

Center Line

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U of A Honors Two From Department

The University of Arkansas recently recognized two top Department employees. Director Dan Flowers received the 2005 University of Arkansas College of Engineering's Distinguished Alumni Award. Scott Bennett, Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, was recognized with the Young Alumni Award from the College. The College of Engineering Alumni Awards Banquet was held on April 9, 2005, in Fayetteville.

The Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award recognizes exceptional professional and personal achievement. The Young Engineering Alumni Award also recognizes exceptional professional and personal achievement focusing on graduates who are under the age of 40. The College of Engineering alumni, faculty and staff members submitted nominations. The award selection committee was composed of engineering alumni leaders, department heads, faculty members and staff.



(l. to r.) Bob Elliott, Civil Engineering Department Head, with Alumni award recipients Grady Harvell, President of AFCO Steel; Dan Flowers, AHTD Director; and Scott Bennett, AHTD Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning.

Retirement Board

Elections

Nominations are being accepted this month to fill two spots on the AHTD Retirement Board. Employees will receive a nomination ballot in the mail to specify two nominees to replace Scott Bennett, Chairman, and Jim Chaney, Retiree Member, whose terms end next month.

Members currently on the Retirement Board are:

- Scott Bennett, Chairman (term ends 6/30/05)
- Bob Walters, Vice-Chairman, Member*
- Jim Chaney, Retiree Member (term ends 6/30/05)
- Teddy Widner, Member (term ends 6/30/06)
- Larry Dickerson, Executive Secretary*

Employee members will nominate a fellow employee. DROP participants and retired employees are eligible for nomination to the Board as a retired member. An election ballot will be mailed to all members after the nominating vote tabulation.

*These board positions coincide with the job titles of Chief Engineer and Chief Fiscal Officer, respectively.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 2005, will be a holiday for AHTD employees in observance of Memorial Day. Work will be suspended statewide, except for cases of emergency.

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Fiscal Services: Emma Claire Sawyer was born March 29, 2005, to Jay and Caroline Sawyer of Siloam Springs. Jay is a former intern for the Legal Division. He will graduate from the University of Arkansas School of Law in May with a Juris Doctorate. Emma Claire is the granddaughter of Rhonda Melton, Coding Technician.



Planning & Research: Payton Adams is graduating from kindergarden this year at Ward Central Elementary. Payton is the daughter of Woody & Lori Adams. Woody is a Research Assistant.



District 5: Summer Renee Thorn recently earned the title of Little Miss Three Rivers. She is the daughter of Brian Thorn, Station Attendant.



District 7: Madison Michele Runyon was born March 31, 2005. She is the granddaughter of Julie & James Riley. James is a Single Axle Truck Driver.

Legal: Breanna Jewell is graduating from 5th grade at Salem Elementary this year. Breanna is the daughter of Kim Jewell, Office Administrative Assistant V.



District 7: Linda McCaskill, Rest Area Attendant in Clark County, was honored with a luncheon on February 23rd for her retirement.



Maintenance: Lena Romine will graduate from ASU Jonesboro with a BSE in Social Studies. She is the daughter of Ronnie & Linda Romine. Ronnie is a Paint Transport Truck Driver.



District 7: Eric Green (l.) and Aggie Kizziar (r.), students at Ouachita Public School, are the grandchildren of Rosie Smith, Rest Area Attendant.



District 4 Employees Recognized

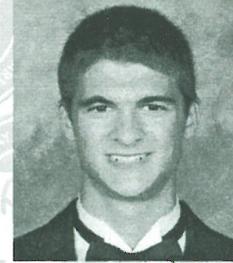
District 4 received three awards at United Blood Services' 3rd Annual Recognition Dinner at the Holiday Inn Civic Center on March 16.

Awards were the *4 Seasons Award* for participating in a blood program four times a year, the *Holiday Hero Award* for participating during the week of a major holiday and the *Best Participation Award* among all participating organizations.

Right of Way: Trey Stitt, age 3, holds his friend, "El Rooster," as his dog, "Buddy" looks on. Trey is the son of Mona Stitt, Office Administrative Assistant III.



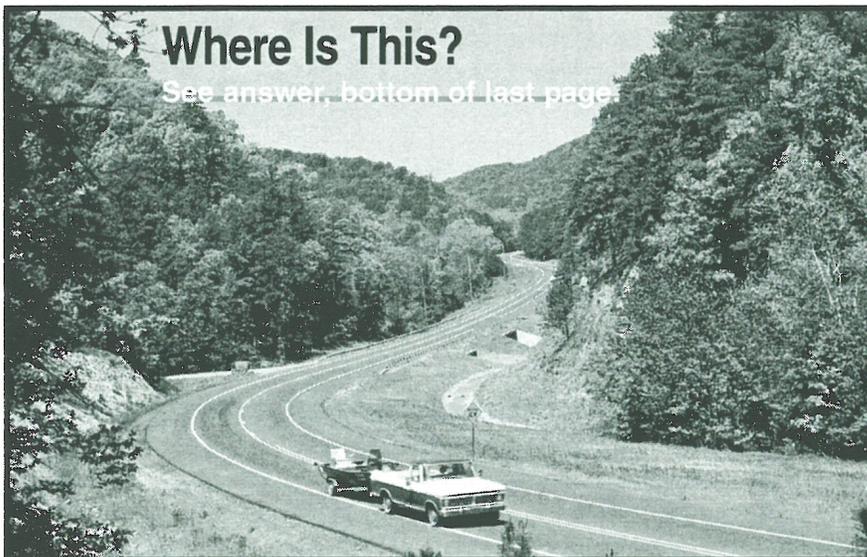
Heavy Bridge Maintenance: Ben Winkler, III, will graduate from Des Arc High School this year. He is the son of Ben, Jr. and Susan Winkler. "Big" Ben is Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor.



State Aid: Benjamin David Mayo will graduate from Little Rock Hall High School this year. He is the son of David & Lannece Mayo. David is Assistant Division Head.



District 7: Keeton Hudson will graduate from Warren High School this year. He is the son of Don and Allison Hudson. Don is a Hydraulic Excavator.

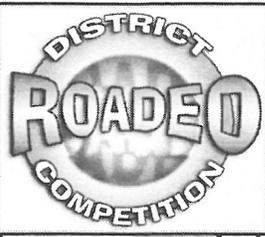


Where Is This?

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AHTD's Project Management Team for the Highway 62 project in Farmington was recognized in April. Pictured are (l. to r.) Lynn Malbrough, Section Head - Public Involvement, Environmental; Bob Green, Staff Design Engineer, Roadway Design; Deborah Mathis, Senior Bridge Designer, Bridge; Randy Lewis, Acquisition Section Head, Right of Way; and Erica Michael, Civil Engineer II, Programs & Contracts. Not pictured is Farrell Adams, Photogrammetry Section Head, Surveys.



2005 AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

Districts 3, 4, 9 & 10 results will be in the June issue. FINALS will be held June 9, 2005.

	DISTRICT SEVEN March 24, 2005	DISTRICT ONE March 31, 2005	DISTRICT EIGHT April 7, 2005	DISTRICT FIVE April 14, 2005
TRACTOR /LOWBOY	1st - Bryan Ryder 2nd - Tim Wood 3rd - Bill Wilkerson	1st - Harold Mullins 2nd - Russ Curbo 3rd - James Leon	1st - Darrell Barnes 2nd - Glen Chavers 3rd - Scott Blair	1st - Wesley Hall 2nd - Ruth Moody 3rd - Ryan Herndon
TANDEM AXLE DUMPTRUCK	1st - Nathan Boyd 2nd - Lonnie Teague 3rd - John Nelson	1st - Johnny Light 2nd - Jeremy Burnett 3rd - Julius Miller	1st - David Pruitt 2nd - Jay Rankin 3rd - Kyle Ritchie	1st - Ronnie Majors 2nd - Kevin Pendergrass 3rd - Gavin Franke
SINGLE AXLE DUMPTRUCK	1st - Jeremy Evans 2nd - Chase Arnold 3rd - Dennis Burke	1st - Jimmy Pulley 2nd - Bill Eaves 3rd - Kenny Balch	1st - Joe Villalobos 2nd - Kenny Howard 3rd - Paul Burris	1st - Steve Powell 2nd - Andy McLaughlin 3rd - Anthony Cossey
TRACTOR /MOWER	1st - David Grice 2nd - Charlotte Quimby 3rd - Jeremy Cain	1st - Earnest Rose 2nd - Coleman Nesbitt 3rd - Joey Henson	1st - Randy Tankersley 2nd - Josh Bryant 3rd - Lesia Reeves	1st - Floyd Haley 2nd - John Harness 3rd - Randy Rector
BACKHOE	1st - Anthony Prescott 2nd - Donald Crawford 3rd - Jason Nutt	1st - Michael Howard 2nd - Manford Ferrell 3rd - Floyd Grimes	1st - Randy White 2nd - Scott Craig 3rd - Paul Charton	1st - David Bishop 2nd - Billy Clemons 3rd - Terry Stewart
MOTOR PATROL	1st - David Culp 2nd - William Hickman 3rd - Euclid Elliot	1st - Jerry Mitchell 2nd - Joey McClanahan 3rd - Stanley Ball	1st - Dennis Langston 2nd - Danny Duvall 3rd - Calvin Brannon	1st - Willie McCord 2nd - John Rodgers 3rd - Jason Seaton

The Staff Minute

A different AHTD employee is featured here each month.



ment. They are wonderful individuals that I'll never forget.

Background and Family: I was raised in Waldron and graduated from Waldron High School in 1985. I lived there with my wonderful family until I was 21. I have now lived in Fort Smith for almost 15 years. I am currently buying my own home, for me and my four dogs (it's an excellent security system). I have no children of my own, but I do have my twin nephews, Devin and Dilan (age 7). I just adore them, they are the greatest kids in the world. I also enjoy the kids in my neighborhood. I have a basketball goal and a Playstation with lots of games. They seem to enjoy having a nice place to play. Their company offers good entertainment, so I don't mind.

Name: Shannen Ray, Sign Crew Supervisor, District 4

Length of service: 11+ years. I was hired in 1993 as a General Laborer for the sign crew. After that, I became a Single Axle Truck Driver. In 1996, I was promoted to Maintenance Aide II. With hard work and dedication I was promoted to Sign Crew Supervisor in June of 2004.

Job duties: To ensure the proper installation and maintenance of signs in accordance with MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) specifications. I plan work

schedules, do sign inventory, perform audits and order signs for sign logs, night driving, etc. I take care of pavement markings such as school and railroad crossings, turnlane arrows, raised pavement markers, striping and hot tape applications. I deal directly with District Construction Engineers, Maintenance Engineers, Traffic Investigators, city and county employees, and the general public.

Favorite or most interesting part of the job: I really enjoy working outdoors. The AHTD just offers so much more. The most interesting part of the job is the people that I have met and friends I have made within the depart-

Hobbies/Interests: I like golfing, boating, fishing and playing pool or Texas Hold 'em. I love going on vacation with my family or just hanging out with them. I am also a huge fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks.

NEW EMPLOYEES

HUMAN RESOURCES

Earl Marbley General Laborer

MATERIALS

Ronald Cowens Geotechnical Aide I

DISTRICT 2

Steven Woods Single Axle Tr. Dr.

DISTRICT 3

James Huckabee General Laborer

DISTRICT 4

Billy Thomas General Laborer

DISTRICT 6

Marlin Adrow General Laborer
Sarah Mullins General Laborer
Matthew Vernich General Laborer

DISTRICT 8

Bradley Freeman Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Bobby Cortesi Single Axle Truck Driver
Alvie Spradling Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Jason Ludwig Skill Trades Trainee

PROMOTIONS

HUMAN RESOURCES

Joe Haynie Safety Inspection Officer

MATERIALS

Jonathan Brill District Laboratory Technician

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart Staff Plan. Engr.
Marion Shepherd Electronics Technician
Paul Wingfield Data Collect. Technician

RIGHT OF WAY

Donna Cook Administrative Assistant

ROADWAY DESIGN

Gary English Senior Designer
Margaret Middleton Senior Designer
Charles Palmer Adv. Design Engineer

SURVEYS

Lee Kendrick Land Surveyor I

DISTRICT 1

Andrew Blocker Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Dennis Forrest Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Edward Smith Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Percy Word Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Randy Branham Multi-Axle Truck Dr.
Vernon Fisher Crew Leader
Leo Griggs Single Axle Truck Driver
Ron Jackson Maintenance Aide I
Roy Lester, Jr. Motor Patrol Opr.-Fin.
George Nuckols Single Axle Tr. Dr.
Tina Perry Single Axle Truck Driver
Marcus Robinson Multi-Axle Tr. Dr.

DISTRICT 3

Larry Cook Construction Aide I
Tracy Neitzer Constr. Field Engr. I
Denise Tallant Resident Office Tech.

DISTRICT 4

Timothy Combs Bridge Repairer I
Nathan Reed Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Trey Stormes Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 5

James Williams Dozer Operator

DISTRICT 6

David Bienick Senior Inspector
Allen Spinks Bckh./Fr. End Loader Opr.

DISTRICT 7

Jerome Boyd Motor Patrol Operator
Jeffrey Burnett Rest Area Attendant
George Lindsey Senior Inspector
Donnie Mahan Distrib./Roller Opr.

DISTRICT 8

Helen Allred Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9 Karla Thompson Constr. Aide I

DISTRICT 10

Travis Brasher Constr. Field Engr. I
Roy Herron Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Mary Maupin Maintenance Aide II
Bradley Porter Senior Inspector I
Michael Tarry Senior Inspector I

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Ron Dupriest Permit Tech., 5 yrs.
Vicki Simmons Corporal, 25 yrs.
Mark Willis Corporal, 15 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Tim Corballis Computer Tech. II, 5 yrs.
Hedley Davies Sys. Supp. Tech. II, 10 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Edward Erick Constr. Aide II, 20 yrs.
John Falwell Inspector, 20 yrs.
Donna Gorham Field Clerk II, 10 yrs.
Joseph Hargrave Constr. Aide I, 5 yrs.
Ginger Jones Constr. Aide III, 10 yrs.
Patsy King Resident Ofc. Tech., 35 yrs.
Cheril Knox Constr. Aide I, 10 yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Doug Nielsen Division Head, 35 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Kathy Campbell Prsnl. Aud. Clk., 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE

Boyd Dickey Stripg. Crew Supv., 15 yrs.

MATERIALS

David Kraft Geo. Drill Party Chf., 15 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Mike Schiffl Comp. Mapp. Spec., 25 yrs.
Velma Smith Transp. Mgt. Analyst II, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

George McDaniel Crew Ldr., 25 yrs.
Christopher Pruitt Dist./Roller Opr., 5 yrs.
Eddie Tucker Dist. Caretaker, 15 yrs.
Lenora Wilson Motorist Asst. Prov., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

J.W. Colbert Crew Leader, 30 yrs.
Kelley Fields Elec. Pl. & Mech., 10 yrs.
Ginger Haire Guard, 15 yrs.
George Patterson Sr. Mech., 20 yrs.
Phelix Price Dist./Roller Opr., 10 yrs.
Ronnie Womack, Jr. Fin. Carpntr., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Darrell Aikens Maint. Aide I, 10 yrs.
Curtis Christopher Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., 20 yrs.
John Daniel Crew Leader, 20 yrs.
Mitchell Gatlin Bh./Fr. End Ld. Opr., 5 yrs.
Earl Scott Maint. Aide II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Keith Chambers Bh./Fr. End Ld. Opr., 5 yrs.
Gary Currier Rest Area Att., 25 yrs.
Patricia Mowrey Maint. Aide II, 20 yrs.
Michael Turner Fin. Carpenter, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Shane Martin Crew Leader, 15 yrs.
Carolyn Rapier Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.
Shandale Smith Motorist Asst. Prov., 5 yrs.
Kim Staton Motorist Asst. Prov., 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

David Jarvas Bh./Fr. End Ld. Opr., 5 yrs.
Ronnie Phillips Crew Leader, 30 yrs.
Wilson Sisson Motor Patrol Opr., 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Cal Adney Crew Leader, 25 yrs.
Darrell Carter Motor Pat. Opr.-Fin., 5 yrs.
Hank Duvall Dist. Bridge Insp. Hlp., 25 yrs.
Donna McGehee Dist. Ofc. Mgr., 25 yrs.
Kerry Powers Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 10 yrs.
Michael Sibley Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Anthony Breedlove Doz. Opr.-Fin., 15 yrs.
Gale Smith Mot. Pat. Opr.-Fin., 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Ronnie Dunbar Doz. Opr.-Fin., 10 yrs.
Gene Dunn Area Maint. Supv., 35 yrs.
Brad Fultz Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

COMPUTER SERVICES

Larry Busbea Software Analyst III, 15+ yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Bill Richardson Asst. Division Head, 28+ yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Joy Ashcraft Data Collection Tech., 10+ yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Dennis Johnson Area Maint. Supv., 28+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

Leonard C. Blevins

Retired Employee, District 5, Died 4/22/05

Richard L. Dempsey

Retired Employee, District 3, Died 4/13/05

Barney M. Doss

Retired Employee, District 2, Died 4/26/05

Jack W. Dunn

Retired Employee, District 4, Died 4/18/05

Ernest E. Faulkenberry

Retired Employee, District 10, Died 4/10/05

Martin H. Goodner

Retired Employee, District 4, Died 3/27/05

Ivie F. Justus

Retired Employee, District 10, Died 4/14/05

William A. Herring

Retired Employee, District 7, Died 4/18/05

Geraldine Kissire

Retired Employee, Construction, Died 4/25/05

Jackie G. Ninemire

Retired Employee, District 5, Died 5/02/05

Luther H. Silvius

Retired Employee, District 9, Died 4/11/05

Danny J. Smith

Retired Employee, District 8, Died 3/05/05

Plymouth A. Trotter

Retired Employee, District 4, Died 4/16/05

ACTIVE DUTY

AHTD has many employees in the armed services. This list includes those who have been deployed to serve our country. As of May 5, 2005, the Department had 9 employees on Active Duty. Dates denote either when they were deployed or when they are returning.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

James Clark Sergeant 11/1/02
Henry Lewis Permit Technician 1/28/03

DISTRICT 1

James Barte Senior Inspector 9/28/04
Lamaris Mitchell Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03

DISTRICT 2

Leoyd Robinson Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/8/03

DISTRICT 4

Leslie Barnett Const. Proj. Coord. 10/13/04

DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett Area Hq. Att. 7/20/04
Alfred Langhorn Maint. Aide II 10/13/04

DISTRICT 8

Michael Bunton Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03

RETURNING SOLDIERS:

DISTRICT 8

William Fales Backh./FE Load. Opr. 04/27/05

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson,
Chairman

Jonathan Barnett,
Vice Chairman

Carl S. Rosenbaum,
Member

R. Madison Murphy,
Member

John Ed Regenold,
Member

Dan Flowers,
AHTD Director



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