



CenterLine

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Intern Orientation Is A Time To Learn More About The Department

Each summer, the AHTD invites a number of college students interested in careers in the transportation industry to spend the summer as interns with the Department. The program gives these students more knowledge about the transportation industry and encourages participants to continue their interest in an engineering career.

“The intern program is an opportunity for these students to get involved and get hands-on experience with the Highway and Transportation Department,” stated Carla Edwards, Personnel Specialist in the Human Resources Division. “Our goal is to open the doors and let them see what career opportunities there are in transportation and, more specifically, with our Department.”

This summer, the AHTD welcomed 51 students as interns. Participants this year represent six universities including the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, the University of Memphis, Louisiana Tech University at Ruston, Missouri University of Science and Technology at Rolla and the University of Texas at Austin.

As part of the program, the Department presents an Engineering Student Intern Orientation at the Central

Office in Little Rock. The two-day event is an opportunity for the students to learn more about the AHTD, its Divisions and what a career with the Department has to offer.

After a welcome from Ralph Hall, Assistant to the Director, the interns listened to a Department overview presented by the Assistant Chief Engineers. Scott Bennett addressed the role of the Planning Branch, Phil McConnell talked about the Design Branch and Emanuel Banks shared the duties of the Operations Branch. Afterwards, special guest Dr. Tom Parsons, Director and Professor of Civil Engineering at Arkansas State University, presented the program “Preparing for the Big One: The New Madrid Fault Earthquake.” The afternoon of the first day was spent learning more about the benefits of employment with the AHTD and opportunities that await new employees. After a full day, the interns were treated to dinner at Copeland’s.

The second day was more hands-on with tours of each Department. Students also had an opportunity to see, first-hand, the Department’s ARAN truck (Automated Road

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The 2011 AHTD Engineering Interns

Health Insurance Changes for 2012

The health insurance plan for the State will have some changes for the upcoming plan year. For the 2012 plan year, we will have three unique plans offered, and you will need to choose the best plan that suits you and your family's needs.

GOLD

This plan will only be administered by Health Advantage and the benefits are the same as the ARHealth plan that is currently offered. If you are currently with the ARHealth plan and want to continue, you do NOT need to do anything.

SILVER

This plan will be administered by Qual Choice. This is a brand new plan with a new concept. This plan will have a deductible for most services, but will still offer some benefits with the copayments. To take advantage of this plan, you will need to complete an Enrollment Form during enrollment.

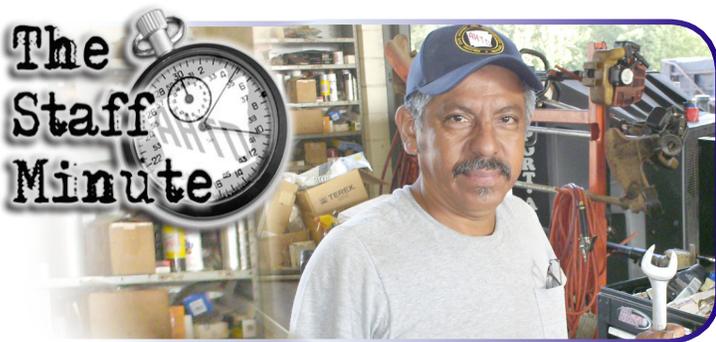
BRONZE

This plan will be administered by Health Advantage. Benefits are the same as the ARHealth HDPPPO plan that is currently offered by Novasys. If you are currently on the HDPPPO plan and wish to continue on that plan, you do NOT need to do anything. The only change you will see is the plan administrator.

With all three plans, you will still have the benefit of not having to choose a primary care physician or require referrals in order to seek the services of a specialist. You will need to make sure the physician is in the network of your benefit plan to receive the best benefits of the plan; however, you have the option to access medical services through in-network or out-of-network providers. Your cost for out-of-network services is much more expensive than with in-network providers, but open access is important to many members. You will still need to get certain services precertified by calling American Health Holding at 1-800-592-0358.

These rates are for Health insurance only. You will be receiving a "Summary of Benefits" at your home later this month. Please call our office at 501-569-2420 if you have any questions.

Plan/Level	24 times per year
Employee Only	
Gold	\$47.89
Silver	\$31.06
Bronze	\$0.00
Employee & Spouse	
Gold	\$183.87
Silver	\$141.26
Bronze	\$38.61
Employee & Child(ren)	
Gold	\$96.82
Silver	\$70.72
Bronze	\$13.92
Employee & Family	
Gold	\$209.81
Silver	\$162.30
Bronze	\$46.10



Employee: Juan Coronado

Job position: Senior Mechanic, District 8

Length of service: 17 years

Job Duties: My duties are to help with the repair and maintenance of equipment that is brought into the District Shop from all of the crews in the District. Sometimes I am required to go out in the field to do repairs.

Favorite part of the job: My favorite parts of the job are working on different types of equipment, problem solving and lending a hand to others around the shop and those out in the District. Every day is a new learning experience.

Background: I attended school in Mexico until the 9th grade. I received my GED in 1989 from Petit Jean Vo-Tech, now the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton. In my life, I worked for a farm in Colorado, for a shipyard in Houston, Texas, and worked ten years in construction. I began working for the Department in June of 1994 as a Single Axle Truck Driver, and then was promoted to Distributor/Roller Operator in 1997. In November of 2006, I transferred with a promotion to Mechanic in the District Shop. I was promoted to the position I hold today, Senior Mechanic, in October of 2008.

Family: I have been married to my wife Donna for 27 years. We have three children: daughter Johna and her husband Ryan, son Juan Miguel and daughter Jacqueline. My parents and siblings, 10 in all, live in Mexico.

Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy working on my farm, raising cattle, cutting hay and riding horses. I go hunting with my son and go to my daughter's basketball games. I also volunteer with the Aplin-Nimrod Fire Department. I am a member of the Perry County Cattleman's Association and the Perry County Cooperative Extension Service.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER DISTRICT 4



Work is progressing in the Interstate 540 area of Fayetteville at its interchange with Highway 62 and Highway 180 (Martin Luther King Boulevard). The project involves the widening of Highways 62 and 180 from five to six lanes in the interchange area. The widening will extend from west of Shiloh Drive to Futrall Drive. Futrall Drive is also being widened from three to four lanes from the Interstate 540 northbound exit ramp to the Martin Luther King intersection to accommodate a dual left turn lane for westbound traffic.

Plans also include improving the northbound exit ramp at the intersection with South Futrall and, on Martin Luther King, adding a right turn lane to North Futrall. In addition, the northbound Interstate 540 entrance ramp will be relocated farther north on North Futrall. Finally, there will be an extension of the three-lane section of North Futrall to the relocated northbound entrance ramp.

The job was awarded to Sweetser Construction, Inc. of Fayetteville in July of 2010 for \$3,977,777. Work on the project is approximately halfway finished and it should be completed in December of this year.

Monday, September 5th, will be a holiday for employees of the AHTD in observance of

LABOR DAY.

All work will be suspended except for cases of emergency.

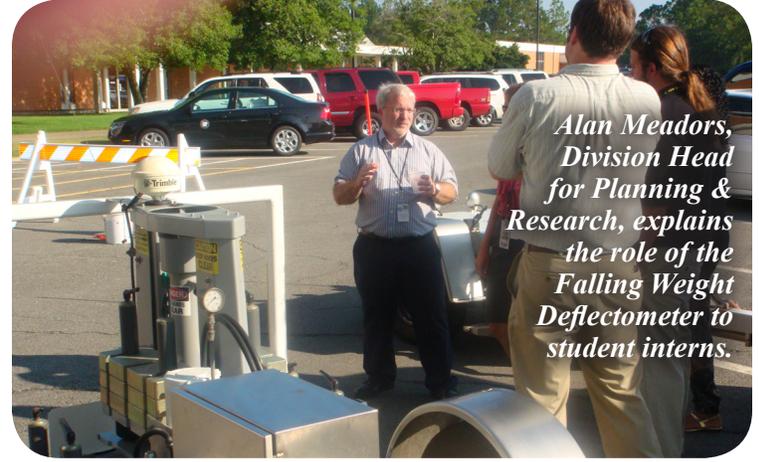
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Analyzer) which collects pavement performance data on the state's highways, the new aerial video system which utilizes a helium balloon to record video of traffic movements below, and the Department's Falling Weight Deflectometer that measures the pavement's response to loads. A tour of the Materials Lab was also a part of the day's activities.

"We'd like to think that after spending a summer with us, many of these students will come back to us after they graduate and seek full time employment with the AHTD," Edwards added.

This year's engineering student interns include Shane Adams, D'Andre Anderson, Shelby Baker, Kenneth Bon Banga, Brian Biehler, Jared Boogaerts, Jarrod Brightwell, Ethan Clark, William Clark, Anthony Cola, Chris Colgan, Zeke Coston, Colton Cowles, Nick Dail, Sarah Beth Dalby, Allen Damron, Hannah Eddington, Amanda Elzey, Chris French, Claire Gauthreaux, Chase Gervasini, Jamie Hatlan, James Isenhour, Patrick Jones, Michael Kemp, Anna Keogh, Hunter Lake, Kayleigh Lincomfelt, Luke Lindsey,

Edith Martinez, Matt Nanak, Thomas Norris, Will Parham, Seth Parish, Caleb Posey, Ethan Rhoades, Josh Robertson, Eric Romero, Ivonne Romero, Alex Roofe, Sam Rothove, Matt Rowe, Ashley Smith, Chris Smith, Matt Strasser, Anna Troutman, Jeremy Waits, Adam White, Simon Wiley, Dawun Williams and Charlie Zardin.



Alan Meadors, Division Head for Planning & Research, explains the role of the Falling Weight Deflectometer to student interns.

Mark Evans, Staff Pavement Management Engineer in Planning & Research, introduces interns to the Automated Road Analyzer (ARAN) truck.



what's **COOKING**

This month's "What's Cooking" recipe is from...

Renee Warren • District 4

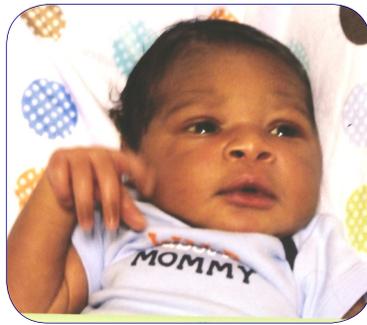
GRAPE SALAD

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. of seedless grapes in various colors
- 16 oz. of softened cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup pecans (optional)

Mix powdered sugar and cream cheese well in large bowl. Add grapes and nuts. Chill until cheese is firm again.

Please submit your recipe for possible publication in the *CenterLine* to: Shelli Russell, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203 or shelli.russell@ahtd.ar.gov.



EEO/DBE: Weslyn Josiah Marshall was born June 28th He weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and measured 20.5" long. He is the nephew of Kristi Breamsey, Office Administrative Assistant III.



Environmental: Makenna Seagraves was born July 7th, and weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. She measured 19" long. She is the daughter of Josh Seagraves, Environmental Scientist II.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) David Weston, Senior Traffic Investigator, receives his 5-year service award from John Mathis, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Kim Elrod, Sign Shop Supervisor, presents Donald Palmer, Sign Maker II, with his 10-year service award.



Planning and Research: Carter Casharago McMillen was born June 23rd. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. He is the grandson of Donny McMillen, FTA Grants Officer.



Roadway Design: Abram (Abe) Ross Wylie, V, was born November 2nd. He is the son of Keli Lynn Wylie, Staff Design Engineer.



District 5: Receiving their service awards were (l. to r.) Melvin Yates, District Bridge Inspector, 35 years; and Raymond Covey, Senior Inspector, 40 years.



District 5: Peyton Pearson, age 4, is the great granddaughter of Brenda Taylor, retired Office Administrative Assistant V. She is trying to fill her great-grandma's shoes and brought home an employment application.



District 5: Receiving their service awards were, (l. to r.) Floyd Haley, Maintenance Aide II, 15 years; John Pendergrass, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 years; David Bailey, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 20 years; and Brian Bratcher, Inspector, 20 years.



District 5: Receiving their 25-year service awards were, (l. to r.) Donald Harwood, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Kenny Bowren, Resident Engineer; Bobby Wilkerson, Bridge Repairer II; Dennis St. John, Senior Body Repairer & Painter; and Keith Skelton, Crew Leader.



District 5: Receiving their service awards were, (l. to r.) Jon Jones, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 10 years; Brad Fulks, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 years; Christina Hampton, Personnel Clerk, 5 years; and Matthew Boyer, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 years.



District 6: (l. to r.) Joe Sartini, District Engineer, presents Mark Headley, District Construction Engineer, with his 20-year service award.



District 7: Ashton Cooper was born July 3rd. He is the grandson of Ernest Jones, Roller/Distributor Operator.



District 9: Receiving their 5-year service awards are (l. to r.) Candon Bolinger, Construction Materials Inspector; and Paul Cochran, Construction Helper.



District 9 (l. to r.) Joe Davidson, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Joe Maberry, Senior Mechanic, with his 15-year service award.

AHTD PEOPLE • EMPLOYEE STATISTICS FOR JULY 2011

new employees

CONSTRUCTION • STEPHANIE DOYLE, FIELD CLK. I, RE 62 • TIMOTHY COTTON, CONST. HELPER, RE 84

RIGHT OF WAY • LYNZI MOSIER, OFC. ADM. ASST. III

DISTRICT 3 • KEVIN HEARD, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 6 • CAMERON DAVIS, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 7 • CURTIS BEARDEN, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR. • JAMES MEDLIN, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • SMITH CARLOS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 8 • CLINT DUNLAP, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • JORDAN MCGUIRE, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 9 • M. KENT, JANITOR

promotions

ENVIRONMENTAL • JOSHUA SEAGRAVES, ENV. SCI. II

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • MARK HOLLOWAN, EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST

HEAVY BRIDGE • TRACEY DIXON, STATEWIDE BR. INSP.

LEGAL • MARK UMEDA, STAFF ATTORNEY • MELISSA MYLYM, STAFF ATTORNEY

MAINTENANCE • AMANDA PRICE, OFC. ADM. ASST. I • LOYD HAAS, SIGN CREW SUPV. • MELVIN LIGHT, MAINT. AIDE II

MATERIALS • TAMARA MURRY, BITUMINOUS ENG. • TRACY HENDERSON, GEOTECHNICAL AIDE II

PLANNING & RESEARCH • LYDELL HARRIS, CARTOG. SUPV. • KIMBERLY ROMANO, SR. P&R RSCH. ENG.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS • LORIE TUDOR, DIV. HEAD

ROADWAY DESIGN • BRANDON TURNER, SR. DES. ENG. • BROOKE PERKINS, SR. DES. ENG. • MARK EARL, SR. DES. ENG. • MICAH BRYANT, SR. DES. ENG.

SURVEYS • PAGE MCPHERSON, OFC. ADM. ASST. V

DISTRICT 1 • BRENDA WIGGINS, STREET SWEEPER OPERATOR, CRITTENDEN CO. • JERRY WALLIS, MAINT. AIDE I, CRITTENDEN CO. • JOHN HOLCOMBE, JR., MAINT. AIDE I, CRITTENDEN CO. • LAURA GLASPER, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR., CRITTENDEN CO.

DISTRICT 2 • AMANDA BREWSTER, FIELD CLERK II, RE 21 • CHARLES HAYES, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR. • DANIEL COURTNEY, CONST. FIELD ENG. II, RE 21 • FRANKLIN REYNOLDS, MOTOR PATR. OP.-FIN., LINCOLN CO. • JIMMY RENFROE, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., ARKANSAS CO. • MICHAEL PARKS, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., ARKANSAS CO. • TERRY WARREN, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., DESHA CO.

DISTRICT 3 • CHARLES BRANHAM, BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OPERATOR, LAFAYETTE CO. • RODNEY STONE, MAINTENANCE AIDE II, PIKE CO.

DISTRICT 4 • AMOS O'CONNOR, CONSTRUCTION AIDE III, RE 42 • CANDICE RAWSON, FUEL CLERK • WILLIAM DAVIS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 5 • BILLY BARKER, LOWBOY OR FLOAT TRUCK DRIVER • CARROLL SEATON, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, INDEPENDENCE CO. • DANIEL MCCORD, MOTOR PATROL OP., INDEPENDENCE CO.

DISTRICT 6 • HERMANIE PIERRE, ENG. I, RE 65 • RODERICK BAILEY, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., PULASKI CO.

DISTRICT 7 • CURTIS HAMILTON, MOTOR PATROL OP., COLUMBIA CO. • DARRICK ERBY, MULTI-AXLE TR. DRIVER, UNION CO. • OTHA GRICE, MOTOR PATROL OP.-FINISH, BRADLEY CO. • RANDALL HOLLIS, DISTRIB./ROLLER OP., BRADLEY CO.

DISTRICT 8 • CARLOS GOMEZ, SINGLE AXLE TR. DRIVER, YELL CO. • HERSHELL COTTON, MOTOR PATROL OP., FAULKNER CO. • LARRY HARRIS, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR., FAULKNER CO. • MATTHEW ANDERSON, GEN. LABORER, POPE CO.

DISTRICT 10 • JADE PRICE, PAVER OPERATOR • MARK DUNAVIN, STATION ATTENDANT II

service

COMPUTER • JOE PYLE, APP. ANALYST/PROG. III, 5 YRS.

CONSTRUCTION • AARON VANDERZWALM, CONST. HELPER, RE 76, 10 YRS. • AMOS O'CONNOR, CONST. AIDE III, RE 42, 10 YRS. • BOYCE COPE, CONST. HELPER, RE 23, 5 YRS. • CANDON BOLINGER, CONST. MAT. INSP., RE 94, 5 YRS. • CHARLES HOLLAND, EST. SUPV., 30 YRS. • CODY HOLLAND, INSP., RE 41, 15 YRS. • JASON WILLIAMS, ADV. CONST. FIELD ENG., RE 43, 10 YRS. • KENNETH STARR, CONST. HELPER, RE 74, 5 YRS. • TIM DUNLAP, RES. ENG., RE 53, 25 YRS. • WILLIAM LUKE, RES. ENG., RE 04, 20 YRS.

ENVIRONMENTAL • LINDA DEMASI, ENV. SCI. III, 10 YRS.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • DANNY KEENE, DIVISION HEAD, 25 YRS.

HIGHWAY POLICE • BRIAN SINGLETON, PERMIT TECH., 15 YRS. • TODD WETZEL, FIRST LIEUTENANT, 30 YRS.

HUMAN RESOURCES • REGINA DURHAM, CARPENTER, 10 YRS.

MAINTENANCE • KEN LEOPARD, SIGN MAKER I, 5 YRS.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • DAVID SITTON, JR., DATA COLL. TECH, 25 YRS. • MINNIE WHITE, ADM. OFCR. II, 30 YRS.

RIGHT OF WAY • GENE KUETTEL, JR., SECT. HEAD - UTILITIES, 20 YRS. • PATRICIA LYNN, ROW NEGO. II, 20 YRS. • TOMMY LYNN, REVIEWING APPR., 20 YRS.

ROADWAY DESIGN • MIKE FUGETT, DIV. HEAD, 25 YRS.

SURVEYS • KEVEN MEYER, SURVEYS AIDE II, 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 1 • JOE DEWITT, AREA MAINT. SUPV., 35 YRS.

DISTRICT 2 • CLYDE ROBINSON, DISTRIB./ROLLER OP., 10 YRS. • GARY MORTON, ASST. BRIDGE INSP., 10 YRS. • SHURUN JENKINS, BACKH./FRONT END LOADER OP., 5 YRS. • STANLEY TRIPP, DISTRIB. OP., 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 3 • STEVEN MORROW, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 35 YRS.

DISTRICT 4 • ALAN BOGGS, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR., 5 YRS. • EDWARD JAMES, MOTOR PATROL OP., 25 YRS. • RODNEY GRAHAM, AREA HQ. ATT., 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 5 • JAMES MCCOY, MAINT. AIDE II, 5 YRS. • JEFFREY QUALLS, CREW LEADER, 25 YRS. • KEITH FOUSHEE, CRANE OP. - FINISH, 15 YRS. • LARRY MARSHALL, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 10 YRS. • LEE GARRETT, MAINTENANCE AIDE I, 15 YRS. • ROY CARTER, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 5 YRS. • STEVEN DAVIS, MAINT. AIDE II, 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 6 • EDGAR BURCH, MAINTENANCE AIDE II, 10 YRS. • ELDON YOUNG, JR., REST AREA

ATTENDANT, 15 YRS. • MARGARET BESANCON, OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT V, 25 YRS. • MARK HEADLEY, DIST CONSTRUCTION ENG., 20 YRS.

DISTRICT 7 • DWIGHT WATSON, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DR., 5 YRS. • JEWELL WILLIAMS, SR. MECH., 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 8 • JUDY JOHNSTON, REST AREA ATT., 5 YRS. • KEITH CHRONISTER, CREW LEADER, 25 YRS. • LINDEL CARMACK, AREA MAINT. SUPV., 35 YRS. • NICKY SCRIVNER, AREA HQ. ATT., 20 YRS.

DISTRICT 10 • BENNY DENTON, SIGN CREW SUPV., 30 YRS. • JIMMY ADAMS, MAINTENANCE AIDE II, 35 YRS. • KENNETH MARTIN, CREW LEADER, 35 YRS.

retirement

COMPUTER • JUDY MANES, COMPUTER TECHNICAL COORDINATOR, 29+ YRS.

MATERIALS • TOM GREENWAY, LAB COORDINATOR, 36+ YRS.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • ROBERT WILLIAMS, CARTOGRAPHER III, 38+ YRS.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS • ED HOPPE, JR., DIVISION HEAD, 36+ YRS.

RIGHT OF WAY • MIKE HILEY, RELOCATION COORD. II, 36+ YRS.

SURVEYS • TAMMY SPENCER, OFFICE ADM. ASSISTANT V, 34+ YRS.

DISTRICT 1 • EDWARD SMITH, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 18+ YRS. • JOHN PRUETT, JR., BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OP., 12+ YRS.

DISTRICT 3 • HENRY MAXFIELD, SENIOR MECHANIC, 18+ YRS. • STEVE MORROW, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 35+ YRS.

DISTRICT 4 • BRENDA BATES, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 17+ YRS.

DISTRICT 7 • DAVID DENSON, MOTOR PATROL OP.-FINISH, 23+ YRS.

DISTRICT 9 • DOUGLAS PEDERSON, BRIDGE JOB SUPERINTENDENT, 39+ YRS. • GLENN CREAMER, SENIOR MECHANIC, 34+ YRS.

DISTRICT 10 • RONALD ROGERS, CONSTRUCTION AIDE II, 31+ YRS.

memorials

COMPUTER SERVICES • GARY E. WILMOTH, 8/4/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 5 • GEORGE E. KIMMER, 7/17/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 6 • JAMES O. RAMSEY, 7/20/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 10 • RETHA K. KAPPELMAN, 7/19/11, RETIRED

active duty

As of 8/12/11, the AHTD had 1 employee serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment dates noted.

DISTRICT 9 • DOUGLAS HENRY, SGL. AXLE TR. DR., 10/1/07