

Center Line



AHP "Outstanding" In New Entrant Program

The Arkansas Highway Police has been recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for outstanding performance in the New Entrant Program for new motor carriers.

New motor carriers are required to have a safety audit within 18 months of service. Arkansas was one of only two Divisions in the entire Southern Service Center where there were no overdue new entrants in the system. The Southern Service Center is one of four FMCSA regional offices in the United States. There are 13 Divisions in the Southern Service Center.

"On average, Arkansas has around 500 new motor carrier startups each year," stated AHP Chief Ron Burks. "Our new entrant auditors have done an outstanding job in ensuring these new motor carriers are audited in a timely manner and that they have the necessary programs in place to operate safely on our highways."

Fred McGraw, FMCSA Division Administrator for Arkansas stated, "Please accept my appreciation for this continuing outstanding performance by the Arkansas Highway Police."



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The Arkansas
State Highway
Commission
and AHTD
Director Wish
You A Safe and
Happy Holiday
Season.



AHTD Raises Over \$30,000 for United Way

Employees of the AHTD have completed this year's United Way campaign and have surpassed last year's total amount raised.

After donations received through individual giving, bake sales, contests and other fundraising events, the total amount raised for 2007 was \$30,875.76.

Among the Districts, District 5 led the way by raising \$6,800.

United Way works with a broad range of people and organizations across the country to identify and resolve pressing community issues.

Thanks to all staff members who participated this year and congratulations on making this another successful United Way drive.

This year's statewide campaign coordinator was Tara Robinson of the Human Resources Division at the Central Office. Our campaign coordinators included Debbie Barclay, Jordan Bittle, Patti Bryant, John Clark, Karen Colclasure, Stephanie Cummings, Linda Faulkenberry, Al Fleagle, Al Mae Flenory, Bruce Hurlbut, Norma Johnson, Nancy Keeling, Corey Key, Shirley Lewis, Brandi McCallister, Shelly Morrow, Margarita Olive, Judith Orrick, Regina Pack, Cindy Plunkett, Tom Simmons, Needra Sisson, Debra Smith, Jimmie Sneed, Tammy Spencer, Mike Tackett, Lyndal Waits, Brenda Walden, Melissa Weaver, John Wood and Scott Wroten.



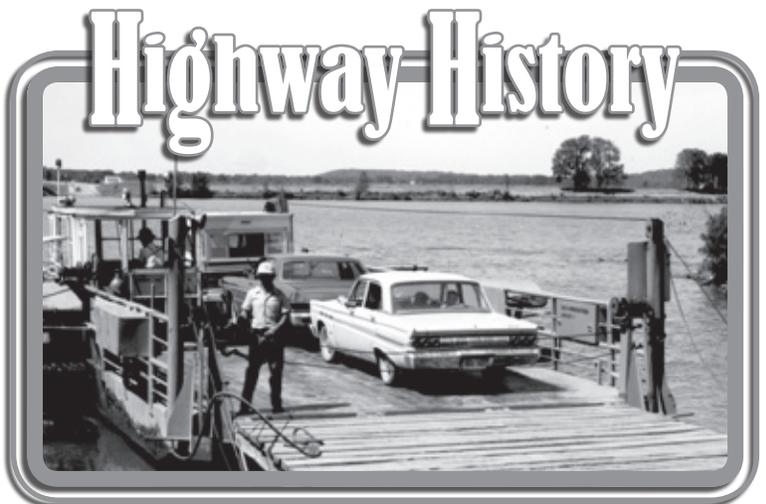
AHP Chief Ron Burks (center) presents certificates of appreciation to United Way coordinators, John Clark (left) and Norma Johnson (right), for exceeding the Division's fundraising goal.



AHTD staff members attend a Workers' Compensation Forms Seminar presented by the Public Employee Claims Division of the Arkansas Department of Insurance. The seminar was held December 5th at the Central Office.



Dean Farris, Right of Way Division, and Colleen McClure, Arkansas Highway Police, not only participated in the 9th Annual Polar Bear Plunge but also won "Best Costumes" at the fundraiser. The event was held on December 8th in North Little Rock and raised over \$50,000 for Special Olympics Arkansas.



The Toad Suck Ferry on the Arkansas River at Highway 60 in 1970.



Employee: Shawn Hasley, Senior Inspector for RE Office 31, Nashville, District 3

Length of Service: 16 years

Job Duties: My job is to coordinate all construction employees on construction projects and maintain a productive relationship with all contractors and supervisors on projects.

Favorite part of the job: The ability to be outside on various projects with different scenery is nice. I also enjoy training our employees and trying to pass on all of the knowledge that so many people have passed down to me through the years. Another one of my favorite parts of the job is knowing the employees of RE 31 and being able to step back and look at a finished project knowing that I had played a part in that job.

Background: I graduated from Hope High School in 1991 and was fortunate enough to begin work with the Department in September of 1991. After being in the RE 32 Office for five years, I transferred to the Materials Division as a District Lab Technician. In 2000, I transferred to the RE31 Office as a Construction Materials Inspector and later became a Senior Construction Materials Inspector. I became a Senior Inspector in December of 2003.

Family: My wife Jill and I have been married for 10 years. Jill is the Program Director for ARNEC through the University of Arkansas. This is a transition program for LPN nurses to become RNs. She built this program from scratch and it is one of the first in the country of this type. We have two daughters, Brittany, 18, is majoring in chemistry at Henderson State and plans on attending Baylor to receive a degree in Dental Orthodontics. Allison is 16 and a junior at Nashville High School. She is the President of her class and plays second base on the Scrappette Softball team. She led the team in RBIs last year and is the reigning Miss Howard County. I am very proud of all of them.

Hobbies: I enjoy camping and boating at Lake Greeson, fishing and hunting with my family. I also enjoy building race cars and then taking them out for competition.

AHTD Calendar of Events

Holidays

The AHTD will suspend work except in cases of emergency for these holidays.

Jan. 1 ♦ New Year's Day

Jan. 21 ♦ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Robert E. Lee Day

Meetings

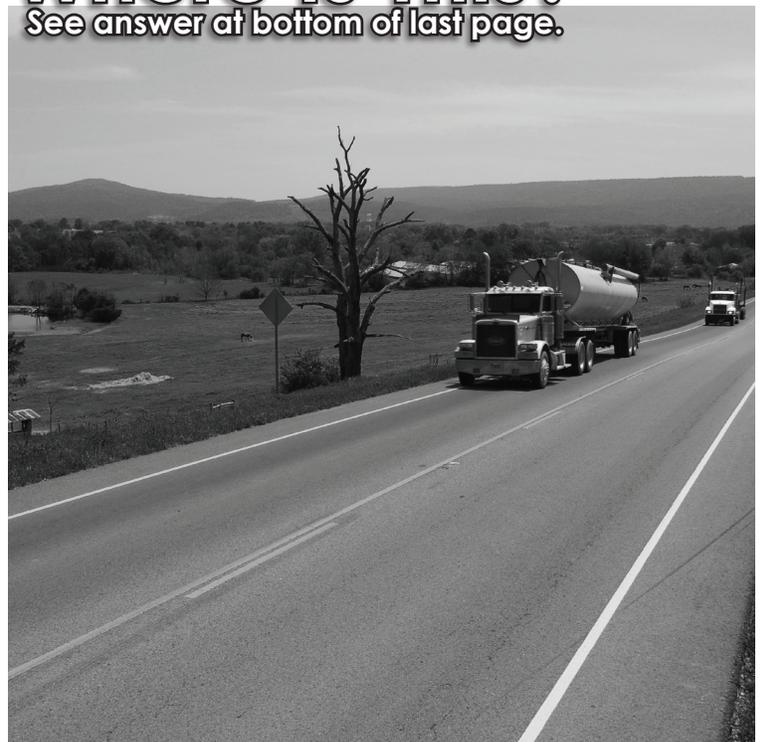
The Arkansas Highway Commission has scheduled the following Commission meetings and Letting dates for 2008:

Jan. 16 ♦ Mar. 5 ♦ Apr. 16

Jun. 11 ♦ Jul. 30 ♦ Sep. 3

Oct. 8 ♦ Nov. 19

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





Bridge: (l. to r.) Phil Brand, Division Head, presents Jim Tribo, Staff Bridge Design Engineer, with his 25-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Ray Woodruff, District Engineer, presents Rex Vines, District Construction Engineer, with his 15-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Robin Linn, Inspector, receives his 30-year service award from Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer.



District 10: Kenneth Neely, Construction Materials Inspector, has received his 5-year service award.



Bridge: (l. to r.) Phil Brand, Division Head, presents Mark Edwards, Design Technician II, with his 5-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Kevin H. White, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Patricia Livingston, Single Axle Truck Driver, with her 15-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Nicky Mings, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Clifton Beavers, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, with a plaque for appreciation of 30 years of service. Clifton retired November 6th.



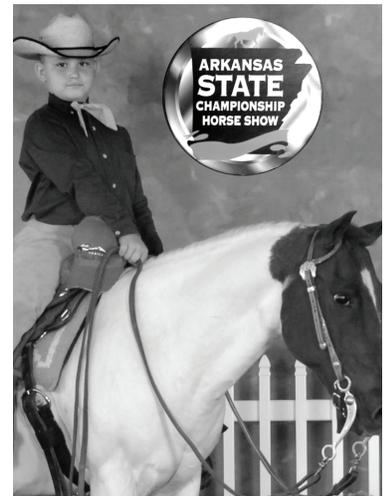
Director's Office: (l. to r.) Ralph Hall, Assistant to the Director, receives his 35-year service award from Dan Flowers, AHTD Director.



Legal: (l. to r.) Robert Wilson, Chief Counsel, receives his 30-year service award from Dan Flowers, AHTD Director.



District 5: (l. to r.) Phoebe Gabriella Bolding, born September 22nd in London, England, is the granddaughter of Charlie Carrouth, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Human Resources: Colton Caple and his pony, Comanche, placed 10th in Pony Under Saddle at the 2007 Arkansas State Championship Horse Show, held at the State Fair Grounds on Labor Day. He is the son of Lynn Caple, Training Specialist.



District 2: Jada Linn Watkins, daughter of Travis Watkins, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, and wife Traci, was born October 24th.



Planning & Research: David Anderson, Data Collection Technician, has a new granddaughter, Maclin.



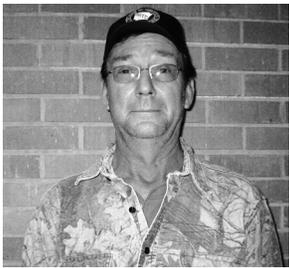
District 5: Summer Thorn, age 10, was crowned 2007 Young Miss Fall Beauty Queen, November 3rd. She is the daughter of Brian Thorn, Station Attendant.



District 7: (l. to r.) Shannon Evans, age 6, is holding her new baby brother, Caleb, born September 14th. They are the children of Jeremy Evans, Distributor Operator.



District 5: (l. to r.) Angela and her husband James Connell were married August 11, 2007. Angela is the daughter of Bill Luster, AHTD retiree; and Eva Luster, Personnel Clerk.



District 10: David Hendrix, Maintenance Aide II, has received his 20-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Ezra McFadden, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Johnnie Winfield, Crew Leader, with his 20-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Joe Sartini, District Maintenance Engineer, presents James Wallace, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service award.



District 10: (l. to r.) Nancy Robinson, Roller Operator, and Trent Wood, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, received their 5-year service awards.



District 10: Marsha Montgomery, Maintenance Aide I, has received her 5-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Ricky Brown, Crew Leader, receives his 20-year service award from Jeff Collier, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



District 1: (l. to r.) Harold Mullins, Crew Leader, presents Dina Robinson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, her 10-year service award.



District 10: (l. to r.) Calvin Foster, Store-room Assistant II, and Otis Fleming, Jr., Crew Leader, have received their 20-year service awards.



District 10: (l. to r.) Shane Wood, Construction Field Engineer II, presents Alicia Simpson, Office Tech, with her 5-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Danny Harris, Resident Engineer; Anthony Burnett, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Damon Bolden, Maintenance Aide II; and (not pictured) Donnaire Granger, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, have received their 5-year service awards.



District 1: (l. to r.) Jack Carpenter, Sign Erector, receives his 10-year service awards from Carl Andrews, Sign Crew Supervisor.



District 5: Angela Connell, daughter of Eva Luster, Personnel Clerk, killed this deer on her first-ever hunting trip this year.



District 2: Cale Thomas, 13-year-old son of Lori Thomas, District Bookkeeper, shows his first deer, killed October 14th with a muzzle loader in Sheridan.



District 2: Drew Cope, son of Boyce Cope, District Caretaker, killed this 9-point deer November 4th during the annual youth hunt.



Planning & Research: Jamie Wallis, 14-year-old daughter of Greg Wallis, Administrative Officer I, bagged this 8-point deer.



NEW EMPLOYEES

ARK. HIGHWAY POLICE - Douglas Beaty, Permit Tech.; Brian Henry, Permit Tech.

CONSTRUCTION - William Granderson, Civil Eng., RE 24; Kim Green, Const. Help. I, RE 31; Katrina Heaggans, Of. Adm. Asst. I; Meredith Whittle, Field Clerk I, RE 94

ENVIRONMENTAL - Matthew Strawn, Env. An. I

HUMAN RESOURCES - Leslie Goshien, Of. Adm. Asst. I

MAINTENANCE - Boyce Brownderville, Striping Helper

SURVEYS - Don Reynolds, Surveys Helper; Matthew Wheeley, Surveys Helper

DISTRICT 2 - Samuel Washington, Gen. Laborer

DISTRICT 4 - Harlan Elmore, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.; Richard Noyce, Gen. Laborer; Joseph Parrish, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.; Sharren Richards, Gen. Laborer; James Spillman, Jr., Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.; Kerwin Taylor, Gen. Laborer; Adam Wyers, Gen. Laborer

DISTRICT 5 - Gary Hopkins, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.

DISTRICT 6 - Dennis Tackett, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.; Leo Turner, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.

DISTRICT 7 - William Pritchard, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.; Joshua Purifoy, Gen. Laborer

DISTRICT 8 - James Wells, Gen. Laborer

DISTRICT 9 - Kenneth England, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.; Tracy Wynn, Welder

DISTRICT 10 - Adrienne Kolen, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.; Daniel Roe, Skill Trades Trainee; William Smith, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.

PROMOTIONS

BRIDGE - Philip Terry, Bridge Design Eng.

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Andy Brewer, Trans. Eng.; Thomas Dohn, Data Collection Tech.

SURVEYS - Lynn Chuman, Surveys Of. Tech.

DISTRICT 1 - Tony Armstrong, Dist./Roller Op., Monroe Co.; Billie Banks, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.; Terell Lyons, Maint. Aide I, St. Francis Co.

DISTRICT 2 - Karen Avants, Area Hq. Att., Jefferson Co.; John Cowen, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., Crittenden Co.; Timothy Lovett, Const. Aide I, RE 21; Joseph Valliant, Jr., Const. Proj. Coord., RE 23; Winston Watts, III, Dist./Roller Op., Drew Co.

DISTRICT 3 - Matthew Bearden, Const. Aide I, RE 31; Vincent Brzeski, Maint. Aide II; Robert Buck, Dist. Op.

DISTRICT 4 - Charles Brummett, Backh./FEL Op., Crawford Co.; Ricky Williams, Crew Leader, Washington Co.

DISTRICT 5 - Michael Davis, Storeroom Asst. II

DISTRICT 6 - Sheri Carter, Personnel Clerk; Trent Davis, Roller Op.

DISTRICT 7 - Bobby Hall, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., Bradley Co.; Lewis McAllister, Rest Area Att., Ouachita Co.

DISTRICT 8 - Donald Cowen, Station Att. II

DISTRICT 9 - Chad Foster, Backh./FEL Op., Madison Co.; Scott Greenhaw, Bridge Rep. I; Darren Ramsey, Bridge Rep. I; Jeffrey Thompson, Backh./FEL Op., Benton Co.

DISTRICT 10 - Stephen Burnett, Distributor/Roller Op., Craighead Co.

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - Sharon Faust, Of. Adm. Asst. II, 15 yrs.; Shawn Foust, Sergeant, 15 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION - Donny Berg, Const. Aide I, 5 yrs., RE 74; James Garrett, Const. Aide II, 5 yrs., RE 32; John

Hartsell, Jr., Adv. Const. Field Eng., 5 yrs., RE 11; Phyllis Leonard, Resident Of. Tech., 25 yrs., RE 94; Robin Linn, Insp., 30 yrs., RE 43; Brandon Love, Adv. Const. Field Eng., 5 yrs., RE 52; Dennis Robertson, Const. Proj. Coord., 30 yrs., RE 62; Rebecca Wynn, Resident Of. Tech., 10 yrs., RE 23

ENVIRONMENTAL - Bart Dudley, Env. An. III, 5 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES - Carole Stafford, Acct. An., 15 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Crystal Cole, Div. Head, 15 yrs.

MAINTENANCE - Joshua Phillips, Maint. Aide II, 5 yrs.

MATERIALS - Josh Higginbottom, Geot. Aide II, 5 yrs.; Nick Holt, Dist. Laboratory Tech., 5 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH - James Kauffman, Trans. Info. An., 20 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY - Floyd Rippond, Jr., Plans Designer III, 30 yrs.

SURVEYS - Danny Simmons, Surv. Crew Chf., 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - Brenda Grubbs, Area Hq. Att., 15 yrs.; Nancy Jumper, Dist. Bookpr., 25 yrs.; Kenny Smith, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.; Michael Trussell, Area Hq. Att., 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 2 - Charles Gant, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr., 5 yrs.; Steven Hamilton, Sr. Mechanic, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 3 - Marvin Brown, Dist./Roller Op., 15 yrs.; Matt Hooper, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.; Eddie Nailon, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.; Rodney Stone, Backh./FEL Op., 5 yrs.; Jeremy Taylor, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.; James Thompson, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 4 - Steve Carter, Gen. Laborer, 10 yrs.; Jeffrey Jones, Dist. Bridge Insp., 20 yrs.; Amanda McBride, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.; Ronnie Stout, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 5 - Jeffery Gillihan, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr., 5 yrs.; Darrel Munnerlyn, Motor Patrol Op., 20 yrs.; Blake Smith, Mechanic, 5 yrs.; Marcus Watson, Motor Patrol Op., 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 6 - Karen Colclasure, Of. Adm. Asst. V, 30 yrs.; James McClendon, Hydr. Excav. Opr.-Fin., 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 7 - David Archer, Dist. Const. Engr., 20 yrs.; Travis Greer, Jr., Crew Leader, 30 yrs.; Brenda Harris, Area Hq. Att., 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 8 - Rickey Garrett, Sr., Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.; Gregory Konkel, Motor Patrol Op., 5 yrs.; Raymond McCoy, Motor Patrol Op., 5 yrs.; Ricky Stevens, Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 5 yrs.; Larry Tate, Area Hq. Att., 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9 - William Cox, Maint. Aide II, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 10 - Larry Burdette, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs.; Calvin Foster, Storeroom Asst. II, 20 yrs.; David Hendrix, Maint. Aide II, 20 yrs.

RETIREES

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE - Libby Booker, Sergeant, 26+ yrs.

SURVEYS - Donald Sims, Surveys Crew Chf., 30+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - Edd Cooper, Hydr. Excav. Opr.-Fin., 21+ yrs.; Leroy Dinwiddie, Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 34+ yrs.; Philip Norman, Senior Inspector, 22+ yrs.

DISTRICT 2 - McArthur Phillips, Street Sweeper Op., 33+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4 - Clifton Beavers, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., 28+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

RETIRED

District 1 - Thomas V. Woods, 11/13/07

District 2 - Thomas D. Conner, 11/15/07; Johnnie L. Fox, 11/23/07

District 3 - Harold Higgins, 11/25/07

District 6 - Sylvester Parker, 11/15/07; Dean F. Gray, 12/6/07

Programs & Contracts - June Rain, 12/2/07

Construction - Earl Chester (RE 04), 12/12/07;

Jerry F. Smith (RE 21), 11/15/07

ACTIVE

District 6 - Ray E. Hart, 11/21/07

MILITARY DUTY

As of 12/3/07, the AHTD had 21 employees serving active duty in a branch of the United States military. Dates denote the deployment date.

(ACTIVE)

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

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

DISTRICT 4 - Brandon Bowen, Sr. Mechanic, 10/12/06; Jeremy Bowles, Const. Helper II, 7/13/06; Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Dr., 10/3/05; Kevin Tucker, Bridge Rep. I, 10/1/07

DISTRICT 5 - Greg Hellmann, Inspector, 10/1/07; David B. Smith, Inspector, 10/1/07

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

DISTRICT 8 - Michael H. Bunton, Asphalt Tank Truck Dr., 10/1/07; James R. Harris, Motor Patrol Operator, 10/1/07

DISTRICT 9 - Douglas Henry, Sgl. Axle Truck Driver, 10/1/07; Joseph Ragland, Maintenance Aide I, 10/1/07; Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/5/07; Randall Williams, Ferry Boat Pilot Sept., 10/07; Eric Jaeger, Maint. Aide I, 8/30/06; Cameron Whitney, Sign Erector, 10/9/07

DISTRICT 10 - Rufus Mitchell, Rest Area Attendant, 10/1/07; Donald Evance, Construction Aide I, 10/1/07; Elvis Richmond, Sr. Construction Materials Inspector, 10/1/07

(RETURNING)

DISTRICT 1 - Ricky Benson, Const. Helper II, 10/19/07

DISTRICT 9 - Steven Halsted, Crew Leader, 11/26/07

DISTRICT 10 - Kyle Beasley, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., 10/19/07

DISTRICT 10 - Robert Martin, Gen. Laborer, 11/8/07

DISTRICT 10 - Dustin Miller, Bridge Rep. I, 10/11/07

Specialist Matthew Kyle Reece was killed in action on December 1, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq. He was the son of Tammy Vanderwaal, District 9 Station Attendant for the Jasper Area Maintenance Headquarters in Newton County.

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Highway 10 in Yell County.
"Where Is This?"