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## Funding for Texarkana Tourist Information Center Announced

Governor Mike Huckabee announced at a news conference on April 30 that the State of Arkansas would spend \$3 million to fund the construction of a new Tourist Information Center just north of Texarkana.

Highway Commissioner Prissy Hickerson and AHTD Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations Ralph Hall joined the Governor and Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Director Richard Davies for a special check presentation at Texarkana's center located on Interstate 30.

The new Texarkana facility is the first of four Tourist Information Centers slated for reconstruction in a program announced by Governor Huckabee in March 2001.

Groundbreaking on the new facility is scheduled for late spring, and the project should be completed by the end of the year.

A total of \$9 million will be spent to rebuild the Texarkana facility and three others located at Corning, El Dorado and Fort Smith/Van Buren. Officials expect the last of these centers to be completed by 2003.

The new centers will incorporate design elements such as native stone and large timbers that will make them easily identifiable



Governor Mike Huckabee, left, presents a \$3 million check for construction of the new Texarkana facility to Parks & Tourism Director Richard Davies, Highway Commissioner Prissy Hickerson, Texarkana Mayor Danny Gray, Parks & Tourism Commission Chairman Debbie Haak, and AHTD Assistant Chief Engineer/Operations Ralph Hall.

as Arkansas Tourist Information Centers. The prototypes, designed by the Atkins-Benham architectural firm of Lowell, Arkansas, include both 3,000- and 6,000-square foot buildings.

The existing Texarkana Tourist Information Center was opened in 1968. The new center will be 6,000 square feet and contain more space for brochures, seating areas and interactive exhibitory information. The new centers will

also contain state-of-the-art computer kiosks, television monitors, multi-media rooms and picnic areas.

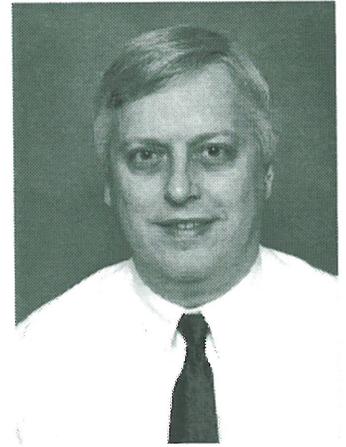
There are a total of 13 Tourist Information Centers located at strategic points on Arkansas' highways, plus one located at the Parks and Tourism central office in Little Rock. Plans to rebuild eight of these centers are in place. Reconstruction of the centers should be complete by 2005.

## Burnett, Crutchfield, Moore Promoted

**David Burnett**, Staff Design Engineer, is being promoted to Assistant Division Head of Roadway Design effective June 27, 2002. Burnett replaces Charles Clements who is being promoted to Division Head of Roadway Design.

Burnett has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is a registered professional engineer.

He began his career with the Department in 1975 as a Civil Engineer. In 1979, he promoted to Senior Design Engineer and to Staff Design Engineer in 1987.



Burnett



Crutchfield

**Kay Crutchfield**, Section Head of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), is being promoted to Section Head of Right of Way Administration, effective June 27, 2002 replacing Vic Winchell, who is retiring.

Crutchfield has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Henderson State University. She began with the Highway Department in 1978 as an Internal Auditor. In 1979 she promoted to Senior Auditor.

During her 16 years in that capacity, she monitored the progress of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program through various Construction and Resident Engineer audits and, for seven years, served on the DBE Certification Committee. In December 1995, she promoted to DBE Program Coordinator in Human Resources and, in 1996, promoted to Section Head of EEO.

**James Moore**, External EEO Coordinator, is being promoted to Section Head of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), replacing Kay Crutchfield. Moore has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Prior to beginning his career with the Department, Moore was the Supportive Services Officer for the Associated General Contractors of Arkansas. He was hired in the Construction Division in 1986 to coordinate the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and On-The-Job Training (OJT) programs previously handled by AGC. One year later he transferred to the EEO Section to assist in the administration of the External EEO Program along with the continuation of the OJT Program.



Moore

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## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 27, 2002, is a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees. All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

# Transition to Arkansas Diamond Now Complete

The transition of the State's deferred compensation plan to Arkansas Diamond is now complete. For information on investment options, to request a meeting or telephone consultation with your local representative, call toll-free 1-866-271-3327. The representatives for Arkansas Diamond are: Central and South Arkansas - Shane Chun and Cheryl Salazar; Northeast Arkansas - Fran Walker; Northwest Arkansas - Robert Jones.

To enroll in the plan, check account balances, make contribution or investment allocation changes, change beneficiaries, update personal information, or arrange for various forms of distribution of account, call toll-free 1-800-905-1833.

## Invitation to Retirees

The Association of Retired AHTD Employees, District 6 Chapter, congratulates active employees upon their retirements and cordially invites each to join the Retirees Association. The purpose of the association is communication and fellowship, and to assist the Retirement Board in securing legislation that will benefit active and retired employees.

The District 6 Chapter invites you and your family members to attend our annual picnic on Monday, June 3, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the U.S. Corps of Engineers Maumelle Park, west of Little Rock on State Highway 10. For further information contact Harry Dinsmore, District 6 President, at 501-225-9637.

## 50th Anniversary of Mack-Blackwell Amendment

This year, 2002, marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution, better known as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. This amendment, approved on November 4, 1952, established the five-member Highway Commission and the structure of the Highway Department as we know it today. The provisions of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment have served Arkansas and the AHTD well, resulting in better highways and improved operations of the Department.

## Equipment Operators' ROADEO Results

The semi-final rounds of competition for the 2002 AHTD Equipment Operators' Roadeo are now complete. The first place winners in each event of the semi-finals will participate in the statewide competition on June 13, 2002, at the Central Shops in Little Rock. The results of the last three semi-finals are listed below.

### DISTRICT FOUR

April 25

#### Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 ..... Johnny Carte
- 2 ..... Terral Scroggins
- 3 ..... Lance Drager

#### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Tim Henretty
- 2 ..... Danny Loyd
- 3 ..... Jennifer Davis

#### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Brandon Bowen
- 2 ..... Bruce Bull
- 3 ..... Michael Pennington

#### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... Leroy Oliver
- 2 ..... Johnny Carte
- 3 ..... Wesley McRae

#### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Dan Mowrey
- 2 ..... David Gregory
- 3 ..... Peggy Scott

#### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... Robin Tune
- 2 ..... Larry Lingo
- 3 ..... Randy Schluterman

### DISTRICT TEN

May 2

#### Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 ..... David McPherson
- 2 ..... David Wagster
- 3 ..... Larry Ryan

#### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Paul Baker
- 2 ..... Shalane Swafford
- 3 ..... Jim Nunnery

#### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Sammy Parrish
- 2 ..... Larry Harris
- 3 ..... Jack Wolf

#### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... David Pratt
- 2 ..... Sam Hancock
- 3 ..... Josh Musick

#### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Rick Hale
- 2 ..... Dustin Miller
- 3 ..... Ben George

#### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... Darrell Campbell
- 2 ..... Gerald Ellis
- 3 ..... Dale Putman

### DISTRICT NINE

May 16

#### Tractor/Lowboy

- 1 ..... Jeff Upton
- 2 ..... Charles Christopher
- 3 ..... Greg Criner

#### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Keith Carpenter
- 2 ..... Joey Fierro
- 3 ..... Carroll Lawrence

#### Single Axle Dump Truck

- 1 ..... Fay Walden
- 2 ..... Terry Eidson
- 3 ..... Ronnie Friddle

#### Tractor/Mower

- 1 ..... Jeff Hudgens
- 2 ..... Doug Austin
- 3 ..... Arvel McConnell

#### Backhoe

- 1 ..... Bobby Kelley
- 2 ..... Stacy Johnson
- 3 ..... Scott Graham

#### Motor Patrol

- 1 ..... Howard Farmer
- 2 ..... Lance Baker
- 3 ..... Tony Parnell

# AHTD PEOPLE



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## NEW EMPLOYEES

### LEGAL

**Barbara Batiste, Charles Dirden**, Attorneys

### MAINTENANCE

**Christopher Cooper**, Communications Maint. Spec.  
**Kyle Beasley, Loyd Haas, Fred Coombes**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

**Maria Hanley**, Cartographer I

### RIGHT OF WAY

**Kristy Lee**, Office Admin. Assistant I  
**Dawn Russell**, Office Admin. Assistant II

### DISTRICT ONE

**Donella Hardy, James Smith, Jr.**, General Laborers  
**Tammy Crum**, Single Axle Truck Driver  
**Ivan Coburn**, Motorist Assistance Provider

### DISTRICT TWO

**Noah Peek**, Skill Trades Trainee  
**Gary Hix**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

### DISTRICT FOUR

**Paul Pratt**, Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT FIVE

**Sandra Hartsell**, General Laborer

### DISTRICT SIX

**Bobby Jacks, Deborah Sunior**, Single Axle Truck Drivers  
**Jennifer Primm**, General Laborer

### DISTRICT SEVEN

**Gary Clark, James Kilpatrick**, Single Axle Truck Drivers  
**Ricky Cummings, William Walker**, Gen. Laborers  
**Pennie Garner**, Field Clerk I

### DISTRICT EIGHT

**Berkley Snider**, General Laborer

### DISTRICT NINE

**Charles Martin**, Single Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT TEN

**Mark Russell, Katherine Burt**, Single Axle Truck Drivers  
**William Henry**, General Laborer  
**Carolyn Brister**, Field Clerk I  
**Tony Crafton**, Civil Engineer

## PROMOTIONS

### MAINTENANCE

**Becky Smith**, Admin. Aide III

### MATERIALS

**Terry Kirtley**, Chemist III  
**Jim Mitchell**, Materials Technician II  
**Steve Ward**, Materials Technician IV

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

**Nathan Young**, Civil Engineer II

### DISTRICT 1

**William Ball**, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
**Anthony Flex, Herbert Wiley**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

**Terry Harris**, Dozer Operator/Finish

### DISTRICT 2

**Bobby Barnett, David Reed, Sr.**, Distributor/Roller Operators  
**Frances Betts, Leslie Hinton**, Area Hdqtrs. Attds.  
**David Defir**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

### DISTRICT 3

**Kelly Alexander, Joseph Carlton, James Parker, Jennifer Rodgers**, Single Axle Truck Drivers  
**Tracy Ford, Kermit Glasgow, Jr., Johnny Pruitt**, Multi-Axle Truck Drivers  
**Jeremy McKelvy**, Distributor/Roller Operator

### DISTRICT 4

**Yvonne Blair**, Maintenance Aide I  
**Pamela Kerivan**, Const. Materials Inspector

### DISTRICT 5

**Timothy Dunlap**, Resident Engineer

### DISTRICT 6

**Jimmy Ables, Melvin Wylie, Jr.**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.  
**Ray Chamberlain**, Senior Inspector  
**Christina Cole**, Crew Leader  
**Harold Ford**, Maintenance Aide II  
**Sondra Turner**, Maintenance Aide I  
**Chris Worlow**, Paver Operator

### DISTRICT 7

**John Brandon**, Area Maintenance Supv.  
**Rudolph Coleman**, Construction Aide III  
**Nina Ingram**, District Bookkeeper  
**William Johnson**, Spreader Operator  
**John Melson, Jessie Rice**, Single Axle Truck Drs.

### DISTRICT 8

**Debbie Anderson**, Roller Operator  
**Joseph Knight**, Construction Field Engineer I  
**Kenneth Pittman, Jr.**, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.  
**John Roy, Sr.**, Equipment Maintenance Supv.

### DISTRICT 9

**Cecil Armer**, Maintenance Aide I  
**Randall Williams**, Pilot-Deck Hand

### DISTRICT 10

**Christopher Allbritton, Wayne Hay**, Const. Aides III  
**Richard Allen**, Construction Helper II  
**Kevin Foster**, Const. Materials Inspector  
**Jimmy McKinney, James Travis**, Motor Patrol Operators/Finish  
**Walter McMillan**, District Const. Engineer  
**Bobby Wade**, Const. Project Coordinator

## SERVICE

### 40 YEARS

**Curtis Graham**, D2 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

### 30 YEARS

**Jerry Dixon**, P&R Admin. Asst. III  
**Kit Carson**, Surveys Division Head  
**Paul Anderson**, D5 Construction Aide I  
**Bobby Reynolds**, D8 Multi-Axle Truck Dr.  
**James Martin**, D9 Construction Aide II

### 25 YEARS

**Terry Wright**, Comp. Services Admin. Asst. III  
**Steve Malcom**, Fiscal Services Maint. Inv. Coord.  
**Jacky Simmons**, AHP Sergeant  
**Jack Hart**, Materials Inspector

**Debbie Holmes**, ROW Office Admin. Asst. III

**Gary Fletcher**, D2 Senior Inspector  
**James Wolfe**, D2 Const. Project Coordinator  
**John Carr**, D4 Finish Carpenter  
**David Bartlett**, D8 Sign Crew Supervisor  
**James Morgan**, D10 Area Hdqtrs. Attendant

### 20 YEARS

**Judy Manes**, Comp. Services Technical Coord.  
**Annette Swift**, E&P Office Admin. Asst. I  
**Earnest Boykin**, D2 Crew Leader  
**Dennis Clark**, D3 Const. Aide III  
**Larry Steinsiek**, D4 Const. Helper II  
**Jimmy Nail**, D6 Crew Leader  
**Larry Martin**, D8 Maintenance Aide II

### 15 YEARS

**Rickey Grissom**, E&P Crew Leader  
**James Cash**, AHP Investigator  
**Darrell Gray**, Surveys Technician II  
**Lewis James**, D4 Bridge Repairer I  
**Andrew May**, D8 Maintenance Aide II

### 10 YEARS

**Terry Vittitow**, Environmental Analyst I  
**Johnny DeBord**, AHP Patrol Officer First Class  
**Roy Treadwell**, Maint. HB Crew Leader  
**Steve Weston**, P&R Trans. Study Coordinator  
**Richard Hearn**, D6 Rest Area Attendant  
**David Steelman**, D7 Roller Operator  
**Marilyn Harris**, D7 Area Hdqtrs. Attendant  
**Ken Thornton**, D7 Inspector  
**Stacy Burge**, D9 Const. Field Engineer II

### 5 YEARS

**Jeanna Arnold**, D2 Construction Aide I  
**Kirk Howard**, D2 Single Axle Truck Driver  
**James Carlton, II**, D4 Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator  
**Gary DeWitt**, D4 Elect., Pl. & Mech. Repairer  
**Serrita Pense**, D4 Maintenance Aide I  
**Esther Hamm**, D4 Maintenance Aide I  
**Cathie Zachry**, D7 Receptionist  
**James Reynolds**, D7 Inspector  
**John Whitson**, D8 Maintenance Aide II  
**Gerald James**, D9 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

## RETIREMENTS

**Rosevelt Williams**, D1 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired April 3 with 13 years

**Gary Barham**, D3 Crew Leader, retired April 19 with 26 years

**Steve Balch**, D4 Construction Aide I, retired April 5 with 28 years

**Charlotte Nutt**, D7 Bookkeeper, retired April 16 with 22 years

**Floyd Denney**, D8 Asphalt Tank Truck Driver, retired April 24 with 22 years

**Robert Mott**, D8 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired April 24 with 16 years

**Joe Hurst**, D8 Inspector, retired April 3 with 27 years

**Bob Faulkner**, D10 Construction Engineer, retired April 18 with 36 years

**Richard Stuart**, D10 Construction Project Coordinator, retired April 24 with 39 years