

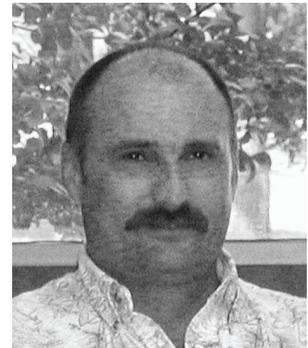
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## Department Promotions

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**Michael Benson** is being named Division Head of Materials effective August 28th. Benson has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. His career with the Department began in 1988 as a Construction Field Engineer II in the Pine Bluff Resident Engineer Office. In 1990, he was promoted to Advanced Construction Field Engineer in the Monticello Office. Later that year, he was promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer and, in 1997, he was promoted to Resident Engineer in Pine Bluff. Benson advanced to Staff Construction Engineer in 2001. He obtained his current title of Assistant Division Head of Materials in 2002. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.



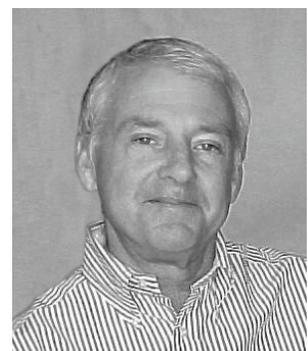
*Benson*

**Michael Fugett** has been named Assistant Division Head of Roadway Design this month. Fugett has a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Memphis. Fugett began his career with the Department as a Civil Engineer I in 1986. After completing the orientation program, he transferred to the Roadway Design Division. He advanced to Design Engineer a year later. In 1989, Fugett was promoted to Advanced Design Engineer and, in 1994, became Senior Design Engineer. He obtained the position of Staff Design Engineer in 2002. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.



*Fugett*

**Scott Mullis**, formerly District Maintenance Engineer in District 2, has been promoted to District 8 Engineer effective this month. Mullis has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. Mullis worked for the Department as an Engineer Student Intern prior to being hired in a full-time position as a Civil Engineer for Roadway Design in 1984. He soon transferred to the Monticello Resident Engineer Office and, in 1985, became a Construction Field Engineer. In 1986, he was promoted to Advanced Construction Field Engineer and became the Assistant Resident Engineer in 1988. A year later, Mullis was promoted to Resident Engineer for the McGehee Office. In 1998, he advanced to District Construction Engineer. Mullis obtained the position of District Maintenance Engineer in 2002. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.



*Mullis*

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# Canard Wins AHP Inspection Competition

The Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) held its Fifth Annual Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Competition on June 19th in Springdale.

The inspection competition focused on promoting uniformity of inspection procedures and challenged officers utilizing roadside scenarios. It provided the AHP staff with a snapshot of the current inspection environment and promoted camaraderie between inspectors across the state. The event was held at the 2008 Arkansas Truck Driving Championship sponsored by the Arkansas Trucking Association.

The Competition consisted of three inspection categories: Hazardous Materials, Motor Coach Inspection and Level One Inspection. Taking first place in the Hazardous Materials Inspection was PFC Fidel Caballero. Coming in first place in the Motor Coach Inspection and the Level One Inspection was PFC James Canard.

The Grand Champion of the 2008 Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Competition was PFC Canard. He is currently assigned to a Highway Police patrol unit stationed in Newport. Canard will represent the AHP and the state of Arkansas during the 2008 North American Inspector's Championship to be held August 18-24, in Houston, Texas.



*AHP PFC James Canard (left) accepts the championship trophy from Chief Ron Burks at the recent Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Competition.*



*AHP PFC Fidel Caballero (left) won first place in the Hazardous Materials Inspection and is seen here accepting the award from Chief Burks.*

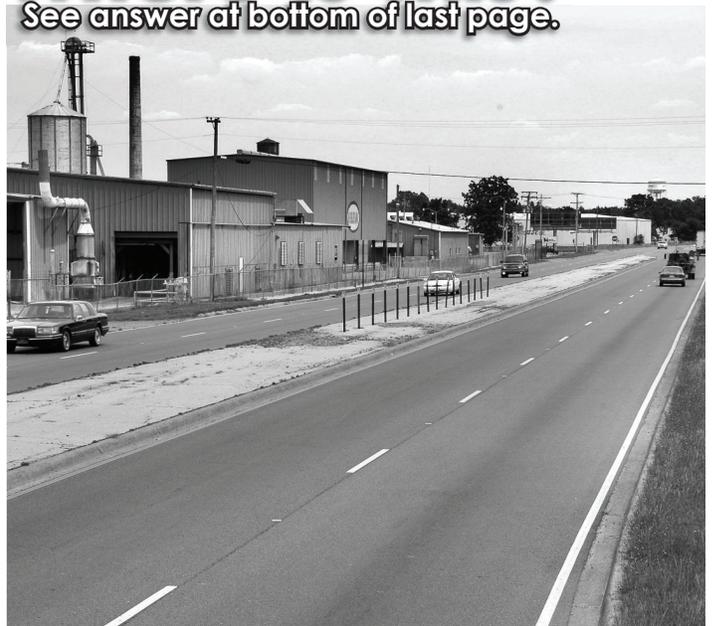
## Highway History



*The Highway 270 overpass at Malvern in 1956.*

## Where Is This?

See answer at bottom of last page.





**Employee:** Don Young

**Job Position:** Section Head - Reproduction

**Length of Service:** 18 years

**Job Duties:** I supervise ten employees, oversee the duplication and bindery of the Department's printed materials and coordinate the purchase of the Section's equipment and supplies.

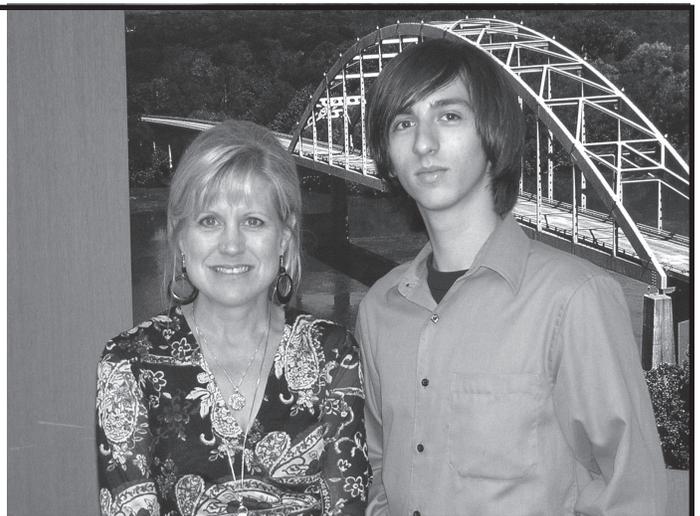
**Favorite Part of the Job:** I like the people in the Section. They are hard working and genuinely want to do their best to satisfy our customers. It may sound corny, but my favorite part of the job is figuring out ways to save the Department money. For example, since starting as Section Head, we have begun digitizing the archive of the Department's plan sets. This has resulted in a savings of over half a million dollars in only four years. Other things, such as the new printers we purchased, have reduced our cost per copy while giving quicker run times.

**Background:** I graduated with a B.S. in civil engineering from the United States Air Force Academy and Master of Science from the University of Arkansas. I am a retired Air Force officer, having flown rescue and recovery helicopters. I also instructed in jet trainers, joking that I saved more lives there than in helicopters. In jets, I always saved two people at a time – the student pilot and myself. When starting with the Department, I worked as a Field Engineer in Facilities Management and then in Resident Engineer offices in Bentonville and Little Rock/North Little Rock. I came to Reproduction in 2003.

**Family:** I have been married to the lovely Becky for 35 years. We have three sons, Zach, Jed and Hunter, all of whom are Eagle Scouts. Two graduated from the University of Arkansas and one from Arkansas State University. I am especially proud of my three daughters-in-law: Dara, an attorney; Rumanda, a Ph.D. in Urban Planning; and Mandy, a Master of Science social worker at Springhill Baptist Hospital. Becky and I are the doting grandparents of two-year-old cousins, Gwendolyn and Caroline, with a third grandchild due in December.

**Hobbies:** As an Eagle Scout myself, I volunteer for various Scouting events. Most notably, I teach Dutch Oven cooking where I put on two or three Scout training events per year. I help with Scouting because I think there are few causes more worthy than helping other parents learn ways to be closer to their children.

*Sergio Sanchez, pictured here with Lorie Tudor, Assistant Division Head of Programs & Contracts, is an intern with the Federal Highway Administration and has spent the last two months with the AHTD. A junior at Arizona State University (ASU), Sanchez has spent time with several Divisions, including Programs & Contracts, Roadway Design and the Materials Division. Sergio is from Yuma, Arizona, and is majoring in civil engineering at ASU.*





District 10: Makenzie Wagster is the new granddaughter of Tonya Ruck, Construction Aide II. Makenzie was born on April 29th.



District 9: Ethan Ryan James is the new grandson of John James, Resident Engineer. Ethan was born on May 21st, weighed 10 lbs. 8.6 oz. and measured 22 inches.



District 4: Malia Campbell is the daughter of Twandria Campbell, Personnel Clerk. Malia was born Feb 12th.



District 4: Jagger Wayne Wyers, new grandson of Anita Jordan, Area Headquarters Attendant, is held by his sister, Haylie Wyers. Jagger was born June 5th.



District 3: (l. to r.) Todd Rucker, Aaron Morton and Pat Edmonson won first place at the annual Golf Tournament held for the American Cancer Society on June 6, 2008, at the Prescott Country Club.



Public Affairs: Glenn Bolick, Administrative Assistant, received the "Working With Youth" award from the White Hall Chamber of Commerce. Bolick has coached numerous youth sports teams and is a founding member of the local soccer league.



District 9: (l. to r.) Jeff Wheeler, District Construction Engineer, receives his 20-year service award from Ralph Fulton, District Engineer.



Planning & Research: (l. to r.) Ron Fields, Transportation Information Analyst, receives his 10-year service award from Virginia Porta, Staff Planning Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenneth Adams, Senior Mechanic, and Eddie Loyed, Crew Leader, received their 20-year service awards.



District 2: (l. to r.) Tim Kelly, Resident Engineer, presents Bill Lum, Construction Aide I, with his 5-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Rex Vines, District Construction Engineer, presents Ladean Aughenbaugh Resident Office Technician, with her 10-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) John McMickle, Resident Engineer, receives his 20-year service award from Rex Vines, District Construction Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Don Donaldson, District Engineer, presents Rick Bailey, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service award.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Ronnie Romine, Paint Transport Truck Driver, receives his 5-year service award from Tony Evans, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



District 4: (l. to r.) Anita Jordan, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives her 20-year service award from Clinton Isaacs, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Planning & Research: (l. to r.) Marie Barnes, Transportation Management Analyst II, receives her 15-year service award from Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart, Staff Planning Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Don Donaldson, District Engineer, presents Ala Mae Flenory, Office Administrative Assistant V, with her 30-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Billy Ficker, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Shannon Smiley, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) Johnny Light, Motor Patrol Operator, and Charles White, Crew Leader, received their 15-year service awards.

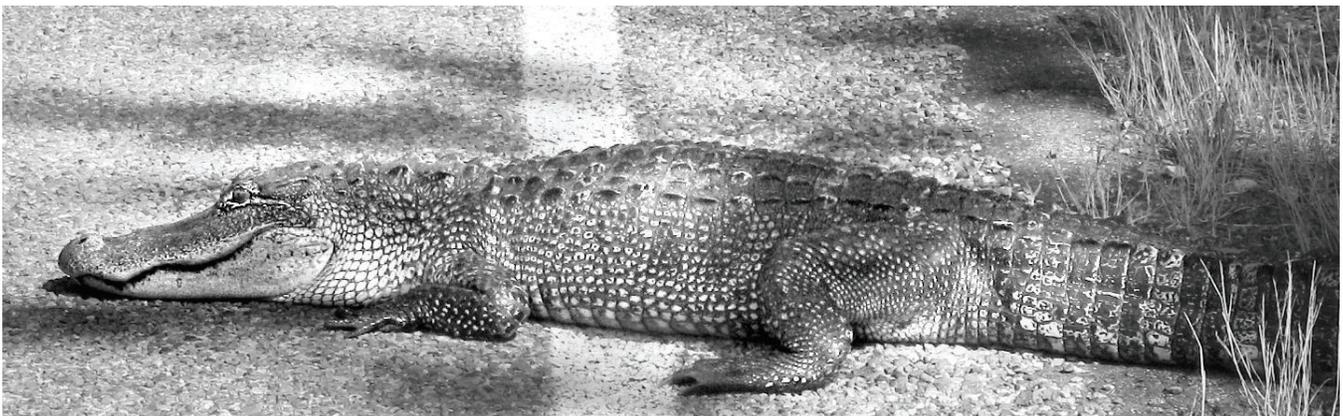


Construction: (l. to r.) Emanuel Banks, Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations, presents Glinda Kidd, Office Administrative Assistant III, with her 5-year service award.



Planning & Research: (l. to r.) Frank Shepherd, Electronics Technician, receives his 15-year service award from Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart, Staff Planning Engineer.

## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND 'GATOR DEPARTMENT



*This alligator crossed Highway 355 about four miles south of Saratoga in Hempstead County on July 1st. The Game and Fish Commission captured and transported the gator to a safer location.*

## new employees



**BRIDGE** – Michael Busick, Civil Engineer – Tamra Herman, Civil Engineer

**COMPUTER SERVICES** – Richard Woods, Appl. Analyst/Programmer III

**CONSTRUCTION** – Caleb Saxby, Const. Helper I, RE 34

**MAINTENANCE** – Neil Austin, Striping Helper – Jill Jackson, Striping Helper

**MATERIALS** – Trenton Ellis, Civil Engineer

**RIGHT OF WAY** – Marilyn Book, Relocation Coord.

**ROADWAY DESIGN** – Anthony Moore, III, Civil Eng.

**SURVEYS** – Sam Sharp, Surveys Helper – Valarie Wylie, Aerial Reproduction Specialist

**DISTRICT 2** – Jose Huante, General Laborer

**DISTRICT 3** – Scott Neely, General Laborer

**DISTRICT 6** – Caleb Bryant, Gen. Laborer – Crystal Dodson, Roller Op. – Ruben Gregory, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr. – Roy Hanley, Gen. Laborer – Matt McCoy, Gen. Laborer – Frederick Plante, Gen. Laborer – James Redmon, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr. – Eric Williams, Gen. Laborer – Franklin Williford, Gen. Laborer

**DISTRICT 10** – Loyd Anderson, General Laborer – Michael Borden, General Laborer – Vida Bowers, Single Axle Truck Driver – Christy Cambron, Single Axle Truck Driver – L. Collins, General Laborer – Tim Tackett, General Laborer – Clarence Ward, General Laborer

## promotions

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Emanuel Banks, Assistant Chief Engineer – Operations

**CONSTRUCTION** – Mike Sebren, State Const. Engineer

**MAINTENANCE** – Jimmy Beams, Bridge Repairer I – Roy Box, Paint Transport Tr. Dr. – Nathan Justice, Bridge Repairer I – Kevin Rogers, Bridge Repairer I

**MATERIALS** – Keith Williams, Geotechnical Aide I

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** – Tracy Covington, Transp. Management Analyst I – Brandi McCallister, Administrative Officer I – James Pool, Jr., Civil Engineer I – Sarah Tamayo, Civil Engineer I

**ROADWAY DESIGN** – Brian Bettinardi, Advanced Design Engineer – Brooke Perkins, Advanced Design Engineer – Brandon Turner, Advanced Design Engineer

**DISTRICT 1** – Roy Ferrell, Maint. Aide II, Woodruff

**DISTRICT 2** – Dawn Boyd, Const. Helper II, RE 23 – Thomas Green, Const. Aide II, RE 23 – Donell Massey, Single Axle Truck Driver, Lincoln

**DISTRICT 3** – Adrian Alvarez, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., Sevier – Colin Nine, Construction Aide I, RE 34

**DISTRICT 4** – Carrie Hudgens, Const. Aide III, RE 41 – Cheril Ridenhour, Const. Aide III, RE 41 – Marion Rouell, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr., Sebastian – James Spillman, Jr., Bckh./F.E.L. Opr., Washington

**DISTRICT 5** – Lincoln Tate, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., Izard – Tina Walker, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr., Jackson

**DISTRICT 6** – Lee Burrow, Maint. Aide I, Lonoke – Robert Gray, Asphalt Tank Tr. Dr. – Mark Mason, Maint. Aide I, Lonoke – Walter Ratliff, III, Distr./Roller Op., Pulaski

**DISTRICT 7** – Chad Launius, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr., Ouachita

**DISTRICT 8** – Mitchell Aday, Bridge Rep. II – Paul Charton, Distributor Op. – Nancy Keeling, Dist. Ofc. Manager – David Teeter, Bridge Repairer II

**DISTRICT 9** – Jerry Hopper, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., Carroll

**DISTRICT 10** – Robert Martin, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr., Greene – William Reddell, Asst. Res. Eng., RE 06

## service

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** – Ronnie Anderson, Captain, 35 yrs. – Roy Martin, Corporal, 20 yrs. – Sammy Smith, Corporal, 25 yrs.

**BRIDGE** – Kenneth Holmes, Struc. Det. Spec., 30 yrs.

**CONSTRUCTION** – Don Backus, Const. Helper II, RE 53, 10 yrs. – Benjamin Browning, Const. Field Eng. II, RE 94, 5 yrs. – Gail Frazier, Res. Ofc. Tech., RE 76, 5 yrs. – Charita Gregory, Insp., RE 95, 20 yrs. – David Henning, Staff Const. Eng., 20 yrs. – Roxanne Karnes, Res. Ofc. Tech., RE 21, 25 yrs. – William Lum, Const. Aide I, RE 24, 5 yrs. – Bennie McKim, Const. Helper II, 10 yrs., RE 64 – Mark Smithee, Resident Eng., RE 04, 20 yrs. – Billy Trammell, Senior Insp., RE 95, 30 yrs.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** – Sharon Sullivan, Office Administrative Assistant IV, 30 yrs.

**MAINTENANCE** – John Knappenberger, Bridge Repairer I, 5 yrs. – Ronnie Romine, Paint Transport Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

**MATERIALS** – Michael Allen, Materials Tech. II, 5 yrs.

**PLANNING & RESEARCH** – Patricia Fletcher-Kester, Public Transp. Tech., 10 yrs. – Kim Wroten, Section Office Coordinator, 20 yrs.

**RIGHT OF WAY** – Kay Crutchfield, Asst. Div. Head, 30 yrs. – Jimmy Sanson, Reviewing Appraiser, 35 yrs.

**ROADWAY DESIGN** – Leo Priest, Sr. Des., 35 yrs.

**STATE AID** – Charles Crawford, Adv. Des. Eng., 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 1** – Johnny Light, Motor Patrol Op.–Finish, 15 yrs. – Billy Williams, Welder, 35 yrs.

**DISTRICT 2** – David Hutchins, Bridge Job Supt., 30 yrs.

**DISTRICT 3** – Kenneth Adams, Sr. Mech., 20 yrs. – Betty Barham, Sealing Job Supt., 25 yrs. – Gene Bishop, Jr., Distributor/Roller Op., 30 yrs. – Jackie Horton, Roller Operator, 15 yrs. – James Loyed, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 4** – Patricia Gilbert, Area Hq. Att., 25 yrs. – Anita Jordan, Area Hq. Att., 20 yrs. – Mike Pickens, Sealing Job Supt., 20 yrs. – Mark Simpson, Shop Supv., 30 yrs. – Jack Yancey, Motor Patrol Op.–Finish, 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 5** – Ronny Majors, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs. – Joshua Musick, Roller Operator, 10 yrs. – Brian Thorn, Station Attendant, 15 yrs.

**DISTRICT 6** – Tommy Bowling, Street Sweeper Op., 5 yrs. – William Davis, Maint. Aide II, 20 yrs. – Robert Gray, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. – Dewayne Hall, Station Att., 15 yrs. – Harvey Hargrove, Storeroom Asst. I, 5 yrs. – James Highfill, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. – Richard Moberly, Crew Leader, 20 yrs. – Richard Odum, Elec. Pl. & Mech. Rep., 5 yrs. – Sarah Powell, Area Hq. Att., 5 yrs.

**DISTRICT 7** – Oliver Hinshaw, Bridge Rep. II, 10 yrs. – Lucian Lindsey, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 30 yrs. – Dave Stevens, Senior Mechanic, 15 yrs.

**DISTRICT 8** – John Johnson, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. – Kenneth Jones, Bridge Job Supt., 30 yrs. – Dennis Langston, Crew Leader, 25 yrs. – James Fancher, Dist. Bridge Insp., 30 yrs.

**DISTRICT 9** – Timothy Fields, Maint. Job Supt., 30 yrs. – Ronnie Pierson, Area Hq. Att., 30 yrs. – Jeff Wheeler, Dist. Const. Eng., 20 yrs.

**DISTRICT 10** – James Baney, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. – Deborah Harmon, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs. – Walter McMillan, Dist. Const. Eng., 30 yrs. – Ronnie Richardson, Bridge Rep. I, 10 yrs. – Jason Stigall, Bckh./F.E.L. Opr., 10 yrs.

## retirement

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** – Elaine Sims, Sergeant, 17 yrs.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Allan Holmes, Assistant Chief Engineer– Operations, 43 yrs.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** – Sharon Sullivan, Ofc. Adm. Asst. IV, 30 yrs.

**RIGHT OF WAY** – Rex Boothe, Reloc. Coord., 34 yrs.

**DISTRICT 1** – Coleman Nesbitt, Gen. Laborer, 29 yrs.

**DISTRICT 4** – Bobby Thompson, Fin. Carpenter, 6 yrs.

**DISTRICT 5** – Thomas Inman, Crew Leader, 35 yrs. – William Jernigan, Insp., 9 yrs.

**DISTRICT 7** – Wallace Dorflinger, Welder, 6 yrs. – Oliver Hinshaw, Bridge Rep. II, 10 yrs.

**DISTRICT 8** – Donnar Williams, Dist. Ofc. Mgr., 28 yrs.

**DISTRICT 9** – Jerry Dillon, Guard, 12 yrs.

## memorials

**DISTRICT 5** – Bruce Fick, 6/24/08 (Active)

**DISTRICT 6** – Calvin R. Castleberry, 6/20/08 (Retired)

**DISTRICT 7** – Thomas Junior Mays, 7/05/08 (Retired)

## active duty

As of 7/15/08, the AHTD had 17 employees serving active duty in the United States military. Dates denote the deployment date.

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE** – Shawn Foust, AHP Sergeant, 8/4/07

**DIST. 1** – James Barte, Senior Inspector, 2/19/08

**DIST. 4** – Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 10/3/05 – Kevin Tucker, Bridge Rep. I, 10/1/07

**DIST. 5** – Greg Hellmann, Inspector, 10/1/07 – David Smith, Inspector, 10/1/07

**DIST. 6** – Shirley Hammett, Area Hq. Attendant, 7/20/04

**DIST. 8** – Michael Bunton, Asphalt Tank Tr. Dr., 10/1/07 – James Harris, Motor Patrol Op., 10/1/07

**DIST. 9** – Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/5/07 – Douglas Henry, Sg. Axle Tr. Dr., 10/1/07 – Joseph Ragland, Maint. Aide I, 10/1/07 – Cameron Whitney, Sign Erector, 10/9/07 – Randall Williams, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/10/07

**DIST. 10** – Donald Evance, Const. Aide I, 10/1/07 – Rufus Mitchell, Rest Area Att., 10/1/07 – Elvis Richmond, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 10/1/07

## "Where Is This?"

*US Highway 49 at Helena.*