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Highway 215 • Johnson County
View of the Mulberry River

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Students present their pasta replica of the Little Mulberry Creek Bridge.



PASTA BRIDGES

Cabot Class Builds Bridge Replicas

Spaghetti. Rigatoni. Lasagne... Not the materials commonly used by AHTD bridge-building crews. But these were the ingredients chosen by the fourth grade Gifted & Talented class of Cabot's Southside Elementary School when they cooked up their own bridge-building project.

To begin the process, Joyce Dalton, the class teacher, had students watch the "Historic Bridges of Arkansas" documentary film which was produced by Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) with help from the AHTD. Each child then picked one historic bridge in Arkansas on which to focus their research. From February through May 2013, they gathered data and photos about their chosen bridge. They noted facts like bridge location, design type, total length, deck width and weight limits. Using Google Earth, they located and viewed their bridge online.


Once the information was gathered, each student began building a replica of their chosen bridge. Using different shapes of pasta, modeling clay, rubber bands and glue, they created "pasta bridges" that resembled the actual bridges they researched. During construction, they learned to consider the visual aspects of the bridge, as well as the strength of their structure. On Pasta Bridge Demolition Day, each bridge was tested to see how much weight it could withstand before it collapsed.

This year was the first time Mrs. Dalton had assigned the project to her Gifted & Talented students. She and the students both felt it was a successful learning endeavor, and there are plans to conduct the project again next year with more involvement from the Department. ♦



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY GROUPS

In Full Swing This Spring



Cass Job Corps Center took part in the annual "Litter Pickup Day on the Pig Trail"

As the trees turned green and the flowers began to bloom this spring, there was nothing more unsightly than the trash that was scattered along the highways.

With the warmer weather, numerous Adopt-A-Highway groups across the State made it a point to get together to do some spring cleaning and picking up of roadside litter.

The Adopt-A-Highway program is made up of 1,615 groups of volunteers who spend a few hours each month volunteering to pick up trash on the roadways. The groups pick up approximately 1,500 cubic yards of trash each year.

In northwest Arkansas, the Adopt-A-Highway group at the Cass Job Corps Center near Turner Bend took part in the annual "Litter Pickup Day on the Pig Trail" on Highway 23 North. Over 150 students and their instructors picked up approximately 200 bags of trash. They covered over 14 miles of highway extending from Cass southward to Interstate 40. The town of Turner Bend hid 28 five-dollar gift certificates along the route for the Corps members to find and redeem at a local store.

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EACH YEAR.

Over 100 volunteers with the Turner Bend Adopt-A-Highway group turned out on March 2nd for the 22nd Annual Mulberry River Cleanup Day. Volunteers were able to clean Highway 215 from Highway 103 to Highway 23, and Shores Lake Road from Highway 23 to Shores Lake. Some volunteers went to the Mulberry River and cleaned several miles of it as well. At the end of the day, two large trailers were filled with bagged trash, tires and a number of other items thrown on the roadside.

On April 7th, members and family guests of the Cabot Country Cruisers running club picked up one mile of Highway 89 in Cabot. Approximately 30 people from this Adopt-A-Highway group participated.

For Fiscal Year 2011, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department spent \$4,909,586 on litter pick up. The Department's Adopt-A-Highway groups play an important role in the fight against litter. Not only do they make our roadsides a cleaner place, they also help keep the cost of litter pick up down through the work that they do. ♦



AHP SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Set for June 18
at Harbor Oaks



Special Olympics

The Arkansas Highway Police will hold the 19th Annual Four-Person Scramble for Special Olympics on June 18th at Harbor Oaks Golf Club in Pine Bluff.

It's time to pull out the golf bag and enjoy the spring weather! The entry fee to participate in the tournament is \$240 per team (\$60 per player). The fee includes green fees, cart, drinks and lunch. Prizes will also be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each flight.

There will be hole-in-one prizes and participants also have a chance to win one of several valuable door prizes. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Yolanda Gomillion at 501-569-2546, or mail your entry to her attention at: Arkansas Highway Police Central Office, P.O. Box 2779, Little Rock, AR 72203.

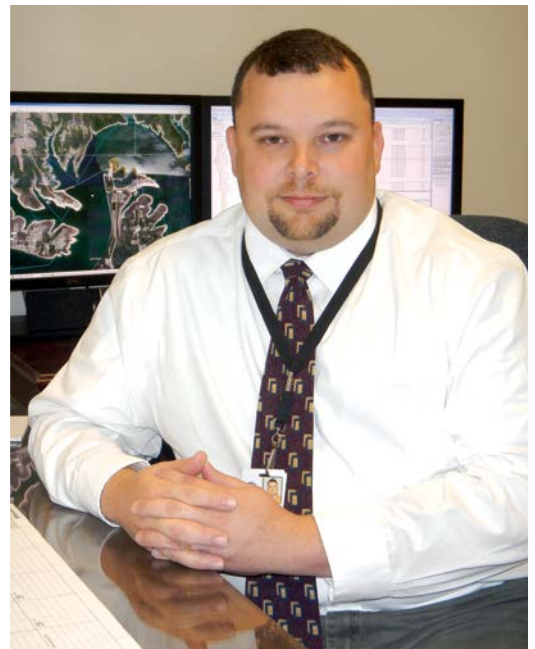
Registration is first come, first served. The entry fee must accompany the registration form. Deadline for entry is June 7th. Come enjoy a day on the golf course while contributing to a good cause, the Special Olympics. ♦

KELLY Named DIVISION HEAD OF SURVEYS

Michael Kelly has been named Division Head of Surveys. The appointment became effective on May 30th. He replaces Kit Carson who recently retired with 41 years of service.

Kelly began work at the Department as a Civil Engineer in the Surveys Division in June of 2002. One year later, he advanced to Civil Engineer I. In May of 2004, Kelly was promoted to Civil Engineer II and then became a Civil Engineer III in May of 2005. He obtained the position of Automated Surveys System Engineer in August of 2007 and was promoted to Staff Surveys Engineer in February of 2008. Previous to his promotion to Division Head he was Assistant Division Head for eight months.

Kelly has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Louisiana Tech University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Professional Land Surveyor. ♦



Michael Kelly

NEW HIGHWAY 549 TEXARKANA LOOP

Opens to Traffic



The opening of a new highway on a new location is always exciting. It is an adventure on a new stretch of highway never seen before. New highways can also cut down on travel time between points A and B.

Motorists in Texarkana got their first look at a new section of Highway 549 this spring. A dedication ceremony was held on April 30th on a new stretch that extends from Arkansas Boulevard, across Interstate 30 to Highway 71, north of Texarkana.

Before traffic was allowed, AHTD crews had to unveil new highway signs, remove barricades and clear the area of orange barrels.

Travelers are now using the new highway. But they are not alone. Motorists may have to share the road with a family of Canada Geese that live along the route and tend to use the roadway themselves. Travelers beware! ♦



WHAT'S AHEAD

Upcoming Dates to **REMEMBER**

JUNE 5 // WEDNESDAY

- AHTD Commission Meeting
Central Office, Little Rock, 9:00 a.m.
- AHTD Bid Letting
Central Office, Little Rock, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

JUNE 12 // WEDNESDAY

- AHTD Statewide Rodeo Finals
Central Office, Little Rock, 8:00 a.m.

JUNE 16 // SUNDAY

- Father's Day

JUNE 18 // TUESDAY

- Arkansas Highway Police
Golf Tournament benefitting Special Olympics

JULY 4 // THURSDAY

Independence Day

- **AHTD Offices Closed for Holiday**

JULY 7-12 // SUN.-FRI.

- Summer Transportation Institute - Session #1

JULY 16-17 // TUES.-WED.

- Engineering Student Intern Orientation

JULY 21-26 // SUN.-FRI.

- Summer Transportation Institute - Session #2

JULY 24 // WEDNESDAY

- AHTD Commission Meeting
Central Office, Little Rock, 9:00 a.m.
- AHTD Bid Letting
Central Office, Little Rock, 10:30 a.m.





AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADDEO

DISTRICT 1 • APRIL 4, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....James Leon
2nd Place.....Richard Brickley
3rd Place.....Wilton Warren

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Troy Tims
2nd Place.....Scott Walton
3rd Place.....Steve McKnight

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Jason Willis
2nd Place.....Jason Pippenger
3rd Place.....James Corley

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Ray Chapman
2nd Place.....Ronnie Reel
3rd Place.....David Karnes

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Terry Forrester
2nd Place.....Antonio Aquilera
3rd Place.....Ron Coleman

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Johnny Light
2nd Place.....Rommie Harris
3rd Place.....Donnie Peeler



DISTRICT 4 • MAY 2, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Mark Standridge
2nd Place.....Matt Kildow
3rd Place.....James Canada

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Jeremiah Jackson
2nd Place.....Arrow Thornburg
3rd Place.....Terry Buhajla

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Tim Henretty
2nd Place.....Cris Ingram
3rd Place.....Jason Rouell

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Eric Brigance
2nd Place.....Jason Rouell
3rd Place.....Peggy Scott

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Larry Miedema
2nd Place.....Jim Sampley
3rd Place.....Jeremiah Jackson

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Jimmy Jetton
2nd Place.....Billy Bower
3rd Place.....Jerry Trotter

DISTRICT 5 • MAY 9, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Rick Herring
2nd Place.....Elvis Garrett
3rd Place.....Kevin Ashcraft

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Steve Sutton
2nd Place.....Josh Smith
3rd Place.....Jason Moser

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Randy Zeigler
2nd Place.....Brad Fulks
3rd Place.....Lance Marlin

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Bill Barker
2nd Place.....Jon Jones
3rd Place.....Evan Higginbottom

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Ronny Majors
2nd Place.....Dennis Perry
3rd Place.....C.D. Hall

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Kevin Huff
2nd Place.....Blake Smith
3rd Place.....Nick Rushing

DISTRICT 6 • APRIL 11, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Derrick Marshall
2nd Place.....David Allen
3rd Place.....Johnny Hadley

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Brett Johnson
2nd Place.....Roger Taylor
3rd Place.....Blake Angel

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Lonnie Murry
2nd Place.....Phillip Andrews
3rd Place.....Newton Stokes

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Tony Skarda
2nd Place.....Rusty Bornemeier
3rd Place.....Caleb Bryant

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Brian Glenn
2nd Place.....Marion McFee
3rd Place.....Sarah Powell

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Greg Tenison
2nd Place.....Jason Berry
3rd Place.....Winfred Petty

CENTRAL OFFICE • APRIL 11, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Neil Austin
2nd Place.....Michael Hawkins
3rd Place.....Wade Boughner

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Eugene Farrell
2nd Place.....Johnny Carte

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Robert DeLeon
2nd Place.....Vince Mitchell
3rd Place.....David Allen

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Anthony Caudel

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Anthony Washam
2nd Place.....Paul Christenberry
3rd Place.....Johnny Carte

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Ron Honeycutt
2nd Place.....Donnie Thornton

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS



DISTRICT 7 • MARCH 28, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Ricky Anderson
2nd Place.....Doyle Bowlin
3rd Place.....Earnest Jones

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Ricky Cummings
2nd Place.....DeWayne Torrence
3rd Place.....Stacey Harding

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Stephen Henson
2nd Place.....Paul Parnell
3rd Place.....Nathan Boyd

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Lonnie Garland
2nd Place.....David Grice
3rd Place.....Donald Crawford

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Blake Jackson
2nd Place.....Jerry Langley
3rd Place.....Chad Launius

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Jeremy Evans
2nd Place.....Howard Holman
3rd Place.....Jason Jacobs

DISTRICT 8 • APRIL 18, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Allen James
2nd Place.....Robert Woodward
3rd Place.....Raymond McCoy

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....David Pruitt
2nd Place.....Trent Hudson
3rd Place.....Rick Flagg

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Elman Pineda
2nd Place.....Samuel Gullede
3rd Place.....David Pruitt

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Kevin Jones
2nd Place.....Craig Scott
3rd Place.....Jacob Whitmire

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Paul Burris
2nd Place.....Scott Blair
3rd Place.....Dale Carlat

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Joseph Shamsie
2nd Place.....Roger Wilson
3rd Place.....Johnny Rice

DISTRICT 9 • MAY 16, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Jeff Upton
2nd Place.....Scott Willis
3rd Place.....Donnie Billups

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Steven Graham
2nd Place.....Travis Swanson
3rd Place.....Derek Gellerman

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Brad Edgmon
2nd Place.....Rowan Dunn
3rd Place.....Misty Barber

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Chad Foster
2nd Place.....Russell Morgan
3rd Place.....Luke McDole

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Kenny Bilderback
2nd Place.....Marilyn Hemby
3rd Place.....Coty Campbell

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Terry Eidson
2nd Place.....Lance Baker
3rd Place.....Cody Villines

DISTRICT 10 • APRIL 25, 2013

TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1st Place.....Eugene Kemmett
2nd Place.....Chad McMillon
3rd Place.....Travis Henderson

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place.....Jerry Yancy
2nd Place.....LC Collins
3rd Place.....Donnie Pfeifer

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Tony Ruhl
2nd Place.....Monte Smith
3rd Place.....Jimmy Sturkey

BACKHOE

1st Place.....Heath Eubanks
2nd Place.....David Danaho
3rd Place.....Dewayne Pharis

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place.....Robert Losh
2nd Place.....Katherine Griffin
3rd Place.....David Danaho

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place.....Jade Price
2nd Place.....Tony Ruhl
3rd Place.....Vic Blevins

around THE DEPARTMENT Service Awards

1. AR HIGHWAY POLICE:

(L. to R.) Charles Keck, Permit Technician, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Samantha Nelson, Administrative Assistant III.



2. **BRIDGE:** (L. to R.) Carl Fuselier, Division Head, presents Tammy Herman, Advanced Structures Engineer, with her 5-Year Service Award.



3. **INTERNAL AUDIT:** Steven Taylor, Senior Internal Auditor, receives his 5-Year Service Award.



4. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Bobby Allison, Communications Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Gary Bennett, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



5. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Tommy Kirkpatrick, Pavement Profiler Job Superintendent, presents Frank Monroe, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, with his 5-Year Service Award.



6. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Don Norris, Traffic Investigator, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Boyd Dickey, Striping Superintendent.



SERVICE AWARDS



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7. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Michael Allen, Materials Technician III, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Dwayne Cale, Staff Materials Engineer.

8. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Jonathan Brill, District Laboratory Technician, receives his 10-Year Service Award and Pin from Jon Annable, Assistant Division Head.

9. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Jon Annable, Assistant Division Head, presents Celest Howard, District 4 Materials Supervisor, with her 25-Year Service Pin.

10. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Dawn Richards, Chemistry Section Head, presents Rodney Mazander, Chemist III, with his 20-Year Service Award.

11. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Dwayne Cale, Staff Materials Engineer, presents Henry Williams, Materials Technician IV, with his 10-Year Service Award.

12. PUBLIC INFORMATION: (L. to R.) Ralph Hall, Assistant to the Director, presents Randy Ort, Public Information Coordinator, with his 25-Year Service Pin.

13. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) David Hutchins, Bridge Job Superintendent, presents Charles Gant, Bridge Repairer I, with his 10-Year Service Award.

14. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Ray Spears, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents: Eugene Bryant, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 5-Year Service Award; Brandon Webster, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, with his 5-Year Service Award; and David Lawless, Crew Leader, with his 20-Year Service Award.

around THE DEPARTMENT Service Awards

15. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Gerald Butcher, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Bobby Trotter, Motor Patrol Operator, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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16. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Gerald Butcher, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Lawrence Crift, Area Headquarters Attendant – Desha County, with his 5-Year Service Award and Pin.



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17. DISTRICT 3: (L. to R.) Todd Rucker, Motor Patrol Operator – Nevada County, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



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18. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Shannen Ray, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jason Rouell, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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19. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Receiving their 5-Year Service Awards: Dennis Perry, Distributor/Roller Operator; Steve Taylor, Welder; Billy Calkin, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Johnny Jason, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; and Joshua Smith, Distributor/Roller Operator.



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20. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Receiving their Service Awards: Brian Stone, Maintenance Aide II, 15 years; Thomas Smith, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 25 years; Russell Moore, Senior Inspector, 25 years; and Mickey Taylor, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35 years.



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SERVICE AWARDS



21. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Larry Bloomfield, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Clark County, presents Bobby Helms, Maintenance Aide II, with his 25-Year Service Award and Pin.

22. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Brenetta Jo Childs, Janitor, receives her 5-Year Service Award from Glen Howell, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

23. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Rhonia Krisell, District Office Manager, presents Lindsey Dow, District Receptionist, with her 5-Year Service Award.

24. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Phillip David Rowen, Parts Runner, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Glen Howell, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

25. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Randy Wesley, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Johnnie Risher, Area Maintenance Supervisor – Columbia County.

26. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Curtiss Watkins, Distributor Operator, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Stan Stormont, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

27. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Michael Bunton, Asphalt Paver Operator, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Stan Stormont, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

28. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Don Baker, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Ron Collins, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-Year Service Award.

SERVICE AWARDS

29. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Stan Risley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Rowan Dunn, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-Year Service Award.



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30. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 25-Year Service Pin from Jeffrey Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer.



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31. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Jackie Villines, Crew Leader, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Randall Edgmon, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



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32. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Travis Brasher, Assistant Resident Engineer, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Walter McMillan, District Engineer.



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33. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Receiving their 10-Year Service Awards: Regenia Landrum, Administrative Assistant V; Lesa Osborn, District Receptionist; Rosalind Highfill, Field Clerk II – R.E. 4; and David Ellis, Construction Aide III, R.E. 4.



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34. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) David McPherson, Senior Mechanic, receives his 10-Year Service Award.



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35. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Receiving their 5-Year Service Awards: Robert Nelson, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Clarence Ward, Maintenance Aide I; Krista Mitchell, Maintenance Aide I; and Sylvia Stormes, Bridge Repairer I.

around THE DEPARTMENT

Noteworthy

On the Job



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1. MAINTENANCE: Joe Callahan, Communications Maintenance Specialist, was honored at a reception held by his coworkers. Joe recently retired from the Department with 7+ years.

2. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Mike Stevens and Jerry Howe do some heavy lifting on D4 Moving Day. District 4 moved into its new office building on May 16, 2013.

3. DISTRICT 7: Carol J. "Buddy" Richard, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, was honored at a reception held by the District shop crew. Buddy recently retired from the Department with 8+ years. (L. to R.): Kenneth Doherty, Shop Supervisor; Carol J. "Buddy" Richard and his wife, Susan Richard.

4. CENTRAL OFFICE: Director Scott E. Bennett announces to the Commission that the AHTD was the recipient of a Perpetual Pavement Award from the Asphalt Pavement Alliance for 2012. The award recognizes existing long life asphalt pavements demonstrating outstanding design and construction.

around THE DEPARTMENT Noteworthy

5. DISTRICT 4: Kara Belt, Construction Materials Inspector – R.E. 42, and Brian Robinson were married May 20, 2013. Congratulations to them both!

6. DISTRICT 6: Case Angel, son of Blake Angel, Maintenance Aide II, was born February 1, 2013. Case weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Case is the grandson of Mike Funderburk, Crew Leader in District 3.

7. DISTRICT 10: Eva Emmalynn Rucker, granddaughter of Tonya Rucker, Inspector – R.E. 4, was born April 10, 2013. Eva weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Eva is the daughter of Brantley and Evan Rucker.

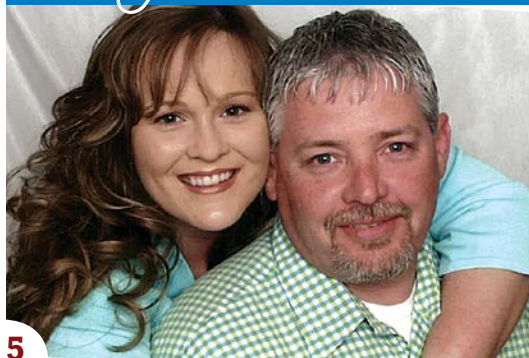
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES:

8. DISTRICT 6: Ethyn Maverick Kester, son of Patricia Fletcher-Kester, Office Administrative Assistant V, graduated Kindergarten at Robert L. Davis Elementary School.

9. DISTRICT 7: Kimora Miller, granddaughter of Patricia Burns, Area Headquarters Attendant, graduated Kindergarten at Murrell Taylor Elementary.

10. DISTRICT 7: Makayla Miller, granddaughter of Patricia Burns, Area Headquarters Attendant, graduated Kindergarten at Murrell Taylor Elementary.

Family Focus



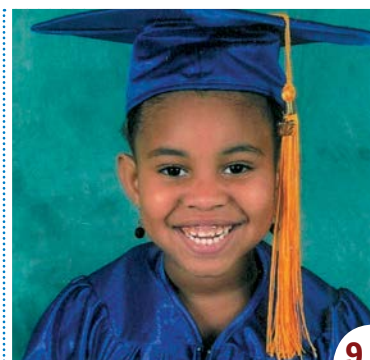
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AHTD PEOPLE

EMPLOYEE STATISTICS APRIL 2013

NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION • Caleb Nicholson, Construction Helper; Austin Hill, Construction Helper; Shawn Bennett, Construction Helper; Tazwell Johnson, Construction Helper; James Sibley, Construction Helper; Mary Rodgers, Field Clerk I

ENVIRONMENTAL • Joanna Huber, Administrative Aide IV

HEAVY BRIDGE • Tommy Dulaney, Bridge Repairer I

HUMAN RESOURCES • Branson Dempsey, General Laborer

MAINTENANCE • Stacy Grinnell, Striping Helper; Cody Reed, Striping Helper

MATERIALS • Nathan Shook, Geotechnical Aide I

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Christie Heidelberg, Office Administrative Assistant V; David Thomey, Advanced Research Assistant

DISTRICT ONE • Jerry Greitens, Single Axle Truck Driver; Roosevelt Evans, Single Axle Truck Driver; Griffin Sisson, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT THREE • Patrick Jackson, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT FOUR • Michael Stevens, Mechanic; Dennis Kruse, General Laborer

DISTRICT FIVE • Brian Johnson, Single Axle Truck Driver; Cynthia Mendenhall, General Laborer; Donald Roach, Single Axle Truck Driver; Russell Downing, Single Axle Truck Driver; Christopher James, Single Axle Truck Driver; Brandon Carter, Single Axle Truck Driver; Calvin Glenn, Single Axle Truck Driver; Frank Allen, Single Axle Truck Driver; Bobby Finley, Single Axle Truck Driver; Catrina Sullivan, General Laborer

DISTRICT SIX • Leonard Ramsey, Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT SEVEN • Charles Rockett, Mechanic; Earl Green, Single Axle Truck Driver; Dina Paul, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT EIGHT • Jacquelyn Yates, General Laborer

DISTRICT NINE • Michael Cross, Single Axle Truck Driver; Lisa Eckhart, Single Axle Truck Driver; Richard Martin, Single Axle Truck Driver; Brad Edgmon, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT TEN • Aaron Gregory, Single Axle Truck Driver; Shannon Brown, Single Axle Truck Driver; Jesse Carter, Single Axle Truck Driver; Marcus Davis, Single Axle Truck Driver; Rickey Fortson, Single Axle Truck Driver; Carl Honorable, General Laborer; Edward Hooper, General Laborer; Rickey Johnson, General Laborer

PROMOTIONS

FISCAL SERVICES • Ronda Schilling, Administrative Aide I

HUMAN RESOURCES • Amber Hutchinson, Office Administrative Assistant II; Bryan Hutson, Maintenance Aide I; Shelby Ingle, Office Administrative Assistant II

MAINTENANCE • Kevin Shorter, Striping Helper

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Rick Cranford, Transportation Planner

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS • David Siskowski, Project Development Engineer

RIGHT OF WAY • Richard Stanley, Right-of-Way Coordinator; Lyndsey Taylor, Office Administrative Assistant III

SURVEYS • Travis House, Engineer I

DISTRICT ONE • Basil Davis, Mechanic; Howard Gracey, Roller Operator; Shane Gracey, Single Axle Truck Driver; John Hartsell Jr., Resident Engineer; Keenan James, Paver Operator; Logan Jarrett, Mechanic; Wilton Warren, Maintenance Aide II; Therese Yarnold, Resident Office Technician

DISTRICT TWO • Travis Bentley, Construction Field Engineer II; Lance Bowers, Construction Field Engineer II; Kristie Fowler, Office Administrative Assistant V; David Holloway, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Dwayne Johnson, Spreader Operator; Timothy Lovett, Construction Aide II; Charles Palmer, Resident Engineer

DISTRICT THREE • Michael Calhoon, Construction Aide III; Michael Klein, Maintenance Aide I; Melanie Lauterbach, Office

Administrative Assistant V; David Lively II, Distributor Operator; Jayson Stoffle, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT FOUR • Dylan Hale, Single Axle Truck Driver; Tyler Lincks, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; Russell Payne, Crew Leader; Lena Rhodes, Maintenance Aide II; Johnny Sledd, Single Axle Truck Driver; Jerry Trotter, Crew Leader; Melissa Tucknies, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT FIVE • Randy Brackenridge, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; David Graham, Distributor/Roller Operator; Leslie Looney, Maintenance Aide I; David Taylor, Motor Patrol Operator

DISTRICT SIX • Jilanna Caldwell, Resident Office Technician; Leslie Cole, Distributor/Roller Operator; Keith Goff, Resident Engineer; Michael Sawyer, Maintenance Aide I; Patrick Stokes, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Ronnie Veazey, Crew Leader

DISTRICT SEVEN • John Gorman, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; William Holt, Distributor/Roller Operator; Russell Hopper, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver; Devern Steelman, Motor Patrol Operator

DISTRICT EIGHT • Scott Blair, Maintenance Aide I; Jessie Chronister Jr., Senior Mechanic; Justin Roy, Single Axle Truck Driver; Howard Verwiebe, Senior Mechanic; Charles Whitaker, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT NINE • Carl Bilderback III, Single Axle Truck Driver; Derek Gellerman, Distributor/Roller Operator; Marilyn Hembry, Area Headquarters Attendant; Ronald Murray, Distributor/Roller Operator; Clark Smith, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT TEN • David Wicker, Crane Operator-Finish

SERVICE

COMMUNICATIONS • Robert Allison III, Communications Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES • Charles Ashmore Jr., Hardware Technician I, 15 yrs.; Charlie Frame, System Support Technician III, 10 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION • Brigitte Roberson, Inspector, 25 yrs.; Sandra Chapman, Inspector, 20 yrs.; Travis Brasher, Assistant Resident Engineer, 10 yrs.; T. Ellis, Construction Aide III, 10 yrs.; Carmalita Shields, Construction Aide I, 5 yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL • Brenda Guest, Beautification Coordinator, 30 yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Shelly Morrow, Office Administrative Assistant I, 10 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES • Wayne Whitley, Fiscal Services Coordinator, 25 yrs.; Emily Boggs, Administrative Aide III, 10 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES • Doris Harrison, Administrative Aide III, 5 yrs.

INTERNAL AUDIT • Steven Taylor, Senior Internal Auditor, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE • Donald Norris, Traffic Investigator, 20 yrs.

MATERIALS • Rodney Mazander, Chemist III, 20 yrs.; Marc Maurer, Engineer III, 10 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Elmarie Barnes, Transportation Management Analyst II, 20 yrs.; Ronald Fields, Transportation Information Analyst, 15 yrs.; David Li, Administrative Officer I, 10 yrs.

STATE AID • Cindy Kuykendall, Office Administrative Assistant V, 35 yrs.

SURVEYS • Nghia Le, Surveys Aide III, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT ONE • Dorothy Childs, Area Headquarters Attendant, 15 yrs.; Shannon Smiley, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT TWO • Clarence Polk, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 35 yrs.; Roy Porter, Maintenance Aide II, 30 yrs.; Charlie Morrison, Crew Leader, 15 yrs.; Kristie Fowler, Fuel Clerk, 10 yrs.; Jerry Thompson, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 5 yrs.; Bobby Trotter, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs.; Willie Manning, Station Attendant, 5 yrs.; Sharetha Buckner, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT THREE • Richard Bailey, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25 yrs.; James Faulkner, Bridge Repairer II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT FOUR • Billy Bower, Area Headquarters Attendant, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT FIVE • Dale Smith, Senior Mechanic, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT SIX • Harvey Hall, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.; Dustin Norwood, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.; Billy Richey, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT SEVEN • Randy Wesley, Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT EIGHT • Douglas Jones, Senior Body Repair and Painter, 25 yrs.; James Irving, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 25 yrs.; Curtiss Watkins, Distributor Operator, 10 yrs.; Michael Buntton, Paver Operator, 10 yrs.; Michael Sherrill, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.; Danny Story, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT NINE • Kenny Riley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25 yrs.; Karen Leonard, District Bookkeeper, 20 yrs.; Kenneth Studyvin, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 15 yrs.; Kevin Walden, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 yrs.; Steven Graham, Distributor Operator, 10 yrs.; Ronald Collins, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT TEN • David McPherson, Senior Mechanic, 20 yrs.; Lesa Osborn, District Receptionist, 10 yrs.; Sylvia Stormes, Bridge Repairer I, 5 yrs.; Krista Mitchell, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

RETIREMENT

COMPUTER SERVICES • Tim Corballis, Computer Technician II, 12+ yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Thomas Baker, Data Collection Technician, 21+ yrs.; Kathy Upchurch, Pavement Management Specialist, 36+ yrs.

DISTRICT TWO • Ginger Haygood, Guard, 23+ yrs.

DISTRICT THREE • William Turner Jr., Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 19+ yrs.; Troy Williamson, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 27+ yrs.; Susan Hanneman, Construction Aide II, 17+ yrs.

DISTRICT FOUR • Leslie Barnett, Construction Project Coordinator, 40+ yrs.

DISTRICT FIVE • Rickie Sharp, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35+ yrs.

DISTRICT SIX • Ronald Scarborough, Construction Aide I, 17+ yrs.

DISTRICT EIGHT • Calvin Horn, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 23+ yrs.

DISTRICT NINE • Herbert Sweet, Maintenance Aide I, 6+ yrs.

DISTRICT TEN • Keith Smith, District Bridge Inspector, 35+ yrs.; James Morgan, Maintenance Aide II, 36+ yrs.; David Hendrix, Crew Leader, 35+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Sammye J. Martinez, 4/16/2013, retired

REPROGRAPHICS • Cavanda Arnold, 5/12/2013, retired

DISTRICT TWO • Melvin G. Ford, 5/19/2013, retired

DISTRICT FIVE • Troy A. Case, 5/18/2013, retired

DISTRICT SEVEN • James Elbert Riley, 4/17/2013, active

DISTRICT NINE • George Beecher Hicks, Jr., 5/3/2013, retired

DISTRICT TEN • Loyce D. Brown, 5/7/2013, retired

ACTIVE DUTY

As of 5/30/13, the AHTD has three employees serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment dates are noted.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Ruddy Gene Short, Arkansas Highway Police Patrol Officer, 3/22/13

PLANNING & RESEARCH • E. Wright-Kehner, Staff Research Engineer, 5/30/13

DISTRICT SIX • Jeremy Stokes, Construction Helper, 5/28/13





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