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AETN Program Explores Arkansas Bridges

If you haven't seen it already, the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) will be re-broadcasting a program that AHTD employees will be interested in watching.

"Historic Bridges of Arkansas" takes an in-depth look at some of our state's more notable bridges and the role each plays in its community. The show is just under one hour in length and was produced by Casey Sanders and others on the AETN staff. The AHTD partnered with AETN to produce the show.

"Our hope is that this program will

heighten the awareness and appreciation of these structures which most of us take for granted," says AETN Executive Producer Carole Adornetto. "It is a reminder of how bridges have served us through the years in very real ways."

AHTD Environmental Analyst Robert Scroggin offers commentary in the program on the bridges, the importance of preservation, locations and the historic significance of the engineering and materials that made them so dependable for so many years.

The encore showing of the program will be presented as part of AETN's March Pledge

Drive. Air times are Saturday, March 18th at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th at 2:30 p.m.

Feedback has been very good from those who have seen it. Be sure to tune in!



Keene Moves to Equipment & Procurement

Danny Keene, Section Head of Facilities Management in the Maintenance Division, will assume the duties and title of Division Head of Equipment and Procurement upon the retirement of Doug Nielsen in June 2006. Keene will serve as Assistant Division Head until that time.

Keene has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Arkansas.

Keene's career with the Highway and Transportation Department began in 1986 as a Civil Engineer I in the Maintenance Division. A year later, he was promoted to Mechanical Engineer and, in 1990, transferred to the Facilities Management Section. He then advanced to Civil Engineer III and was promoted to his current position of Section Head of Facilities Management in 1996.



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Human Resources: (l. to r.) Nataasha Halbert, Office Administrative Assistant III, receives her 5-year service award from Crystal Cole, Human Resources Division Head.



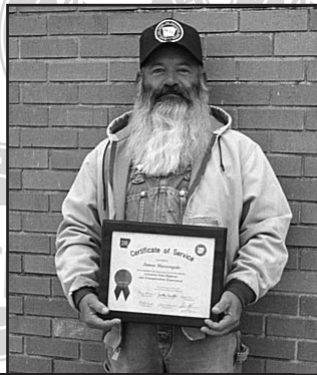
Human Resources: (l. to r.) Dana McClellan, External EEO Coordinator, receives her 10-year service award from Crystal Cole, Human Resources Division Head.



Human Resources: (l. to r.) Crystal Cole, Human Resources Division Head, presents Lisa Harness, Office Administrative Assistant I, with her 20-year service award. Chief Engineer Bob Walters is also pictured.



Materials: (l. to r.) Jon Annable, Staff Geotechnical Engineer, presents Bobbie Jordan, Civil Engineer II, her 5-year service award.



District 9: James Massengale, Bridge Repairer II, received his 20-year service award.



Human Resources: (l. to r.) Kathy Campbell, Personnel Auditing Clerk, receives her 5-year service award from Crystal Cole, Human Resources Division Head.



Human Resources: (l. to r.) Lynn Caple, Training Specialist, receives her 20-year service award from Crystal Cole, Human Resources Division Head.



Equipment & Procurement: Receiving service awards were (l. to r.) Charles Krantz, Sr., Senior Mechanic, 10 years; Chuck Drees, Station Attendant, 15 years; Cass Neighbors, Station Attendant II, 10 years; Steve Allen, Storeroom Supervisor, 25 years; Judith Orrick, Division Bookkeeper, 20 years; and Charles Brewer, Senior Mechanic, 10 years.



State Aid: This photo taken December 21, 2005, includes those who are or were State Aid Division Head or Assistant Division Head. (l. to r.) Jake Weston, Retired Division Head; Claude Klinck, Assistant Division Head; John Kizer, Retired Division Head; Wilbert Chapman, Retired Assistant Division Head; and David Mayo, Division Head.



Programs & Contracts: Bill Bradberry, Staff Project Development Engineer (center), receives his 20-year service award from Lorie Tudor, Assistant Division Head (left); and Ed Hoppe, Division Head.



Construction: Ron Price, Contract Estimates Section Head (center), presents service awards to (l.) Darlene Wilson, Estimates Technician, 5 years; and Kari Reid, Construction Office Specialist, 10 years.



District 9: Doug Mears, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, and wife Tammy, adopted Emily Rose Mears. They traveled to China to pick her up. Three weeks later, on December 26, 2005, Emily Rose celebrated her first birthday.

Flowers Receives Regional Leadership Award

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Director Dan Flowers has been recognized by Metroplan for his efforts to promote intergovernmental planning and cooperation through new legislation. Flowers was presented with the prestigious 2005 Jack Evans Regional Leadership Award by the Metroplan Board of Directors at a meeting in Little Rock on January 25th.

The award was presented to Flowers for providing outstanding leadership in the passage of Act 2275 of 2005, known as the Regional Mobility Act. The act allows an individual county, or a group of contiguous counties, to form a public corporation to address regional transportation problems. The regional mobility authorities would have limited power to implement local taxes and issue bonds to build and operate improvements to surface transportation systems.

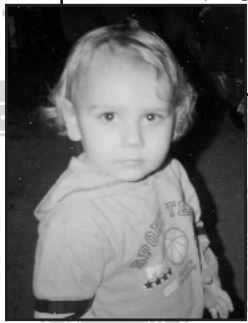
"The Regional Mobility Authority Act is a potentially groundbreaking piece of legislation that could hold the key to metropolitan regions meeting their transportation needs in the future," stated Jim McKenzie, Executive Director of Metroplan. "Only a few states have anything like this, and the main reason Arkansas has it is because of the foresight and leadership of Dan Flowers."

Upon receiving the award, Flowers said, "I am pleased to have been a part of the legislative effort to pass the Regional Mobility Act, and am honored to receive this award. Many people worked hard to pass this important legislation, and I accept on behalf of all who helped in that process. My knowledge of Metroplan's efforts and how we work together on many issues makes this a special award."

The Jack Evans Regional Leadership Award was established by the Metroplan Board in 1993 to honor the late Mayor Jack Evans of Sherwood. It is given to an individual, group, company, or institution for providing outstanding public service.



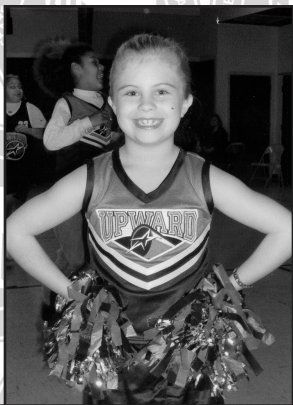
District 4: Family members of Anita Jordan, Area Headquarters Attendant, Mountainburg: (above) granddaughters Missie & Krissie Nunley, age 5, with their "Paw Paw," Phillip Jordan; (l.) grandson Dustie Nunley, age 2; and (r.) granddaughter Haylie Wyers, age 2.



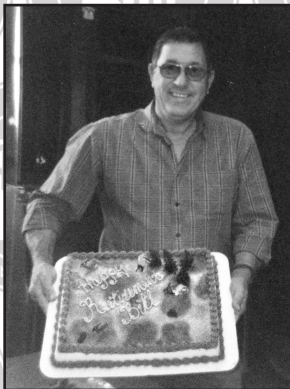
District 4: (l. to r.) Larry Fraley, Rest Area Attendant, receives his 25-year service award from Clinton Isaacs, Area Maintenance Supervisor, in Mountainburg.



District 9: (l. to r.) Greg Norton, Senior Inspector, is presented his 20-year service award by Jeff Wheeler, Resident Engineer.



District 5: Summer Thorn, 8-year-old daughter of Brian Thorn, Station Attendant, was head cheerleader in the Upwards Winter Basketball League.



District 6: Bill Dunlap, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, retired with 24+ years of service.



ATHD Director Dan Flowers (l.) received the Jack Evans Regional Leadership Award from Maumelle Mayor Burch Johnson on behalf of Metroplan.



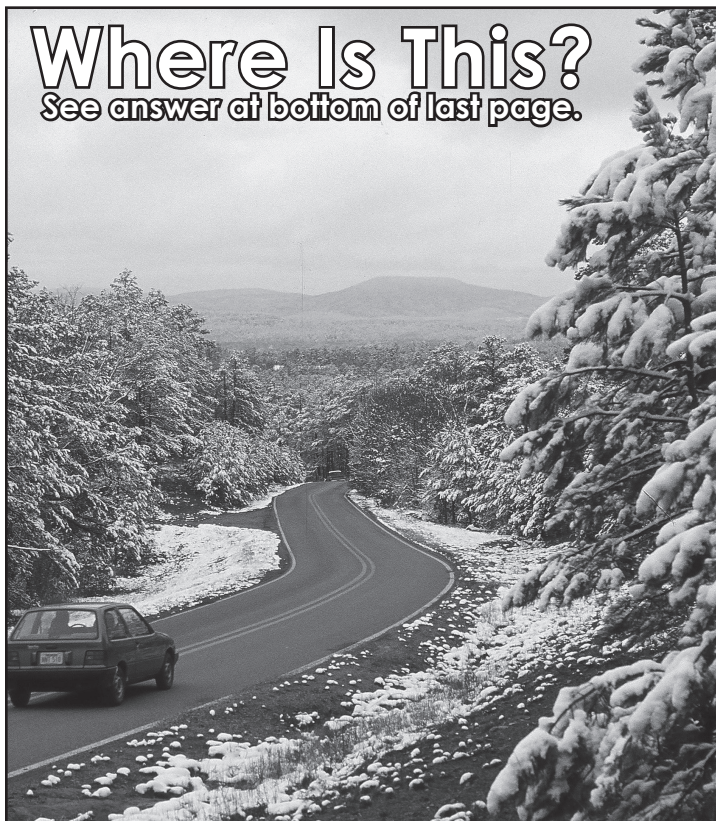
2006 EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO

The 2006 AHTD Equipment Operators
Rodeo Semi-final competitions for the
Districts and Central Area are scheduled as follows:

District 1	March 30
District 2	March 16
District 3	May 4
District 4	April 20
District 5	April 13
District 6/Central Area.....	March 9
District 7	March 23
District 8	April 6
District 9	May 11
District 10	April 27

Finals will be held at the Central Shops on June 1, 2006.

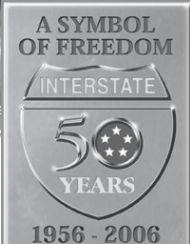
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Highway History



Highway 65B (left) splits from Interstate 530
northwest of Pine Bluff. Highway 65 from
Little Rock to Pine Bluff was redesignated as
Interstate 530 in 1999.





Employee: Scott Eldridge

Job Position: Senior Inspector, District 6

Length of Service: 13 years and 9 months

Job Duties: Currently, I am overseeing the project on Interstate 40 from Interstate 430 to Interstate 30. My job duties include making sure that the contractors follow the plans and specifications for their specific items, keeping up with all pay items and materials, coordinating job assignments to Department employees on the project and assuring the safety of the traveling public.

Favorite Part of the Job: Several things come to mind. I like having different challenges from day to day and working them out. I also like meeting and working together with all the different contractors, and seeing a project transform from the beginning to the end.

Background: I can remember when I was a child, my mother took me to watch what is now Interstate 630 being constructed. I knew then that I wanted to be involved with construction. I went to school to study engineering for 3 years and when I did not finish, I thought my dream was over. After

a couple of years of coaxing from my family, I applied with the Department. I was hired as a Construction Helper I and have worked my way up the ladder, enjoying every step of the climb. I would like to say thank you to my wife for her support and to the Department for allowing me to realize my dream.

Family: My wife of 18 years, Ashley, is an Occupational Therapist. Our oldest son, Justin (13), is an avid baseball player and loves to ride motorcycles. Our daughter, Kristen (9), enjoys dance, softball and art. Our youngest son, Carson (3), enjoys riding his 4-wheeler, playing with trains and watching videos of heavy equipment.

Hobbies: Riding motorcycles, playing catch, watching our kids play baseball and softball, and just being a Dad.

Catastrophic Leave Donations

Situations occasionally arise when an employee is faced with a catastrophic illness or injury that requires the utilization of all accrued annual leave and sick leave. This can result in the employee being placed in a "leave without pay" situation.

The Department has established a policy where employees may donate a portion of their accrued annual and sick leave to a Catastrophic Leave Bank for use by employees in need.

All AHTD employees are reminded to check their vacation leave balances. Balances which exceed the maximum carry-over may be donated to the Catastrophic Leave Bank.

Donation of unused hours must reach the Personnel Office before March 31st.

For further information, contact the Human Resources Office at 501-569-2451.

Are You Ready For Some FISHING?

The 12th Annual Arkansas Highway Police Bass Classic will be held Saturday, April 8, on DeGray Lake near Arkadelphia. Proceeds from the event, also known as the Howard Sims Memorial Tournament, will benefit the Arkansas Special Olympics.

For more information or an application, call Benton Fincher at 870-777-5311 or Ned Ward at 870-887-6328.



Last year's winners were Greg Crinner and Bill Ritchie from the AHTD's Heavy Bridge Crew.



NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

John Clower, Lead Section Analyst

CONSTRUCTION

Dennis Burton, Construction Helper I, RE 24
Paula Chesshir, Field Clerk I, RE 31
Cody Hudson, Civil Engineer, RE 94
Daniel Huett, Civil Engineer, RE 31
Jessica Jackson, Civil Engineer, RE 43
Jason Overturf, Civil Engineer, RE 23
Adam Ramseyer, Civil Engineer, RE 95
Christy Seals, Construction Helper I, RE 43
Ashley Ward, Field Clerk I, RE 65

FISCAL SERVICES

Tanya Carter, Office Admin. Assistant I

HUMAN RESOURCES

Phillip Watkins, Crew Leader
Larry Yonts, Office Admin. Assistant I

LEGAL DIVISION

Angela Dodson, Attorney

RIGHT OF WAY

Sarah Harper, Administrative Aide IV

DISTRICT 2

Herbert Carpenter, General Laborer - Ashley

DISTRICT 3

Derrian Foster, General Laborer - Miller
Gerald Walker, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Little River
James Williams, II, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Miller

DISTRICT 4

Larry Hancock, General Laborer - Statewide
Larry Price, Single Axle Tr. Driver - Washington

DISTRICT 8

David Duvall, General Laborer - Faulkner
Mark Irmer, Single Axle Truck Driver - Pope
Kathy Richey, General Laborer - Faulkner
Rodney Storm, Single Axle Truck Driver - Pope

DISTRICT 9

Mark Corliss, Single Axle Truck Driver - Benton

DISTRICT 10

Robert Martin, General Laborer - Greene

PROMOTIONS

MAINTENANCE

Mickey Satterwhite, Striping Cr. Supv. - Ouachita

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Andrew Brewer, Planning Engineer

RIGHT OF WAY

Carma Tollett, Office Admin. Assistant III

ROADWAY DESIGN

Mark Earl, Design Engineer

DISTRICT 1

Robert Gray, Distributor Operator - Statewide

DISTRICT 2

Kyle Barnett, Single Axle Truck Driver - Ashley
Robert Morrison, IV, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Lincoln
Luther Orye, Construction Field Engr. II, RE 23

DISTRICT 3

James Dixon, Backh./Fr. End Load. Opr. - Miller
Gary Faulkner, Maintenance Aide II - Statewide
Justin Hillery, Backh./Fr. End Load. Opr. - Nevada
Vincent Sanvi, Construction Field Engr. I, RE 32
Patrick Shepard, Maint. Aide II - Statewide

DISTRICT 4

Samuel McKee, Distributor Opr. - Statewide
Shannen Ray, Area Maint. Supv. - Sebastian

DISTRICT 5

Bryan Anderson, Construction Aide II, RE 52
Rebecca Bohannon, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Independence
Gary Franks, Construction Aide II, RE 55
Caleb Henry, Civil Engineer I, RE 55
Jeffrey Qualls, Construction Aide II, RE 52

DISTRICT 7

Jason Jacobs, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Columbia
John Johnson, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Cleveland

DISTRICT 8

Kelli Ruble, Maintenance Aide I - Johnson
Berkley Snider, Sign Erector - Statewide

DISTRICT 9

Misty Barber, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Statewide
Britney Burns, Construction Field Engr. I, RE 95
Courtney Flowers, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Searcy
Robert Moore, Const. Field Engr. II, RE 92

DISTRICT 10

Brandon Harris, Dist./Roller Opr. - Lawrence
Rosalind Highfill, Field Clerk II, RE 04
Charlene McNeal, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Mississippi

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Sandra Bates, Corporal, 20 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Harold McNeely, Automation Engineer V, 25 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Christie Ham, Field Clerk II, RE 76, 20 yrs.
Susan Hanneman, Const. Aide II, RE 32, 10 yrs.
Donald Lynn, Const. Proj. Coord., RE 74, 30 yrs.
Steve Peebles, Staff Const. Engineer, 25 yrs.
William Pokorny, Const. Field Engr. II, RE 73, 5 yrs.
Diane Tomlinson, Res. Ofc. Tech., RE 92, 25 yrs.
Darlene Wilson, Estimates Tech., 5 yrs.
Robert Young, Senior Inspector, RE 86, 20 yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Laura Crouch, Environmental Analyst I, 5 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES

Kim McCleese, Administrative Assistant III, 5 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Carla Edwards, Administrative Assistant II, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE

Gary Curtis, Paint Transport Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Bill Bradberry, Staff Project Dev. Engr., 20 yrs.
Bill Schulze, Reproduction Technician, 5 yrs.

SURVEYS

Donald Cheatham, Surveys Crew Chief, 30 yrs.
Brian Freyaldenhoven, Surv. Tech. Coord., 20 yrs.
Mike Lyon, Surveys Technician II, 10 yrs.
Donald Sims, Surveys Crew Chief, 20 yrs.
Jim Tadel, Staff Land Surveyor, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Clarence Carter, Dist. Bridge Insp. Helper, 10 yrs.
Joey Frames, Paver Operator, 5 yrs.
Joe Hall, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.
Roy Morris, Maint. Job Superintendent, 35 yrs.
Bradley Swaite, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Kathy Foster, Motor Patrol Operator, 10 yrs.
Edward Kirkham, Backh./Fr. End Load. Opr., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Jesus Arechiga, Bridge Repairer II, 20 yrs.
John Burdue, Senior Mechanic, 10 yrs.
Don Donaldson, District Engineer, 35 yrs.
William Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.
Jerry Reeves, Senior Mechanic, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Dan Mowrey, Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Garry Cooper, Paver Operator, 10 yrs.
Clay Hazelwood, Distributor/Roller Opr., 5 yrs.
Lewis Rush, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.
Ronnie Sutherland, Single Axle Truck Dr., 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Mike Bradshaw, Street Sweeper Operator, 5 yrs.
Rex Spurlock, District Maint. Engineer, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Dennis Carpenter, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.
Robert Hunter, Jr., Bridge Repairer II, 20 yrs.
Harold Thomason, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Walter Edwards, Bridge Repairer II, 10 yrs.
Mark Malone, Motor Patrol Operator, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Stephen Duran, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

John Bell, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.
David Prine, Bridge Repairer II, 20 yrs.
Margaret Valliant, Motor Patrol Operator, 20 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Doyle Crouch, Corporal, 28+Yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Ralph Blackwell, Staff Const. Engineer, 36+ yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

George Minor, Jr., Senior Mechanic, 26+Yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Jim Gilbert, Public Transp. Admin., 37+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Clois Hill, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 32+ yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Ray Cox, Construction Aide II, 32+ yrs.
Fred Doles, Area Maint. Supervisor, 33+ yrs.
Carl Erwin, Area Maint. Supervisor, 34+ yrs.
Larry Patterson, Crew Leader, 17+Yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Philip Chambliss, Guard, 32+Yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Robert Clark, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 32+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

CONSTRUCTION RE 04

Michael R. Clark, 01/19/06, Active

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Johnny C. Howell, 11/26/05, Retired

DISTRICT 1

Jessie E. Davis, 02/10/06, Retired

DISTRICT 6

Patricia R. Blair, 01/26/06, Retired

DISTRICT 9

James M. Wray, 02/09/06, Retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 1/23/06, the AHTD had 2 employees serving active duty in the military. *Dates denote the deployment date.*

DISTRICT 1

James Barte, Senior Inspector, 9/28/04

DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett, Area Hq. Attendant, 7/20/04

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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Answer to "Where is This?"
Highway 113, Pulaski County, Arkansas