



Center Line

MARCH 2010

AHTD's Tenner is Former Boxing Champ

If someone was to ask David Tenner what he does for a living, he would probably tell them that he works for the Highway and Transportation Department as a Motor Patrol Operator Finish in District Six. In fact, he has worked at the AHTD far longer than most...32 years.

Those who knew Tenner back in the 1970s would probably also remember him as a successful boxer who became the Mid South Golden Gloves Champion.

Tenner was 14 years old when he started boxing in 1970. He would work out two hours every day and practiced boxing using a punching bag and a speed bag.

As his love for the sport grew, he had two boxing trainers to help him improve his technique.

"Coach Bill Watson of the Arkansas State Police, in Warren, was my main coach," stated Tenner. "I also worked with Chief Tommy Dunaway of the Warren Police Department."

Tenner started competing as a light middle weight. A light middle weight or middle weight must weigh between 150 and 165 pounds. A light heavyweight

weighs between 170 and 185 pounds. A heavy weight has to weigh between 170 and 200 pounds.

With the hard work came success.

"I won the Arkansas State Golden Gloves light middle weight as a novice in 1974," Tenner stated. "I won the Mid South Golden Gloves competition in Jackson, Tennessee, and won every time I went." He won it in 1974 and again every consecutive year up to 1980.

Tenner became the Arkansas Middle Weight State Boxing Champion for eight years running. He was also ranked the 5th best in the United States in that class.

His success took him to Hawaii where he competed in a national competition.

"That was where you met the best in the world," Tenner adds. "I felt that I could compete with the best."

Among Tenner's titles were South East District AAU Champ, 1975 Golden Gloves Champion and Mid South Golden Gloves Champion. He retired from boxing when he was 24 years old.

Over his boxing career, Tenner fought over 150 fights with over 40 knockouts, but he was never knocked out himself. He only lost 11 of the 150 fights.

"I attribute my success to the support of my parents," Tenner comments.

He doesn't box today, but, he has advice for young people interested in the sport, "There is a lot of tough competition out there. Start young and begin with a good trainer."

And speaking of tough competition, Tenner adds "There is another boxer that I know who works for the Department. He's Andy Mays in District 8 and he was tougher than me. Also, I have to mention one of the toughest guys that I trained with was Jerry West, who lives in Warren."

With the success Tenner enjoyed, it is probable his name will be mentioned in boxing circles as well for years to come.



David Tenner, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, in District Six

2010 ROADEO SEMI-FINALS

**DISTRICT 7
MARCH 4**

	TRACTOR/ LOWBOY	TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK	SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK	TRACTOR/ MOWER	BACKHOE	MOTOR PATROL
1ST PLACE	Courtney Ellis	Lindsey Dow	Gary Hall	Derrick Martin	Trent Vanderzwaln	William Hickman
2ND PLACE	Donald Juniel	Danny Green	Chase Arnold	Micky Davis	Lonnie Garland	David Culp
3RD PLACE	Tim Ferrell	John Johnson	Kennedy Porchia	Greg Ellis	Donald Crawford	Jeff Turner

**DISTRICT 2
MARCH 11**

1ST PLACE	Tim Cagle	Carl Lamb	Craig Uranga	Chris Hendricks	Kirk Chidester	Wallace Simmons
2ND PLACE	Aaron Hutchenson	Stanley Tripp	Allyn Dow	Johnny Williams	Jimmy Brooks	David Alverson
3RD PLACE	John Harvey	Jimmy Brooks	John Breitenstein	Perry Bledsoe	Darrel Smith	Victor Jordan



Economic Stimulus Projects Update

If you've been curious about the status of the Department's use of the \$351 million available to Arkansas from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), below is an update on how we are progressing in Arkansas:

	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Let to Contract	110	\$340.9 million
Scheduled	16	\$ 50.8 million
Total	126	\$391.7 million

The estimated total cost is greater than the \$351 million in ARRA funds available to Arkansas. This is because some projects will be partially funded with ARRA funds, with the balance funded from other Federal-aid, State and/or local funds as appropriate.

Insurance News...

Open enrollment is now underway for Long Term Care insurance. The State of Arkansas has selected Genworth Life Insurance Company as the provider for the State of Arkansas Group Long Term Care Insurance Program.

The program covers expenses for care provided at home and in the community, in assisted living facilities or in nursing facilities.

Actively at work State of Arkansas employees who work 19 or more hours per week and State of Arkansas Retirees under the age of 80 are eligible for the program.

Enrollment continues through April 9th, 2010. Genworth has a dedicated website for State of Arkansas employees at www.Genworth.com/ark. On the website, you can learn more about Long Term Care insurance, see your program choices and get a personalized quote. Employees and their spouses under age 66 can apply online. Others can download a paper application to be completed.

Employees that don't have access to the web can contact the Group Insurance Office for packets at 1-800-422-9833 or 501-569-2629.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER DISTRICT 8



Work is underway in Pope County on the Russellville Bypass. Construction began last spring to build 2.25 miles of roadway embankment and bridge structures. The contract was awarded to Axioo Construction Inc. of Mulberry, Arkansas, for \$12,407,126. The project begins near Interstate 40, in Pottsville, and extends southward and westward. Completion of the embankment and bridges in the Pottsville area is expected this fall, with surfacing to follow. A future project will carry the new bypass westward along existing Highway 247 to the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 247, south of Russellville.



what's COOKING

Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share with your AHTD co-workers? Please either email it to shelli.russell@arkansashighways.com, or mail it to Public Affairs, ATTN: Shelli Russell, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261.

The first recipe is from Charles Keck, a Permit Technician in the Highway Police Division.

Italian Sausage Balls

- 2 cups Bisquick
- 10 oz. shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1 pound Italian sausage, uncooked

Preheat oven to 325F. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Form into 1¼" balls on a cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes. I like to throw in some diced green onions and garlic for a variation, then I use a warmed marinara sauce for dipping.



Employee: Dorothy J. Childs
Area Headquarters Attendant, District 1- Lehi

Length of Service: 12 years

Job Duties: I am responsible for preparing time reports, the inventory of fuel and supplies, and maintenance of equipment. I also maintain the shop and the yard. I work with my Supervisor and crew giving whatever assistance I can to make our job performance proficient.

Favorite part of the job: I enjoy working with my co-workers, they are a wonderful group of people. I look forward to seeing them enter the door each morning. They are my extended family.

Background: I began working with the Department in 1998 as a General Laborer at the West Memphis Headquarters. I transferred from West Memphis to Lehi Headquarters in 1999. Soon afterward, I was promoted to Maintenance Aide I. In July of 2005, I was promoted to Area Headquarters Attendant. I am still in the position and enjoy it.

Family: I have been married for 14 years to Lester Childs, Jr. We have three children, Catrese, Darius and Lester III. We have two wonderful granddaughters, Qordaijiah and Allysa. A third granddaughter should arrive in May.

Hobbies: I used to enjoy reading, talking on the phone to family and friends, and watching TV (preferably the Life Time Channel), but, my new hobby is playing with my granddaughters. They are so adorable.

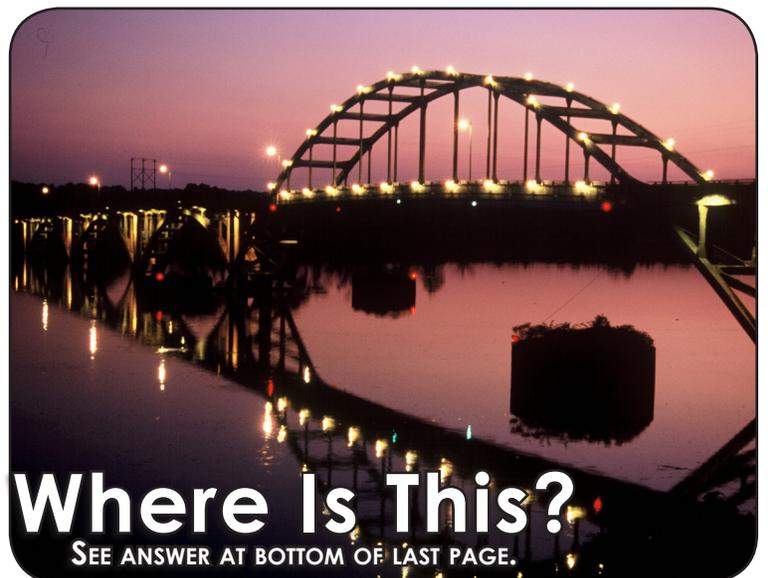
Graduation Photos 2010



Submit your graduation photos by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1st, to be included in the "2010 Graduates" issue of the

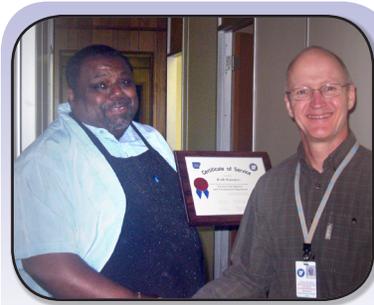
May CenterLine. Include the following information: Student name, school name (high school, college or military only), relation to employee, employee name and employee District/Division. Photos will be returned after the May issue is printed.

Please either mail your submission to Public Affairs, ATTN: Shelli Russell, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2261 or attach it in an email it to shelli.russell@arkansashighways.com.



Where Is This?

SEE ANSWER AT BOTTOM OF LAST PAGE.



Maintenance (l. to r.) Keith Pounders, Sign Maker II, receives his 20-year service award from John Mathis, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Bryan Hayes, Striping Crew Supervisor, receives his 15-year service award from Tony Evans, Staff Maint. Engineer.



Maintenance (l. to r.) Bishop Terrell, Sign Maker II, receives his 10-year service award from John Mathis, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Alex Hester, Striping Machine Driver, receives his 10-year service award from Tony Evans, Staff Maint. Engineer.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Brian Berthiaume, Traffic Designer, receives his 5-year service award from John Mathis, Staff Maint. Engineer.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Ashleigh Himstedt & Michaela Brown with the Lonoke Lady Rabbits basketball team, won the 4A East Region Championship. They are the daughter and niece of Michael Himstedt, Sign Erector.



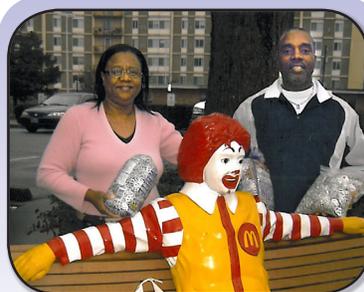
Right of Way: Zayne Reeder, 16 months old, is the son of Ashley Reeder, Plans Designer II.



District 2: (l. to r.) David Waters, Sealing Job Supervisor, presents Willie Patrick, Paver Operator, with his 20-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Kelly Slater, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Cathy Blasengame, Area Headquarters Attendant, with her 15-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Wilma Foster of Ark. Children's Hospital, receives can tabs that Reginald Easter, Lowboy or Float Truck Driver, donated. The tabs provide money for cancer treatments.



District 4: Jerry Stukey (left), Project Construction Coordinator, poses with his family at his retirement party. Jerry retired January 27th with 35+ years of service.



District 4: (l. to r.) Ray Jett, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Carl Jones, Maintenance Aide II, with his 20-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Stacy Linder, Construction Aide I, receives his 5-year service award from John Sharum, Resident Engineer.

District 5: Receiving service awards were (front, l. to r.) Phillip Dearien, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 Years; Jimmy Eldridge, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 5 years; Jeremy Conyers, Bridge Repairer I, 10 years; (rear, l. to r.), Jimmy Beams, Senior Mechanic, 5 years; David Graham, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 years; and Heath Everett, Maintenance Aide I, 10 years.



District 5: Receiving service awards were (l. to r.) Jonathan Bacon, Const. Aide III, 15 years; Raymond Ratton, Crew Leader, 20 years; Jim Walker, Senior Mech., 25 years.



District 6: (l. to r.) Stanley Rogers, Dist. Sealing Crew Supv., receives his 20-year service award from Rex Spurlock, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 9: (l. to r.) Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer, presents Shirley Gray, Field Clerk II, with her 15-year service award.



District 9: Calista Green, born January 1st and Charlie Green, 18 months, are the children of Zane Green, Senior Mechanic.

new employees

CONSTRUCTION - Gary Disney, Construction Aide II, RE 61 - Thomas Talley, Construction Aide II, RE 94

LEGAL - Amanda Young, Legal Aide

SURVEYS - David Hall, Jr., Engineer

DISTRICT 1 - Dennis Carter, Skill Trades Trainee - Tollie Prackett, Single Axle Truck Driver - Wilton Warren, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4 - Rhett Franks, Single Axle Truck Driver - David Matevia, General Laborer - Larry Miedema, General Laborer - Russell Payne, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr. - Stephanie Portwood, General Laborer - Alan Powell, General Laborer - Josh Scott, General Laborer - James Trammell, General Laborer

DISTRICT 8 - Terry Johnsgard, Single Axle Truck Driver

promotions

MAINTENANCE - Steve Moore, Senior Traffic Investigator

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Chris Hanning, Staff Research Engineer

SURVEYS - Charles Cleveland, Surveys Aide I - David Patton, Surveys Aide I - Jerry Prince, II, Surveys Aide I

DISTRICT 3 - Mark Castle, Senior Mechanic - James Pinkerton, Maintenance Aide I, Pike Co. - Christopher Sundberg, Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 4 - Dwight Couter, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver - Sharren Richards, Rest Area Att., Crawford Co. - Glen Stengel, Maintenance Aide II, Logan Co.

DISTRICT 5 - Joshua Green, Senior Inspector, RE 53

DISTRICT 6 - Larry Boyd, Jr., Bridge Repairer I - Harvey Hall, Distributor/Roller Operator, Pulaski Co. - Harvey Hargrove, Storeroom Assistant II - Michael Ricardo, Construction Aide II, RE 65 - Lee Ryder, Rest Area Attendant, Hot Spring Co.

DISTRICT 7 - John Callender, Inspector, RE 73 - Danny Sikes, Senior Construction Matl. Insp., RE 73

DISTRICT 8 - Joseph Shamsie, Motor Patrol Operator, Pope Co. - Bobby Ward, Inspector, RE 84

DISTRICT 9 - Donald Flowers, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, Searcy Co.

DISTRICT 10 - Brastain James, Single Axle Truck Driver, Mississippi Co.

service

CONSTRUCTION - Gary Buzbee, Assistant Resident Engineer, RE 86, 10 yrs. - Casey Chastain, Assistant Resident Engineer, RE 55, 10 yrs. - Shirley Gray, Field Clerk II, RE 92, 15 yrs. - John James, Resident Engineer, RE 95, 25 yrs. - Jerry Vest, Inspector, RE 13, 30 yrs.

MAINTENANCE - Bryan Hayes, Striping Crew Supervisor, 15 yrs. - Keith Pounders, Sign Maker II, 20 yrs.

MATERIALS - Thomas Sturch, Materials Technician IV, 20 yrs.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS - Lorie Tudor, Assistant Division Head, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 2 - Angelon Wesley, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 3 - Vincent Brzeski, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs. - Larry Johnson, Distributor/Roller Operator, 10 yrs. - Latricia Jones, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 15 yrs. - Melinda Lester, Area Headquarters Attendant, 25 yrs. - Marion Mangum, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 4 - Wayne Grist, Crew Leader, 25 yrs. - Dustin Higgins, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr., 5 yrs. - Carl Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs. - Johnny Palmer, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 5 - Richard Jones, Assistant Bridge Inspector, 5 yrs. - Cecil Meggs, Jr., Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 7 - Duel Fendley, Motor Patrol Operator, 30 yrs. - Patty Grice, Area Headquarters Attendant, 10 yrs. - Clemon White, Rest Area Attendant, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 8 - Robert Hale, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 20 yrs. - David Hogue, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25 yrs. - Walter Kordsmeier, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 9 - Nathan Daniels, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs. - Karen Hodge, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs. - Edward Watts, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25 yrs. - James Watts, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 10 - Sammy Parrish, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.

retirement

HIGHWAY POLICE - Joe Driver, Staff Research Eng., 21+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - Jerry Vest, Inspector, 29+ yrs.

DISTRICT 2 - Billy Shelby, Senior Construction Material Inspector, 20+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4 - Jerry Stuke, Construction Project Coordinator, 35+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5 - Charles Carroul., Area Maintenance Supervisor, 33+ yrs. - Perry Stegall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 32+ yrs.

DISTRICT 6 - Karen Colclasure, Office Adm. Asst V, 32+ yrs. - Louis Turner, Maintenance Aide II, 28+ yrs.

memorials

RIGHT OF WAY - William H. Williams, 2/11/10, retired - Carl T. Keehn, 2/13/10, retired

DISTRICT 2 - Floyd R. Baker, 2/22/10, retired

DISTRICT 4 - Virgil V. Faulkner, 2/14/10, retired

DISTRICT 5 - Robert W. Wray, 2/24/10, retired

DISTRICT 7 - Glen R. Buck, 2/20/10, retired - Ronald A. Rogers, RE 74, 2/24/10, active

DISTRICT 10 - Aaron D. Pannell, 2/16/10, retired

active duty

As of 03/9/10, the AHTD had 8 employees serving active duty in the United States military. Dates denote deployment.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Travis Nelson, Safety Inspection Officer, 7/15/09

DISTRICT 1 - Ricky Benson, Construction Helper II, 10/5/05

DISTRICT 4 - Nathan Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/3/05

DISTRICT 6 - Shirley Hammett, Area Headquarters Attendant, 7/20/04

DISTRICT 9 - Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/5/07 - Douglas Henry, Single Axle Truck Driver, 10/1/07

DISTRICT 10 - Robert Martin, General Laborer, 5/28/09 - Dustin Miller, Bridge Repairer, 11/11/09

"Where Is This?"

Highway 23, over the Arkansas River, at Ozark

