



Center Line

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AHTD's Lasker Is Part of a Winning Design Team

Miyoshi Lasker, a Design Technician in the AHTD's Right of Way Division, was part of a design team that recently won first place at the annual Region 5 Associated General Contractors (AGC) construction competition.

Lasker is a member of a Construction Management Team at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) where she is a student. The team traveled to Dallas on February 4th and 5th. The competition featured three areas of construction: Commercial, Design Build and Heavy/Civil. UALR participated in the Heavy/Civil competition.

The objective of the competition was for each team to demonstrate, among other things: full knowledge of construction plans and specifications, problem solving and method analysis, technical knowledge, skill in developing a construction schedule using the Critical Path method and communication skills.

"Our team was given a road project consisting of a four-lane highway, two railroad bridges and one-half mile of retaining wall," stated Lasker.

"Each team was assigned a room in the hotel and we had 16 hours to do the assignment," Lasker added. "We were not allowed to leave the room during the competition. We were given a set of Texas Department of Transportation construction plans, Texas Highway Standard

Specifications, Texas Contract Provisions and a copy of the project drawings general conditions."

Using the given information, the teams had to provide a detailed account on how they were going to remove and replace the railroad bridges one at a time so that one track remained open at all times. The problem also included widening to four lanes, excavation and installation of the retaining walls and 35 questions about the project.

"All of this had to be completed in 16 hours," Lasker emphasized.

The competition is designed to help students understand highway procedures and construction from a real-world scenario of what it takes to estimate, bid and build a heavy civil job. UALR's estimate for the entire project was \$10,850,783.08, which was only \$16,000 off from the actual project

estimate. The required working days for the project were 268 days and UALR's team scheduled to finish the project in 238 days.

The judges for the competition consisted of a construction team from Austin Bridge and Road. They prepared the estimate and were awarded the contract from the Texas Department of Transportation for the actual project, which is currently under construction.

Other members of the team competing with Lasker were Mike Tramel, Lisa Bishop, Angel Corley, Waylon Corley, Jeremy Land and Kevin Young. The team will represent Region 5 as they move on to the national competition next month at the AGC convention in San Antonio, Texas. The national AGC Construction Competition is considered to be the Super Bowl for Construction Education.



Miyoshi Lasker (holding plaque) with fellow team members Mike Tramel, Waylon Corley, Angel Corley, Kevin Young, Lisa Bishop and Jeremy Land.

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AHP Bass Classic Set for April

The 13th Annual Arkansas Highway Police Bass Classic will be held April 28-29 on Lake DeGray near Arkadelphia.

The event is open to all AHTD employees and their immediate families with proceeds from the event going to Special Olympics. Last year, the Department was able to contribute \$455 to the organization. Billy Smith of the Arkansas Highway Police and Joe Haynie of the Training & Safety Division were first place winners last year.

Entry fee will be \$100 per boat if paid by **April 20th**. There is a \$10 late fee to enter after the 20th. Fishing will take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Awards will be presented for first through fourth place and there will be Big Bass awards as well. Door prizes will be given away during the evening meal on Saturday.

Camping sites are located in several locations for those who want to camp in the area. There are also several motels and the Lake DeGray State Park and Lodge nearby.

For more information and to register, contact Benton Fincher at 870-777-5311 or Ned Ward at 870-703-6328.



2006 AHP Bass Classic winners: (l. to r.) Billy Smith with AHP, Ned Ward with AHP presenting the awards, and Joe Haynie with Training and Safety.

The Staff Minute



Employee: Ray Spears, Area Maintenance Supervisor, District 2

Length of service: I have been with the Department since May of 1986.

Job Duties: Some of my responsibilities include planning jobs, assigning duties and assigning the equipment to be utilized for highway maintenance. I also ensure that jobs are done correctly and safely. I work with other supervisors, utility owners and deal with the public.

Favorite Part of the Job: My favorite parts of the job are working alongside and interacting with knowledgeable co-workers and laying asphalt.

Background: I came to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department as a seasonal employee and have worked on every crew in Pine Bluff excluding the Bridge Crew and the Repair Shop.

Family: My wife, Jackie, and I have been married for 17 years and have one 16-year-old daughter, Cetara.

Hobbies/Interests: My family is involved in many church activities including the choir. We also enjoy fishing. I enjoy listening to various kinds of music, playing musical instruments and song writing. I also own and operate a recording studio.

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AHTD 2007 Roadeo Dates

The 2007 AHTD Equipment Operators Roadeo Semi-final competitions are scheduled as follows:

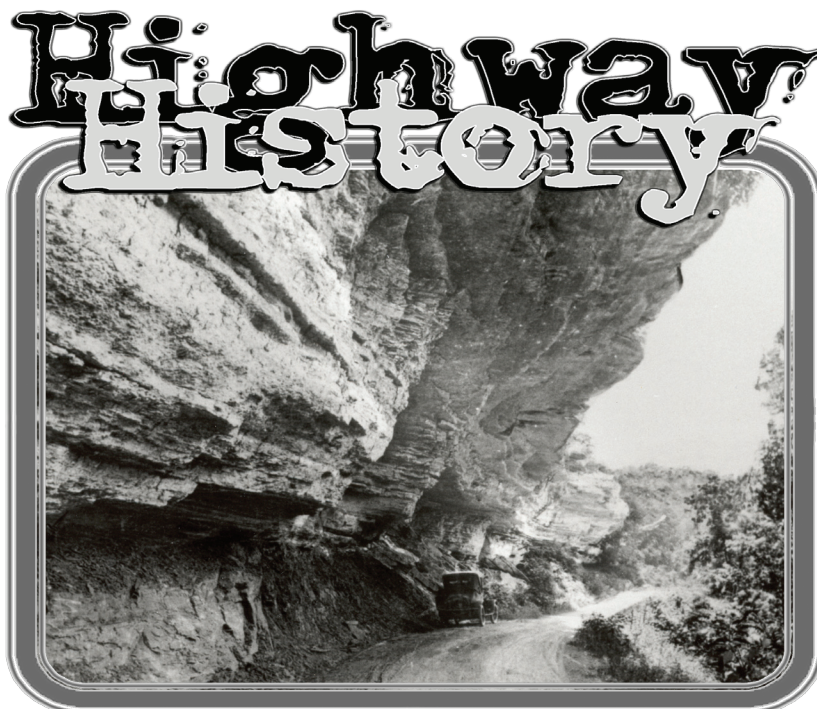
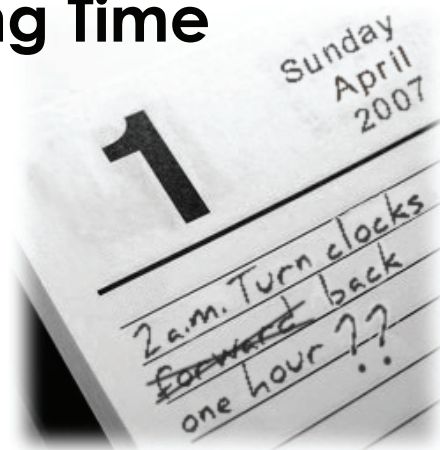
District 1	March 29, 2007
District 2	March 15, 2007
District 3	May 3, 2007
District 4	April 19, 2007
District 5	April 12, 2007
Central Office/ District 6	March 8, 2007
District 7	March 22, 2007
District 8	April 5, 2007
District 9	May 10, 2007
District 10	April 26, 2007

See the next page for early semi-finals results, and watch for more results in the coming issues of the *CenterLine*. Final competitions will be held at the Central Shops in Little Rock on May 24, 2007.

Daylight Saving Time - Not Again!

On March 11th, most residents of the United States moved clocks forward one hour for the new official Daylight Saving Time, in accordance with The Energy Policy Act of 2005. On April 1st, it's possible you'll own time-telling electronics that won't pay any attention to the fact that you already moved an hour forward three weeks beforehand.

Since many electronics were programmed before this new "Spring Forward" date was in effect, they will likely duplicate rolling forward one hour on - yes - April Fool's Day. Check twice when your clock says you're late for work, roll it back one hour, and let something more interesting fool you on that day.



Traveling Highway 71 in the Bella Vista area in the early 1900s.

AHP Softball for Special Olympics - Arkansas



March 30 & 31 at Burns Park
 Men's & Women's State USSSA Qualifier and
 Law Enforcement Division USSSA World Qualifier
 Contact CPT Hastings or CPT Anderson at 501-569-2421
 or PFC Joy Bean at 501-652-0390
 Deadline is **March 23rd** for registration and \$150 entry fee
 Men's / Women's Division may play Friday & Sunday if needed.





District 4: Tommy Riley, Senior Mechanic, retired recently with 35+ years of service.



District 3: Tracy Ford, running back with semi-pro football team the Bulldogs, won first place with his team at Cowboy Stadium on February 17-18, 2007, for the National Championship. Tracy is a Street Sweeper Operator.



District 5: Daniel Aldrich graduated basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, February 9th. He will serve with the Army National Guard in Batesville. Daniel is the son of Wanda Aldrich, Area Headquarters Attendant.



District 8: Nathan Inman with his new sister Lani Love Inman. Lani was born November 22, 2006. Grandmother is Dorothy Kendrick, Single Axle Truck Driver.



Planning and Research: Receiving service awards were (l. to r.) Thomas Baker, Data Collection Technician, 15 years; Kathy Upchurch, Pavement Management Specialist, 20 years; Alan Meadors, Planning and Research Engineer, presenting; Mark Evans, Staff Pavement Management Engineer, 20 years; and Bobby Bradshaw, Multimedia Highway Information System Coordinator, 20 years.



Planning and Research: Receiving service awards were (l. to r.) Ron Strickland, Transportation Study Coordinator, 20 years; Davin Webb, Research Information Coordinator, 20 years; David Pearce, Civil Engineer IV, 10 years; presented by Alan Meadors, Planning and Research Engineer.



Heavy Bridge Maintenance: Receiving a safety award for their crew were (l. to r.) Bill Ritchie, Crew Supervisor; Jeff Honeycutt, Crew Leader; Dan Potter, Bridge Repairer II; William Reed, Bridge Repairer II; and Dibbon Wright, Bridge Repairer I.



District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Lisa Lewis, Storeroom Assistant I, and Tommy Houghton, Crew Leader, with their 10-year service awards.



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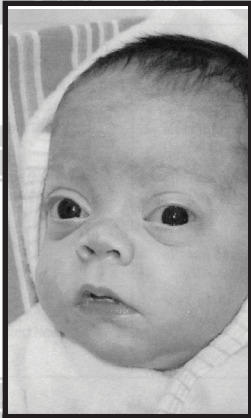
District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Frank Gray, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver with his 35-year service award.



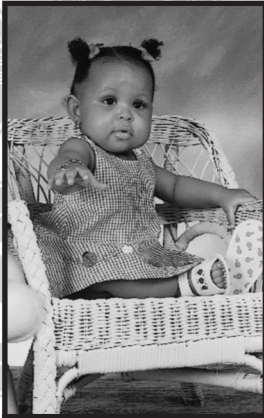
District 10: (l. to r.) Greig Lynn, District Bridge Inspector Helper, and Jerry Reeves, Senior Mechanic, received their 15-year service awards.

2007 EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADDEO SEMI-FINALS

		Tractor/Lowboy	Tandem Axle Dump Truck	Single Axle Dump Truck	Tractor/Mower	Backhoe	Motor Patrol
CENTRAL OFFICE March 8, 2007	1ST PLACE	Daniel Dickerson	Donnie Thorton	Travis Evans	Eugene Farrell	Dwayne Waits	David Waters
	2ND PLACE	David Waters	Kennedy Ezell	David Kraff	Johnny Carte		
	3RD PLACE	Dwayne Waits	Eugene Farrell	Kevin Rogers	Mark Mason		
DISTRICT SIX March 8, 2007	1ST PLACE	Ken Barbian	Jerry Denley	Adrin Ward	Jim Ables	Rusty Bornemeier	Morris Nutt
	2ND PLACE	Robert DeLeon	Derrick Marshall	Matthew Creppel	Tommy Minnie	Ronnie Veazy	Ronald Gragson
	3RD PLACE	Derek Bradley	James Medlin	Tommy Pearson	Kenneth Smith	Lawrence Hobbs	Cleo Penn



District 2: Zoey Michelle Haynes was born November 21, 2006, at 2 lbs., 4 oz. and came home February 4, 2007. She is the granddaughter of John W. Jaynes, Sr., Motor Patrol Operator - Finish.



District 8: Maziyah Elizabeth Rollins is pictured at 7 months. She was born December 1, 2005, to Melissa Ross, District Receptionist.



Arkansas Highway Police: Mia Jane Gudino was born January 12, 2007. She is the first grandchild of Colleen McClure, Office Administrative Assistant V.



District 8: Ethan Brady Jones is pictured at 9 months. He was born November 18, 2005, to Dawn Jones, Maintenance Aide II.



Legal: Ellyana Jean Gatling was born December 28, 2006. She is the granddaughter of Bill Wharton, Staff Attorney.



Heavy Bridge Maintenance: Receiving a safety award for their crew were (front, l. to r.) Al Hemmerich, Crew Leader; Raymond Parker, Crew Supervisor, John Dry, Bridge Repairer I; (back) Drew Melton, Bridge Repairer II; Kevin Rogers, Bridge Repairer II; and Kennedy Ezell, Bridge Repairer I.



District 8: (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, presents 5-year service awards to Lena Smith, Maintenance Aide I; Deb Anderson, Roller Operator; Janet Boozer, District Bookkeeper; Audry Emberton, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; and Michael Stovall, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



District 10: Receiving 5-year service awards were (l. to r.) Randall Burkheart, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Tonya Rucker, Construction Aide II; Tony Ruhl, Lowboy or Float Truck Driver; Marsha Vowell, Maintenance Aide I; Larry Woods, Motor Patrol Operator; Robert Ray, Roller Operator; David Rorex, Maintenance Aide I; Larry Harris, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Van Barnett, District Caretaker.



District 8: (l. to r.) Dale Carlat, Distributor Roller Operator, and Bill Pettus, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receive their 5-year service awards.



District 9: (l. to r.) Ronnie Faught, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Mike Thomas, Multi-axle Truck Driver, with his 15-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) District Maintenance Engineer Kenny Bennett presents Mike Funderburk, Crew Leader, with his 25-year service award.



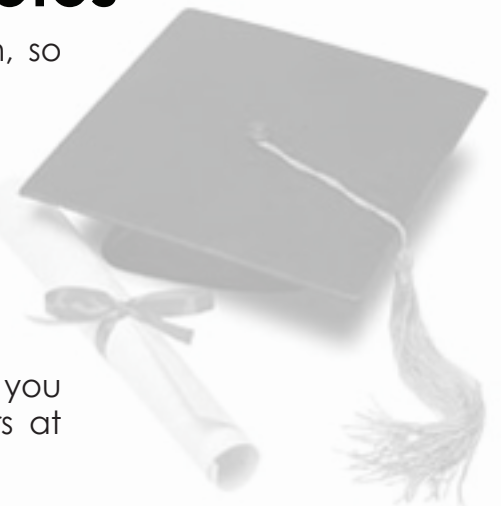
Heavy Bridge Maintenance: (l. to r.) Kennedy Ezell, Bridge Repairer I, receives his 5-year service award from Glenn Cheatham, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.

Last Chance for Graduation Photos

The deadline for graduation photos is Friday, March 30th, so mail it or email it, but hurry! Include just the basic info:

- student name
- school name
- relationship to the employee
- employee's name
- district or division

Details were spelled out in the February CenterLine, but if you have questions, please contact Shelli Russell in Public Affairs at shelli.russell@arkansashighways.com or 501-569-2573.





NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION

Sarah Davis, Field Clerk I, RE 41

RIGHT OF WAY

India Clark, Office Adm. Asst. I
Linda Cope, Senior Abstractor

DISTRICT 1

Herman Clements, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Phillips
Tommy Cook, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., St. Francis
Terell Lyons, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., St. Francis

DISTRICT 3

Jeff Bain, General Laborer, Nevada
Aaron Ratcliff, Mechanic
Cody Tewart, General Laborer, Lafayette
Michael Winemiller, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Nevada

DISTRICT 4

T.J. Brown, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sebastian
Anthony James, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sebastian

DISTRICT 5

Patricia Blake, General Laborer, Cleburne
Bryan Brown, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., White
Donald Roach, General Laborer, Cleburne

DISTRICT 6

Trent Davis, General Laborer, Lonoke
Pepper Hobby, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Lonoke
Leopold Mills, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Lonoke
David Munson, Welder

DISTRICT 7

Kelly Peralta, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Calhoun

DISTRICT 9

Donnie Billups, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Boone
Robert Eddings, Backhoe/FEL Op.
Bobby Young, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Boone

DISTRICT 10

Noah Carlson, General Laborer, Poinsett
John Carter, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Greene
Christopher McMillon, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Greene
David Porter, General Laborer, Poinsett

PROMOTIONS

COMPUTER SERVICES

Terry Young, System Support Technician I

ENVIRONMENTAL

Thomas Nichols, Environmental Scientist I
Robert Reed, Environmental Scientist I

INTERNAL AUDIT

Camille Moyer, Auditor

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Woody Adams, Engr. Research Tech II

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Erica Michael, Program Administration Engr.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Elizabeth Batten, Design Engr.

SURVEYS

Johnny Collins, Surveys Aide III
Nghia Le, Surveys Aide II
Vernon Vinson, Surveys Aide I

DISTRICT 1

Tony Crafton, Assistant Resident Engr., RE 13
Allen Davis, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Monroe
Stanley Wheeler, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Monroe

DISTRICT 2

Sherman Ferguson, Bridge Repairer II
Kristie Fowler, Fuel Clerk
John Haynes, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish
Waylon Jackson, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Ashley
Jeffery Power, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, Grant
Ronnie Womack, Jr., Crew Leader

DISTRICT 3

Adrian Alvarez, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sevier
Gregory Bamburg, Backhoe/FEL Op., Lafayette
Nicholas Green, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Randolph
James Huckabee, Backhoe/FEL Op., Lafayette
Michael Ogden, Backhoe/FEL Op., Hempstead
Randy Roden, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sevier
Larry Smith, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, Randolph
Kevin Townsend, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish

DISTRICT 4

Paul Adams, Backhoe/FEL Op., Crawford
Jesse Jones, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sebastian
Amanda Loyd, Maintenance Aide I, Sebastian
Julie Moreton, Crew Leader
Charles Riddle, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sebastian
Gary Seaton, Jr., Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Sebastian
William Weidman, Maintenance Aide II, Crawford

DISTRICT 6

John Ballinger, Maintenance Aide II, Saline
Lee Burrow, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Lonoke
Joseph Carter, Single Ax. Tr. Dr., Lonoke
Wilhelmina Dotson, Motorist Assistance Provider
Marshall Jenkins, Maintenance Aide II, Pulaski
Kevin Lingard, Motorist Assistance Provider
Lazaro Morones, Backhoe/FEL Op., Saline
Dean Teague, Backhoe/FEL Op., Saline

DISTRICT 7

Raymond Buzbee, Jr., Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., Union
Dennis Jones, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Columbia
Woodrow Randall, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Union
Sharod Ricks, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Dallas
Jeffrey Stroud, Distributor Op.
Roosevelt Wright, Maintenance Aide I, Union

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Gary Taylor, Officer 1CL, 15 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES

John Abercrombie, Software Analyst III, 20 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Brian Beach, Construction Aide II, RE 53, 5 yrs.
Luther Drye, Construction Field Engr. II, RE 23, 5 yrs.
Eric Hasley, Senior Inspector, RE 31, 15 yrs.
Carrie Hudgens, Const. Aide II, RE 41, 15 yrs.
Charles Loop, Inspector, RE 06, 20 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Linda Cuningkin, Central Ofc. Receptionist, 5 yrs.

MATERIALS

Gary Bennett, Quality Assurance Engr., 10 yrs.
Chris Wald, Civil Engr. II, 5 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Woody Adams, Research Assistant, 5 yrs.
Jordan Bittle, Cartographer, 5 yrs.
Mike Selig, Assistant Division Head, 35 yrs.
Elisha Wright-Kehner, Transp. Engr., 5 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

David Harmon, Right Of Way Coord., 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Eddie Bryant, Area Maintenance Supv., 30 yrs.
William Waggle, Maintenance Aide II, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Kyle Bryant, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Michael Funderburk, Crew Leader, 25 yrs.
Diane Willmon, District Permit Officer, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Kent Little, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, 10 yrs.
Craig Shelton, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.
Eric West, District Bridge Insp. Helper, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Lisa Carlson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.
Charles Carrouth, Area Maint. Supv., 30 yrs.
Ricky Herring, Motor Patrol Op., 5 yrs.
Willie McCord, Motor Patrol Op., 15 yrs.
Coleen Stevens, District Receptionist, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Tommy Thomas, Backhoe/FEL Op., 30 yrs.
James Weston, Hydr. Excav. Op.-Finish, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Charlotte Bivens, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.
Carley Bledsoe, Jr., Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.
Roberto Hernandez, Bridge Repairer I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Paul Voss, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Thomas Lee, Motor Patrol Op., 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Linda Faulkenberry, District Office Mgr., 20 yrs.
Jerry Phillips, Area Maintenance Supv., 30 yrs.
Iven Reece, Backhoe/FEL Op., 5 yrs.
W. Tobar, Jr., Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

RADIO

Jesse McLaughlin, Comm. Maint. Spec., 41+ yrs.

REPRODUCTION

Patricia Greenway, Ofc. Adm. Asst. III, 17+ yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

Billy Taylor, Realty Appraiser/Negotiator, 10+ yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Jesse Jasper, Roller Op., 15+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Tommy Riley, Senior Mechanic, 35+ yrs.
Marvin Risley, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, 27+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Jimmy Condrey, Inspector, 29+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Simon McGraw, Jr., Crew Leader, 28+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Jerry Biffle, Motor Patrol Op., 27+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Brian Schwartz, Inspector, + 32yrs.

MEMORIALS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Ross Henry, 02/19/07, Retired

DISTRICT 1

James Fourthman, 02/22/07, Retired

DISTRICT 2

Billy Cater, 03/02/07, Retired

DISTRICT 3

Donald Cearley, 03/01/07, Retired
Robert Skinner, 02/25/07, Retired

DISTRICT 5

James Folk, 02/19/07, Retired
Mary McCown, 02/17/07, Retired

DISTRICT 7

Roosevelt Foster, 03/06/07, Retired

DISTRICT 10

Ellen Akins, 02/17/07, Retired
A. D. Huffine, 03/04/07, Retired
Guy Spears, 03/02/07, Retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 2/15/07, the AHTD had 14 employees serving active duty in the military. *Dates denote the deployment date.*

HUMAN RESOURCES

Travis F. Nelson, Jr., Safety Insp. Officer, 5/8/06

MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown, Senior Traffic Inv., 6/12/06

MATERIALS

Christopher Wald, Civil Engr. II, 1/3/07

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Kimberly Sanders, Transp. Planner, 11/29/06

DISTRICT 1

Ricky L. Benson, Construction Helper II, 7/19/06

DISTRICT 4

Brandon Bowen, Mechanic, 10/12/06
Jeremy Bowles, Construction Helper II, 7/13/06
Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Tr. Driver, 10/3/05

DISTRICT 6

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

DISTRICT 9

Steven Halsted, Hydraulic Excav. Op.-Fin., 7/3/06
Eric Jaeger, Maintenance Aide I, 8/30/06

DISTRICT 10

Kyle Beasley, Sgl. Axle Tr. Driver, 7/19/06
Robert Martin, General Laborer, 7/19/06
Dustin Miller, Bridge Repairer I, 7/19/06



The Beaver bridge over the White River, on Highway 187 at Beaver, Arkansas.
Answer to "Where is This?"