



Center Line

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department • March 23, 2006

2006 EQUIPMENT

OPERATORS ROADEO SEMI-FINALS

		Tractor/Lowboy	Tandem Axle Dump Truck	Single Axle Dump Truck	Tractor/Mower	Backhoe	Motor Patrol
DISTRICT SIX March 9, 2006	1ST PLACE	Vernon Loffen	Derrick Marshall	John McDorman	James Bingham	Rusty Bornemeier	Harry Jobe
	2ND PLACE	Anthony Allen	Jerry Denley	John Hadley	Shane Arendt	Ronnie Veazey	Keith Gragson
	3RD PLACE	Ken Barbian	Winfred Petty	Rodney Hall	Joann Richmond	Tony Kelly	Jeff Hill
CENTRAL OFFICE March 9, 2006	1ST PLACE	David Waters	Daniel Dickerson	Dibbon Wright	Johnny Carte	Dwayne Waits	-
	2ND PLACE	Robert DeLeon	-	Robert Tankersley	Robert Tankersley	-	-
	3RD PLACE	Dwayne Waits	-	Josh Higginbottom	Kevin Rogers	-	-

Results from additional Semi-Finals will be published in the April and May issues of the CenterLine. The Finals will take place at the Central Office on June 8th, with results being published in the June issue of the CenterLine.

Project Management Team Receives Recognition

Recognition was given on March 6th to the AHTD Project Management Team responsible for coordinating the development of improvements to Highway 70 in De Queen.

Members of the team received certificates for their work on the widening project which extended from Industrial Park Road to Wilson Creek. On the team were John Baber of Environmental, Brian Freyaldenhoven of Surveys, Randy Lewis of Right of Way, John Mathis of Roadway Design and team coordinator Steve Morgan of Programs & Contracts.

Project Management teams are responsible for seeing that all pre-construction

phases of a project are accomplished in time to meet a scheduled contract letting date. Each team is responsible for establishing a timeline schedule of activities necessary to meet the proposed letting date.

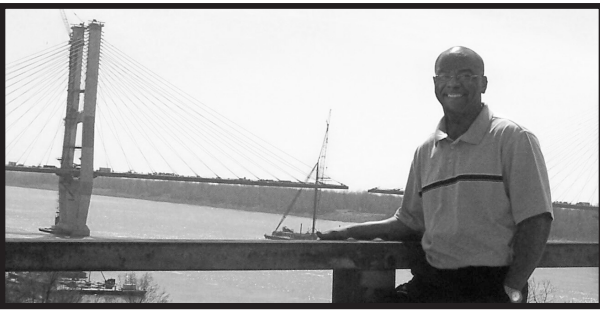
Teams consist of staff members working directly on a project and a Project Manager serving as the team coordinator. The "team approach" results in less chance of delays due to decisions or actions not being taken in a timely manner.



Members of the Project Management Team working on the Highway 70 project in DeQueen include John Baber, Steve Morgan, Brian Freyaldenhoven, Randy Lewis, and John Mathis (not pictured).

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Employee: Ezra McFadden, Sr., Chicot County Area Maintenance Supervisor, District 2

Length of Service: 20+ years

Job Duties: I assign daily work orders for crew members, maintain roadways and bridges in my area, am responsible for upkeep of our Area Headquarters building and safeguard our Department assets. I also respond to inquiries from the public, assist our District Maintenance Engineer with reporting damaged roadways and other properties of the Department and do stock inventories of our assets. I am also responsible for maintaining the AHTD's positive image with the public and other officials in the area.

Favorite part of the job: I enjoy being a supervisor/leader and setting a positive example for others. I appreciate the various challenges and responsibilities the job presents.

Whatever the day brings my way, I do my best both on and off the job. I take pride in my work and have a very strong work ethic. In other words, I really enjoy my job!

Background: I watched my grandfather, Sam McFadden, work with the Department for 15 years before he retired. He told me that it would be a great place for me to work and it would be a job I would enjoy. I began work at the AHTD on September 25, 1985, as a General Laborer on the Maintenance Crew in Wynne. I dreamed of one day becoming a Crew Leader. After several job advancements with the Department, I was truly blessed that my dream came true - not by becoming a Crew Leader, but an Area Maintenance Supervisor in West Memphis in 1996. I was there for three years and then was transferred to Lake Village, where I've been for seven years and counting. I thank my supervisors in Districts 1 and 2 for giving me this opportunity to supervise.

Family: My wife, T'Ella, has been an Instructional Assistant at Lakeside Upper Elementary School for five years. She also has a degree in PC Repair from Penn Foster. She enjoys working with young students, helping in the community and is active in the PTA. She recently raised money for 12 students to go on their Senior Trip to Daytona Beach, Florida. Our oldest daughter, Krystal, is 21 and graduated from West Tennessee Business College with a degree as a National Certified Medical Assistant. Our other daughter, Veronica, is 18 and will graduate from Lakeside High School in May. She has been a Lakeside Cheerleader for four years, has run track for three years and is also a member of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) and a Student Council Representative. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Monticello and major in Nursing and Education. Our son, Ezra, is 16 and attends school at Lakeside High. He has played football for four years, has run track for three years and is a member of FBLA.

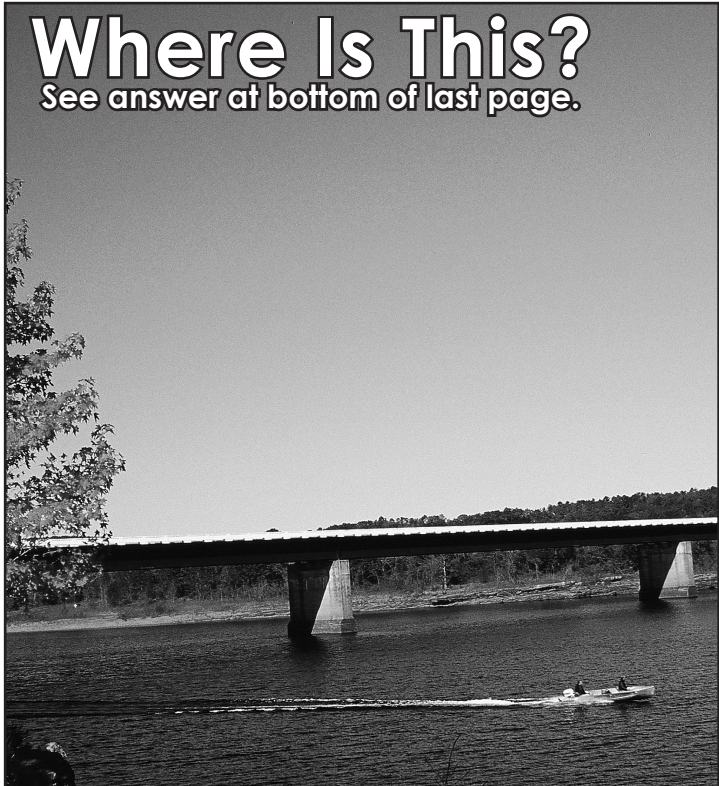
Hobbies/Interests: Because I was raised in church, my family involvement in our church is important to me. I enjoy watching our children enjoying their lives. I love doing yard work of any kind, relaxing and watching sports.

Highway History



Construction on the Interstate 55/Interstate 40 interchange at West Memphis in 1960.

Where Is This? See answer at bottom of last page.



Insurance: Reimbursement Update

Employees participating in the Department's Medical or Dependant Care Spending accounts may now elect to use only the last four (4) digits of their social security number when completing the "Request for Reimbursement" form. As a safeguard against any possible misuse of personal information, AFLAC has agreed to this procedure as long as the employer's

complete name (Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department) is shown when completing the reimbursement form. This is an elective procedure on the part of the employee.

AFLAC makes every attempt to process all claims as expeditiously as possible, regardless of how the social security number is displayed.

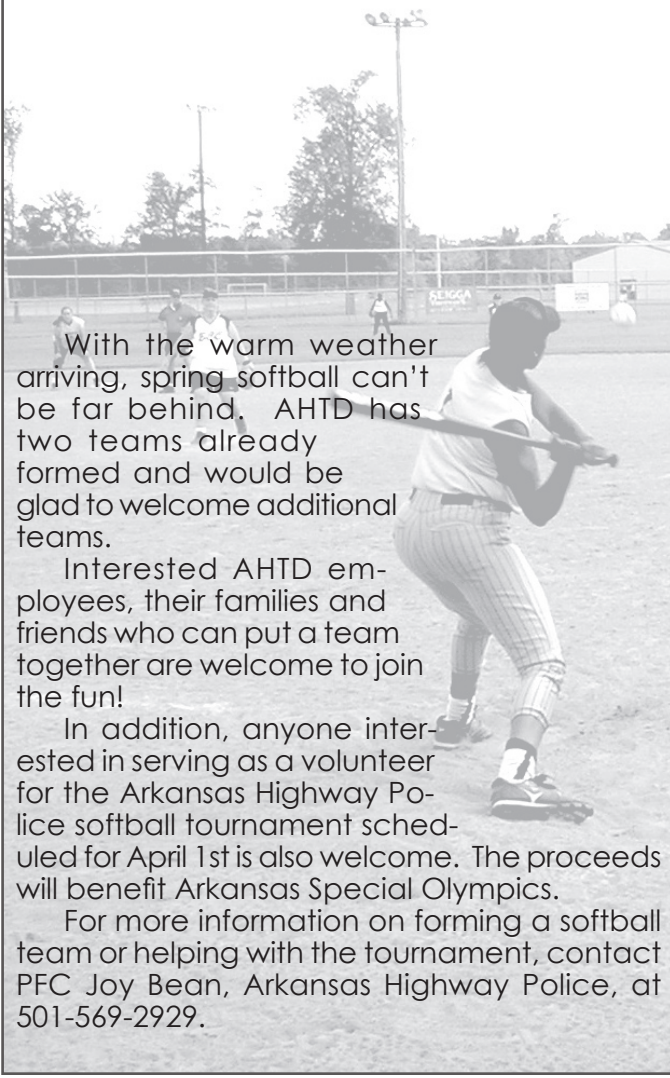


Request for Reimbursement

1932 Wynnton Road
 Columbus, GA 31999-9950
 1-877-353-9256 (FAX)
 1-877-353-9487 – For Claim Status and General Information
 1-800-323-5391 – For Technical Information

Employer: ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
 Employee Name (Please type or print.): JOE WORKER Social Security No.: XXX-XX-1234
 Employee Address: 3498 S. MAIN ST., LITTLE ROCK, AR 72209
City State Zip

AHTD Softball Teams

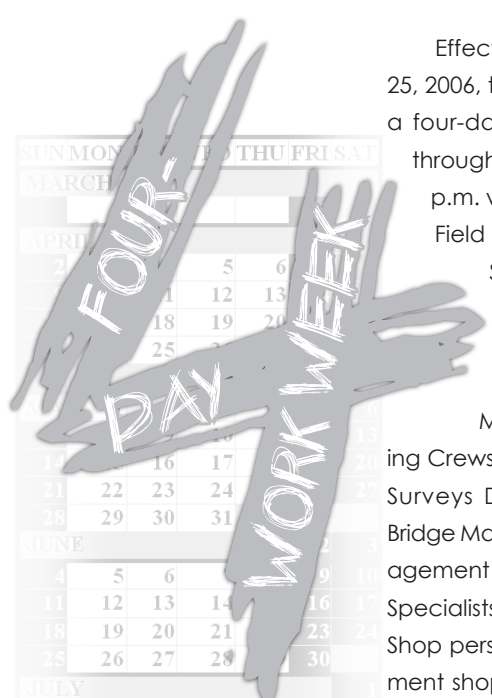


With the warm weather arriving, spring softball can't be far behind. AHTD has two teams already formed and would be glad to welcome additional teams.

Interested AHTD employees, their families and friends who can put a team together are welcome to join the fun!

In addition, anyone interested in serving as a volunteer for the Arkansas Highway Police softball tournament scheduled for April 1st is also welcome. The proceeds will benefit Arkansas Special Olympics.

For more information on forming a softball team or helping with the tournament, contact PFC Joy Bean, Arkansas Highway Police, at 501-569-2929.



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Effective March 30 through October 25, 2006, the following personnel will work a four-day, ten-hour schedule Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a half hour lunch:

Field Maintenance personnel; District Shop Crews; Storeroom personnel; Area Maintenance Supervisors; Job Superintendents; Shop Supervisors; Equipment Maintenance Supervisors; Signing Crews; Striping Crews; Profiling Crews; Surveys Division survey parties; Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crews; Facilities Management personnel; Radio Maintenance Specialists; Safety Inspection Officers; Sign Shop personnel; Equipment and Procurement shop personnel; and Technical Services Section field personnel.

On those weeks containing a holiday, the work schedule will revert to a five-day, eight-hour-day work week. Vacation or sick leave for a ten-hour day will be charged as ten hours. Half days will be charged as five hours.

The Districts will rotate the service station personnel so that one person will be on a five-day, eight-hour-day work week in order to keep the station open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Equipment Preventive Maintenance Program is to be carried out fully during the four-day work week period.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



District 1: (l. to r.) Ricky Benson, Construction Helper II, received his 15-year service award from Resident Engineer Danny Harris.



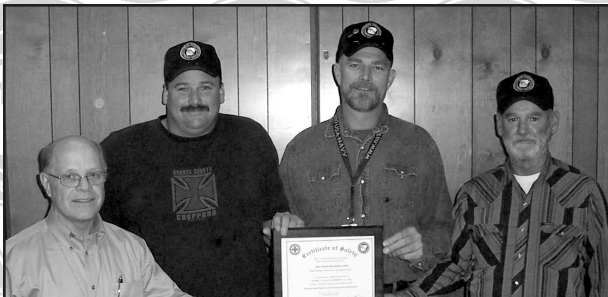
District 4: (l. to r.) Mark Williams, Bridge Job Supervisor; David Richards, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Kenneth Gentry, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Joe Eyerman, Sign Supervisor; and Ray Jett, Area Maintenance Supervisor, received safety awards.



District 1: (l. to r.) Virgie Walton, Spreader Operator; Anthony Lewis, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Joyce Davenport, Rest Area Attendant; Gloris Cox, Area Headquarters Attendant; W. Stanley Ball, Motor Partol Operator - Finish; and Roy M. Ferrell, Backhoe/Frontend Loader Operator, received their 10-year service awards.



Construction: (second from left) Ralph Blackwell, Staff Construction Engineer, recently retired. He is joined by (l. to r.) his wife Pam; Ron Price, Section Head of Contract Payments and Audits; and Allan Holmes, State Construction Engineer.



Heavy Bridge: This Statewide Bridge Inspection Crew received a Safety Award from Garland Land, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer (left). Crew members are (l. to r.) Tracey Dixon, Bridge Repairer II; David Boutwell, Statewide Bridge Inspector; and Eugene Farrell, Bridge Repairer I.



District 1: (l. to r.) John Barefield, Street Sweeper Operator; Fredrick Ellis, Motor Patrol Operator; and Clarence E. Carter, Bridge Inspector Helper, received their 10-year service awards from Joe Sartini, District Maintenance Engineer.



Construction: (l. to r.) Steve Peeples, Staff Construction Engineer, received his 25-year service award from Allan Holmes, State Construction Engineer.



District 10: Dusty Vangilder and Stephanie Hester, daughter of Joe Hester, Bridge Job Superintendent, married December 17, 2005.

Arkansas Highway Police: Jennifer Simmons, daughter of CPL Vicki Simmons and SGT Jacky Simmons, was Homecoming Queen 2006 at Emmet High School.



District 3: (l. to r.) John Burdue, Senior Mechanic, received his 10-year service award, and Jerry Reeves, Senior Mechanic, received his 5-year service award.

District 3: (l. to r.) Don Donaldson, District Engineer, received his 35-year service award from Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer-Operations.





Heavy Bridge: This Maintenance Repair Crew received a Safety Award from Garland Land, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer (left). Crew members are (l. to r.) Jeff Honeycutt, Bridge Repairer II; David Hicklin, Crew Leader; Todd Drake, Bridge Repairer II; Sam McIntire, Bridge Repairer I; and Raymond Parker, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor.



District 1: (l. to r.) Wonda Cal, Maintenance Aide I; Walter Vaughn, Single Axle Truck Driver; Joe G. Hall, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Bradley Swaite, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Terry Harris, Dozer Operator - Finish; and Joey Frames, Paver Operator; received their 5-year service awards from Joe Sartini, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 2: (l. to r.) Grover Vick, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, retired and received his 20-year service award from Jeff Hart, Equipment Supervisor.



Heavy Bridge: (l. to r.) Garland Land, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presented Raymond Parker, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service award.



District 1: The West Memphis Resident Engineer's office recently welcomed home Major James Barte, Senior Inspector, after his return from Iraq, where he was deployed for the past year. James is pictured on a mission to clear the roadways of improvised bombs around Tikrit where his unit, the 467th Engineer Battalion, was stationed. Barte returned in mid-January.



District 2: (center) Robert Poston, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, received his 25-year service award from (l.) James House, District Engineer, and (r.) A.G. Bullock, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



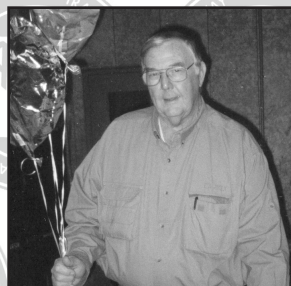
District 1: (l. to r.) Joseph Hutto, Single Axle Truck Driver; Kenneth R. Allen, Backhoe/Frontend Loader Operator; and John Holcombe, Jr., Motorist Assistance Operator, received their 5-year service awards



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presented William "Jabo" Jones, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-year service award.



District 5: Juliann Stevens, born June 7, 2005, is the daughter of Coleen Stevens, District Receptionist.



District 2: Jimmy L. Johnson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, retired from the Department with 22 years.



District 4: Ben Smith, Bridge Repairer II, received his 5-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Earnest Rose, Jr., Maintenance Aide II; and Leroy Dinwiddle, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; received their 20-year service awards.



NEW EMPLOYEES

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
Lindsay Stillman, Data Entry Operator

COMPUTER SERVICES
Michael Hall, Programmer II

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT
Richard Eubank, Senior Mechanic

HEAVY BRIDGE
John Dry, Bridge Repairer I

DISTRICT 1
George Powers, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Crittenden
Robert Karnes, Jr., Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Statewide

DISTRICT 2
Kenneth Gibbs, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Statewide

DISTRICT 3
Dewayne Attaway, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Miller

DISTRICT 4
Arthur Adams, Single Axle Tr. Driver - Sebastian
Jeremy Jackson, General Laborer - Logan
Margo McGill, General Laborer - Sebastian
Mark Stevens, General Laborer - Scott
Teisha Van Zant, Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Sebastian
Tina Shedd, General Laborer - Washington
Yvette Jackson, General Laborer - Statewide

DISTRICT 5
Gary Bradley, Single Axle Truck Driver - Jackson
Treda White, Single Axle Truck Driver - Jackson

DISTRICT 7
David Perritt, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Columbia

DISTRICT 8
Jeremy Ford, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Statewide

DISTRICT 9
Jerry Hopper, Single Axle Truck Driver - Carroll

DISTRICT 10
Brandon Gean, General Laborer - Poinsett
James Clark, Single Axle Truck Driver - Poinsett
Jimmy Smith, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Randolph
Jimmy Sturkey, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Poinsett

PROMOTIONS

COMPUTER SERVICES
Amanda Walker, Programmer III

ENVIRONMENTAL
John Harris, Assistant Division Head

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT
Danny Keene, Assistant Division Head

MAINTENANCE
Richard Frazier, Jr., Bridge Repairer I

MATERIALS
Gary Bennett, Bituminous Engineer

PLANNING & RESEARCH
Jack Denis, III, Data Collection Technician
Mark Evans, Staff Pavement Mgmt. Engineer

RIGHT OF WAY
Neil Palmer, Section Head, Appraisals

STATE AID
Elizabeth Batten, Civil Engineer I

DISTRICT 1
John Hartsell, Jr., Const. Field Engr. II, RE 11
Lowell Cooper, Jr., Bridge Repairer II - Statewide
Michael Howard, Maint. Aide II - Statewide
Nancy Jumper, District Bookkeeper
Stanley Myers, Street Sweeper Op. - St. Francis

DISTRICT 2
Curtis Lagrone, Jr., Senior Inspector, RE 24
Johnathon Mormon, Const. Field Engr. II, RE 24

DISTRICT 3
Steven Muldrew, Distributor Op. - Statewide

DISTRICT 4
Bryan McAdoo, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Crawford
Cynthia Thompson, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Crawford
Darren Fields, Multi-Axle Truck Driver - Franklin
David Bowles, Jr., Single Axle Tr. Dr. - Franklin
Jason Hughey, Assistant Resident Engr., RE 41
Joseph Eyerman, Sign Crew Supv. - Statewide
Kristopher McCullah, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Statewide

DISTRICT 5
Anthony Dorton, Motor Patrol Operator - White
Darrell White, Construction Aide I, RE 55
Timothy Smith, Motor Patrol Operator - Stone

DISTRICT 6
Adrin Ward, Single Axle Truck Driver - Pulaski
Bobby Givens, Single Axle Truck Driver - Lonoke
Larry Acker, Single Axle Truck Driver - Pulaski
Orland Andrews, Maintenance Aide II - Pulaski
Randy Davis, Single Axle Truck Driver - Lonoke
Terry Smith, Single Axle Truck Driver - Pulaski

DISTRICT 7
Douglas Dickens, Inspector, RE 76
Gilbert Niemeir, Single Axle Truck Dr. - Calhoun
Gregory Loomis, Inspector, RE 76
Robert Johnson, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Ouachita
Robin Richard, Single Axle Truck Driver - Union

DISTRICT 8
Bazzel Bates, Inspector, RE 86
Brigitte Roberson, Construction Aide II, RE 86
Lena Smith, Maintenance Aide I - Conway

DISTRICT 9
Ismael Montes, Sgl. Axle Truck Driver - Benton
Jackie Villines, Motor Patr. Op.-Finish - Newton
Jason Marshall, Construction Aide III, RE 94

DISTRICT 10
Carolyn Brister, Resident Office Tech., RE 05
Gary Jeffers, Motor Patrol Operator - Poinsett
James Morgan, Maint. Aide II - Craighead
Katherine Griffin, Dist./Roller Op. - Poinsett

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
Martin Nunnery, Sergeant, 15 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES
Dana Benetz, Software Analyst III, 25 yrs.
Timothy Lewis, Programmer III, 5 yrs.
Timothy Martin, Administrative Asst. III, 5 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION
Linda Morgan, Construction Aide I, RE 04, 5 yrs.
Tony Crafton, Const. Field Engr. II, RE 06, 5 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES
Harden Steele, Jr., Fiscal Svcs. Coord., 30 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES
Johnna McCallum, Office Admin. Asst. V, 5 yrs.

LEGAL DIVISION
Ted Blagg, Staff Attorney, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE
Johnny Carte, Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr., 10 yrs.

MATERIALS
Bobbie Jordan, Civil Engineer II, 5 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH
Bobby Bradshaw, Multim. Hwy. Info. Sys. Crd., 20 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY
Ric Scruggs, III, Realty Appraiser/Nego., 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 1
John Barefield, Street Sweeper Operator, 10 yrs.
Terry Harris, Dozer Operator - Finish, 5 yrs.
Walter Vaughn, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2
Brent Glover, Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Johnny Brown, Bridge Repairer II, 10 yrs.
Melvin Ford, Bckh./Fr. End Loader Op., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 4
Belinda Canada, Dist./Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Paul Kendrick, Dozer Operator - Finish, 5 yrs.
Richard Hart, Rest Area Attendant, 10 yrs.
Russell Hale, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 6
Jack Denis III, Motorist Asst. Patrol, 5 yrs.
Tommy Pearson, Bridge Repairer II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 7
John Mathis, Jr., Maintenance Aide I, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 8
Melvin Campbell, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.
Robert Bartlett, Senior Mechanic, 15 yrs.
William Fales, Bckh./Fr. End Load. Op., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9
Benjamin Smith, Bridge Repairer II, 5 yrs.
Gregory Howerton, Crew Leader, 30 yrs.
Melissa Weaver, Personnel Clerk, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 10
Kim Tippy, Distributor/Roller Operator, 10 yrs.
Sammy McDaniel, Bridge Repairer II, 20 yrs.
Tammy Croom, Bckh./Fr. End Loader Op., 10 yrs.
Victor Blevins, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, 20 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

DISTRICT 1
Billy Cowan, Distributor Operator, 14+ Yrs.

DISTRICT 2
James Sinks, Senior Mechanic, 30+ Yrs.
Jimmy Johnson, Area Maint. Supv., 22+ Yrs.

DISTRICT 5
Floyd Slayden, Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr., 33+ Yrs.
Tommy Harper, Rest Area Attendant, 27+ Yrs.

DISTRICT 6
Franklin House, Maintenance Aide II, 29+ Yrs.

DISTRICT 10
Wayne Dunaway, Area Maint. Supv., 40+ Yrs.

MEMORIALS

DISTRICT 1
Clyde O. Jones, 02/23/2006, Retired

DISTRICT 6 - RE 64
Bonnie L. Beckwith, 03/01/2006, Retired

DISTRICT 7
George L. Belt, 02/04/2006, Retired

DISTRICT 9
Troy J. Martin, 03/06/2006, Retired

ROADWAY DESIGN
John E. Dunn, 02/07/2006, Retired

HUMAN RESOURCES
Roland P. Humble, 02/25/2006, Retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 3/08/06, the AHTD had 2 employees serving active duty in the military. *Dates denote the deployment date.*

DISTRICT 4
Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/03/05

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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County.
The Edgemont bridge crossing Greers
Ferry Lake on Highway 16 in Cleburne
Answer to "Where is this?"