

# The AHTD CENTERLINE

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## Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Roger Almond Announces Retirement

Roger Almond, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, announced his retirement earlier this month effective in June. Almond, a 30-year employee of the Department, is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He began his career with the Department in April 1968 as an engineer-in-training. His first 11 years were spent in various positions in the Planning and Research Division. He has also held the positions of Section Head of Programming and Scheduling, Assistant District Engineer and District Engineer of District Six in Little Rock, Division Head of Materials and Research, and Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning. He is a registered professional engineer.

A native of St. Charles, Almond currently resides in Bryant. He and his wife Jean have a daughter Rachel, a son David, and three grandchildren.

"I've had a great career for 30 years at the Department. I'll miss all the people I have been associated with over the years. I have made some good friends here. But there are some other things I want to do in my life and now is the time to start."



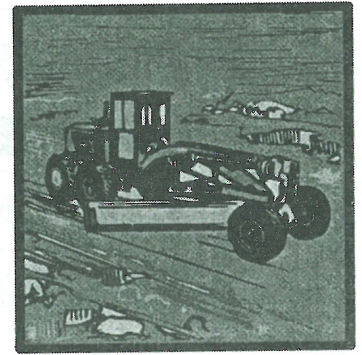
## Trust Fund Established

The Jonesboro schoolyard shooting tragedy has affected the family of one of our AHTD retirees. Shannon Wright, the Westside Middle School teacher who was killed, was the daughter of Carl Williams who retired from the Jonesboro Resident Engineer's Office in 1990 after 32 years of service.

A trust fund has been setup for Carl's two-year old grandson, Zane Wright. Persons wishing to contribute should contact Steve Austin, First Bank of Arkansas, P.O. Box 7500, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403, telephone 870-931-3100.

Carl Williams address is 210 Shady Lane, Bono, Arkansas 72416.

# 1998 Equipment Operators Roadeo Semi-Final Competition Underway



The semi-final rounds of competition for the 1998 AHTD Equipment Operators' Roadeo are now in progress. First place winners in each event of the semi-final competitions will participate in the finals. The final statewide competition is tentatively scheduled for June 18 at the Central Shops in Little Rock. Shown below is a schedule of dates for the remaining semi-final competitions and a list of semi-final winners.

District 4 .....	April 23	District 8 .....	May 14
District 6/Central Area .....	April 30	District 9 .....	May 21
District 7 .....	May 7	District 10 .....	May 28

## DISTRICT ONE

### Tractor/Lowboy

1st	Harold Mullins, Jr.
2nd	Bill Cowan
3rd	William Henderson

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

1st	Johnny Light
2nd	Ray Duff
3rd	Andre' Rollie

### Single Axle Dump Truck

1st	Jimmy Pulley
2nd	Billy Waggle
3rd	T.C. Holmes

### Tractor/Mower

1st	Jeffrey Collier
2nd	Earnest Rose
3rd	Troy Tims

### Backhoe

1st	David Morgan
2nd	Ronald Dunigan
3rd	Mike Gahr

### Motor Patrol

1st	Joey McClanahan
2nd	Mike Gahr
3rd	Rick Ivy

## DISTRICT TWO

### Tractor/Lowboy

1st	Red Taylor
2nd	Jerome Miller
3rd	Tim Sanders

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

1st	Tommy Gateley
2nd	Otis Jones
3rd	Lamar Reynolds

### Single Axle Dump Truck

1st	Teddy Walton
2nd	Felecia Spicer
3rd	Dale McGriff

### Tractor/Mower

1st	John Moorehead
2nd	Clarence Edwards
3rd	Edward Kirkham

### Backhoe

1st	Junior Fox
2nd	David Waters
3rd	Kirk Chidester

### Motor Patrol

1st	A.D. Ford, Sr.
2nd	Ellis Landers
3rd	Tim Cagle

## DISTRICT THREE

### Tractor/Lowboy

1st	James Bruce
2nd	Reginald Easter
3rd	Bobby Adams

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

1st	Kenneth Adams
2nd	Mike Blackwood
3rd	Richard Dempsey

### Single Axle Dump Truck

1st	Wesley Fritts
2nd	Tracy Jackson
3rd	Brian Johnson

### Tractor/Mower

1st	Ramon Rodriguez
2nd	Larry Hovarter
3rd	Willie Martin

### Backhoe

1st	David Morton
2nd	Richard Capps
3rd	Rick Williams

### Motor Patrol

1st	Roy Neiman
2nd	James Edney
3rd	Troy Williamson

## DISTRICT FIVE

### Tractor/Lowboy

1st	Elvis Garrett
2nd	Jim Geston
3rd	Donie Bray

### Tandem Axle Dump Truck

1st	Jeremy Fore
2nd	Ruth Ferguson
3rd	Rodney Sutherland

### Single Axle Dump Truck

1st	Raymond Ratton
2nd	Kerry Little
3rd	Tony Matthews

### Tractor/Mower

1st	Jo Richmond
2nd	Randy Rector
3rd	Cavin Hall

### Backhoe

1st	Terry Stewart
2nd	Dusty Westmoreland
3rd	Anthony Comer

### Motor Patrol

1st	Joe Gilbert
2nd	Rodney Sutherland
3rd	Jared Moxley

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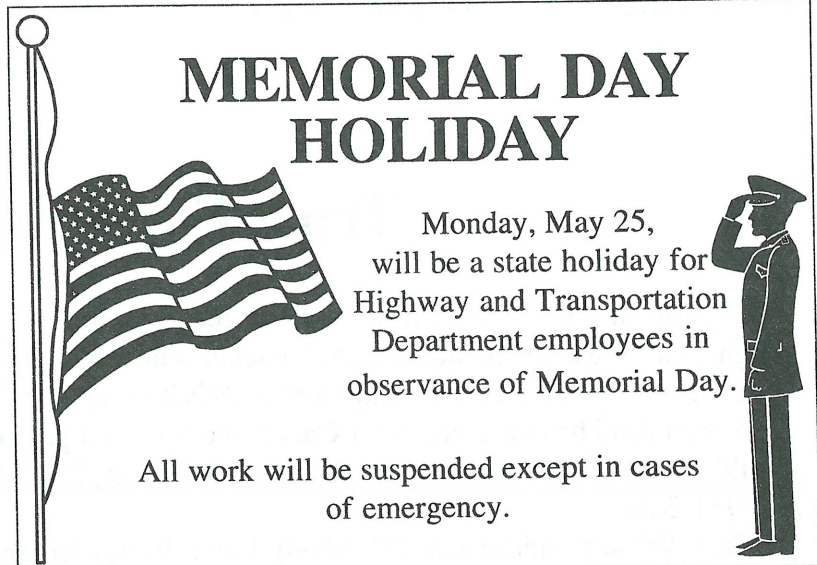
DAN FLOWERS  
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 25,  
will be a state holiday for  
Highway and Transportation  
Department employees in  
observance of Memorial Day.

All work will be suspended except in cases  
of emergency.



# AHTD PEOPLE



## NEW EMPLOYEES

**Highway Police**  
**Ronald Burks**, Chief

**Maintenance**  
**Robert Baker**, Single Axle Truck Driver

**District 3**  
**Ronnie Woolfolk**, Single Axle Truck Driver

**District 5**  
**Ricky Milligan**, **Dianne Moore**, General Laborers

**District 6**  
**John Burton**, **Clara McKenzie**, General Laborers

**District 10**  
**Ada Chestnut**, **Eldon Harrell**, **Frederick Haynes**, **Shannon Jacobes**, General Laborers

## PROMOTIONS

**Bridge**  
**Charles Linz**, Senior Bridge Design Engineer

**Environmental**  
**Terry Tucker**, Administrative Assistant II

**Equipment & Procurement**  
**Charles Brewer**, Senior Mechanic

**Planning & Research**  
**Dorothy Rhodes**, Advanced Research Study Engineer

**District 1**  
**Terry Harris**, **Vickie Nelson**, **Melinda Tucker**, Single Axle Truck Drivers; **Virgie Walton**, Station Attendant; **Sylvester Williams**, Motor Patrol Operator

**District 2**  
**Tim Sanders**, Single Axle Truck Driver; **Joseph Valliant, Jr.**, Inspector

**District 3**  
**Mary Green**, **Connie Staggs**, Guards; **Mark Lebourgeois**, Senior Mechnic; **Ricky Williams**, Area Headquarters Attendant

**District 4**  
**Linda Ryan**, **Jesse Whitlock**, Rest Area Attendants

**District 5**  
**Steve Hadley**, **Floyd Haley**, **Cindy Hulse**, Single Axle Truck Drivers

**District 6**  
**Marilyn Childress**, **Kim Fryar**, Single Axle Truck Drivers; **Jeffrey Eldridge**, Construction Aide II; **Roy Erwin**, Maintenance Aide II; **Ricky Prince**, District Permit Officer; **Cynthia Spencer**, District Caretaker

**District 7**  
**Glenda Adams**, **Travis Stith**, Multi-Axle Truck Drivers

**District 9**  
**Debbe Adams**, **Mona Landers**, **Tammie Vanderwaal**, Single Axle Truck Drivers; **James Bass**,

Distributor/Roller Operator; **Paul Lasater**, Senior Inspector; **James Mears**, Construction Aide III

**District 10**  
**Greg Bailey**, Motor Patrol Operator; **John Bell**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; **Matt Deckelman**, **George Hartline**, Distributor/Roller Operators; **Timothy Eaker**, Construction Aide III; **Matthew Larue**, Single Axle Truck Driver

## SERVICE

**30 Years**  
**James Squires, Jr.**, Roadway Design Senior Designer

**25 Years**  
**Pam Westbrook**, D-6 Office Manager; **Bud Young, Jr.**, D-9 Area Maintenance Supervisor; **Elmer Glover**, D-10 Multi-Axle Truck Driver

**20 Years**  
**Linda Price**, Assistant Chief Engineer's Administrative Assistant; **Jon Waldrip**, P&C Administrative Officer III; **James Weaver**, D-1 Area Maintenance Supervisor; **Ollis Fields**, D-1 Maintenance Aide I; **Ala Flenory**, D-3 Bookkeeper; **Rickie Sharp**, D-5 Crew Leader; **Donald McSpadden**, D-5 Senior Mechanic; **Chris Johnson**, D-5 Crew Leader; **Nellie Erwin**, D-6 Crew Leader; **Sammie Holton**, D-6 Area Maintenance Supervisor; **Donny Parish**, D-6 Construction Aide II; **Joseph Tomboli**,

## RETIREMENTS

D-6 Senior Construction Materials Inspector; **Michael Jester**, D-7 Inspector; **John Hayes**, D-8 Area Headquarters Attendant; **William Currie, III**, D-10 Area Maintenance Supervisor

### 15 Years

**Carcena Hall**, ROW Realty Appraiser I; **Jim Groning**, AHP 2nd Lieutenant; **Michael Jones**, Computer Services Automation Engineer IV; **Gary English**, Roadway Design Senior Design Technician; **Larry Golden**, E&P Senior Mechanic; **Ralph Bivens**, D-5 Single Axle Truck Driver; **David Davenport**, D-6 Distributor/Roller Operator; **Terry Sanders**, D-9 Single Axle Truck Driver; **James Churchwell**, D-9 Construction Field Engineer II

### 10 Years

**Louise Mills**, ROW Negotiator; **William Person**, AHP Patrol Officer 1st Class; **John Fleming**, Environmental Scientist II; **Julia Coffman**, Roadway Design Senior Hydraulics Technician; **Larry Lanes**, P&C Administrative Assistant III; **Rosevelt Williams**, D-1 Single Axle Truck Driver; **Toney Brown**, D-2 Maintenance Aide I; **Richard Lowe**,

D-3 Rest Area Attendant; **Donie Bray**, D-5 Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; **RJ Blankenship**, D-5 Single Axle Truck Driver; **Dale Smith**, D-5 Senior Mechanic; **Thomas Smith**, D-5 Distributor/Roller Operator; **Russell Moore**, D-5 Inspector; **Larry Patterson**, D-6 Crew Leader; **Jerry Campbell**, D-6 Sign Crew Supervisor; **Timothy Chambers**, D-6 Maintenance Aide I; **Sylvia Hight**, D-7 Area Headquarters Attendant; **Bobby Helms**, D-7 Single Axle Truck Driver; **Paul Athey**, D-8 Mechanic; **Robert Nichols**, D-8 Rest Area Attendant; **Edith Korcheck**, D-9 Office Administrative Assistant V; **Jackie Villines**, D-9 Distributor/Roller Operator; **Larry Floyd**, D-10 Multi-Axle Truck Driver; **Timothy Eaker**, D-10 Construction Aide II

### 5 Years

**Casey Hansen**, AHP Patrol Officer; **Jeffrey Holmes**, AHP Patrol Officer; **Charles White**, D-1 Multi-Axle Truck Driver; **William Williams**, D-6 Single Axle Truck Driver; **Karen Cotton**, D-9 Receptionist; **Kevin Foster**, D-10 Construction Helper II

**Jessie McIntyre, Sr.**, District 7 Guard, retired February 26 with 20+ years service.

**Nelson Farmer**, AHP Sergeant, retired March 11 with 30+ years service.

**Shirley Barnes**, Computer Services Computer Operator, retired March 17 with 17+ years service.

**Ronald Smith**, Planning & Research Transportation Specialist, retired March 5 with 24+ years service.

**Osie Williams**, District 1 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired March 31 with 18+ years service.

**Robert Gack**, D-4 Asphalt Tank Truck Driver, retired March 25 with 17+ years service.

**Ralph Bivens**, District 5 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired March 24 with 15 years service.

**David Harding**, District 6 Permit Officer, retired March 3 with 22+ years service.

**Burl Walker**, District 9 Distributor/Roller Operator, retired March 18 with 19+ years service.

**Jackie Cunningham**, District 9 Single Axle Truck Driver, retired March 5 with 29+ years service.

**Glen Easton**, District 10 Guard, retired March 26 with 25+ years service.

**DON'T  
★FORGET★  
TO VOTE!**

**Primary Election Day  
Tuesday, May 19  
Polls Open 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**