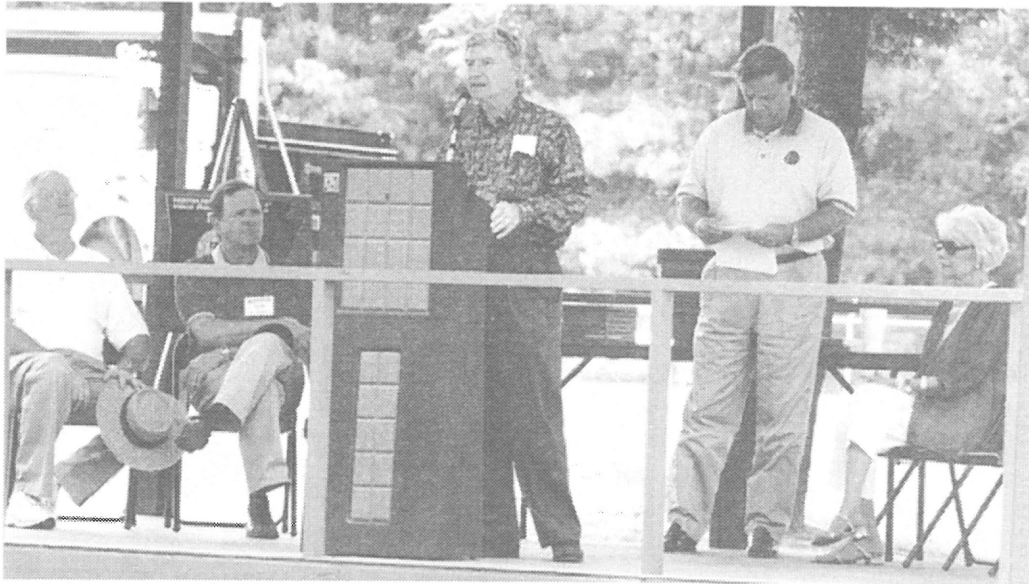


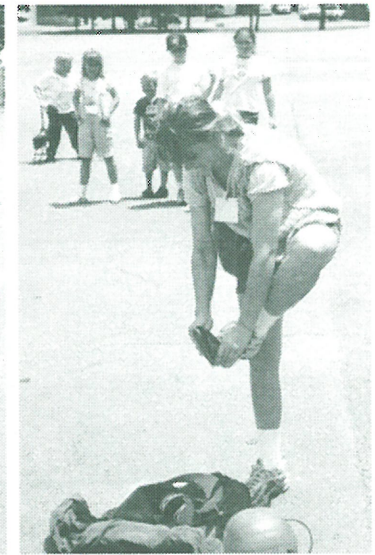
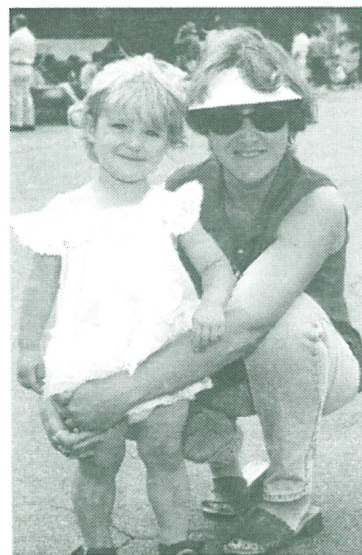
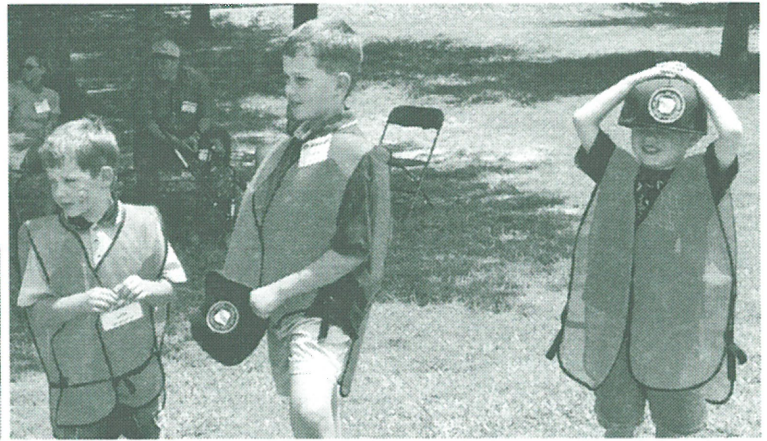
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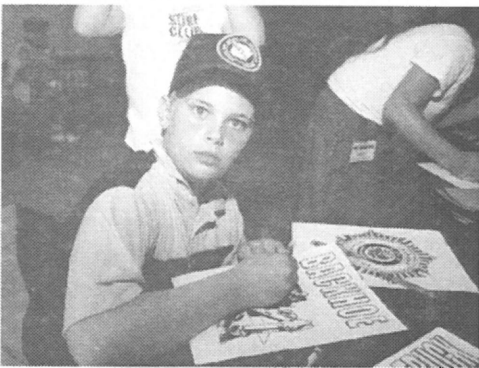
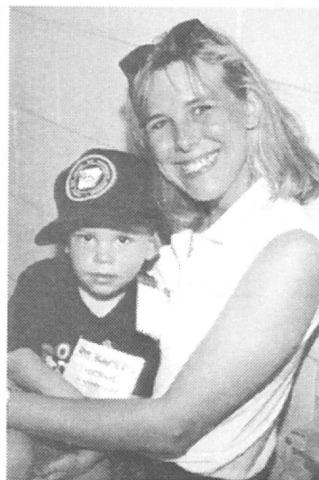
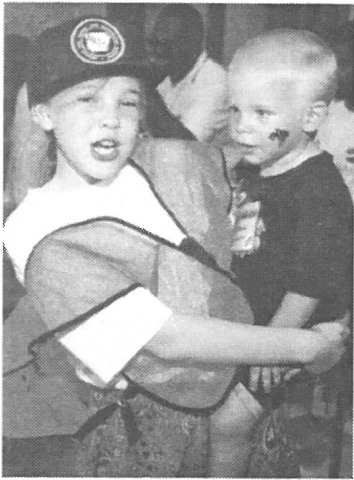
TEAM OF THE DECADE

DISTRICT FOUR

(L-R) Joe Showl, Esther Hamm, Mike Schmalz, Gabe Mizell, Brandon Jones, District Engineer Harold Beaver, Lionel Elder, Johnny Carte, Margaret Byers, George Lee, Fred Ridenhour



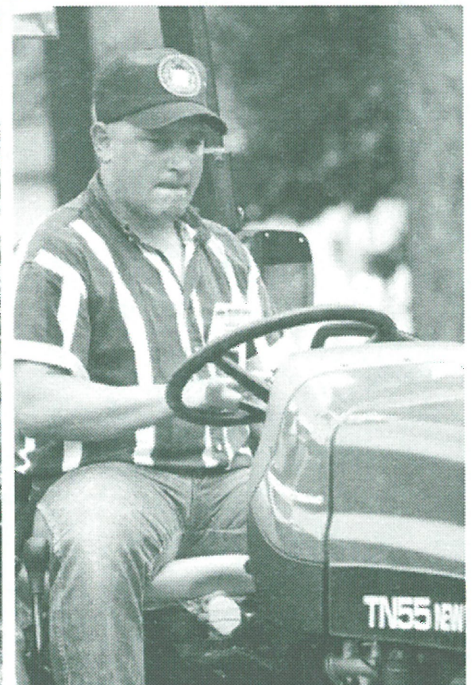




ROADEO 2000 STATE CHAMPIONS



L-R: Mike Schmalz, District 4, Tractor/Lowboy; Fred Ridenhour, District 4, Tractor/Mower; Kenny Riley, District 9, Backhoe; Larry Wilson, District 8, Tandem Axle Dump Truck; Alvin Vaughn, District 3, Motor Patrol; Kenny Howard, District 8, Single Axle Dump Truck



ROADEO 2000 STATEWIDE WINNERS



TRACTOR/MOWER

L-R: Gabe Mizell, District 4, 3rd place; Steve Sites, District 2, 2nd place; Fred Ridenhour, District 4, 1st place



TRACTOR/LOWBOY

L-R: Donie Bray, District 5, 3rd place; Tommy Jackson, District 9, 2nd place; Mike Schmalz, District 4, 1st place



SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

L-R: Jackie Villines, District 9, 3rd place; Jerry Smith, District 7, 2nd place (not pictured); Kenny Howard, District 8, 1st place



TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

L-R: Michael Purtzer, District 3, 3rd place; Kyle Ritchie, District 7, 2nd place; Larry Wilson, District 8, 1st place



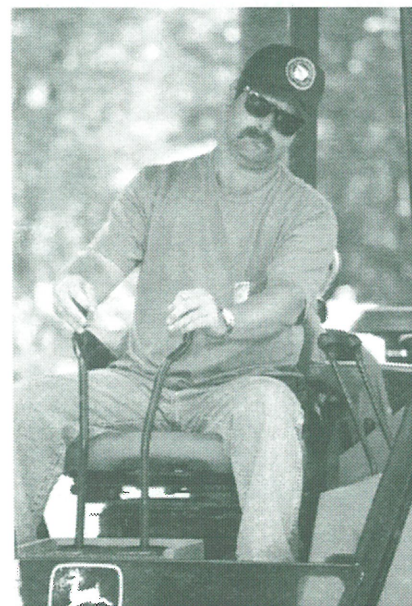
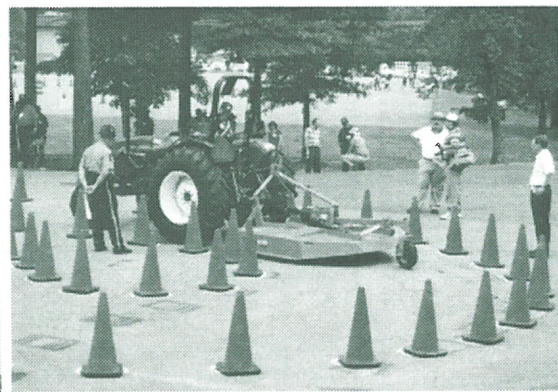
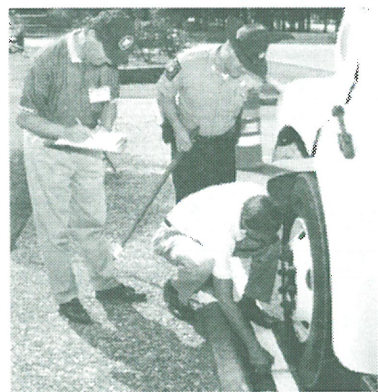
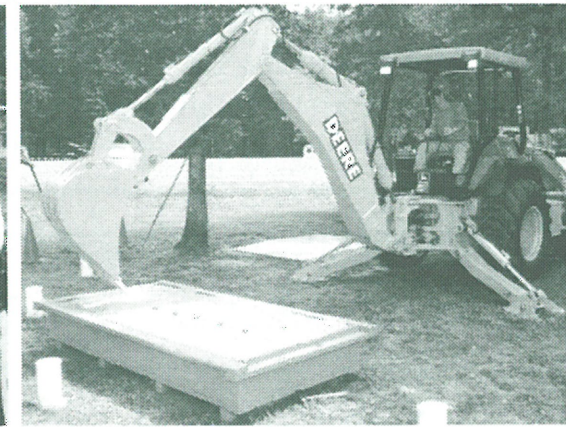
MOTOR PATROL

L-R: David Denson, District 7, 3rd place; Randall Edgmon, District 9, 2nd place; Alvin Vaughn, District 3, 1st place



BACKHOE

L-R: Brandon Jones, District 4, 3rd place; Rick Hale, District 10, 2nd place; Kenny Riley, District 9, 1st place



AHTD PEOPLE



MAY 2000

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

Justin Leavell, Software Analyst I

HUMAN RESOURCES

Twandria Taylor, Office Admin. Asst. I
Jason Davis, Mail Clerk

MATERIALS

Charles Mattoon, Materials Technician I

RIGHT OF WAY

James Wiggington, Plans Designer I

ROADWAY DESIGN

Ronnie Brewer, Drafter

DISTRICT 1

Barbara Mosley, General Laborer
Delbert Johnson Jr., Jerome Carter,
James Fingers, Single Axle Truck Drs.
Steven Bryan, Christy Lincomfelt, Jeff
Kaiser, Brian McElyea, Construction
Helpers I

DISTRICT 2

Timothy Cagle, Tim Sanders, Mechanics
Cheryl Davies, General Laborer
Steven Tatum, Single Axle Truck Dr.

DISTRICT 3

William Townsend, Theresa Bishop,
Thomas Moss, Jr., Single Axle Truck Drs.

DISTRICT 4

Ronny Bugg, David Cone, Single Axle
Truck Drs.

DISTRICT 6

Robert Cordell, Stacey Clarke, General
Laborers
Matthew Creppel, Single Axle Truck Dr.

DISTRICT 7

Donald Miller, Victor Reynolds,
Audrey Isham, Single Axle Truck Drs.

DISTRICT 10

Steve Newsom, Edward Orr,
Annabelle Mink, General Laborers

PROMOTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL

Deborah Simpson, Office Admin. Asst. III

FISCAL SERVICES

Jack Koba, Administrative Aide I
Patrick Thomas, Office Admin. Asst. I

HUMAN RESOURCES

Linda Hargrove, Personnel Auditing Clerk

MAINTENANCE

Jeremy Conyers, Single Axle Truck Dr.
Billy Marlin, Striping Machine Driver
Dennis Rogers, Paint Transport Truck Dr.

MATERIALS

Dana Machycek, Office Admin. Asst. V

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Thomas Starnes Jr., Admin. Analyst

SURVEYS

Tony Delph, Photogrammetry Tech.
Leonard Petroff, Surveys Tech. II
Daniel Smith, Surveys Tech. II

TRAINING & SAFETY

Ken Jordan, Section Head

DISTRICT 1

Michael McGill, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Bruce Murray, Paint Transport Truck Dr.
Joseph Sartini, Resident Engineer

DISTRICT 2

Jeanna Arnold, Construction Helper II
Earl Fleagle, Senior Inspector

DISTRICT 3

William Eubanks, Single Axle Truck Dr.
Stephen Frisbee, Adv. Const. Field Engr.
Kelvin Vines, Asst. Resident Engineer

DISTRICT 4

Dwayne Adams, Adv. Const. Field Engr.
David Bennett, Distributor/Roller Opr.
Ronald Cowan, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.
James Graham, Crew Leader
Ralph Hughes, Distributor/Roller Opr.
Gabriel Mizell, Single Axle Truck Dr.
Michael Pennington, Area Hdqtrs. Attd.

DISTRICT 5

Stephen Bolin, Bridge Repairer II
Gary Lockett, Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.

Terry Rush, Maintenance Aide II

Leon Sanders, Motor Patrol Opr./Finish
Jason Seaton, Motor Patrol Opr.

DISTRICT 6

Stanley Burton, Bridge Repairer I
Marilyn Childress, Maintenance Aide I
Robert Etheridge, Single Axle Truck Dr.
Brian Gilliam, Maintenance Aide I
Howard Hairston, Motor Patrol Opr./Finish
Norma Johnson, Single Axle Truck Dr.
Kevin White, Const. Field Engr. II

DISTRICT 7

Ronald Rogers, Adv. Const. Field Engr.
Danny Sikes, Storeroom Assistant I

DISTRICT 8

Calvin Brannon, Motor Patrol Opr.
Troy Brown, Senior Inspector
Roselie Conley, Construction Aide I
Darrin Phillips, Motor Patrol Opr./Finish
Kim Staton, Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 9

Gregory Howerton, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 10

Joyce Thompson, Rest Area Attendant

SERVICE

30 YEARS

Skipper Bosley, Fiscal Services Coord.
Bobby Weatherford, D-1 Area Maintenance Supv.
Alfred Lee, D-5 Area Maintenance Supv.
Dickey Drake, D-5 Sealing Job Supt.
Ivory Jackson, D-6 Maintenance Aide II
Kinch Womack, D-7 Inspector

25 YEARS

David Burnett, Roadway Design Staff Engr.
Charles Duff, D-1 Sealing Job Supt.
Lloyd Plummer, D-1 Crew Leader
Joey Waddle, D-2 Office Manager
Joel Todd, D-7 Maintenance Job Supt.
Bruce Adams, D-8 Maintenance Aide II
B.J. McAlister, D-8 Resident Engineer
Michael Brasel, D-9 Mechanic
Joe Hester, D-10 Bridge Job Supt.
Bobby Wade, D-10 Senior Inspector

20 YEARS

Glenn Cheatham, Staff Heavy Bridge
Maint. Engr.
Steve Mitchell, P&R Senior Planner

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20 YEARS SERVICE CONTINUED

Olen Patterson, P&R Data Col. Tech.
John Kendrick, ROW Plans Designer II
Homer Whatley Jr., D-3 Distributor Opr.
Michael Givins, D-3 Const. Materials Insp.
Johnny Wake, D-3 Crane Opr./Finish
Sandra Kivett, D-4 Inspector
Dennis Nixon, D-5 Crew Leader
Jimmy Weaver, D-5 Crew Leader
Dale Johns, D-10 Equip. Maint. Supv.
Cecil Nelson, D-10 Paver Operator

15 YEARS

Judith Orrick, E&P Division Bookkeeper
Christina Westbrook, Materials Tech. III
Gail Scott, P&C Admin. Aide I
Liz Jones, Roadway Design Senior Design Tech.
Bryan Brock, State Aid Roadway Designer
Lynn Caple, T&S Training Coordinator
David Gorman, D-2 Inspector
Roger Turner, D-2 Area Maint. Supv.
Joseph Valliant Jr., D-2 Inspector
Billy Stewart, D-3 Storeroom Assistant II
James Nelson, D-4 Construction Aide II
Ronnie Caraway, D-5 Dozer Opr./Finish
Bryan Baldrige, D-5 Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
Harry Hohenstein, D-5 Inspector
Bobby Petty, D-6 Maintenance Aide II
James Miller, D-8 Maintenance Aide II
Randall Ward, D-8 Motor Patrol Opr.
Brett Banzhaf, D-9 Construction Aide II

10 YEARS

Aileen Schubel, BridgeSr. Design Engr.

Lori Thresher, Bridge Struc. Inv. Tech.
Mike Erby, D-3 Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
Jesse Freeman, D-4 Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
Johnny Smith, D-5 Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
Jim Branch, D-7 Construction Aide I
Mack Gray, D-8 Single Axle Truck Dr.
Melvin Williams Jr., Maint. Striping Machine Dr.
Charles Martin, Roadway Design Sr. Design Engr.

5 YEARS

John Strojek Jr., AHP Permits Data Entry Opr.
Pete Escarre III, HR Office Admin. Asst. I
Roy Ferrell, D-1 Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
Stacy Stepp, D-2 Backhoe/FE Loader Opr.
Lori Thomas, D-2 Personnel Clerk
Gregory Patrick, D-2 Motor Patrol Opr.
Karen Davis, D-2 Field Clerk II
John Bruce, D-3 Construction Aide I
Joe Green, D-4 Asphalt Tank Truck Dr.
Julie Moreton, D-4 Roller Operator
Anthony Dorton, D-5 Single Axle Truck Dr.
Raymond Garcia, D-7 Motor Patrol Opr.
Kimberly Friar, D-10 Caretaker
Leon Jacobs, D-10 Rest Area Attendant

RETIREMENTS

Joanne Niehaus, Materials Office Administrative Assistant V, retired May 10 with 34+ years

Jodie Owens, Materials Technician III, retired May 26 with 23+ years

Richard Sneed, Planning & Research Engineering Research Technician II, retired May 31 with 21+ years

Jim Fooks, Right of Way Acquisition Section Head, retired May 26 with 31+ years

Victor Capshaw, District 1 Inspector, retired May 3 with 28+ years

Bobby Cothrine, District 5 Janitor, retired May 19 with 10+ years

Jackie Allen, District 8 Roller Operator, retired May 2 with 27+ years

Phillip Stroud, District 8 Rest Area Attendant, retired May 18 with 20+ years

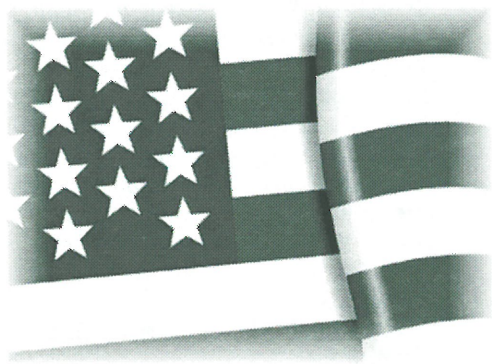
Carroll Johnson, District 9 Ferry Boat Supervisor, retired May 15 with 28+ years

James McHalfey, District 10 Maintenance Aide I, retired May 16 with 14+ years

Jerry Crawford, District 10 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, retired May 30 with 26+ years

Arkansas Highways Magazine Deadline Notice

Monday, July 24, 2000 is the deadline for articles and pictures to be received by the Public Affairs Office for use in the Fall 2000 issue of Arkansas Highways. This issue will include College and High School Graduates of Department employees. Please turn your photos into your respective Division or District Office with the proper information before the deadline.



JULY 4 HOLIDAY



Tuesday, July 4, 2000 is a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Independence Day. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.