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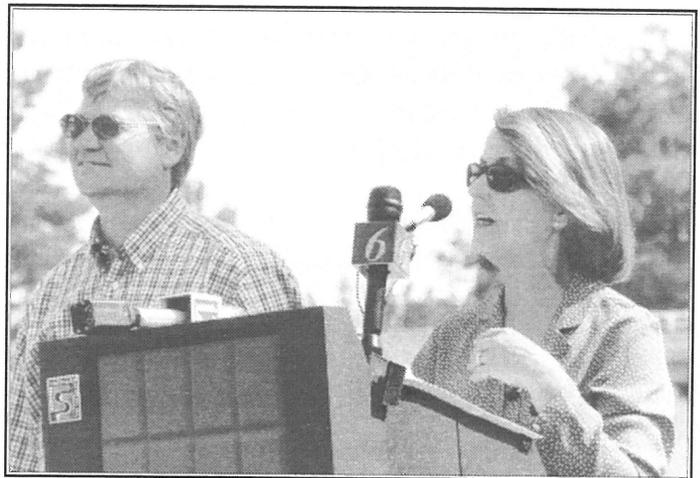
A "Sign" Of The Times

New Interstate Work Zone Construction Signs Unveiled

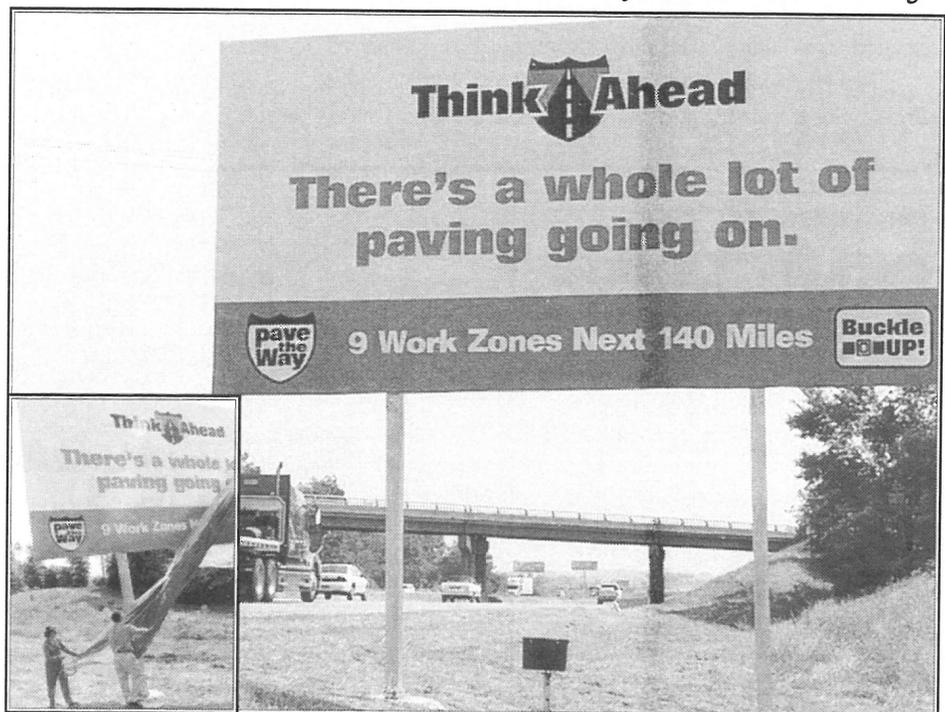
It took a few tugs from two Commissioners, but the crowd applauded once the cover came off the first in a series of new roadside signs warning motorists that "There's a whole lot of paving going on." Located on Interstate 30 eastbound near the 4-mile marker outside Texarkana, local public officials and Department staff witnessed the unveiling by Commissioners Prissy Hickerson and Jonathan Barnett on May 10.

"Our roadside signage is just one of several measures the Highway Department is taking to maximize safety and minimize inconvenience for the traveling public during the Interstate Rehabilitation Program," Hickerson explained to the gathering. "As part of our statewide *Pave the Way* information campaign, this signage and corresponding Highway Advisory Radio broadcasts will get the word out about how much construction motorists will encounter between the state border and Little Rock."

Eight of the 12x24-foot signs will be erected at Arkansas' Interstate entry points and sites exiting the Little Rock area. Other components of the campaign include: a brochure with frequently updated construction zone information, the www.ArkansasInterstates.com web page, radio public service announcements, a monthly newsletter, highway advisory radio broadcasts, variable message signs near work zones and the AHTD Motorist Assistance Patrol.



(Photos above and below): Highway Commissioners Prissy Hickerson, at podium, and Jonathan Barnett, left, introduce and unveil the new *Pave the Way* work zone construction signs.



Pave the Way Campaign Receives National Awards

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's (AHTD) new *Pave the Way* information campaign picked up an International Roadway Work Zone Safety Awareness Award from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) and The National Safety Council (NSC) on May 11, 2001. As one of two state/regional-level campaigns to receive the prestigious honor, *Pave the Way* gathered a second place win among government outreach efforts with the Georgia DOT receiving first place. The competition honors outstanding efforts to reduce roadway work zone construction accidents, injuries and fatalities.

"With less than one month of results to report since kicking off our

Pave the Way campaign to the public on April 4, we are especially honored that ARTBA and NSC see our program's potential to save lives and prevent collisions right from the start," said

Highway Commission Chairman, John "M" Lipton. "We hope this national honor will enhance our campaign's visibility in Arkansas as a construction safety effort that really works."

The Work Zone Safety Award came right on the heels of *Pave the Way* receiving an honorable mention in ARTBA's annual PRIDE in Transporta-



Farrell Wilson, left, the AHTD *Pave the Way* coordinator, and Martin Thoma, right, the Department's media consultant, accept the two national awards.

tion Construction Award competition. The PRIDE Award recognizes extraordinary efforts by individuals or organizations that improve the image of the transportation construction industry or highlight the many contributions the industry makes to the American quality of life.

State Employees Insurance Program Participants Receive Bonus

The Arkansas State Highway Commission authorized the payment of a \$450 employee bonus in compliance with Act 776 of 2001. The Act sets forth the following requirements for an employee to receive the bonus:

1. Must participate in the State Employees Insurance program;
2. Be on the payroll or on leave without pay for the pay periods ending 3/21/01 and 4/4/01;
3. Be scheduled to work at least 1,000 hours per year.

Section 7 of Act 776 states that funds exist from contributions in the State Employees Insurance reserve that are unneeded; and salary relief must be granted as quickly as possible.

The Highway Commission approved the payment of this bonus at their May 16, 2001 meeting. Those employees qualifying for the bonus should receive a separate check along with regular paychecks received today, May 24, 2001.

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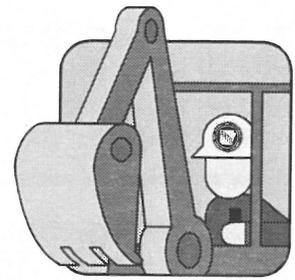
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



In accordance with Highway Commission policy, Monday, May 28, 2001 will be a holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Memorial Day. Work will be suspended statewide other than for emergencies and to provide essential services.

Equipment Operators' ROADEO

Semi-final Results



Listed below are the results of the AHTD Equipment Operators' Roaddeo semi-final competitions. The first place winners in each category will compete in the statewide finals to be held June 7 at the Central Shops.

<p>DISTRICT ONE April 19 Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Harold Mullins 2 Russ Curbo 3 Shawn McKissick</p> <p>Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Allen Rodgers 2 Stanley Bennett 3 Johnny Light</p> <p>Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Jimmy Pulley 2 Wayne Hamilton 3 Terry Harris</p> <p>Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 James Fingers 2 Floyd Eskridge 3 Earnest Rose</p> <p>Backhoe</p> <p>1 Jerry Gorman 2 Michael Howard 3 Raymond Williams</p> <p>Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 Joey McClanahan 2 Rommie Harris 3 Jason Moore</p>	<p>DISTRICT EIGHT April 26 Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Jim Standridge 2 Randy White 3 Joe Villalobos</p> <p>Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Kenny Howard 2 Roby Light 3 Andy Edwards</p> <p>Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Jay Rankin 2 Ellisa Clement 3 Albert Horn</p> <p>Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 Darrell Carter 2 Mike Howard 2 Rick Holbrook</p> <p>Backhoe</p> <p>1 Larry Brazil 2 Dennis Langston 3 Johnny Rice</p> <p>Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 Dennis Langston 2 Calvin Brannon 3 Danny Duvall</p>	<p>DISTRICT TEN May 3 Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Tony Nicely 2 James Travis 3 Vic Blevins</p> <p>Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Jim Nunnery 2 Brad Fultz 3 David McPherson</p> <p>Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Kim Tippy 2 Larry Hicks 3 Greg McAnally</p> <p>Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 Robert Losh 2 David Pratt 3 Lorraine Winstead</p> <p>Backhoe</p> <p>1 Rick Hale 2 Darrell Campbell 3 Dustin Miller</p> <p>Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 Anthony Williams 2 Gerald Ellis 3 Dwayne Pritchard</p>	<p>DISTRICT FIVE May 10 Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Donie Bray 2 Elvis Garrett 3 Sammy Bennett</p> <p>Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Kevin Pendergrass 2 Raymond Ratton 3 Ruth Moody</p> <p>Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Willie McCord 2 Todd Bolin 3 Ronny Majors</p> <p>Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 Keith Skelton 2 Randy Rector 2 Ruth Moody</p> <p>Backhoe</p> <p>1 Donie Bray 2 Billy Clemons 3 Jason Seaton</p> <p>Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 David Bailey 2 Daniel Rector 3 Mickey Taylor</p>
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Active Employees With Longest Service as of April 30, 2001

1.	Patsy Downing	Equipment & Procurement Administrative Aide I	46 years, 08 months
2.	Fidelis Koelzer	District 3 Construction Project Coordinator	44 years, 11 months
3.	Thomas Kinslow	District 8 Maintenance Superintendent	44 years, 09 months
4.	Jimmy Wynn	District 7 Construction Project Coordinator	44 years, 08 months
5.	Vernon McMahan	District 6 Senior Inspector	44 years, 07 months
6.	Jerry Stacks	Materials Technical Supervisor	44 years, 06 months
7.	Donald Embry	District 3 Hydraulic Excavator Operator/Finish	43 years, 11 months
8.	Don Stovall	District 6 Assistant Maintenance Superintendent	43 years, 06 months
9.	Jake Clements	Materials Staff Geotechnical Officer	42 years, 11 months
10.	Calvin George	District 1 Maintenance Superintendent	42 years, 08 months
11.	Donald Beard	District 7 Construction Project Coordinator	42 years, 06 months
12.	Wilbert Chapman	State Aid Assistant Division Head	42 years, 05 months
13.	Coy Campbell	District 7 Engineer	41 years, 08 months
14.	Dale Loe	Assistant Chief Engineer for Design	41 years, 07 months
15.	Bill Mulhollen	Assistant State Maintenance Engineer	41 years, 05 months
16.	Jimmy Rainwater	District 8 Senior Inspector	41 years, 04 months
17.	Edward Ferguson	District 1 Senior Inspector	40 years, 11 months
18.	James Hamilton, Jr.	District 4 Inspector	40 years, 09 months
19.	Larry Hodnett	District 9 District Maintenance Superintendent	40 years, 08 months
20.	James Paine	District 8 Resident Office Technician	40 years, 08 months

AHTD PEOPLE



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NEW EMPLOYEES

ENVIRONMENTAL

Steven Imhoff, Construction Aide II

HUMAN RESOURCES

Amber Byrd, Mail Clerk

MAINTENANCE

William Chestnut, Stripper Helper

MATERIALS

Travis Minor, General Laborer

SURVEYS

Robert Blankenship, Surveys Helper

DISTRICT 1

Jimmy O'Dell, James Jones, Jr., Cecil Lace, Single Axle Truck Drivers

Arnold Waterford, General Laborer

DISTRICT 2

Sherry Miesner, District Receptionist

DISTRICT 4

Jerry Howe, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jeremiah Jackson, General Laborer

DISTRICT 6

Joseph Wharton, Single Axle Truck Driver
Sonya Gentry, General Laborer

DISTRICT 8

LEE WRIGHT, General Laborer

DISTRICT 10

Jack Wolf, Mechanic
Tina Horn, Jeffery Rawls, Tammy Harmon, General Laborers
Tonya Laws, James Green, Single Axle Truck Drivers
Terri Cammack, Resident Office Technician

PROMOTIONS

MAINTENANCE

Thomas Duncan, Striping Crew Supervisor
Gavin Franke, Striping Machine Driver
John Sullivan, Paint Transport Truck Driver

MATERIALS

Brian Goude, Timothy Wilson, Geotechnical Loggers

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Linda Hargrove, Trans. Mgmt. Analyst II
Brian Thom, Data Collection Technician

SURVEYS

Brian Bass, Brian Robinson, Surveys Aides I

DISTRICT 1

William Ewing, Motor Patrol Operator
William McKnight, Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 2

Jack Denis, III, Maintenance Aide I
James Harris, Franklin Long, Multi-Axle Truck Drs
Tim Kelly, Assistant Resident Engineer

DISTRICT 3

Athena Bright, Construction Aide II

DISTRICT 4

Jonathan Britton, Maintenance Aide I
Phillip Howard, Jeremy Klizer, Single Axle Tr Drs
Robin Linn, Construction Aide III

DISTRICT 5

Kenny Bowren, Assistant Resident Engineer
Thomas Dohn, District Bridge Inspector Helper
Gary Grady, Street Sweeper Operator
Joshua Green, Construction Aide II

DISTRICT 6

Scottye Courson, Rest Area Attendant
William Lindsey, Jeffrey Williams, Senior Inspectors
Russell McNeill, Field Clerk II
Angela Reddoch, District Office Manager
Robert Smith, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8

William Alvey, Jack Cossey, David Hogue, Area Maintenance Supervisors
Gary Buzbee, Advanced Structures Engineer
Joseph Knight, Civil Engineer I

DISTRICT 9

Paul Berry, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
David Foster, Adv. Construction Field Engineer

DISTRICT 10

Jeffery Armstrong, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Ruth Phillips, Single Axle Truck Driver
Ronnie Richardson, Roller Operator

SERVICE

35 YEARS

Kenneth Brazile, District Materials Supervisor
Jimmy Goad*, D-1 Sign Crew Supervisor

30 YEARS

Don Hastings, AHP Captain
Alvin Vaughn, D-3 Area Maintenance Supv
Larry Young, D-4 Area Maintenance Supv
Dennis Williams, D-5 Area Maintenance Supv
Jerry Williams, D-8 Crew Leader
Lotis Horton, Jr., D-9 Senior Inspector
Leonard Norton, D-10 Senior Inspector

25 YEARS

James Simmons, AHP Corporal
Gary Barham, D-3 Crew Leader
Mark Williams, D-4 Bridge Job Supt
Johnny Harvey, D-6 Inspector
Louise McMahan, D-7 Office Admin Asst V
Marvin Hunter, D-7 Maintenance Aide II
Danny Duvall, D-8 Motor Patrol Opr/Finish
Richard Keaster, D-8 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr

20 YEARS

Bobby Cordle, AHP Corporal
Robert Dunn, AHP Corporal
Libby Warren, AHP Patrol Officer First Class
Charles Hart, Bridge Management Engineer
Larry Bowren, D-3 Inspector
Rick Law, D-4 Crane Opr/Finish
J. Stevenson, D-6 Senior Inspector

15 YEARS

Kim Ford, P&R Research Assistant
Paul Womack, Surveys Technician II
Ronnie Johnson, D-1 Maintenance Aide I
Charles Tallman, Jr., D-3 Inspector

Leland Reed, D-4 Motor Patrol Opr/Finish
William Boswell, D-4 Senior Mechanic
Donald Osmon, D-5 Maintenance Aide II
Don Williams, D-8 Senior Mechanic
Dwayne Pritchard, D-10 Maintenance Aide II

10 YEARS

Mark South, D-1 Senior Mechanic
John Word, Jr., D-1 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr
David Forrester, Sr., D-1 Maintenance Aide II
Wanda Phillips, D-2 Fuel Clerk
Casey Johnson, D-3 Distributor/Roller Opr
Brian Bratcher, D-6 Construction Aide I
Pat Chapman, D-6 Rest Area Attendant
Vincent Turner, D-6 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr
Jack Bocksnick, D-8 Welder
Charles Christopher, D-9 Bridge Repairer I

5 YEARS

Clinton Hutcheson, Environmental Analyst I
Jimmie Sneed, Public Affairs Admin Asst I
Anthony Cunningham, Surveys Aide II
Gary Collier, D-3 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr
Alvis Gregory, D-4 Senior Mechanic
James Hall, D-5 Single Axle Truck Driver
John Ballinger, D-6 Maintenance Aide I
Jefferson Blackwell, D-7 Single Axle Truck Driver
James Bass, D-9 Distributor/Roller Opr
Russell Morgan, D-9 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr
Robert Losh, D-10 Distributor/Roller Opr
Retha Kappelman, D-10 Field Clerk I

RETIREMENTS

Teddy Walton, District 2 Motor Patrol Operator, retired March 27 with 15+ years

Jim Mahan, Right of Way Administrative Assistant II, retired April 25 with 11+ years

Stanley Barnes, Highway Police Sergeant, retired April 13 with 11+ years

Glendal Floyd, Highway Police Corporal, retired April 26 with 17+ years

Charles Means, Jr., Materials Area Engineer, retired April 4 with 30+ years

Gerald Stachurski, Planning & Research, retired April 18 with 24+ years

Bob Ferrari, District 4 Senior Mechanic, retired April 9 with 27+ years

Harold Carr, District 5 Area Maintenance Supervisor, retired April 6 with 26+ years

Pam Westbrook, District 6 Office Manager, retired April 23 with 28+ years

Ivory Jackson*, District 6 Maintenance Aide II, retired April 24 with 30+ years

Warren Marks, District 6 Senior Inspector, retired April 11 with 27+ years

Carroll Sanders, District 7 Senior Inspector, retired April 25 with 36+ years

*Deceased