

# Center Line

## AHTD Kicks Off Litter Reporting Campaign

With roadside litter an escalating problem throughout the state, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has announced a new Violator Reporting System and 24-hour, toll-free hotline to ask motorists' assistance in helping solve the problem.

"More than 60,000 cubic yards of trash was collected this year from our state highways," stated AHTD Director Dan Flowers. "That's enough to fill a football field almost four stories high."

As a result, highway officials are encouraging motorists who spot a littering violation along any streets, roads or highways to call 1-866-811-1222 to report the situation. Phone calls will be answered 24 hours a day by an office of the Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) who will record the incident. A letter will then be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle regarding the violation.

"Information about recurring violations reported from the same vehicle will be tracked and may eventually result in an in-person visit by an Arkansas Highway Police Officer to investigate the problem," said AHP Chief Ron Burks. "Our goal is not to issue ci-

tations, but to let citizens know this is a problem we take seriously and will pursue thoroughly to enforce Arkansas' litter laws," added Burks.

Eight other states in the U.S. have implemented violator-reporting programs with great success.

"Not only will a reduction in roadside litter improve the enjoyment of residents and visitors who travel our highways, but it's a great preservation of our natural environment and will save taxpayer money being spent on cleaning up the discarded trash of careless motorists," stated Highway Commission Chairman Prissy Hickerson.

For more information about the new 1-866-811-1222 Litter Reporting Hotline, contact the AHTD Public Affairs Office at 501-569-2227.



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## United Way Contributions Exceed Goal

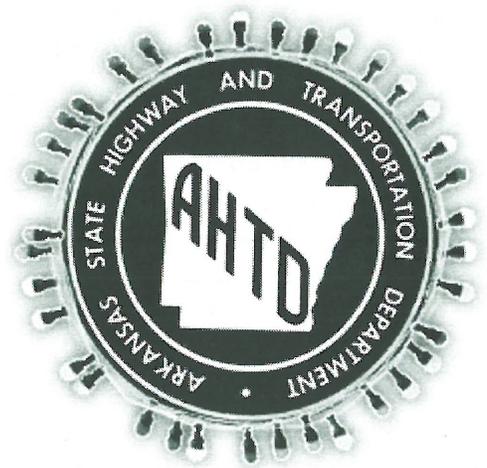
AHTD employees came through in a big way for the 2004 United Way campaign. As the campaign came to a close, AHTD had surpassed the set goal by contributing a total of \$19,855.25. The total also exceeds the amount raised last year. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved this year.

Among the Districts, employees in District 5 led the way this year by contributing \$3,172. At the Central Office, contributions totaled \$12,943.

Hats are off to all of our coordinators for helping to make this year's drive a success. The coordinators were...

Needra Sisson,  
Betty Carter-Johnson,  
Ala Mae Flenory, Mary Bryant,  
Lyndal Waits, Karen Colclasure,  
Sam Bradshaw, Nancy Keeling,  
Debra Meyer, Steve Leath,  
Mike Tackett, Chad Walker,  
Brenda Walden, Brandy Campbell,  
Shelly Morrow, Randy Lively,  
Pat Brown, Carla Edwards,  
Patti Bryant, Bruce Hurlbut,  
Ann Prosper, Danya Steele,  
Johnna Thomas, Pat Bending,  
Jimmie Sneed, Bob Colford,  
Jennifer Williams, Tammy  
Jernigan, Trey Foster, Mitzi Dunn  
and Tammy Schiff.

**The Arkansas State  
Highway Commission  
and Director  
wish you a safe  
and  
happy holiday season!**



**Prissy Hickerson, Chairman**  
**Jonathan Barnett, Vice Chairman**  
**Carl Rosenbaum, Member**  
**R. Madison Murphy, Member**  
**J.W. "Buddy" Benafield, Member**  
**&**  
**Dan Flowers, Director of Highways  
and Transportation**

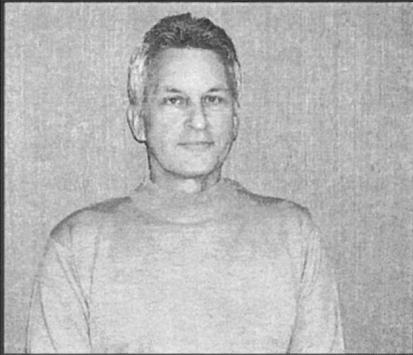
# W H I N T E R H O L I D A Y S

The following days are state holidays for Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department employees during which all work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

- Thursday & Friday, December 23 - 24, 2004, for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.
- Friday, December 31, 2004, for New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 17, 2005, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



## Carl Harrell Performs at Clinton Library Opening



Harrell sang "America the Beautiful" as part of Central Arkansas' 35-member River City Men's Chorus.

Friends and fellow church choir members asked Carl Harrell, Administrative Assistant I in Fiscal Services, if he would be interested in being part of a new men's chorus that was forming back in 2002. With men from various choirs

around central Arkansas, the River City Men's Chorus was formed.

Success has followed with live performances, CD sales, a grant from the Arkansas Arts Council and, most recently, an appearance at the opening of the Clinton Presidential Center.

An entertainment firm in New York chose entertainers for the event. Each group was allowed to perform one song. The River City Men's Chorus selected an arrangement of "America the Beautiful," featuring four verses, five key changes and one acappella verse.

The day before the opening, the chorus endured a six-hour rehearsal for the four-minute performance.

"The event staff was very accommodating, giving us breakfast, snacks and lunch," stated Harrell. "Home for the two days was a large white tent called the 'Green Room' with carpeting, tables, chairs and two big-screen TVs."

The day of the performance, the chorus was scheduled to report for duty dressed in tuxedos at 5:45 a.m. "Should I mention the weather?" Harrell joked.

"The view from the stage was amazing... thousands of people, the library as a backdrop, watching ourselves on the jumbotrons and seeing our conductor play an electric piano in the rain," Harrell commented.

Celebrity sightings included the former Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper, Prime Minister Peres of Israel and former President Bill Clinton, his wife, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter Chelsea.

"We were told afterwards that the Nielson Ratings for the Clinton event was 40 million households."

If you would like more information on the River City Men's Chorus, you can visit their website at [www.rivercitymenschorus.com](http://www.rivercitymenschorus.com).



Legal: (l. to r.) Maria Schenetzke, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, receives her 20-year service award from Chief Counsel Robert Wilson.

District 10: (l. to r.) Recently receiving their 5-year service awards were Dustin James, Rest Area Attendant; Wilford Heggins, Motor Patrol Operator; Levi Campbell, Single Axle Truck Driver and (not pictured) Tina Horn, Rest Area Attendant.



District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, presents service awards to Buddy Shipp, Crew Leader, for 30 years; David Mayberry, District Bridge Job Superintendent, for 25 years; Jerry Biffle, Motor Patrol Operator, for 25 years; and Alvin Warren, Crew Leader, for 20 years.

District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, presents service awards to Buddy Shipp, Crew Leader, for 30 years; David Mayberry, District Bridge Job Superintendent, for 25 years; Jerry Biffle, Motor Patrol Operator, for 25 years; and Alvin Warren, Crew Leader, for 20 years.

Construction: (l. to r.) Jason Efird, Resident Engineer in the Nashville Office, presented Bill Ryan, Senior Inspector, with his 10-year service certificate.



District 10: (l. to r.) Recently receiving their 10-year service awards were Debbie Myrick, Hydraulic Exc. Operator-Finish; Gerald Ellis, Senior Mechanic; Shalane Swafford - Dozer Operator-Finish and (not pictured) Jason Orrick, Motor Patrol Operator.

District 1: (l. to r.) Receiving their 5-year service awards recently were Raymond Rogers, Maintenance Aide I; Bruce Murray, Maintenance Aide II; Tracy Wallace, Maintenance Aide I; Herman Greenwood, Single Axle Truck Driver; Terry Dildine, Roller Operator; Michael Courtney, Motor Patrol Operator; and John Pruett, Jr., Backhoe/ Frontend Loader Operator.



District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, presents service awards to Rick Day, Distributor Roller Operator, for 5 years; Calvin Brannon, Motor Patrol Operator, for 5 years; and Kerry Ellison, District Janitor, for 10 years.

District 1: James Barte, Jr., Senior Inspector, recently received his 10-year service award.

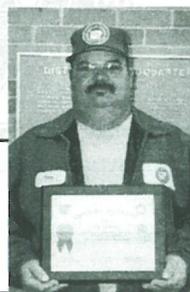


District 10: (l. to r.) Recently receiving their 15-year service awards were James Miller, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish; Gilbretta Darter, Area Headquarters Attendant; Ricky Hale - Hydraulic Excavator Operator - Finish.



District 1: (l. to r.) Tracy Heard, Single Axle Truck Driver, recently received his 5-year service award.

District 1: Troy Tims, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 15-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Receiving 5-year service awards recently were Robert Gray, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Willie C. Berry, Jr., Distributor/Roller Operator; Lowell Cooper, Bridge Repairer I and David McKissick, Backhoe/Frontend Loader Operator.

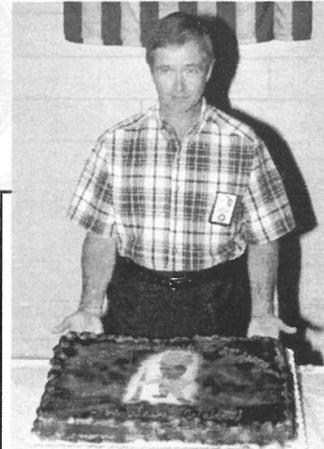




Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Tom Simpson receives his 5-year service award from CPT Don Hastings.



Planning & Research: Paul Carr, Data Collection Supervisor, killed this deer November 13, 2004, in Randolph county.



District 9: Gerald Teague, District Maintenance Engineer, retired November 1, 2004, with 28+ years of service.

Right of Way: Ryan Hodges recently won trophies and a medal for Extreme Weapons and Form in Karate. Ryan is the son of Dale Hodges, Plans Designer II.



Maintenance (l. to r.) Chad Walker, Striping Machine Driver, Statewide Striping Crew, receives his 5-year service award from Tony Evans, Staff Maintenance Engineer.

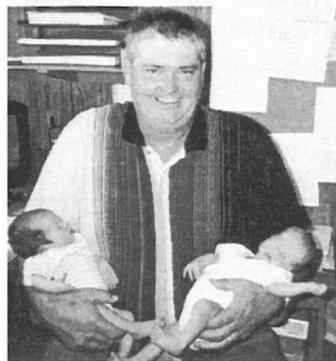


Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Robert Sellers receives his 5-year service award from CPT Don Hastings.



District 1: (l. to r.) Raymond Hansberry, Crew Leader, recently received his 15-year service award.

District 2: Marilyn Elizabeth Bates, 10 mos. old, recently won the title of 2004 Wiggins Cabin Queen. She is the granddaughter of Marilyn Bates, Area Station Attendant.



District 2: Dale McGriff, Crew Leader, is pictured with his twin grandsons, Dillon & Colby McBryde, born October 2004.

Legal: (l. to r.) Joanne Moren, Administrative Aide V, receives her 15-year service award from Chief Counsel Robert Wilson.



Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Tom Falls receives his 5-year service award from CPT Don Hastings.



Sharon Middleton (r.) and friend stand in front of the Silver Palace Pagoda, in Kyoto, Japan. Sharon is attending a semester abroad at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata City, Japan. Sharon is the daughter of Margaret Middleton, Senior Design Technician.

District 4: Robert Kolb, Senior Body Repairer and Painter, recently received his 20-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Jerry Mitchell, Bridge Repairer II and Jeffery Collier, Area Maintenance Supervisor, each recently received their 15-year service awards.

Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Robert Garrett receives his 5-year service award from CPT Don Hastings.





District 8: (l. to r.) Cameron Matchett, age 4, is holding his 2 month old nephew, Thane Williams. Cameron is the son of Debbie Matchett, Bridge Crew.



District 1: (l. to r.) Recently receiving their 10-year service awards were Ricky Ivy, Motor Patrol Operator, and Roger Johnson, Construction Aide II.



Heavy Bridge Maintenance: (l. to r.) Garland Land, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents to Kevin Rogers, Bridge Repairer II, his 5-year service award.



Right of Way: Donald Mitchell, Plans Designer II, killed this 200 lb., 8-point buck recently while hunting east of Quitman.



Legal: (l. to r.) Kim Jewell, Office Administrative Assistant V, receives her 15-year service award from Chief Counsel Robert Wilson.



District 8: (l. to r.) Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer, presents to Danny Roy, Construction Project Coordinator, his 20-year service award.



District 8: (l. to r.) Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer, presents to David Huggins, Senior Construction Material Inspector, his 25-year service award.



Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Jeff Bickerstaff receives his 5-year service award from CPT Don Hastings.



District 9: (l. to r.) Butch Martin, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Ron Stanfill, Gentry Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 30-year service award.



Legal: (l. to r.) Jody Wittke, Legal Aide, receives her 5-year service award from Chief Counsel Robert Wilson.



District 9: (l. to r.) Butch Martin, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Charles 'Kit' Core, Carroll Co. Area Maintenance Supervisor his 30-year service award.

District 1: Roger Specking, District Bridge Job Superintendent, recently received his 20-year service award.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) John Sullivan, Striping Machine Driver, Statewide Striping Crew, receives his 5-year service award from Tony Evans, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



Right of Way: Emma Hodges recently celebrated her 3rd birthday. She is the daughter of Dale Hodges, Plans Designer II.

District 10: (l. to r.) Ronnie Hinkle, Welder, and Willie Mitchell, Crew Leader, recently received their 20-year service awards.



Fiscal Services: (l. to r.) Larry Dickerson, Chief Fiscal Officer, presents to Mike Boyd, Administrative Officer V, his 10-year service award.



# The Staff Minute



Featuring a different AHTD employee each month.

**Employee:** Lonnie Hazel

**Position:** Area Maintenance Supervisor, District 3, Miller County

**Length of Service:** 20+ years

**Duties:** A few of the job duties within the county include supervising and scheduling work for a crew of 20 people. I am also responsible for inventory of 42 pieces of equipment and all maintenance material assigned to Miller County, as well as maintaining approximately 250 road miles.

Since we are a bordering city, I work closely with the Texas DOT on Interstate 30 and Stateline Avenue in Texarkana. I also coordinate projects between state, city and county officials and all utility companies within the county.

Currently I am responsible for the existing Tourist Information Center on Interstate 30 and will be responsible for the new Welcome Center opening December 16, 2004, on Interstate 30.

I also work with contract mowers on five routes in the county. In addition, we provide maintenance of special landscaping projects on Interstate 30 and Highway 245.

**Favorite or most interesting part of job:** My favorite thing about this job and every job within the Department is the benefits given to the employees. We have one of the best packages offered. Very few com-

panies offer a vacation and a sick leave package that compares to the one we have.

The most interesting part of my job is the challenges we have every day. I enjoy working with the crew and the different people throughout the county. When I meet a challenge, I like to set a goal to help accomplish that challenge. I like to set monthly, weekly and daily goals. I have a career goal; I plan to have 2000 hours of sick leave when I retire.

**Background:** I started with the Department in February 1984 on the Spring Bank Ferry as a Deck Hand. I was promoted to Deck Hand Pilot, then to Pilot. In 1992, I was promoted to Ferry Supervisor where I worked until April 1995 when the Ferry closed. I transferred to Miller

Headquarters as a Crew Leader and was promoted to Area Maintenance Supervisor in 1999.

**Family:** I am single with one son, Daniel Hazel.

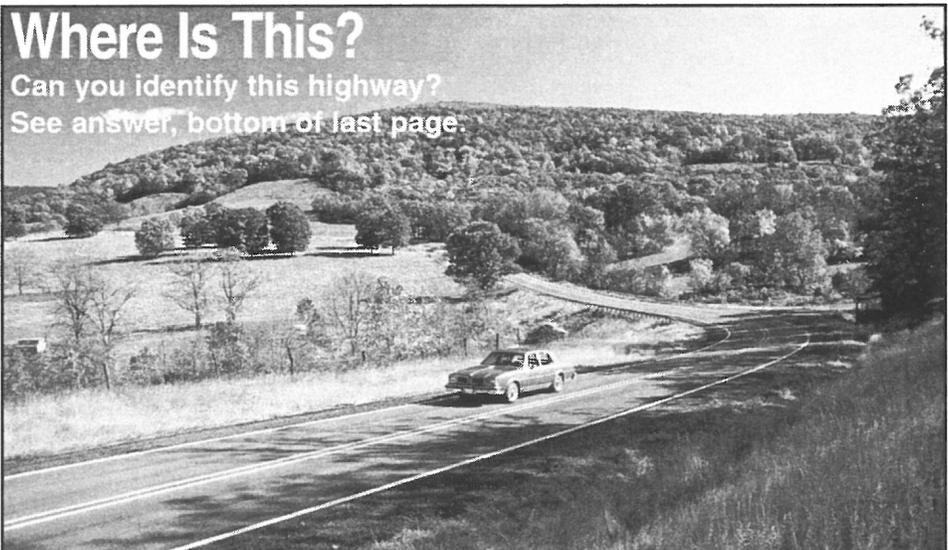
**Hobbies/Interests:** As stated earlier I love working with people and do a lot of volunteer work in and around the Doddridge Community where I live. I cook fish two times a year for the Doddridge Volunteer Fire Department, the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Groups. I also sponsor an annual fish fry for the Doddridge Methodist Church where I am an active member. I am a certified boating safety and hunter education instructor for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. In my spare time, I like to work in the garden, hunt and fish.



Lonnie Hazel,  
District 3

## Where Is This?

Can you identify this highway?  
See answer, bottom of last page.



## NEW EMPLOYEES

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Tina Jones Field Clerk I

**MAINTENANCE**  
Thomas Averett Telecommunications Opr.  
Jimmy Beams Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 1**  
Joe Germany Single Axle Truck Driver  
Kellie Wyrick General Laborer

**DISTRICT 3**  
Dennis Boyd Guard

**DISTRICT 4**  
George Banhart Single Axle Truck Driver  
Robert Truelock Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 6**  
Gregory Ayers Single Axle Truck Driver  
Eddie Short Single Axle Truck Driver  
Richard Tyler Single Axle Truck Driver

## PROMOTIONS

**BRIDGE**  
Barbara Cox Office Administrative Assistant V

**MATERIALS**  
David Ross Civil Engineer III

**DISTRICT 1**  
Philip Norman Senior Inspector  
Percy Word Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 2**  
Karen Avants Single Axle Truck Driver  
Cathy Blasengame Area Hq. Attendant  
Royce Edmondson Senior Mechanic  
Daniel Prevatte Single Axle Truck Driver  
Johnnie Tillman Senior Mechanic  
Craig Uranga Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 3**  
Chris Clayton Single Axle Truck Driver  
Brian Imler Senior Inspector  
Charles Rogers Senior Inspector  
Heather Simmons Single Axle Truck Driver  
Jeremy Taylor Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 4**  
Jeremy Bowles Distributor/Roller Operator  
Jimmie Jetton Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 5**  
Marcus Holland Single Axle Truck Driver  
David Norris Civil Engineer II

**DISTRICT 6**  
Andre Jackson Spreader Operator

**DISTRICT 7**  
James Hawkins Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Jermey Purifoy Bridge Repairer I

**DISTRICT 8**  
Wendell Allen Area Headquarters Attendant  
Keith Goff Construction Field Engr. II  
John Johnson Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Gregory Konkel Maintenance Aide I  
Kelli Ruble Single Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT 9**  
Robert Moore Construction Field Engr. I  
Jeffrey Wheeler Resident Engineer

## SERVICE DATES

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**  
Willie Gammon Sergeant, 20 yrs.  
Norma Johnson Permit Technician, 5 yrs.

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Dwayne Cale Construction Field Engr. II, 5 yrs.  
David Craig Inspector, 10 yrs.  
Gina Files Construction Aide I, 5 yrs.  
Ronald Johnson Construction Aide I, 15 yrs.  
Angela Jordan Resident Office Tech., 10 yrs.  
George Lindsey Inspector, 35 yrs.  
Kimmy Lowrance Inspector, 25 yrs.  
Regina McDowell Construction Aide I, 5 yrs.  
Russell McNeill Constr. Materials Insp., 5 yrs.  
Calvin Nutt Construction Proj. Coord., 20 yrs.  
Darron Tytler Inspector, 20 yrs.

**EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT**  
George Minor, Jr. Senior Mechanic, 15 yrs.

**FISCAL SERVICES**  
Mike Boyd Administrative Officer V, 10 yrs.

**HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE**  
Kevin Rogers Bridge Repairer II, 5 yrs.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**  
Diane Keene Mail and Supply Supv., 25 yrs.  
Donna Martin Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.

**MATERIALS**  
Thomas Greenway Laboratory Coord., 30 yrs.

**PLANNING & RESEARCH**  
Sharon Baker Staff Administrative Asst., 5 yrs.

**REPRODUCTION**  
Dwayne Stokes Sr. Reproduction Opr., 25 yrs.

**SURVEYS**  
William Wheeler Surveys Technician II, 15 yrs.

**DISTRICT 1**  
Ray Woodruff District Engineer, 30 yrs.

**DISTRICT 2**  
Perry Bledsoe Backh./F.E. Loader Op., 25 yrs.  
Jeff Hart Equipment Maint. Supv., 15 yrs.  
Carrie Hudson Bridge Repairer I, 10 yrs.  
Bobby Oglesby Storeroom Assistant II, 15 yrs.  
Steve Sites Motor Patrol Operator-Fin., 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 3**  
Coy Clayborn Bridge Repairer II, 25 yrs.  
Jeffery Featherston Dozer Opr. - Fin., 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 4**  
John McLaughlin Motor Pat. Opr.-Fin., 30 yrs.

**DISTRICT 5**  
Sara Gates Fuel Clerk, 5 yrs.  
Gary Lockett Backhoe/F.E. Loader Opr, 20 yrs.  
Raymond Rattton Crew Leader, 15 yrs.

**DISTRICT 6**  
Danny Garrett Bridge Repairer II, 15 yrs.  
Todd Nebling Area Maint. Supervisor, 15 yrs.

**DISTRICT 7**  
Danny Deal Sr. Body Repairer/Painter, 20 yrs.  
Russell Hopper Hydr. Excav. Opr.-Fin., 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 8**  
Ricky Day Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 9**  
Dennis Drewry Crew Leader, 15 yrs.  
Donald Flowers Backh./F.E. Loader Opr., 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 10**  
Ronnie Hinkle Welder, 20 yrs.  
Tina Horn Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs.  
Carl White Maintenance Aide II, 35 yrs.

## RETIREMENTS

**DISTRICT 9**  
Laura Ball Maintenance Aide I, 10+ YRS  
Gerald Teague District Maint. Engr., 28+ YRS

## MEMORIALS

**Jack A. Biffle**  
Retired employee, District 8, died 11/30/04

**James Everidge**  
Retired Employee, District 5, died 11/20/2004

**Lonnie F. Radford**  
Retired employee, Surveys, died 10/22/04

## ACTIVE DUTY

AHTD has many employees in the armed services. This is a listing of those who have been deployed to serve our country. This list is current as of November 30, 2004. The Department presently has 21 employees on Active Duty .

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**  
James Clark Sergeant 11/1/02  
Shawn Foust Sergeant 2/15/2003  
Henry Lewis Permit Tech. 1/28/03  
Jack Stepp Sergeant 10/12/03

**Environmental**  
Bart Dudley Env. Analyst I 10/13/03

**Maintenance**  
Bishop Terrell Sign Maker II 10/13/03

**Reproduction**  
Mark Green Repro. Tech. 10/13/03

**District 1**  
James Barte Senior Inspector 9/28/04  
R.M. Ferrell Backh./F.E. Loader Opr. 1/20/04  
Lamaris Mitchell Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03  
Gary Morton Motorist Asst. Provider 1/30/03

**District 2**  
Andrew Maddox Motor Patrol Opr. 1/30/03  
Lloyd Robinson Single Axle Truck Dr. 10/8/03

**DISTRICT 4**  
Leslie Barnett Const. Proj. Coord. 10/13/04

**District 6**  
Shirley Hammett Area Hq. Att. 7/20/04  
J.W. McDorman Dist. Bridge Insp. Hlpr. 1/20/04  
Alfred Langford Maint. Aide II 10/13/04

**District 8**  
Michael Bunton Single Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03  
William Fales Backh./F.E. Loader Opr. 10/13/03

**District 9**  
Ashley Hale Ferry Boat Pilot 3/15/04  
Randall Williams Pilot-Deck Hand 3/15/04

The Arkansas Highway Commission has scheduled the following Commission Meeting and Letting dates for the year 2005:



January 5  
February 16  
March 30  
May 4  
June 22  
August 10  
September 28  
November 9

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson,  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member

R. Madison Murphy,  
Member

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Member

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Answer to "Where Is This?"  
State Highway 263  
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