

CenterLine

Arkansas Highways Magazine Receives State & National Recognition

The Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department's magazine, *Arkansas Highways*, has been recognized with two awards recently.

The magazine won a Merit Award in the Bronze Quill Awards competition presented by the Arkansas Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. The competition is designed to recognize and honor excellence in the Arkansas communications industry.

Arkansas Highways also received an award at the recent National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop (NTPAW). The magazine won first place in the Print category of the 2007 NTPAW Skills Contest which recognizes the year's top public affairs and communications achievements. The winners set the benchmark for public relations activities among transportation organizations nationwide. NTPAW is an annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Administrative Subcommittee on Public Affairs.



Mark Lyons Named Staff Traffic Engineer



Mark Lyons was named Staff Traffic Engineer in the Maintenance Division on August 30th.

Lyons has a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Hendrix College. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

Lyons started with the Department as a Senior Traffic Engineer in the Maintenance Division in September of 1988. He transferred to Roadway Design in March of 1994. In August of 2002, he transferred back to the Maintenance Division.

2008 Active Employees Insurance Meetings

Tuesday, October 2

9:00 a.m.	District 9 (AHP District 3) AHTD District 9 Office 4590 Hwy. 65, Harrison
2:30 p.m.	Rogers National Guard Armory 1408 So. First Street, Rogers

Wednesday, October 3

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 4 (AHP District 2) AHTD District 4 Office 4019 Towson Avenue, Ft. Smith
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Thursday, October 4

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 8 (AHP District 2) AHTD District 8 Office 370 Aspen Ln. (I-40 Exit 81), Russellville
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Monday, October 8

8:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 6 (AHP District 10) Central Office Auditorium 103241 Interstate 30, Little Rock
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Tuesday, October 9

9:00 a.m.	District 2 (AHP District 1) Southeast Arkansas College, Pine Bluff 1900 Hazel Street, Pine Bluff
1:15 p.m.	C & L Electric CO-OP Corp. 900 Church Street, Star City

Wednesday, October 10

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 7 (AHP District 4) AHTD District 7 Office 2245 California Avenue, Camden
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Monday, October 15

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	Central Office Central Office Auditorium 103241 Interstate 30, Little Rock
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Tuesday, October 16

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 10 (AHP District 5) AHTD District 10 Office 2510 Kingshighway, Paragould
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Wednesday, October 17

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 1 (AHP District 1) AHTD District 1 Office 2701 U.S. Highway 64, Wynne
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Thursday, October 18

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 5 (AHP District 2) AHTD District 5 Office 1673 Batesville Blvd., Batesville
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Monday, October 22

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	District 3 (AHP District 4) Fair Park Community Center 1200 Jones (Hwy 171 S. @ Fairpark), Hope
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Tuesday, October 23

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	Central Office Central Office Auditorium 103241 Interstate 30, Little Rock
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Annual Softball Game at Cotter

It is a tradition that is carried out each year, the annual softball game between the AHTD's Heavy Bridge Maintenance personnel and the Peel Ferry Crew.

Family and friends gathered on a summer day recently to play and just join in the fun. This year's victory and the accompanying trophy went to the Heavy Bridge team.

In the photos below, Peel Ferry Supervisor Mark Grozis presents Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor Bill Ritchie with the tournament trophy. Also, pictured are Heavy Bridge Maintenance personnel with family and friends.



Peel Ferry Supervisor Mark Grozis (l.) presents Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor Bill Ritchie with the tournament trophy.



Heavy Bridge Maintenance personnel with family and friends. They won the annual softball tournament at Cotter against Peel Ferry.

**The 2007 Southeastern Regional
Equipment Operators Rodeo
is October 10-11 in
Asheville, North Carolina.
Good luck to the AHTD team!**



Employee:

Vickie Branum

Title:

Rest Area Attendant for the Blytheville Welcome Center, District 10

Length of Service:

16 years

Job Duties:

My job duties include taking general care of the Welcome Center, mowing the grass, keeping the bathrooms clean, picking up litter in the area and whatever else I can do to help others.

Favorite part of the job:

My favorite part of the job is the opportunity to work outside planting flowers and the chance to meet so many nice people that stop at our Welcome Center. I try to use the flowers to create a place of rest and peacefulness for everyone that stops in. The Center received a Beautification Award from the Chamber of Commerce as the Business of the Month in April of 2004.

Background:

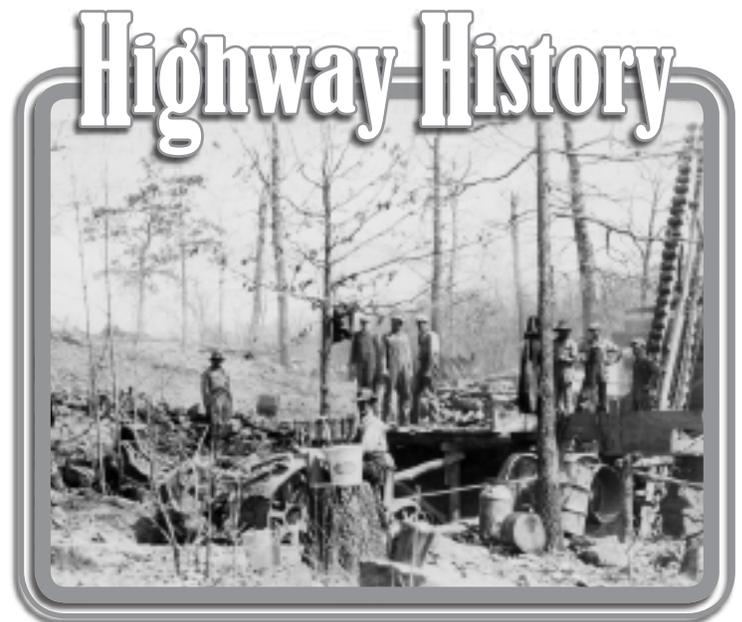
I started work as a permit writer for the Arkansas Highway Police. I soon had the opportunity to work at the District 10 Maintenance Headquarters in Blytheville. I received my Commercial Drivers License and was promoted from Laborer to Single Axle Truck Driver. When the position at the rest area came open, I was offered the job and accepted it.

Family:

My husband Jim and I have four children – Angela, Rene, James and Katlin.

Hobbies/Interests:

I enjoy cooking and baking, reading, planting flowers and spending time with my family. I am also a Council Member with Lifeblood and attend The Assembly of God Church in Blytheville.

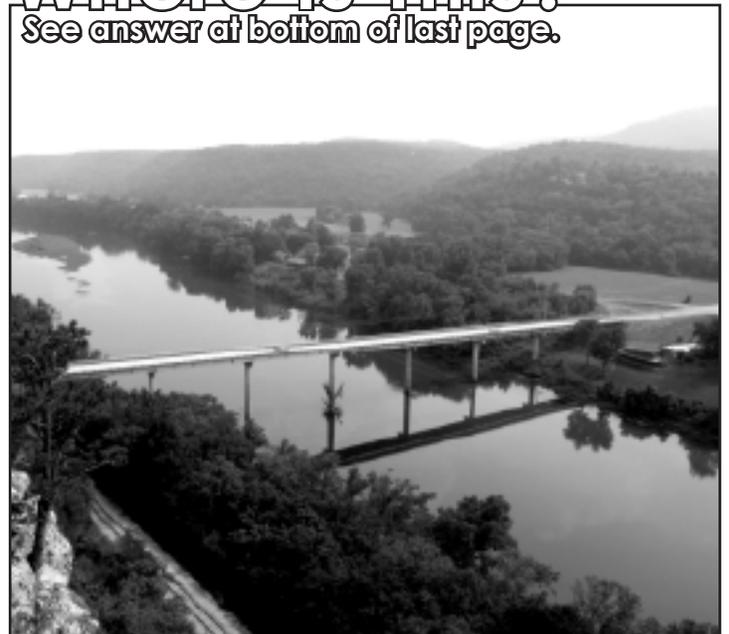


A stone crusher is used to construct Highway 7 at Sand Gap in Pope County.

There is still time to sign up to work at the AHTD's booth at the Arkansas State Fair. If you have a few spare hours and enjoy the Fair, give the Public Affairs Office a call at 501-569-2227. Fair dates are October 12th through the 21st.



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



ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY
EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
JUNE 30, 2007

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

THE COMPARATIVE INFORMATION BELOW WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE GROWTH AND FINANCIAL POSITION OF YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS (EMPLOYEES)	3,535	3,428	(107)
NUMBER OF RETIRED MEMBERS	2,616	2,667	51
NUMBER OF DROP PLAN MEMBERS	404	424	20
ANNUITIES (BENEFITS) PAID	56,820,547	61,631,027	4,810,480
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	91,327,678	128,697,901	37,370,223
INVESTMENTS (COST)	908,872,568	927,483,196	18,610,628
TOTAL ASSETS (MARKET)	1,098,883,696	1,186,245,867	87,362,171
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS FROM INVESTMENTS	21,829,915	23,591,938	1,762,023
GAIN ON SALE OF SECURITIES	102,613,424	72,373,578	(30,239,846)
*RATE OF INVESTMENT RETURN (MARKET)	9.02%	12.1%	3.08%

*EXCLUDES CAPITAL GAINS ON SALES FOR 2006 AND 2007 OF \$102.6 MILLION AND \$72.4 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY.

AS SHOWN ABOVE, YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM HAS INVESTMENTS IN STOCK AND FIXED INCOME SECURITIES OF \$927,483,196 FROM WHICH WE RECEIVED EARNINGS OF \$23,591,938. THESE INVESTMENTS ARE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING SECURITIES AT COST:

	<u>AVERAGE RATE EARNED ON COST</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>
CORPORATE BONDS:			20%
AEROSPACE	7.36%	1,006,767	
AUTOMOTIVE & MACHINERY	7.21%	4,995,319	
BANKS & FINANCIAL	4.97%	78,702,751	
DRUGS, MEDICAL, & CHEMICAL	5.82%	22,889,881	
EDUCATION SERVICES	5.17%	2,644,549	
ELECTRONICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT	6.30%	3,752,500	
HOUSING & BUILDING MATERIALS	5.08%	2,499,842	
INSURANCE	7.78%	20,000,000	
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT	6.05%	25,020,450	
RETAIL & RESTAURANTS	4.80%	15,861,738	
TRANSPORTATION	6.94%	3,258,477	
UTILITIES	6.93%	7,067,442	
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES		195,106,589	21%
COMMON STOCK:			59%
AEROSPACE		1,800,517	
AUTOMOTIVE & MACHINERY		9,339,570	
BANKS & FINANCIAL		23,448,809	
DRUGS, MEDICAL, & CHEMICAL		105,019,815	
EDUCATION SERVICES		1,035,318	
ELECTRONICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT		179,055,140	
HOUSING & BUILDING MATERIALS		2,162,767	
INSURANCE		3,914,599	
PAPER		1,471,503	
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT		103,081,447	
RETAIL & RESTAURANTS		86,978,046	
TRANSPORTATION		8,987,670	
UTILITIES		18,381,690	

OVERALL, THE TOTAL ASSETS AT COST OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INCREASED FROM \$1,006,133,945 TO \$1,062,614,605, A GAIN OF \$56,480,660.



Legal: (l. to r.) Chief Legal Counsel Robert Wilson presents Lakeysha Walker, Administrative Aide V, with her 10-year service award.



Materials: Mike Limbird, Staff Materials Engineer (l.), and Dawn Richards, Section Head-Chemistry Lab (r.), present Rodney Mazander, Chemist III, with his 15-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) James House, District Engineer, presents Jimmy Doss, Stockroom Supervisor, with his 20-year service award.



District 4: Tina Sinclair, Area Maintenance Supervisor, received her 10-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Gerald Butcher, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 20-year service award from James House, District Engineer.



District 4: (l. to r.) Kenneth Tucker, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Terrell Scroggins, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, with his 15-year service award.



District 7: Curtis Christopher, Rest Area Attendant (center), recently retired. He is shown with William Hickman, Area Maintenance Supervisor (l.), and Rick Bailey, Area Maintenance Supervisor (r.), Curtis' current and former supervisors, respectively.



District 5: Kristen Rae Glover, daughter of Stan Glover, Resident Engineer, was born March 27th in Searcy.



District 7: Nina Ingram, District Bookkeeper, receives her 20-year service award from Dannie Launius, District Office Manager.



District 6: (l. to r.) Brian Wright, District Construction Engineer, presents Mark Trickey, Assistant Resident Engineer, with his 15-year service award.



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Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) Chief Ron Burks presents Kenneth King, Permit Tech, with his 20-year service award.



District 9: JaNell Ware, District Bookkeeper, and Joe Davidson, District Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, were married on July 7, 2007.



District 9: (l. to r.) Steve Lawrence, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Doug Pederson, Bridge Job Superintendent, with his 35-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) A.G Bullock, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 35-year service award from James House, District Engineer.



NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES
Sean Hanley, Programmer I

MAINTENANCE
Deidra Crimmins, Traffic Services Aide

DISTRICT 1
Laurie Brewer, General Laborer, Monroe
Cleo Leon, Sr., Single Axle Truck Driver, Monroe
Nikito Love, General Laborer, Monroe
Jimmy Lee, Single Axle Truck Driver, Woodruff
Tonya Sandage, General Laborer, Woodruff

DISTRICT 2
Kristi Breamey, District Receptionist
Kelvin Hamilton, Single Axle Truck Driver, Desha

DISTRICT 3
Louia Hopson, Single Axle Truck Driver, Nevada
James Pinkerton, General Laborer, Pike

DISTRICT 6
Kevin James, General Laborer, Lonoke
Freddie Scott, III, General Laborer, Lonoke
Bernard Burton, General Laborer, Prairie
Michael McLernon, Sr., General Laborer, Prairie
Dickey Youngblood, Single Axle Truck Dr., Prairie

DISTRICT 7
Tim Ferrell, Single Axle Truck Driver, Bradley

DISTRICT 8
Jayson Thompson, General Laborer, Faulkner
Bruce Jones, Rest Area Attendant, Pope

DISTRICT 9
Paul Deitrich, Single Axle Truck Driver, Boone

DISTRICT 10
Charles Schroeder, General Laborer, Mississippi
Eldra Tubbs, Maintenance Aide I, Mississippi

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
Sharon Doss-Robinson, Motor Carrier Saf. Aud.
Sherry Kling, Administrative Aide V

COMPUTER SERVICES
Chad Walker, Programmer II

CONSTRUCTION
Terri Penland, Construction Office Specialist

ENVIRONMENTAL
Diana Wilks, Environmental Analyst II

HEAVY BRIDGE
John Knappenberger, Bridge Repairer I

HUMAN RESOURCES
Beverly Beck, Storeroom Assistant II
Sam Nutt, Personnel Specialist

MAINTENANCE
Mark Lyons, Staff Traffic Engineer

PLANNING & RESEARCH
Christopher Davis, Information System Analyst
Brian Spradling, Data Collection Technician
Mary Young, Office Administrative Assistant III

MAINTENANCE
Kelley Fields, Communication Maint. Specialist
Melissa Hilton, Administrative Aide III

RIGHT OF WAY
Cheslyn Bartlett, Realty Appraiser II
Errol Lemons, Realty Appraiser/Negotiator

ROADWAY DESIGN
David Baker, Design Engineer

SURVEYS
Michael Kelly, Automated Surveys System Eng.

DISTRICT 1
Jeremy Burnett, Bridge Repairer I
Steve Pierce, Bridge Repairer I
Charles Childs, Distr./Roller Operator, Crittenden
Curtis Burnett, Area Hq. Attendant, Monroe
James Leon, Jr., Backhoe/FEL Operator, Monroe
Stanley Wheeler, Maintenance Aide I, Monroe
Joey Dunigan, Distr./Roller Operator, Phillips
Lennie Williford, Maintenance Aide I, St. Francis
James Corley, Distr./Roller Operator, Woodruff

DISTRICT 2
Carl Lamb, Jr., Maintenance Aide I, Arkansas
Darrell Smith, Distr./Roller Operator, Arkansas
Calvin Cleary, Distr./Roller Operator, Chicot
Eddie Kling, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, Drew

DISTRICT 3
Gail Ratcliff, District Bookkeeper
Sharon Still, Storeroom Supervisor
Sidney Zimmer, Crew Leader
James Loyed, Crew Leader, Lafayette
Joe Daniels, Jr., Crew Leader, Little River
Chris Clayton, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Nevada
Robert Leamons, Maintenance Aide II, Pike

DISTRICT 4
Monty Frazier, Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 5
Danny Watson, Storeroom Supervisor

DISTRICT 6
Karl Sturm, Bridge Job Superintendent
Patrick Bradbury, Multi-Axle Truck Dr., Garland
Trent Davis, Single Axle Truck Driver, Lonoke
Angela Henry, Single Axle Truck Driver, Lonoke
Teddy Puckett, Single Axle Truck Driver, Lonoke
Douglas Henry, Single Axle Truck Driver, Pulaski
Michael Bryant, Backhoe/FEL Operator, Pulaski
Michael Morris, Maintenance Aide I, Pulaski
Larry Acker, Backhoe/FEL Operator, Pulaski
Francisco Freeman, Single Axle Tr. Dr., Pulaski
Gregory White, Backhoe/FEL Operator, Pulaski

DISTRICT 7
Joseph Rogers, Single Axle Tr. Driver, Columbia
Lisa Fay, Single Axle Truck Driver, Union

DISTRICT 8
Cleo Scott, Equipment Maintenance Supv.
David Smith, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, Yell

DISTRICT 9
Robert Moore, Asst. Resident Engineer, RE 92
David Gault, Single Axle Truck Driver, Baxter
Jim Hopkins, Distr./Roller Operator, Marion

DISTRICT 10
Jennifer Powell, Construction Helper II, RE 06
Greig Lynn, Bridge Repairer II
Luther Allen, Maintenance Aide I, Mississippi
Wilford Heggins, Motor Patr. Op.-Fin., Mississippi
Winifred Maples, Single Axle Tr. Dr., Mississippi
Kevin McLean, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., Mississippi
Travis Henderson, Single Axle Tr. Dr., Mississippi
Rochelle Moore, Distr./Roller Operator, Poinsett

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
Kenneth King, Permit Technician, 20 yrs.

BRIDGE
Deborah Mathis, Sr. Bridge Design Eng., 25 yrs.
Dallas Stevens, Adv. Bridge Design Eng., 5 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION
Michael Wood, Const. Field Eng. II, 5 yrs., RE 04
Linda Williams, Res. Ofc. Tech., 15 yrs., RE 42
Jeffrey Williams, Const. Proj. Coord., 20 yrs., RE 61
Gary Collatt, Construction Aide II, 15 yrs., RE 62
Jeff Venable, Resident Engineer, 25 yrs., RE 74
Ralph Tolleson, Resident Eng., 20 yrs., RE 86
Donna Chronister, Field Clerk II, 15 yrs., RE 86
Larry Wilson, Inspector, 15 yrs., RE 86
Dennis Birge, Adv. Const. Field Eng., 10 yrs., RE 94

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT
Becky Hunt, Division Bookkeeper, 10 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES
Ken Jordan, Sect. Head - Training & Safety, 20 yrs.
Tara Robinson, Training Coordinator, 15 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH
Mark Greenwood, Eng. Rsch. Tech. II, 20 yrs.
Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart, Staff Plan. Eng., 15 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY
James Braden, Relocation Coord., 20 yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN
Trinity Smith, Senior Design Engineer, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 1
James Wallace, Area Maint. Supervisor, 20 yrs.
Rex Vines, District Construction Eng., 15 yrs.
Damon Bolden, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2
Allen Bullock, Area Maint. Supervisor, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 3
Jeff Otis, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.
Mary Green, Guard, 10 yrs.
Kermit Glasgow, Jr., Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 4
Joe Shipman, District Engineer, 30 yrs.
Terral Scroggins, Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr., 15 yrs.
Ken Gunter, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 5
David Smith, Station Attendant II, 15 yrs.
Dustin Westmoreland, Crane Op. - Fin., 15 yrs.
Steve Hadley, Distr./Roller Operator, 10 yrs.
Justin Tyler, Distr./Roller Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 6
David Wilson, Parts Runner, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 7
Charlotte Quimby, Maintenance Aide I, 10 yrs.
James Riley, Maintenance Aide I, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 8
Stanley Stormont, Sealing Job Supt., 30 yrs.
Gordon Parham, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, 15 yrs.
Dorothy Jackson, Storeroom Assistant I, 10 yrs.
Daniel Womack, Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs.
Donald Morgan, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 10
Otis Fleming, Jr., Crew Leader, 20 yrs.
Mark Dunavin, Distr./Roller Operator, 5 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

DISTRICT 3
LaVerne Arledge, Storeroom Supervisor, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 6
Jimmy Nail, Crew Leader, 25 yrs.
Stanley Sutterfield, Single Axle Truck Dr., 33 yrs.

DISTRICT 7
Curtis Christopher, Rest Area Attendant, 22 yrs.

DISTRICT 8
Joe Henderson, Maintenance Aide II, 13 yrs.

DISTRICT 9
Archie Sappenfield, Parts Runner, 11 yrs.
Roy Norman, Senior Const. Mat. Insp., 30 yrs.

MEMORIALS

SURVEYS
Katherine A. Jones, 8/16/07, retired

DISTRICT 1
Kenneth McMickle, 8/28/07, retired

DISTRICT 4
Frank T. Baker, 8/20/07, retired

DISTRICT 5
Billy R. McCollum, 8/24/07, retired

MILITARY DUTY

As of 9/10/07, the AHTD had 15 employees serving active duty in a branch of the United States military. Dates denote the deployment date.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
Shawn Foust, Sergeant, 8/04/07

HUMAN RESOURCES
Travis Nelson, Safety Inspection Officer, 5/8/06

MAINTENANCE
Michael Brown, Sr. Traffic Investigator, 6/12/06

MATERIALS
Christopher Wald, Civil Engineer II, 1/02/07

PLANNING & RESEARCH
Kimberly Sanders, Transp. Planner, 11/29/06

DISTRICT 1
Ricky Benson, Construction Helper II, 7/19/06

DISTRICT 4
Brandon Bowen, Senior Mechanic, 10/12/06
Jeremy Bowles, Construction Helper II, 7/13/06
Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/3/05

DISTRICT 6
Shirley Hammett, Area Hq. Attendant, 7/20/04

DISTRICT 9
Steven Halsted, Crew Leader, 7/3/06
Eric Jaeger, Maint. Aide I, 8/30/06

DISTRICT 10
Kyle Beasley, Sgl. Axle Truck Driver, 7/19/06
Robert Martin, General Laborer, 7/19/06
Dustin Miller, Bridge Repairer I, 7/19/06



Answer to "Where is This?"
River in Baxter County.
Highway 341 crosses the White