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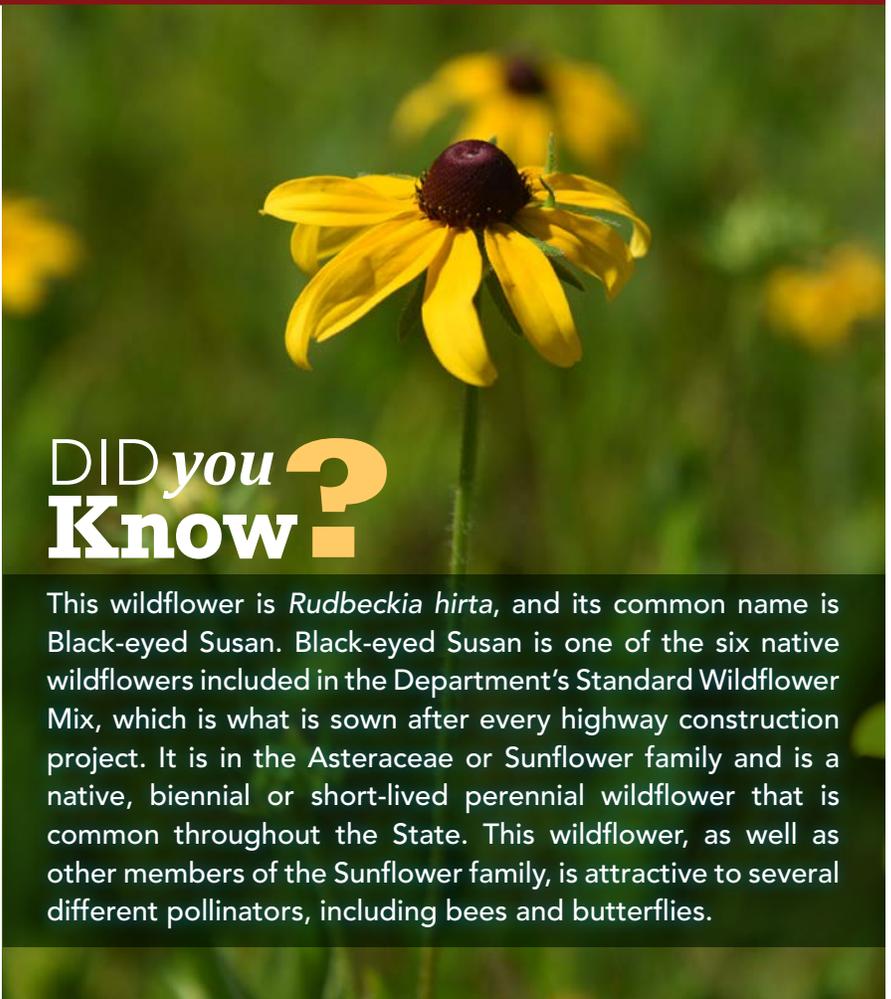
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DID you Know?

This wildflower is *Rudbeckia hirta*, and its common name is Black-eyed Susan. Black-eyed Susan is one of the six native wildflowers included in the Department's Standard Wildflower Mix, which is what is sown after every highway construction project. It is in the Asteraceae or Sunflower family and is a native, biennial or short-lived perennial wildflower that is common throughout the State. This wildflower, as well as other members of the Sunflower family, is attractive to several different pollinators, including bees and butterflies.

RONDA WALTHALL RE-ELECTED to Retirement Board



RONDA WALTHALL, INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION, WAS RECENTLY RE-ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE AHTD RETIREMENT BOARD.

Walthall began her career with the Department in July of 2000 as the Central Office Receptionist in Human Resources. In September of that year, she was promoted to Administrative Aide I in Fiscal Services. Walthall advanced to the title of Accounting Assistant in August of 2004, and obtained her current position in January of 2008.

Walthall will serve a two-year term that will end June 30, 2019. Other AHTD members of the retirement board include Scott Bennett, Emanuel Banks, Robyn Smith and Steve Lawrence. Jake Weston was re-elected as a retiree member. ♦

WORKING IN THE SUN?

ESTHER HAMM KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING PROTECTED



ESTHER HAMM RECENTLY CELEBRATED 20 YEARS WITH THE AHTD. ALL OF THAT TIME HAS BEEN SPENT WORKING IN DISTRICT FOUR IN LOGAN COUNTY. For 14 of those years, she has been an Area Headquarters Attendant working in Paris. Prior to that, she served as a Flagger, General Laborer, Single Axle Truck Driver, a Maintenance Aide I doing chemical vegetation control and she also operated a five-foot brush hog.

HOURS SPENT IN THE SUN

In her various roles, Hamm has spent a great deal of time outside working on the highways. All of those days working outside and being exposed to the sun unfortunately may have contributed to Hamm contracting a case of Basil Cell Carcinoma skin cancer (BCC). To be fair, her dermatologist said that those many hours spent sunbathing up on the roof in her youth also had something to do with it.

“It only takes one extreme sunburn to double your chances of developing cancer,” Hamm learned.

EARLY DETECTION

BCC skin cancer develops from the top tissues of the skin and that’s what alerted Hamm.

“I noticed a little spot on my nose,” Hamm shared. “It would scab and then heal, and then the process would start all over again. That’s when I decided to go to the doctor and get it checked out. They did a biopsy and detected the cancer. A few weeks later they called me in and the next thing you know; I’m having surgery to remove the cancerous cells on my nose.”

BCC is the number one preventable cancer. Fortunately, it does not spread and it is very treatable.

MOHS SURGERY

Feeling a little frightened, Hamm went in for Mohs surgery, named after Dr. Fredric Mohs who developed the procedure.

“It’s a precise surgical procedure where they progressively cut away the cancerous tissue layers,” Hamm explained. “While you’re there being treated, the medical team takes the removed skin to their lab and they test it to make sure that its cancer free.

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If it's not, they come back and remove some more layers until nothing but cancer-free tissue remains. For me, they only had to cut one time. It went very well."

Depending on how large the wound is, physicians may let the area heal on its own.

"In my case, they took my own tissue from further up on my nose and moved it down to the affected area to create what they call a flap that facilitates healing," Hamm explained. "They removed the cancer and did the reconstructive surgery in the same day. I kept a bandage over it for a few days and one week later I had the stitches removed. I've also been twice since then to get cortisone injections for the swelling."



TAKING PRECAUTIONS IS IMPORTANT

Today, Hamm is cancer-free but the experience has led her to be careful when outdoors in the sunshine.

"I'm good to go as far as my health!" Hamm shared. "I do a lot of fishing and a lot of gardening so I'm outside a lot. In my fishing boat, I've designed a hole that is located in the seat that now holds a nine-foot patio umbrella. It has rainbow colors so it's hard not to see me out there on the lake!

"That, and I always put sunscreen on every day. I don't leave my house without it. There are so many types of skin conditioners and moisturizers that already have SPF 15 sunscreen in them that it's easy to use it every day."

A MESSAGE FOR HER CO-WORKERS

Hamm was asked what her advice would be for fellow AHTD workers who are out working in the sunshine doing their jobs.

"I would say always be sure to wear a hat," she advises. "I would recommend a wide brim hat because it covers more of your head, including the top of your ears. Be sure to wear sunscreen too. They even have UV-protective long sleeve shirts that are lightweight and provide protection for your arms. You can never be too cautious."



BACK TO SPEED AND BACK OUTDOORS

Hamm's surgery was in October of last year and was a big success. Today, Hamm is as healthy as ever. When she's not spending time with her husband and six grandchildren, she still takes the boat and heads to Blue Mountain Lake to fish.

"It's the number one crappie fishing site in the state," she explains.

She also stays busy in her gardens where she grows corn, squash, okra, tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe and sunflowers.

"I love to cook!"

The one thing her brush with BCC skin cancer taught her is the importance of staying protected when spending time out in the sun. It's advice that she feels will benefit not just her, but her fellow AHTD employees as well. ♦



ABOUT YOUR

HEALTH INSURANCE WELLNESS DISCOUNT

THE ARBenefitsWell PROGRAM WILL AGAIN OFFER A MONTHLY DISCOUNT OFF PREMIUMS FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2018 PLAN YEAR.

To qualify for the discount, participants must do the following:

Employees and any spouses on ARBenefits policies will once again have to take the online Health Assessment (HA) administered by GuidanceResources®. The Health Assessment can be accessed by visiting www.guidanceresources.com where members can log in or register to take the HA.

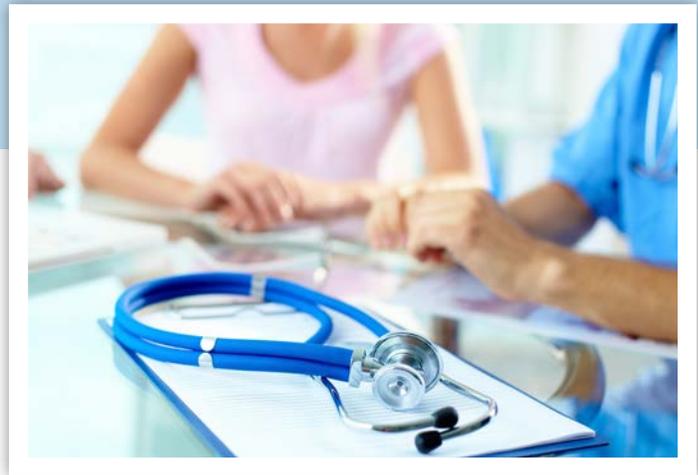
Please note that employees and spouses must use different email addresses and different profiles to take the HA. In addition, the name on your profile must match the name on your insurance card.

If you don't have access to a work computer, you may complete the Health Assessment using your home computer, smart phone, tablet or any other public computer. Although it is recommended that you complete the Health Assessment online, you may complete it on paper.

If you don't have access to any of the above, please call the GuidanceResources® to order a paper Health Assessment. The timeline to process completed paper Health Assessments is longer, so please allow 4-6 weeks for completion.

Members may receive a follow-up email from GuidanceResources® with program information and inviting them to participate in health coaching. This email will also provide a link to opt out of receiving further email outreach. The Health Assessment is completely confidential and your scores will not be shared without your permission.

In addition to the Health Assessment, employees, and covered spouses, will need to have a wellness visit conducted by a physician in an office setting. EBD will accept visits



completed between November 1, 2016 - October 31, 2017 in order to qualify for the discount.

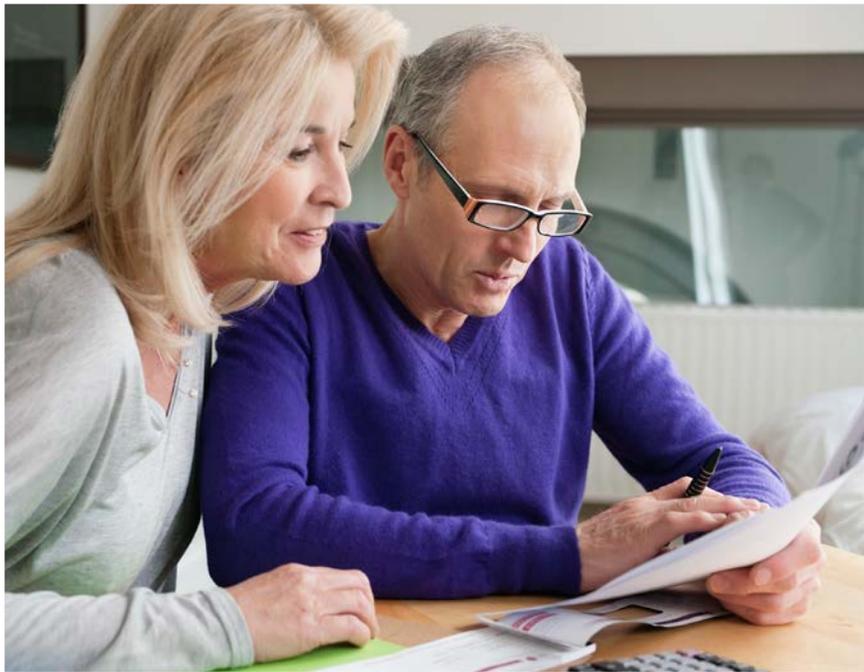
Physicians have up to six months to file a claim. Once the claim processes, the wellness discount will be applied retroactively and the member will be refunded any monies owed. The wellness visit benefit, allows employees and dependents to have one wellness visit covered 100% per plan year. Members can go at any time, and do not have to wait a full year between wellness visits.

For more information on the ARBenefitsWell program, members can go to www.ARBenefits.org in the Health Enhancement section, or call 877-815-1017 x1 or 501-682-9656.

Employees and spouses who have trouble logging in to take their Health Assessment, or need assistance with their HA can contact Guidance Resources® at 1-877-247-4621. ♦



COST OF LIVING CALCULATION IS ADJUSTED FOR RETIREMENT SYSTEM



THE PERCENTAGE USED FOR THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (ASHERS) HAS BEEN ADJUSTED WITH ACT 610, PASSED IN THE MOST RECENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Previously, a 3% compound COLA was extended each July for each retiree or beneficiary receiving a benefit payment.

The revised compound COLA is tied to inflation based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage and Clerical Workers (CPI-U) as determined by the Department of Labor over the one-year period ending in the December immediately preceding the date for which the redetermined amount is being calculated. It is capped at 3%.

Based on the CPI-U for December 2015 and December 2016, effective July 1, 2017, the COLA is calculated to be 2.07%

Although the rate will fluctuate, the new benefit calculated each July will not be less than the previous year's benefit.

The proposed change will affect everyone in the system

including retirees and all current and future employees because it is a revision of the calculation used for COLAs from this point forward.

The change was needed because the Actuarial Industry is requiring the use of different mortality rates using a "Generational" table, which reflects the reality that newer generations of retirees, as a whole, are living longer. The new table increased ASHER'S unfunded liability by \$88 million and increased the funding period from 23 years to 48 years. The industry standard for the funding period is 30 years. The ASHERS change reduces unfunded liability by \$70 million and the funding period is reduced to 27 years.

While the ASHERS Board realizes that no one wishes COLA rates be reduced, this proposal was selected because it distributed the cost of this change across all those within the system, from the newest to the oldest. It also had the most dramatic and immediate impact in bringing both the unfunded liability and funding period to an acceptable level. Rather than ask for more money in contributions from the State Highway Commission, which would reduce the funds available for construction, maintenance, administration and operations of the State Highway System, and/or an increase in current employee contributions, the Board attempted to make deliberate changes to the system in order to preserve the pension benefits all are counting on in the future.

"I've been a Board member for about 15 years now," stated AHTD Director Scott Bennett. "One of the first things that you learn is that you have a great responsibility to take care of the system. That includes the retirees that are enjoying the benefits, but also the employee who just started work today. The benefits need to be there for them to enjoy 30 years from now. Historically, we've had one of the best public retirement systems in the country. We don't want that to change, and sometimes that means making hard decisions like this." ♦



DISTRICT ONE BRINGS HOME THE 2017 ROADEO TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

ABOVE, L. to R. Back Row: Commission Vice Chairman Tom Schueck, AHTD Director Scott Bennett, Waverly Barnes, Kyle Gaskin. • L. to R. Front Row: Kyle Jones, Theodore "T.J." Pulley, Charcel Warren, District Engineer Rex Vines, Roy Hunt, Larry Fleming.

COMPETITION, CAMARADERIE AND HOPES OF A GOOD FINISH ARE THE NAME OF THE GAME WHEN IT COMES TO THE ANNUAL STATEWIDE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO. IT ALL CAME TOGETHER ON JUNE 1ST WHEN FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CURIOUS ONLOOKERS GATHERED IN LITTLE ROCK FOR THE 27TH YEAR OF THE POPULAR EVENT.

Every AHTD employee knows how well the Roadeo's competitors perform their job day-to-day out on Arkansas' highways. On Roadeo day, their skills really shine through.

The statewide Roadeo featured winners from each of the Department's ten District Roadeo competitions held earlier in the year. Staff members came to Little Rock to compete in six categories including tractor/mower, motor patrol, backhoe, tractor/lowboy, tandem axle dump truck and single axle dump truck.

"It's good to see all of our family members here," AHTD Director Scott Bennett told the crowd. "We appreciate this opportunity for everyone to get together and demonstrate their skills and have a lighthearted competition."

The Roadeo is a chance for equipment operators to compete at such events as knocking tennis balls off of posts with a motor patrol blade, scooping up golf balls with a backhoe and weaving tractor/mowers through a maze of orange cones.

Following a morning filled with competition and a catered lunch provided by Dorey's, the results were tabulated and District One came away as this year's Team Champions.

"This year is the first year in the history of the Roadeo that District One has placed first in the overall team competition,"

commented District One Engineer Rex Vines. "It seemed to be a foregone conclusion that we would never be in the running. If you watched the "DE Backhoe" Competition, it is obvious that I had nothing to do with teaching or training these guys on equipment. It is very apparent that they have worked hard honing their skills. All of the credit goes to them for their hard work and dedication. I am very proud of them."

The top two winners in each category from the State Roadeo will team up and travel to Sevierville, Tennessee, in September to compete in the 15th Annual Regional Roadeo.

"We wish our winners good luck in Tennessee and hopefully they will bring home some hardware this year," Bennett added.

The Department's first Annual Truck Driver's Roadeo Final was held in 1991 to instill safe driving practices and foster pride in a job well done. Riding the success of the AHTD Rodeo, a Regional Equipment Operators Roadeo Competition was created in 2003. Today, it has grown to feature competitors from ten states.

Members of this year's Equipment Operators Roadeo Committee included Danny Keene, Division Head of Equipment and Procurement as chairman; Joe Sartini, State Maintenance Engineer; Rex Vines, District One District Engineer; Steve Lawrence, District Nine District Engineer; Crystal Woods, Human Resources Division Head; Jeff Bickerstaff, Highway Police 1st Lieutenant; Eddie Tanner, Training and Safety Section Head; Doug Hicks, Equipment and Procurement Equipment Specialist; Tara Robinson, Training and Safety Training Specialist; Travis Nelson, Training and Safety - Safety Inspection Officer; and Kristi Marshall, Training and Safety Training Coordinator. ♦



2017 AHTD ROADEO FINAL RESULTS



TRACTOR/LOWBOY

1ST PLACE....**JOHNNY JASON – D5** (2016 State Champion)
2ND PLACE.....**BRANDON LOVE – D5**
3RD PLACE.....**JOHN HARVEY – D2**



TRACTOR/MOWER

1ST PLACE....**CHARCEL WARREN – D1**
2ND PLACE.....**SERRITA PENSE – D4**
3RD PLACE.....**EUGENE FARRELL – Central Office**



TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1ST PLACE....**THEODORE PULLEY – D1**
2ND PLACE.....**BRAD FULKS – D5**
3RD PLACE.....**DONALD BLACK – Central Office**



BACKHOE

1ST PLACE....**CHAD FOSTER – D9**
2ND PLACE.....**ETHAN NORMAN – D9** (2016 State Champion)
3RD PLACE.....**GREG TENISON – D2**



SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1ST PLACE....**KYLE JONES – D1**
2ND PLACE.....**JOHNATHAN SCOTT – D10**
3RD PLACE.....**DANNY LOYD – D4**



MOTOR PATROL

1ST PLACE....**LANCE BAKER – D9**
2ND PLACE.....**JEREMY EVANS – D7**
3RD PLACE.....**SCOTT ALLISON – D10**

AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO // SEMI-FINAL Results

DISTRICT 1 • APRIL 10, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Waverly Barnes
2nd Place Christopher Jones
3rd Place Cedric Hall

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Charcel Warren
2nd Place Dennis Forrest
3rd Place Marty Walker

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Theodore Pulley
2nd Place Robert Stone
3rd Place Gerry Washington

BACKHOE

1st Place Roy Hunt
2nd Place David Karnes
3rd Place Richard Harper

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Kyle Jones
2nd Place Stanley Wheeler
3rd Place Joey Hutto

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Kyle Gaskin
2nd Place Kenneth Watlington
3rd Place Quinton Mitleff

DISTRICT 2 • MARCH 2, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place John Harvey
2nd Place Greg Tenison
3rd Place James England

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place David Meurer
2nd Place Bradley Cheatham
3rd Place Thomas Ferrell

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Mat Crepple
2nd Place Shawn Evans
3rd Place Antonio Spicer

BACKHOE

1st Place Greg Tenison
2nd Place Royce Edmondson
3rd Place Tyler Wells

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Johnnie Tillman, Jr.
2nd Place Christie Williams
3rd Place Brandon Webster

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Wallace Simmons
2nd Place Brandon Webster
3rd Place Lawrence Crift

DISTRICT 3 • MARCH 9, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Kent Webb
2nd Place Steven Muldrew
3rd Place Jakeb Lockeby

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Heather McKinney
2nd Place Derrick McMillen
3rd Place Jonathan Parker

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Jordan Jester
2nd Place Tim Owens
3rd Place Jeramiah Lingo

BACKHOE

1st Place Larry Otwell
2nd Place David Morton
3rd Place Patty Wicker

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Bradley McKinnon
2nd Place Dominic Delloso
3rd Place George Stuart

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Ryan Lovell
2nd Place Aaron Morton
3rd Place Neal Price

DISTRICT 4 • APRIL 27, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Tyler Sanders
2nd Place Mark Standridge
3rd Place Terral Scroggins

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Serrita Pense
2nd Place Jason Rouell
3rd Place Jeremy Risner

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Josh Pinter
2nd Place Jerrod Posey
3rd Place Malcom Smith

BACKHOE

1st Place Eric Brigance
2nd Place Eric Hughes
3rd Place Malcom Smith

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Danny Loyd
2nd Place Doug Edwards
3rd Place Yvonne Blair

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Jimmie Jetton
2nd Place Gary Seaton
3rd Place Tyler Sanders

DISTRICT 5 • MAY 9, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Brandon Love
2nd Place Billy Barker
3rd Place Brandon Carter

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Dan Miller
2nd Place Mark Jones
3rd Place Steve Sutton

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Brad Fulks
2nd Place Shon Griffiths
3rd Place Jonathan Eden

BACKHOE

1st Place Billy Barker
2nd Place Stephen Norris
3rd Place Jesse Davis

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Brian Johnson
2nd Place Jonathan Monday
3rd Place Jesse Davis

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Brad Fulks
2nd Place Nick Rushing
3rd Place Daniel Recker

DISTRICT 6 • APRIL 6, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Derrick Marshall
2nd Place James Tarry
3rd Place Alfred Barnes

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Blake Angel
2nd Place Joey Livingston
3rd Place Roger Taylor

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place James Johnson
2nd Place Stewart Smith
3rd Place Clifford Roland

BACKHOE

1st Place Ronnie Veazey
2nd Place Phillip Anderson
3rd Place Robert Phillips

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Andrew Martinez
2nd Place Andre Gillespie
3rd Place Taric Smith

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Ross Reeves
2nd Place Keith Gragson
3rd Place John Southerland

DISTRICT 7 • MARCH 16, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Ernest Jones
2nd Place Donald Juniel
3rd Place Stephen Franklin

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Mickey Davis
2nd Place Charlotte Quimby
3rd Place Larry Clark

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Curtis Hamilton
2nd Place Gary Hall
3rd Place Josh Purifoy

BACKHOE

1st Place Jeremy Launius
2nd Place Michael Parker
3rd Place Jermy Purifoy

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Kenneth Freeman
2nd Place Steven Rawls
3rd Place Jamie Irons

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Jeremy Evans
2nd Place Blake Jackson
3rd Place Courtney Ellis

CENTRAL OFFICE • APRIL 6, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Anthony Wood
2nd Place Eddie Partridge
3rd Place Mike Lewellen

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Eugene Farrell
2nd Place Tisha Reynolds
3rd Place Joseph Horn

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Anthony Caudel
2nd Place Donald Black
3rd Place Coty Campbell

BACKHOE

1st Place Jason Walker
2nd Place Stefan Cotham
3rd Place Raymond Taylor

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Lino Rios
2nd Place Pepper Hobby
3rd Place Robert DeLeon

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Tracy Henderson
2nd Place Donnie Thornton
3rd Place Grady Carter

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AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO

SEMI-FINAL Results

DISTRICT 8 • APRIL 13, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Leon Gulledege
2nd Place Darrell Barnes
3rd Place Paul Burris

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Blake Reed
2nd Place Chris West
3rd Place Randy Wells

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Dale Carlat
2nd Place Scott Blair
3rd Place David Pruitt

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Trent Hudson
2nd Place Gary Hogrefe
3rd Place David Duvall

BACKHOE

1st Place Larry Brazil
2nd Place Derrick Ross
3rd Place Billy-Wayne Hill

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place David Pruitt
2nd Place Trey Martinez
3rd Place Joe Shamise

DISTRICT 9 • MAY 11, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Tim Hoyt
2nd Place Brady Vanhook
3rd Place Rick Chambers

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Keith Carpenter
2nd Place Brad Edgmon
3rd Place Will Smith

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Jim Hopkins
2nd Place Jeff Hudgens
3rd Place Chad Ellis

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Robert Huber
2nd Place Courtney Gray
3rd Place Travis Swanson

BACKHOE

1st Place Chad Foster
2nd Place William Gann
3rd Place Russell Morgan

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Lance Baker
2nd Place Ben Campbell
3rd Place Darren Ramsey

DISTRICT 10 • APRIL 20, 2017

LOWBOY TRUCK

1st Place Katherine Griffin
2nd Place David Capps
3rd Place Christina Lane

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Ryne Pillow
2nd Place Kyle Metz
3rd Place Tony Ruhl

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

1st Place Jordan Wicker
2nd Place Johnathan Scott
3rd Place Raul Diaz

TRACTOR/MOWER

1st Place Sim Rice
2nd Place Jordan Wicker
3rd Place Monte Smith

BACKHOE

1st Place Kevin Allison
2nd Place Dylan Nelson
3rd Place Kristi Mott

MOTOR PATROL

1st Place Scott Allison
2nd Place Windell Rawls
3rd Place Dalton Tate

WHAT'S AHEAD

Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER

AUGUST 11-16 // FRI.-WED.

- SASHTO Annual Meeting
Norfolk, VA

SEPTEMBER 1 // FRIDAY

- Arkansas Highway Police Graduation
Central Office, Little Rock, 1 p.m.

SEPT. 18-21 // MON.-WED.

- 15th Annual Regional Roadeo
Sevierville, TN

SEPT. 25-28 // MON.-THURS.

- AASHTO Annual Meeting
Phoenix, AZ





THE DEPARTMENT



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1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE: (L. to R.) Captain Ross Batson presents Diane Gates, Permit Technician, with her 10-Year Service Award.

2. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE: (L. to R.) Chief Ron Burks presents Sarah Garrett, Office Administrative Assistant V, with her 10-Year Service Award.

3. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE: (L. to R.) Laurel Young, Permit Technician, receives her 10-Year Service Award from Captain Ross Batson.

4. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE: (L. to R.) Jerri Royal, Permit Technician, receives her 10-Year Service Award from Captain Ross Batson.

5. DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: Director Scott Bennett presents Emanuel Banks, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer, with his 30-Year Service Award.

6. EEO/DBE & LEGAL: (CENTER) Director Scott Bennett presents (L.) Rita Looney, Chief Legal Counsel, and (R.) Joanna McFadden, EEO/DBE Section Head, with their 5-Year Service Awards.

7. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: (L. to R.) James Patrick, Legislative Analyst I, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Gill Rogers, Governmental Relations Section Head.

SERVICE AWARDS

8. HEAVY BRIDGE: (L. to R.) Raymond Parker, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, receives his 30-Year Service Award from Stewart Linz, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.



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9. HEAVY BRIDGE: (L. to R.) Gerald Voss, Bridge Repairer II, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Stewart Linz, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.



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10. INTERNAL AUDIT: (L. to R.) Kevin Chadwick, Auditor, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Alan Pinkerton, Internal Audit Manager.



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11. INTERNAL AUDIT: (CENTER) Jerrica Stuart, Auditor, receives her 5-Year Service Award from (L.) Kelly Heaton, Motor Fuel Audit Manager, and (R.) Alan Pinkerton, Internal Audit Manager.



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12. INTERNAL AUDIT: (L. to R.) Tamekia Moore, Auditor, receives her 15-Year Service Award from Alan Pinkerton, Internal Audit Manager.



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13. INTERNAL AUDIT: (L. to R.) Brandi Mayhan, Auditor, receives her 5-Year Service Award from Alan Pinkerton, Internal Audit Manager.



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14. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Joey Henson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Mark Ponder, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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15. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Don Moore, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Stanley Wheeler, Area Headquarters Attendant, with his 10-Year Service Award.

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SERVICE AWARDS



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16. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Jeff Collier, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Gerry Washington, Crew Leader, his 20-Year Service Award.

17. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Receiving their 5-Year Service Awards: Christopher Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Richard Harper, Maintenance Aide II.

18. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Receiving their 15-Year Service Awards: Anthony Flex, Bridge Repairer II; Anthony Burnett, Maintenance Job Superintendent; Terry Evans, Construction Field Engineer II.

19. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Kirk Howard, Bridge Repairer I, receiving his 20-Year Service Award from David Hutchins, Bridge Job Superintendent.

20. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Danny Harris, Resident Engineer, presents Sarah Davis, Field Clerk, with her 10-Year Service Award.

21. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Mike Ward, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Serrita Pense, Maintenance Aide III, with her 20-Year Service Award.

22. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Sarah Marker, Crew Leader, presents Oscar Martinez, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-Year Service Award.

23. DISTRICT 4: (CENTER) Ralph Trusty, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-Year Service Award from (L.) Jesse Easom, Crew Leader, and (R.) Nick Mings, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

SERVICE AWARDS

24. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Esther Hamm, Area Headquarters Attendant, receives her 20-Year Service Award from Nicky Mings, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



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25. DISTRICT 4: (CENTER) Kendal Toney, Mechanic, receives his 5-Year Service Award from (L.) Kenneth Tucker, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, and John Boggs, Shop Supervisor.



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26. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Gary Dewitt receives his 20-Year Service Award from Kenneth Tucker, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.



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27. DISTRICT 4: Billy Horne, Mechanic, receiving his 10-Year Service Award.



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28. DISTRICT 4: (L. to R.) Danny Loyd, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Keith A. Dedmon, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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29. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Receiving their 25-Year Service Awards: Russell Evans, Construction Inspector; Jamie Kelley, Shop Supervisor; Willie McCord, Maintenance Specialist; Nathan Edwards, District Bridge Inspector.



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30. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Receiving their 15-Year Service Awards: Dustin Treadway, Senior Engineer; Coleen Stevens, Administrative Assistant; Ricky Herring, Area Headquarters Attendant; Carl Hall, Maintenance Aide II.

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31. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Receiving their 5-Year Service Awards: David Taylor, Maintenance Aide II; Chad Robertson, Maintenance Aide II. • Receiving their 10-Year Service Awards: Bryan Brown, Construction Inspector; Craig Pickering, Maintenance Specialist.

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32. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Receiving his 10-Year Service Award: Johnny Satterwhite, Mechanic. • Receiving their 15-Year Service Awards: Randy Zeigler, Maintenance Aide II; Linda Kinsey, Area Headquarters Attendant; Sandra Cain, Maintenance Aide II. • Receiving his 20-Year Service Award: Michael Crumley, Maintenance Specialist.

33. DISTRICT 6: (L. to R.) Alan Kumpe, Crew Leader, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Deaudrey Pickens, Bridge Job Superintendent.

34. DISTRICT 6: (L. to R.) Stanley Rogers, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Alfred Barnes, Maintenance Aide III, with his 10-Year Service Award.

35. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Bill Hockaday, Resident Engineer, presents Dennis Clark, Senior Inspector, with his 35-Year Service Award.

36. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Donald Crawford, Crew Leader, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Johnnie Risher, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

37. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Jimmy Reynolds, District Bridge Inspector, receives his 20-Year Service Award from David Archer, District Construction Engineer.

38. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) John Gorman, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Bruce Pepper, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

39. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Kenneth Doherty, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Robert Swartz, Body Repairer and Painter, with his 5-Year Service Award.

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40. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.) Joseph Rogers, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Johnnie Risher, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



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41. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Bill Fine, Resident Engineer, presents David Wyers, Senior Inspector, with his 35-Year Service Award.



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42. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Don Williams, Shop Supervisor, presents Howard Verwiebe, Mechanic, with his 5-Year Service Award.



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43. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Stan Storment, Seal Crew Supervisor, presents Randall Burris, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-Year Service Award.



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44. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Stan Storment, Seal Crew Supervisor, presents Tommy Houghton, Crew Leader, with his 20-Year Service Award.



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45. DISTRICT 9: (CENTER) Steve Lawrence, District Engineer, receives his 30-Year Service Award from (L.) Director Scott Bennett and (R.) Tony Sullivan, Assistant Chief Engineer-Operations.



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46. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Aaron Carter, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Billy Joe Roberts, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



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47. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Denton James, Area Headquarters Attendent, receives his 20-Year Service Award from Billy Joe Roberts, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



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48. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Gary Harcrow, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Ron Sligar, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

49. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Tommy Taylor, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Gary Hopkins, Crew Leader, with his 20-Year Service Award.

50. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) JaNell Davidson, Office Administrative Assistant V, receives her 25-Year Service Award from Steve Lawrence, District Engineer.

51. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Brenda Flower, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Jimmy Holt, Maintenance Aide III, with his 10-Year Service Award.

52. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Keith Carpenter, Bridge Job Superintendent, was recently presented his 15-Year Service Award by Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer.

53. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Dennis Drewry, Maintenance Job Superintendent, presents Michael Wiseman, Maintenance Aide III, with his 10-Year Service Award.

54. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Robert McEntyre, District Bridge Inspector, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Mitchell Archer, District Construction Engineer.

55. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer, receives his 25-Year Service Award from Mitchell Archer, District Construction Engineer.



THE DEPARTMENT

Noteworthy

1. AND 2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:

Program Management recently had a special visitor. Roo Doo Wildlife Park is submitting an application for TAP/RTP funding. They stopped by AHTD Central Office to drop off their application and brought along a visitor with them. He was a bit camera shy!

On the Job



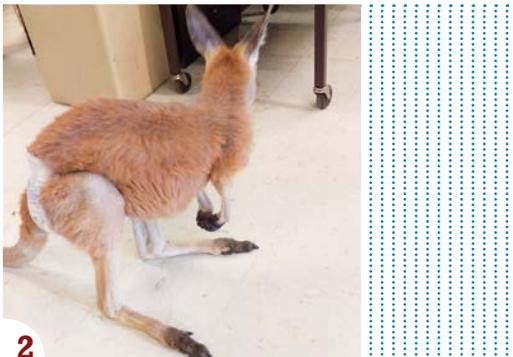
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3. AND 4. DISTRICT 4:

One hundred and eighty D4 employees (representing 14 different crews) picked up litter on Monday, March 20th to support the Great American Clean Up Campaign. Some areas continued the efforts for another day or two for a total of 1,836 hours and disposed of 265 cubic yards of litter and debris.



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5. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Reggie Rice, District Maintenance Superintendent, and Cavin Hall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, speak with students at Cave City High School's 2017 Senior Job Fair.

6. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.)

D5 Mechanics Sammy Edwards and Travis Middleton both attended the Brockwell Hydraulics Training Seminar, March 21st and 22nd in Maumelle.



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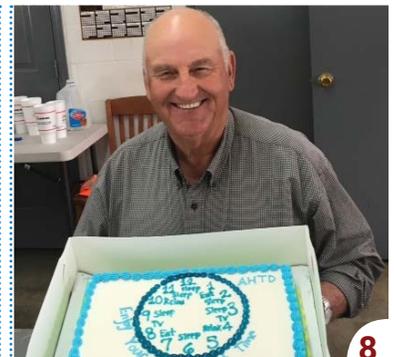
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7. DISTRICT 7: Dennis Clark, Senior Inspector, recently retired from the AHTD after 35 years of service. His coworkers at R.E. 74 sent him off with a fond farewell!

8. DISTRICT 9: Bobby Young, Maintenance Aide II, recently retired with 10+ years of service to the Department. He was congratulated by his crew who sent him off with this beautiful cake and best wishes! Enjoy your retirement Bobby!



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THE DEPARTMENT

Noteworthy

Family Focus



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1. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT:

Tatum Grace Keene was born March 15, 2017, to Tyler and Kelsie Keene. She weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21-3/4 inches long. Tatum is the granddaughter of Equipment & Procurement Division Head Danny Keene, and his wife Tracy. Tatum is also the little sister of Dalton Daniel Keene.

2. SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH:

Jett Harrison Thomas was born on December 19, 2016, at 10:03 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Jett is the son of Johnna Thomas, System Information Analyst, and her husband Patrick. Jett is shown here with his proud older brother, Jaelun.

3. DISTRICT 4:

Future AHTD Employee Amelia Easom proudly wears her AHTD cap! Amelia is the daughter of Jesse Easom, Logan County Crew Leader.

4. DISTRICT 5:

Chad and Ashtyn Ratton were married October 28, 2016. Chad is the son of Raymond Ratton, Cleburne County Area Maintenance Supervisor. Chad Ratton works as a Construction Aide in the R.E. 55 Office.

5. DISTRICT 5: Sophie Street, pictured with her Daddy, caught her first fish with her "Frozen" fishing pole. Sophie is the granddaughter of District Engineer Bruce Street.

6. DISTRICT 9: Layne Taylor, son of District Clerk Morgan Taylor and her husband Johnny, recently won his age division at the Elk's Lodge Hoop Shoot State Championship in Hot Springs. Layne was representing Harrison Elk's Lodge #2311. He went on to compete at the regional level in Paris, Tennessee, where he finished in 2nd place! Way to go Layne! We are very proud of you!





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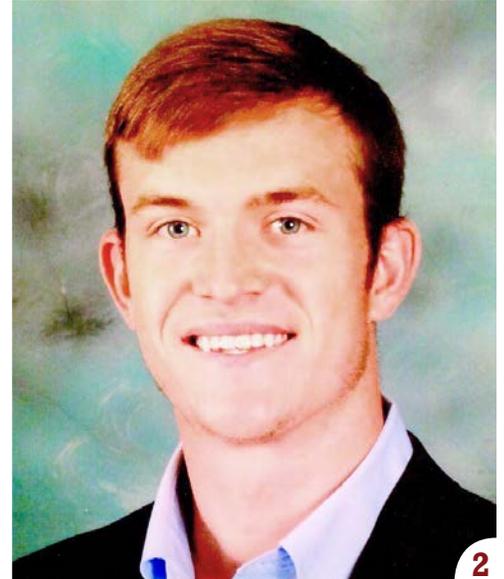
Noteworthy

A FEW OF THE 2017 GRADUATE PHOTOS WERE ACCIDENTLY OMITTED FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATION SPECIAL SECTION. WE DEEPLY APOLOGIZE FOR THIS OVERSIGHT. IN ORDER TO GIVE THESE STUDENTS A PROPER CONGRATULATIONS, WE WANTED TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER.

1. DISTRICT 5: Caitlyn Carol Ratton graduated from Pangburn High School. Caitlyn is the daughter of Raymond Ratton, Cleburne County Area Maintenance Supervisor. She will be attending Arkansas State University, Beebe, in the fall.

2. DISTRICT 7: Evan McKinnon graduated from Ouachita Baptist University. Evan is the son of Gene and Dee-Shana McKinnon. Gene is a Resident Engineer in El Dorado, R.E. 76.

More 2017 Graduates



1. DISTRICT 9: Recently a group of D9 "River Rats" enjoyed a few days of camping and floating on the Buffalo National River. The group has made it their goal to float the entire river, one section at a time. This year's float was from Erbie to Carver. Pictured (L. to R.): Robbie Moore, Assistant Resident Engineer; Jeffrey Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer; Justin Sams, Office Technician; Chris Seritt, Senior Inspector; Steve Lawrence, District Engineer; Drew Vining, Advanced Construction Field Engineer; Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer.

2. DISTRICT 9: (CENTER) Dennis Drewry, Maintenance Job Superintendent, recently served as part of the officiating team for the girl's game at the North Central Arkansas All-Star Game held at Pioneer Pavilion in Harrison. (photo credit: Craig Enloe, HDT Staff).

Hobbies, etc.





AHTD PEOPLE

EMPLOYEE STATISTICS

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES • Vivian Hayes, Database Administrator; Richard Harris, Application Developer

CONSTRUCTION • Ivan Emerson, Construction Helper; Stacy Wilkerson, Field Clerk

FISCAL SERVICES • Kimberly Gillespie, Office Administrative Assistant I

MAIL & SUPPLY • Jovon Harris, Mail Courier

MAINTENANCE • Corey Cobbs, Sign Erector; William Koone, Sign Erector

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT • Elvin Spears, Office Administrative Assistant III

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • Amy Beck, GIS Analyst; Josilyn Mitchell, Engineer; Fenfei Wang, GIS Analyst; Brook Norris, Office Administrative Assistant V

DISTRICT ONE • Alan Holley, Maintenance Aide I; John Parker, Maintenance Aide I; Randy Taegtmeier, Maintenance Aide I; Jadon Boyd, Maintenance Aide I; Randale Hicks Jr., Maintenance Aide I; Tony McKinney, Maintenance Aide I; Jordan Watson, Maintenance Aide I; Tyler Clark, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT TWO • Jeremy Duncan, Station Attendant; Jason Durrett, Janitor; Clarence Thomas, Body Repairer/Painter; Larry Walls Jr., Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT THREE • Andrew Barnett, Maintenance Aide I; Joshua Walters, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT FOUR • Robert Melton III, Mechanic; Jeffery Golyer, Maintenance Aide I; Jarrad McDaniel, Maintenance Aide I; Rodey Strother, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT FIVE • Dixon Gay, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT SIX • Vera Martinez, Maintenance Aide I; Barry Massingill, Maintenance Aide I; Tonnie Brown, Maintenance Aide I; Anton Young, Maintenance Aide I; Thomas Browning, Maintenance Aide I; Mitchell Bowman, Maintenance Aide I; Monroe Breshears, Maintenance Aide I; Charles Greeno, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT SEVEN • Corey Sharp, Mechanic; Loy Cross, Maintenance Aide II; Michael Francis, Maintenance Aide I; Steven Ashcraft, Maintenance Aide I; James Easter, Maintenance Aide I; Joseph Givens, Maintenance Aide I; Jodi Hudman, Maintenance Aide I; Derek Lemons, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT EIGHT • Justin Reed, Mechanic; Donald Arrowood, Maintenance Aide I; Taylor Ramsey, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT NINE • James Fowler, Maintenance Aide I; Devin Elliott, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT TEN • Derick Lakes, Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas Bruce, Maintenance Aide I; Scott Jurs, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • David Harris, AHP First Lieutenant

BRIDGE • Charles Price, Structural Detailing Specialist

COMPUTER SERVICES • Ryan Witt, Server Administrator; David Kaufman, System Support Technician

CONSTRUCTION • W. Goodman, Construction Aide III; Erin Seals, Construction Field Engineer II; Shelby Richey, Advanced Construction Field Engineer; Kaylee Thompson, Resident Office Technician; Larry Cook, Senior Construction Materials Inspector; David Selby, Inspector; Colt Smith, Construction Aide I; Matthew Williams, Construction Aide III; Ryan Herndon, Construction

Aide III; Karrie Ausbrooks, Construction Aide III; Jon Anderson, Construction Aide I; Robert McCollum, Senior Construction Materials Inspector; James Wright, Construction Aide III; Terence Carter, Inspector; John Rodgers, Construction Aide II; Christopher Avey, Construction Aide I; Blake Harper, Construction Aide I; Mark Adams, Construction Aide I; Jason Marshall, Construction Aide III; Ronald Johnson, Inspector; Scott Sexton, Senior Construction Materials Inspector; Christopher French, Construction Field Engineer II; Jeffery Foreman, Construction Aide II

HEAVY BRIDGE • Michael Thrower, Bridge Repairer I; Winston Buie, Bridge Repairer I

HUMAN RESOURCES • Maddison Wendland, Employee Relations Coordinator

MAINTENANCE • Kris Treadway, Sign Shop Supervisor; Colt Holland, Sign Crew Leader; Glen Bass, Maintenance Aide III; Jacob Romo, Maintenance Aide III

MATERIALS • Deborah Tyler, Laboratory Coordinator; Patsy Scott, Materials Technician II; Brett Hiley, Materials Technician II

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT • Linda Blagg, Office Administrative Assistant III

ROADWAY DESIGN • Brian Bettinardi, Senior Traffic Engineer

SURVEYS • Donald Halbert, Photogrammetry Technician IV; Spencer Thomas, Surveys Specialist; Brady Duckett, Surveys Aide I; Justin Cody, Surveys Technician II

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH • Tiffany Burke, Data Collection Supervisor; Brad McCaleb, Division Head; Michael Weidman, System Information Technician

DISTRICT ONE • Kyle Gaskin, Maintenance Aide II; Jon Clark, Maintenance Aide II; Hobert McKnight Sr., Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT TWO • Mark Evans, Maintenance Aide II; Jonathan Meurer, Maintenance Aide II; Dimitri Anderson, Maintenance Aide II; Sterling Flowers, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT THREE • Jared Kegley, Assistant Bridge Inspector; Austin Reed, Maintenance Aide II; Wesley Reynolds, Maintenance Aide II; Floyd Moore, Crew Leader; Jason Haddix, Maintenance Aide II; Dominic Dellosso, Maintenance Aide II; Blake Faulkner, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT FOUR • Jacob Turner, Assistant Bridge Inspector; Eric Brigrance, Maintenance Aide III; Matthew Nichols, Maintenance Aide II; Kevin Comstock, Maintenance Aide II; Cleston Brooks, Rest Area Attendant

DISTRICT FIVE • Billy Warden, Maintenance Aide II; Larry Bryant, Maintenance Aide II; Anthony Braim, Maintenance Aide II; Daryl Pitts, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Dylan Hopper, Maintenance Aide II; Brandon Gillihan, Maintenance Aide II; Walton Fulks, Crew Leader

DISTRICT SIX • John Caldwell, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Michael Moses, Maintenance Aide II; Benjie McKenzie, Maintenance Aide III; Cody Hester, Maintenance Aide II; Ronald Gragson, Crew Leader; Tyler Root, Bridge Repairer I; Preston Adami, Bridge Repairer I; Bobby Eubanks, Maintenance Aide II; Jonathan Isbell, Maintenance Aide II; Keith Harris, District Bridge Inspector; Lorena Holladay, Maintenance Aide II; Mark Johnson, Maintenance Aide III; Shawn Holloway, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT SEVEN • John Mathis Jr., Crew Leader; Roland Bettis, Maintenance Aide II; Thomas Beaver, Storeroom Assistant II; Darrick Erby, Maintenance Aide III; Charlotte Quimby, Area Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT EIGHT • Buddy Heck, Maintenance Aide II; Cedric Cursh, Maintenance Aide III; Christopher Whitbey, Crew Leader; Samuel Troxel, Maintenance Aide II; Mark Malone, Crew Leader; Nicholas

Kesterson, Rest Area Attendant; Steven Pierce, Maintenance Aide II; Seth Houghton, Sealing Job Superintendent

DISTRICT NINE • Carolyn Yancey, Storeroom Assistant II

DISTRICT TEN • Alex Reece, Maintenance Aide II; Mary Delaney, Maintenance Aide II; Josh Terry, Maintenance Aide III; Leo Elliott, Maintenance Aide II; Darsha Tipton, Storeroom Supervisor; Todd Myrick, Sign Erector; Tyler Collingsworth, Maintenance Aide II; Wesley Ward, Maintenance Aide III; Kim Friar, District Bookkeeper

SERVICE

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Johnny Debord, Law Enforcement Officer, 25 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION • Dennis Clark, Senior Inspector, 35 yrs.; John Wilson, Inspector, 25 yrs.; Leatrice Knight, Senior Inspector, 25 yrs.; Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer, 25 yrs.; Ken Thornton, Construction Project Coordinator, 25 yrs.; Carolyn Betterton, Resident Office Technician, 15 yrs.; Kevin McLean, Construction Aide III, 10 yrs.; Rodney Catlett, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 10 yrs.; Shad Watkins, Inspector, 10 yrs.; Winifred Maples, Construction Aide I, 10 yrs.; Billy Otts, Construction Aide II, 5 yrs.; Kelly Mann, Field Clerk, 5 yrs.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE • Keli Wylie, CAP Administrator, 15 yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL • Sarah Devries, Environmental Analyst III, 5 yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Rickey Grissom, Equipment Specialist, 30 yrs.; Christopher Lusk, Division Bookkeeper, 5 yrs.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Brian Bynum, Crew Leader, 10 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES • Steve Malcom, Maintenance Inventory Coordinator, 40 yrs.; Stephanie Howard, Office Administrative Assistant V, 15 yrs.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS • James Patrick, Legislative Analyst I, 5 yrs.

HEAVY BRIDGE • Kenny Voss, Bridge Repairer II, 10 yrs.

INTERNAL AUDIT • Tamekia Moore, Auditor, 15 yrs.; Jerrica Stuart, Auditor, 5 yrs.

MAIL & SUPPLY • Carl Coleman, Mail Courier, 15 yrs.

MAINTENANCE • Ralph Rodgers, Sign Fabricator, 15 yrs.

MATERIALS • Kenyada Sain-Wells, Materials Technician III, 15 yrs.; Pepper Hobby, Administrative Aide V, 10 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY • Barry Cruz, Staff Utility Coordinator, 30 yrs.; Errol Lemons, Reviewing Appraiser, 15 yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN • James Lee, Advanced Design Engineer, 35 yrs.; Claire Schoppe, Advanced Design Engineer, 5 yrs.

SURVEYS • Darrell Gray, Surveys Technician II, 30 yrs.; Travis House, Staff Surveys Engineer, 5 yrs.

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH • Richard Hilton, Data Collection Technician, 25 yrs.; Maria Hanley, Information System Analyst, 15 yrs.; Robert Eddings, Data Collection Technician, 10 yrs.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • Thomas Nation, Public Transportation Programs Section Head, 25 yrs.; William Vittitow, Cartographer III, 25 yrs.; Steven Weston, Railroad Crossing Coordinator, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT ONE • Joseph McClanahan, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs.; Donnie Peeler, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT TWO • James Slater, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, 35 yrs.; Kirk Howard, Bridge Repairer I, 20 yrs.; James Brandon, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT THREE • Paul Gray, Jr., Maintenance Aide III, 15 yrs.

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DISTRICT FOUR • Michael Arellanes, Maintenance Aide III, 20 yrs.; Russell Payne, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.; Gary Dewitt, Electrical Plumbing & Mechanics Rep, 20 yrs.; Esther Hamm, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20 yrs.; Terri Sheets, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.; Ralph Trusty, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.; Paul Jenkins, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.; Amy Smith, District Bookkeeper, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT FIVE • Nathan Edwards, District Bridge Inspector, 25 yrs.; Carl Hall, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.; Lisa Carlson, Maintenance Aide III, 15 yrs.; Craig Pickering, Maintenance Aide III, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT SIX • DeAudrey Pickens, Bridge Job Superintendent, 20 yrs.; Alan Kumpe, Crew Leader, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT SEVEN • James Reynolds, District Bridge Inspector, 20 yrs.; Ricky Cummings, Crew Leader, 15 yrs.; Joshua Purifoy, Bridge Repairer II, 10 yrs.; Joseph Rogers, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.; Courtney Ellis, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT EIGHT • Andrew May, Maintenance Aide III, 30 yrs.; Michael Hawkins, Station Attendant II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT NINE • JaNell Davidson, Office Administrative Assistant V, 25 yrs.; Gerald James, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20 yrs.; Jimmy Holt, Maintenance Aide III, 10 yrs.; Darin Henson, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.; Aaron Carter, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.; Derek Gellerman, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.; Gary Harcrow, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT TEN • Linda Faulkenberry, District Office Manager, 30 yrs.; Matthew LaRue, Crew Leader, 20 yrs.; John Carter, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.; Kimberly Walters, Maintenance Aide III, 5 yrs.; Darrell Tyler, Bridge Repairer II, 5 yrs.

RETIREMENT

COMPUTER SERVICES • John Abercrombie, Network Support Engineer, 30+ yrs.; Sidney Foggo, Network Manager, 29+ yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Annette Swift, Administrative Aide I, 34+ yrs.

MAIL & SUPPLY • Wayne Coleman, Mail Courier, 15+ yrs.

REPROGRAPHICS • Dave Stucker, Senior Reprographics Operator, 10+ yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY • Donna McCloud, Abstractor, 12+ yrs.

DISTRICT FOUR • Chris Robertson, Rest Area Attendant, 14+ yrs.; Heath Reed, Maintenance Aide III, 10+ yrs.; Delores Carr, Field Clerk, 16+ yrs.; Larry Price, Maintenance Aide II, 11+ yrs.

DISTRICT FIVE • Justin Rush, Maintenance Aide II, 11+ yrs.; Willie Allen, Maintenance Aide II, 8+ yrs.; Jerry Russell, Maintenance Aide II, 4+ yrs.

DISTRICT SIX • Anthony Porter, Maintenance Aide III, 9+ yrs.; Patrick Bradbury, Maintenance Aide II, 12+ yrs.; Randy Sharp, Maintenance Aide II, 9+ yrs.; Vincent Turner, Maintenance Aide II, 25+ yrs.; William Marlow, District Bridge Inspector, 26+ yrs.

DISTRICT SEVEN • Dennis Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 16+ yrs.

DISTRICT EIGHT • William Storment, Sealing Job Superintendent, 39+ yrs.; Cleo Webb, Crew Leader, 31+ yrs.

DISTRICT NINE • Russell Overall, Area Headquarters Attendant, 42+ yrs.; Bobby Young, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Floyd Franklin, 3/14/17, retired

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Jimmy Francis, 3/24/17, retired

DISTRICT ONE • Louie Quinn, 5/7/17, retired

DISTRICT TWO • Larry D. Clark, 3/21/17, retired; William Dillon, 4/2/17, retired; Martin L. Geissler, 5/22/17, retired

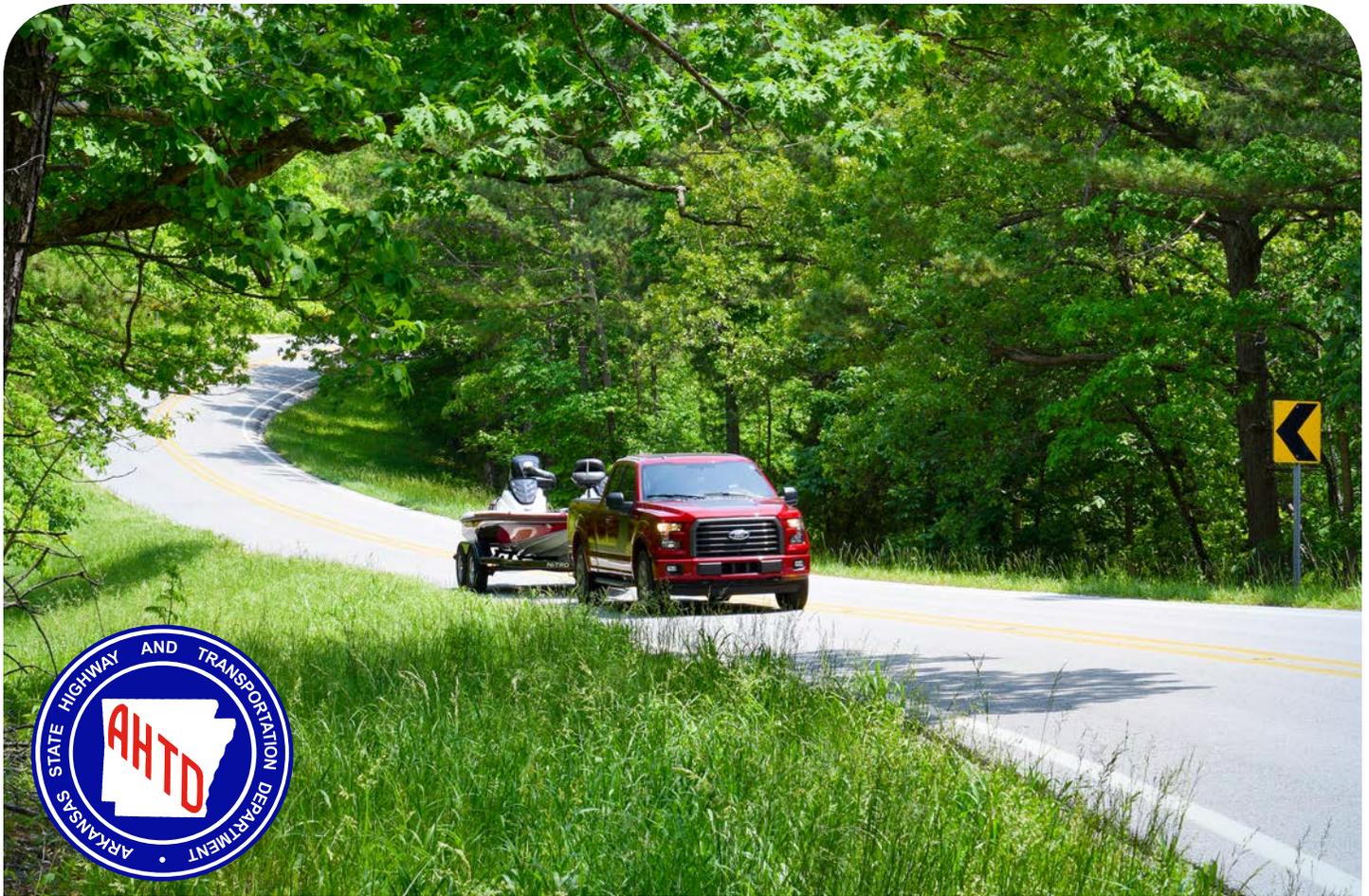
DISTRICT FOUR • Carole Barger, 3/23/17, retired

DISTRICT SIX • George D. Garrett, 4/10/17, retired

DISTRICT EIGHT • George O. Martin, Jr., 5/2/17, retired; Robert G. Mott, 5/6/17, retired

DISTRICT NINE • William D. Cox, 3/29/17, retired

DISTRICT TEN • Charles H. Hesselbein, 4/10/17, retired; Cleveland Brasher, 5/7/17, active



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