

Center Line

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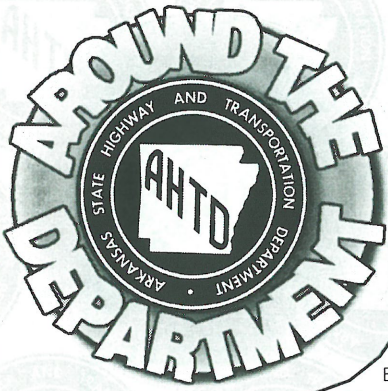


2005 AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADIED SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

	DISTRICT TWO March 10, 2005	DISTRICT SIX March 17, 2005	CENTRAL OFFICE March 17, 2005
TRACTOR/ LOWBOY	1st - Tim Cagle 2nd - Jerome Miller 3rd - John Harvey	1st - Steve Coulter 2nd - Mike Wingfield 3rd - Rita Watson	(No entries)
TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK	1st - Stanley Tripp 2nd - Jo Ann Graham 3rd - Melissa Lea	1st - Anthony Nix 2nd - Jerry Denley 3rd - Winfred Petty	1st - Donnie Thornton
SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK	1st - Jimmy Brooks 2nd - George Holcombe 3rd - Royce Edmondson	1st - Rodney Hall 2nd - John McDorman 3rd - Ronald Scarborough	1st - David Kraft
TRACTOR/ MOWER	1st - Edward Kirkham 2nd - Marcus Robinson 3rd - John Moorehead	1st - Shane Arndt 2nd - Jimmy Ables 3rd - John Ballinger	(No entries)
BACKHOE	1st - Keith Etue 2nd - Stacey Stepp 3rd - Brian Wells	1st - Ronnie Veazey 2nd - Ray Davis 3rd - Rusty Bornemeier	(No entries)
MOTOR PATROL	1st - Steve Sites 2nd - Donald Nugent 3rd - Brian Wells	1st - Harry Jobe 2nd - Jeff Hill 3rd - David Orr	(No entries)

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Bridge: Ken Holmes, Structural Detailing Specialist, received the Silver Beaver Award on February 24, 2005, from the Quapaw Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is the highest award to be given to a volunteer at the council level.

Construction: Kara Belt, Construction Aide I, displays the 2004 State Winner Award for the overlay job on State Highway 59. Kara was the lead inspector for the project. Congratulations to Kara, Resident Engineer John Sharum, and the crew of the Van Buren Residency.



District 6: Georgia Sage Ring recently had her 1st birthday. Georgia is the daughter of Aaron Ring, Maintenance Aide II.



Planning & Research: Myles Neighbors, riding "Buttercup," finished 3rd for All-Around Cowboy in the 6 and under age division of the Southern Junior Rodeo Association. He is the son of Sheila Neighbors, Office Administrative Assistant V.



District 6: Baylen Rennels, age 4, proudly holds new baby brother Tate Matthew Rennels, 7 lbs. 0 oz., 20.5 inches, born January 17, 2005.

District 6: (l. to r.) Travis Billingsley, Single Axle Truck Driver, receives his 10-year service award from Todd Nebling, Area Maintenance Supervisor.



Right of Way: Tim Robertson, Abstractor, is proud to announce his grandson, Maddock, born July 25, 2004. Maddock's parents are Ken & Brandy Davis.



Environmental: On June 14, 2004, Don Nichols, Environmental Analyst III, welcomed triplet girls Ruby, Elizabeth & Piper into his family. Big brother Jack is also pictured.



District 8: Baily Lou Phillips is graduating from preschool at Clarksville Elementary. She is the daughter of Darren Phillips, Crew Leader.



District 2: Kaitlin Taylor is graduating from Woodlawn Elementary Kindergarten. She is the daughter of Donna Taylor, Field Clerk II.

Where Is This?

See answer, bottom of last page.



GRADUATION PHOTOS

Look for graduation photos in the special pull-out section of the May CenterLine.

AHP Welcomes 27 New Graduates

Commencement exercises were held on March 11 to welcome 27 new graduates to the Arkansas Highway Police.

The graduates recently completed an intensive, 21-week basic training course that challenged them in every aspect of becoming a member of the force.

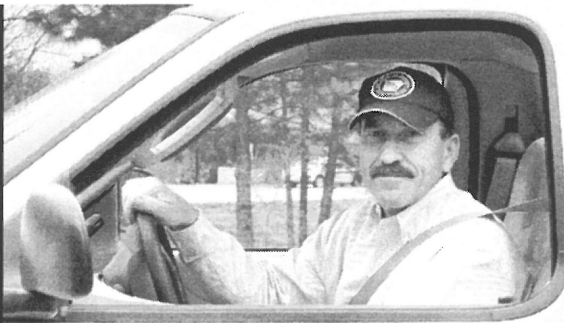
"They put in long hours and hard work to graduate and become members of the Highway Police," stated Arkansas Highway Police Chief Ron Burks. "We are proud to welcome them to our ranks."

Commission Chairman Prissy Hickerson was present to address the new graduates. "You join an elite group today - a group with an impressive history of service to the people of our state and we thank you for accepting the unique challenge of becoming a member of the Arkansas Highway Police."



Graduates pictured, in uniform, are: (Front row, l. to r.) Anita Ray, Donna Stobaugh, Jeffrey Smith, Kreston Taylor, Sherry Adams, Raunona Clemons and Vicky Lee. (Second row, l. to r.) Alvin Todd, Robert Johnson, Sally Sweeden, Douglas Beliew, James Cooper, Schawntell Arberry and Lonnie Banks. (Third row, l. to r.) James Hamrick, Chad Heath, Michael Smith, James Jones, Joseph Harris, Jeremy Watkins and James Canard. (Top row, l. to r.) Sandy Brown, Jamie Jordan, Andreas Pruitt, Phillip Dunlap, Fidel Caballero and Jeremy Gore. Others pictured are: (clockwise from bottom left) Commission Chairman Prissy Hickerson, Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum and Major George Coffman, AHP Chief Ron Burks, AHTD Director Dan Flowers and Chief Legal Counsel Robert Wilson.

The Staff Minute
This column features a different AHTD employee each month.



Employee: Wayne Fowler

Position: Construction Project Coordinator at the Wynne Resident Engineers Office, District 1.

Length of Service: I began working for AHTD in 1972 as a Rodman on the Survey Crew. After a few years, I made Inspector and worked my way to where I am now.

Job Duties: I work with the inspectors to insure that the work being done by the

contractors meets specifications. I also spend a lot of time working in the office.

Favorite or most interesting part of the job: The major part of my career has been bridge construction. The last project that I was both Inspector and Construction Project Coordinator on was the White River Bridge at Augusta. It was a two and a half year project. I enjoyed that project very much. It was somewhat different and challenging, but rewarding to see it all come together. I've always taken pride in my work and tried

to do a good job. I've worked with a lot of good people in my 33 years of employment here, and made a lot of friends within the Department. I've worked for several Resident Engineers over the years and can say they have all been good to me and I learned from each of them.

Family: I have a wonderful family. I have been married to Linda for 30 years. She is employed by Regions Bank. Our daughter, Angie, will graduate from Nursing School in May. She has a daughter Bo, 6, and a son Kade, 4. These may be the very best kids in the world. They are so much fun to be with. You can spoil them and then send them home! I plan to retire before too long and spend lots of time with them.

Hobbies/Interests: I'm a little behind on my fishing and hunting. I enjoy wood-working, gardening and spending time working at my church.

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

Ron Willis Automation Engineer I

CONSTRUCTION

B. Harvey Construction Helper I
Jason Bryant Construction Helper I
Kyle Lasater Construction Helper I
Clint Morris Construction Helper I

ENVIRONMENTAL

Shontay Scruggs Office Admn. Asst. V

MAINTENANCE

Tommy Clayton Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 1

Bobby McGee Station Attendant
James Hinton Single Axle Truck Driver
Stanley Myers Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Jeramy Purley General Laborer
Brian Copeland General Laborer

DISTRICT 3

Bryan Prinsen Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

Boone Brewer, Jr. General Laborer
Samuel Dyer General Laborer
Randall McCormick Single Axle Truck Driver
Robert Lopez Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 6

Robert Nelson Single Axle Truck Driver
Wayne Story Single Axle Truck Driver
Richard Wilson Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Carl Garlington Single Axle Truck Driver
Ronnie Harcrow Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Cameron Whitney Parts Runner
Thomas Lee Single Axle Truck Driver

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Steven Atchley Corporal

BRIDGE

Joshua Davis Bridge Design Engineer

COMPUTER SERVICES

Charles Ashmore, Jr. System Support Tech. I
Tammy Caple User Support Liasion

MAINTENANCE

Robin McCray Telecommunications Opr.
Kevin Purifoy Section Head - Comm.

MATERIALS

Dibbon Wright Geotechnical Aide I

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Elisha Wright-Kehner Transportation Engr.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Mark Edwards Design Technician I
Jonathan Pylant Civil Engineer I

STATE AID

Patricia Anthony Senior Designer
Charles Rainey Senior Designer

SURVEYS

Jim Tadel Administrative Officer IV

DISTRICT 1

Charles Henderson Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr.
Phillip Hunt Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 2

Cynthia Burns Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Donald Earnest Multi-Axle Truck Driver

Ashlie Miller Single Axle Truck Driver
Albert Ross Finish Carpenter
Ricky Scott Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Ricky Smith Single Axle Truck Driver
Dalene Stain Construction Aide III

DISTRICT 3

Ronnie Morine Single Axle Truck Driver
Johnny Muldrow Station Attendant
Patty Wicker Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 4

Chad Davis Civil Engineer I
Jimmie Jetton Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 5

Kermit Gay Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Terry Rush Area Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT 6

Steve Davidson Construction Materials Insp.
Brad Judd Single Axle Truck Driver
James Watkins Motorist Assistance Provider

DISTRICT 7

Howard Holman Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish
William Pokorny Const. Field Engr. II
Martha Tatom Area Hq. Attendant

DISTRICT 8

Paola Carr Construction Field Engr. II
Joseph Knight Construction Field Engr. II
William Linton Construction Field Engr. II
James Rye Maint. Job Superintendent
Cleo Scott Shop Supervisor

DISTRICT 9

Melvin Binam Sign Erector
Wayne Emmons Construction Aide II
James Keeton District Permit Officer
Patricia McKinney Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 10

Paul Ervin Rest Area Attendant
James Keasler Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Johnny McLaughlin Motor Patrol Opr.
Sherrell Owens Senior Mechanic
Kevin Smith Distributor/Roller Operator
Michael Wood Civil Engineer II

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Jan Weinberg First Lieutenant 35 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Loretta Jones Resident Ofc. Tech. 20 yrs.
Bryan Anderson Const. Aide I 15 yrs.
James Keeton Inspector 10 yrs.
Evelyn Bennett Construction Aide I 5 yrs.
Danny Sikes Construction Aide I 5 yrs.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Kelly Daniel Environ. Field Tech. II 20 yrs.

HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Guy Winkler, Jr. Hvy. Br. Maint. Sup. 25 yrs.

MAINTENANCE

Jesse McLaughlin Comm. Maint. Spec. 40 yrs.
Bishop Terrell Sign Maker II 5 yrs.
Gary Hester Paint Transport Tr. Driver 5 yrs.
Josh Nail Maintenance Aide II 5 yrs.

MATERIALS

Earl Raines District Materials Supv. 35 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

Martha Vestal Senior Abstractor 5 yrs.

SURVEYS

Timothy Shaw Surveys Aide III 25 yrs.
Charles Starks Photogrammetric Spec. 25 yrs.
Steven Wrigley Surveys Crew Chief 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Danny Glenn Elec. Pl. & Mech. Rep. 20 yrs.
Benford Adell Single Axle Truck Driver 10 yrs.
Juanita Tilghman Mendez Maint. Aide I 10 yrs.

William Ewing Motor Patrol Operator 5 yrs.
Alton Chapman Bckh./Fr. End Load. Opr. 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 2

James Sinks Sr. Mechanic 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Jerry Holden Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish 25 yrs.
Stanley Rogers Hydr. Excv. Opr.-Fin. 15 yrs.
Jodi Salisbury Area Hq. Attendant 10 yrs.
Larry Burke Area Hq. Attendant 10 yrs.
Charles Fritts Senior Mechanic 10 yrs.
Chad Hodges Bridge Repairer II 10 yrs.
David Gaylord Multi-Axle Truck Driver 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Herman Murphy Bridge Repairer II 25 yrs.
James Graham Crew Leader 25 yrs.
Ronnie Patillo Bckh./Fr. End Loader Opr. 20 yrs.
Ronald Cowan Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish 5 yrs.
Kevin Gregory Welder 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Marlon Brown Roller Operator 5 yrs.
Michael Foster Maintenance Aide I 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Tommy Lacy Maintenance Aide I 25 yrs.
Tommie Kitchens Motor Pat. Opr.-Fin. 15 yrs.
Jerry McNeal Welder 10 yrs.
Lawrence Hobbs, Jr. Maint. Aide II 5 yrs.
Robert Cordell Motor Patrol Operator 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Raymond Prescott Bck./Fr. E. Load. Opr. 20 yrs.
Leonard Crain Bridge Repairer II 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

Ralph Fulton District Engineer 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

William Putman Motor Patrol Operator 5 yrs.
Shannon Weeks Maintenance Aide I 5 yrs.
Jeffery Armstrong Multi-Axle Tr. Driver 5 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Robert Adams Patrol Ofcr. 1CL 23+ yrs.
Jerry Jackson Sergeant 17+ yrs.

MAINTENANCE

Albert Brown Carpenter 8+ yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Keith Merritt Staff Planning Engineer 26+ yrs.

DISTRICT 2

Jerry Vail Crew Leader 26+ yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Donald Ullrich Hydr. Excv. Opr.-Fin. 27+ yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Tony Matthews Motor Patrol Opr.-Fin. 18+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Kinch Womack Inspector 34+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8

David Myers Sr. Body Rep. & Painter 29+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9

George Parks Area Hq. Attendant 34+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

William B. Duncan, Jr.

Retired Employee, District 3, Died 3/24/05

U. L. Gray

Retired Employee, District 8, Died 3/31/05

Mildred M. Russ

Retired Employee, District 7, Died 3/25/05

Kellie Wyrick

Active Employee, District 1, Died 3/17/05

ACTIVE DUTY

AHTD has many employees in the armed services. This list includes those who have been deployed to serve our country. As of April 14, 2005, the Department had 10 employees on Active Duty. Dates denote either when they were deployed or when they are returning.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

James Clark Sergeant 11/1/02
Henry Lewis Permit Technician 1/28/03

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 4

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

DISTRICT 6

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

DISTRICT 8

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

RETURNING SOLDIERS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Jack Stepp Sergeant 4/15/05

ENVIRONMENTAL

Bart Dudley Environ. Analyst I 04/06/05

MAINTENANCE

Bishop Terrell Sign Maker II 04/07/05

REPRODUCTION

Mark Green Reproduction Tech. 4/29/05

DISTRICT 9

Randall Williams Pilot-Deck Hand 2/20/05

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson,
Chairman

Jonathan Barnett,
Vice Chairman

Carl S. Rosenbaum,
Member

R. Madison Murphy,
Member

John Ed Regenold,
Member

Dan Flowers,
AHTD Director



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