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Department Receives Statewide Recognition



Dan Brown, P.E., ACECA President, (left) presents a QBS award to AHTD Director Dan Flowers.



AHTD Director Dan Flowers (second from left) receives the Government/Public Service Award at the First Annual Corporate Executive Minority Business Awards. Also pictured are (l. to r.) Louise Roitz, Keith Prevost, Excell LaFayette, Jr. and Donna Creer.

The early months of 2005 have seen the Highway and Transportation Department receive numerous awards from statewide organizations.

The Department was the recipient of a QBS Award (Qualification Based Selection) from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas (ACECA) on February 24th. The award was presented for exemplary use of the QBS selection process and promotion of the practice of QBS in the selection of engineering services.

On March 3rd, AHTD was the recipient of an award at the 1st Annual Corporate Executive Minority Business Awards presented by the Arkansas Regional Minority Supplier Development Council. The Department received the Government/Public Service Award for outstanding

commitment to minority business contracting and purchasing.

The Department was recognized at the 2005 Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism held on March 8th in Little Rock. The AHTD was the recipient of the Crystal Award for its work with the Department of Parks and Tourism on plans to rebuild four Arkansas Welcome Centers. Centers at El Dorado and Texarkana opened in late 2004. A new center in Fort Smith will open soon, and one at Corning is scheduled to open later this year. The Department was also commended for its improvements to state park roadways.

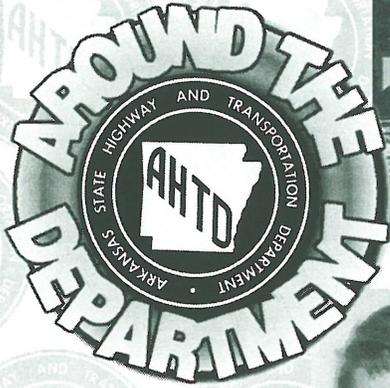
"We wanted to recognize the contributions of the Highway and Transportation Department and honor them for their continued support," stated Richard Davies, Executive Director of Parks and Tourism.



AHTD Director Dan Flowers (center) receives the Crystal Award at the Governor's Conference on Tourism. Also pictured are (left) Richard Davies, Executive Director of the Department of Parks & Tourism and Governor Mike Huckabee.

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Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Ned Ward receives his 20-year service award from Captain Gary East.



Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) PFC Steve Woods receives his 15-year service award from Captain Gary East.

District 3: New baby girl Ally Regan Blue, pictured with big brother Ty Blue, was born to Tim and Rochelle Blue on December 7, 2004. Rochelle is Resident Engineer in Hope.



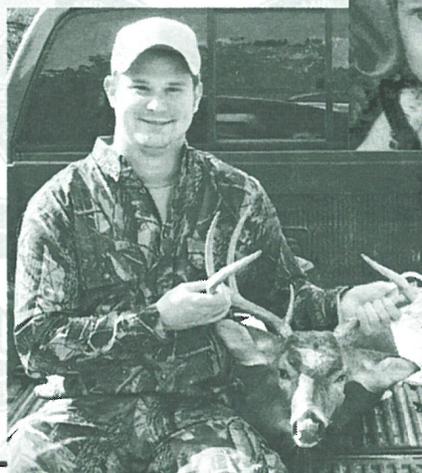
District 7: Jayce Nutt, age 2, recently won the titles of Little Miss Crossett Rodeo Pageant & Crossett Christmas Pageant. She is the daughter of Jason and Tiarra Nutt. Jason is a Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator.



District 2: Melvin Ford, Backhoe/Front End Loader, holds his new granddaughter, Laken. Parents are Todd & Dena Hudspeth.



District 9: Elias Nathan Weaver was born May 18, 2004, to Matt and Melissa Weaver. Melissa is a Personnel Clerk.



Maintenance - Communications Section: Bobby Allison, Communications Specialist, recently killed this 8-point deer in Social Hill.



Arkansas Highway Police: (l. to r.) CPL Frank Young receives his 20-year service award from Assistant District 4 Commander, 1LT Jeff Davis.



District 6: 30-year service awards - (Standing, l. to r.) Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum, Director Dan Flowers. (Seated, l. to r.) Larry Wilkins, Morris Nutt, Ben Franklin, Reuben Carter and Hosea Hall.

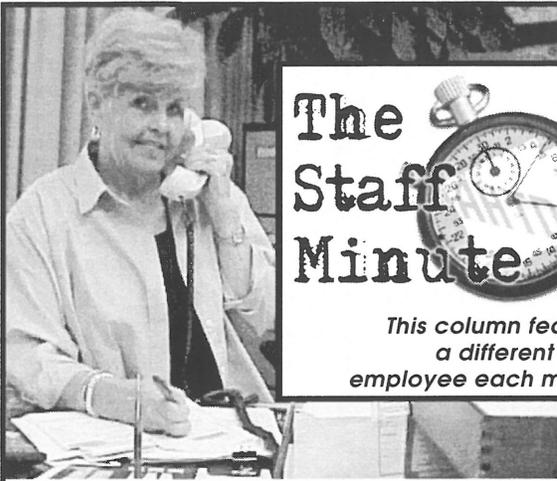


District 2: Becky Wynn, Office Technician at RE #23, recently celebrated her 50th birthday.



Central Office: A different kind of photo submission... Guess the identity of these two current AHTD employees. Answer below.

Answer to Guess Who: Toni Barnes, Administrative Assistant III, Fiscal Services; Ray Brown, Carpenter, Maintenance Division.



The Staff Minute

This column features a different AHTD employee each month.

Employee: Bettye Carter-Johnson

Position: District Two Permit Officer

Length of Service: 32+ years

Job Duties: I am responsible for issuing utility, access driveway, house moving and special permits. I also serve as our blood-borne pathogen coordinator, magazine news reporter, Adopt a Highway and Adopt a

Spot program coordinator, advertising sign coordinator, District ROADEO coordinator, railroad permits coordinator, right of way coordinator, notary for district and I.D. badge coordinator.

Favorite or most interesting part of the job: For me, the most interesting part of the job is meeting people and helping others.

Background: I am a lifelong resident of Pine Bluff.

Family: I am married and have three daughters, one stepson and six grandchildren.

Hobbies/Interests: In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, gardening, volunteering and camping.

Graduation Photos

Graduation photos are due in the Public Affairs Office by **5 p.m. on April 1st.**

Please include the following information with photo submission:

- Graduate's Name
- School Name
- Employee Name (parent/grandparent)
- Employee Title
- Division or District

Photos may be submitted by mail to Public Affairs, Shelli Russell. All photos submitted by mail will be returned when printing is finished. Photos may also be submitted by email. Call or email with questions - 501-569-2573 or shelli.russell@arkansashighways.com.

Four-Day Work Week Begins

Effective March 31 through October 26, 2005, the following personnel will work a four-day, ten-hour schedule Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a half hour lunch:

Area Maintenance Superintendents • District Equipment & Maintenance Supervisors • District Shop Crews • Equipment & Procurement Shop Personnel • Facilities Management Personnel • Field Maintenance Personnel • Heavy Bridge Maintenance Crew • Job Superintendents • Profiling • Radio Maintenance Specialists • Safety Inspection Officers • Shop Supervisors • Sign Shop Personnel • Storeroom Personnel • Striping & Signing Crew • Surveys Division Survey Parties • Tech Service Section • Field Personnel

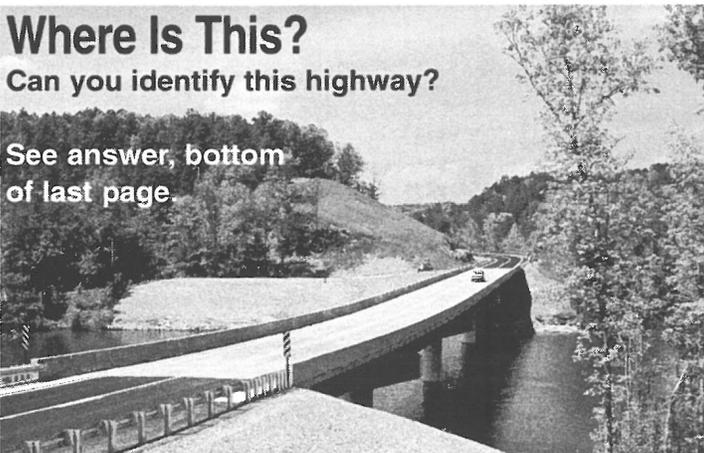
On those weeks containing a holiday, the work schedule will revert to a five-day, eight-hour work week. Vacation or sick leave for a ten-hour day will be charged as ten hours. Half days will be charged as five hours.

The Districts will rotate the service station personnel so that one person will be on a five-day, eight-hour work week in order to keep the station open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Where Is This?

Can you identify this highway?

See answer, bottom of last page.



2005 Semi-Final ROADEO Dates:

District 1	March 31	District 6	March 17
District 2	March 10	District 7	March 24
District 3	May 5	District 8	April 7
District 4	April 21	District 9	May 12
District 5	April 14	District 10	April 28

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

Mitchell Katayama Programmer II
Jon Manley Programmer I

CONSTRUCTION

Stephen Smith Construction Helper I

MAINTENANCE

David Gault Single Axle Truck Driver
James Watts Bridge Repairer I

STATE AID

Elizabeth Batten Civil Engineer

DISTRICT 2

James Ferguson Single Axle Truck Driver
Leo Griggs General Laborer
George Nuckols General Laborer
Robert Watkins Single Axle Truck Driver
Angelon Wesley General Laborer

DISTRICT 3

Vincent Brzeski Single Axle Truck Driver
Antario Robinson Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

Stephen Becker General Laborer

DISTRICT 6

Troy Teal Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Nathan Daniels Single Axle Truck Driver
Karen Hodge General Laborer
Marion Mangum Single Axle Truck Driver
Jordan McNair Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Candace Love General Laborer

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Jeff Bickerstaff Corporal
Clyde Crookham, Jr. Corporal
Larry Curtis Corporal
Robert Garrett, Jr. Corporal
David Harris Corporal
Roy Martin Corporal
Larry Mitchell Corporal
Mark Pyburn Corporal
Eric Rhinehouse Corporal
William Scott, Jr. Corporal
Ruddy Short Corporal
Vicki Simmons Corporal
Tom Simpson Corporal
Darren Smith Corporal
Louie Smith Corporal
James Smith, Jr. Corporal
Bucky Thomas Corporal
Todd Turman Corporal
Jeffery Yates Corporal

BRIDGE

Dale Heft Bridge Design Engineer

CONSTRUCTION

Glinda Kidd Office Admn. Asst III

ENVIRONMENTAL

Langston Carr Environmental Analyst I
Meredith Owen Administrative Aide II

LEGAL

Michelle Davenport Staff Attorney
David Long Staff Attorney

MAINTENANCE

Shane Foust Sign Erector
Charlie La Fevers Bridge Repairer I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Chris Hanning Programs & Contracts Engr. I
Erica Michael Programs & Contracts Engr. I

REPRODUCTION

Bill Schulze Reproduction Technician

RIGHT OF WAY

Kay Crutchfield Assistant Division Head

DISTRICT 1

Daniel Harris Resident Engineer
Shannon Smiley Area Headquarters Attendant

DISTRICT 2

Keith Etue Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Lamark Hobbs Construction Aide I
John Moorehead Station Attendant II
Henry Walton Construction Aide I

DISTRICT 3

Kenneth Fore Sealing Job Supt.
Teresa Harrington Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 4

Jake Atkinson Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Justin Hoopengartner Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Charles Lasater Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
James Nelson Senior Inspector
Fred Ridenhour Maintenance Aide II
Craig Shelton Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Jeff Shimko Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

DISTRICT 5

Karrie Ausbrooks Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Jeremy Gay Bridge Repairer I
Timothy Wilson Construction Materials Insp.
Amy Wright Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 6

John Grounds Assistant Resident Engineer
Dennis Stinson Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Mark Trickey Advanced Const. Field Engineer
James Watkins Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT 7

Therese Purifoy Construction Aide I

DISTRICT 8

Walter Edwards Bridge Repairer II
Donald Morgan Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Angie Reeder Construction Helper II
Kelly Watkins Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Jason Marshall Construction Aide II
Floyd Wyatt Senior Body Rep. & Painter

DISTRICT 10

Phyllis Ashby Distributor Operator
Marsha Montgomery Maintenance Aide I

SERVICE AWARDS

CONSTRUCTION

Gary Buzbee Assistant Resident Engr., 5 yrs.
Casey Chastain Asst. Resident Engr., 5 yrs.
Shirley Gray Field Clerk II, 10 yrs.
John James Resident Engineer, 20 yrs.
Jerry Vest Construction Aide III, 25 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES

Lanecia Weston Administrative Aide III, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE

Randall Hayes Striping Crew Supv., 10 yrs.
Keith Pounders Sign Maker II, 15 yrs.

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Patricia Greenway Reproduction Tech., 15 yrs.
Lorie Tudor Assistant Division Head, 20 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

Elise Squires Office Admn. Asst. III, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Charles Aldridge Senior Mechanic, 20 yrs.
James Leon, Jr. Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Norman Rochelle Motor Patrol Opr.-Fin., 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

William Eubanks Bh./Fr. End Load. Opr., 5 yrs.
Larry Johnson Dist./Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Latricia Jones Motor Patrol Operator, 10 yrs.
Melinda Lester Area Hq. Attendant, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Wayne Grist Crew Leader, 20 yrs.
Carl Jones Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.
Johnny Palmer Crew Leader, 25 yrs.
Jerry Shaffer Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Cecil Meggs Jr. Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Robert Conklin Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr., 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Duel Fendley Motor Patrol Operator, 25 yrs.
Clemon White Rest Area Attendant, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Robert Hale Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, 15 yrs.
David Hogue Area Maint. Supervisor, 20 yrs.
Walter Kordsmeier Bh./Fr. End Load. Opr., 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Edward Watts Crew Leader, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Sammy Parrish Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

Linda McCaskill Rest Area Attendant, 21+ yrs.
Herbert Ogden Maintenance Aide II, 33+ yrs.
Charles O'Neal Senior Inspector, 28+ yrs.
Linda Page Single Axle Truck Driver, 5+ yrs.
Ernest Parker Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5+ yrs.
Ernest Pearce Senior Inspector, 34+ yrs.
George West Administrative Officer IV, 12+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

Jennifer Davis

Active employee, District 4, Died 3/12/05

Lowall E. Hardaway

Retired employee, District 7, Died 2/20/05

R. T. "Cisco" Henson, Jr.

Active employee, District 7, Died 3/6/05

William P. Howell

Retired employee, District 7, Died 2/21/05

James P. McConnell

Retired employee, District 9, Died 3/4/05

Leo Meeks

Retired employee, District 2, Died 12/30/04

Danny J. Smith

Retired employee, District 8, Died 3/5/05

Arthur T. Watt

Retired employee, Right of Way, Died 3/11/05

James R. Wilkins

Retired employee, District 1, Died 2/2/05

ACTIVE DUTY

AHTD has many employees in the armed services. This is a listing of those who have been deployed to serve our country. This list is current as of March 7, 2005. The Department presently has 15 employees on Active Duty .

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

James Clark Sergeant 11/1/02
Henry Lewis Permit Technician 1/28/03
Jack Stepp Sergeant 10/12/03

ENVIRONMENTAL

Bart Dudley Environ. Analyst I 10/13/03

MAINTENANCE

Bishop Terrell Sign Maker II 10/13/03

REPRODUCTION

Mark Green Reproduction Tech. 10/13/03

DISTRICT 1

James Barte Senior Inspector 9/28/04
Lamaris Mitchell Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03

DISTRICT 2

Leoyd Robinson Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/8/03

DISTRICT 4

Leslie Barnett Const. Proj. Coord. 10/13/04

DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett Area Hq. Att. 7/20/04
Alfred Langhorn Maint. Aide II 10/13/04

DISTRICT 8

Michael Buntun Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. 10/13/03
William Fales Backh./FE Load. Opr. 10/13/03

DISTRICT 9

Randall Williams Pilot-Deck Hand 3/15/04

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson,
Chairman

Jonathan Barnett,
Vice Chairman

Carl S. Rosenbaum,
Member

R. Madison Murphy,
Member

John Ed Regenold,
Member

Dan Flowers,
AHTD Director



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Answer to "Where is This?"
Catherine in Garland County,
State Highway 128, over Lake