



Center Line

APRIL 2011

AHTD Promotes Work Zone Awareness Week

The 2011 National Work Zone Awareness Week was held April 4th – 8th across the country. The theme for this year's campaign was "Safer driving. Safer work zones. For everyone."

The AHTD held a news conference on April 5th to promote safety in work zones in conjunction with the national campaign. The event was held at the Interstate 430/630 interchange in Little Rock.

"We put emphasis on safety throughout the year, but this week we really focus on it," stated Emanuel Banks, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.

"When you combine thousands of vehicles, construction workers, AHTD employees and suppliers at a busy work zone, the potential for conflicts is there."

In 2009, 667 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in highway work zones across the country and more than 30,000 were injured.

D.B. Hill, III, of the Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors also spoke at the event.

"There is always the need to make the public more aware of the dangers present in work zones," Hill commented. "Contractors, the Federal Highway Administration and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department are striving to make work zones safer for motorists."

Hill added that in 2010, the number of fatalities on our national highways fell to the lowest level since 1949.

"There are numerous factors contributing to the decrease including safer vehicles, more four-lane highways, wider bridges, increased use of seatbelts and median safety cables," Hill stated.

"Safety is always a top priority in the transportation industry and we want to make sure motorists make it a top priority as they travel through work zones."

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Emanuel Banks, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, stresses the importance of safety in construction work zones at a news conference on April 5th.

2011 EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO SEMI-FINALS RESULTS

	DISTRICT 7 March 29	DISTRICT 1 April 5	DISTRICT 6 April 7	CENTRAL April 7	DISTRICT 8 April 12	DISTRICT 10 April 14
TRACTOR/LOWBOY						
3RD PLACE	William Wilkerson	Olen Hagan	David Miller	Frank Monroe	Darrell Barnes	Chad McMillon
2ND PLACE	Courtney Ellis	Billy Martin	Derrick Marshall	Darrell Coleman	Curtis Shewmake	Britt Dortch
1ST PLACE	EARNEST JONES	MIKE HENDERSON	WILLIAM BROWN	NEIL AUSTIN	ROBERT WOODWARD	SHANNON MAY
TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK						
3RD PLACE	James Hawkins	Gerry Washington	Matt Creppel	Roy Box	Clark Hays	Steve Burnett
2ND PLACE	Nathan Boyd	Curtis Miller	Desmond Forgan	Donnie Thornton	Randall Burris	James Keasler
1ST PLACE	DANNY GREEN	JIM MOORE	RICK STANLEY	BRADLEY HARRIS	DAVID PRUITT	TONY RUHL
SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK						
3RD PLACE	Curtis Hamilton	Anthony Burnett	Dustin Norwood	Travis Evans	Michael Bunton	Lenny Fulco
2ND PLACE	Gary Hall	Wayne Hamilton	Pat Bradbury	Eugene Farrell	Scott Blair	Blake Meridith
1ST PLACE	HAWK MAHAN	PAMELA MORELOCK	PEPPER HOBBY	TROY FRAZIER	DALE CARLAT	PHYLLIS ASHBY
TRACTOR/MOWER						
3RD PLACE	Jeannie Fawbush	Devyn Arens	Brad Hubbard	Tracy Henderson	David Pruitt	Steve Burnett
2ND PLACE	Ricky Cummings	Troy Tims	Jim Ables	Johnny Carte	Trent Hudson	Jerry Yancy
1ST PLACE	DANNY ROGERS	JOEY HENSON	BLAKE ANGEL	EUGENE FARRELL	BRANDON WITT	EDDIE PUGH
BACKHOE						
3RD PLACE	Lowell Jones	Michael Howard	Ronnie Veazey	Frank Monroe	Doug Owens	Kristie Mott
2ND PLACE	David Grice	Ray Chapman	Rusty Bornemeier	Cary Snyder	Trey Martinez	Rick Hale
1ST PLACE	DONALD CRAWFORD	MANFORD FERRELL	TONY SKARDA	BRADLEY HARRIS	PAUL CHARTON	HEATH EUBANKS
MOTOR PATROL						
3RD PLACE	Howard Holman	William Ewing	Jerry Denley	N/A	Clark Hays	Tim Garrison
2ND PLACE	William Hickman	Shannon Smiley	Estel Taylor	N/A	Kelli Reynolds	Jade Price
1ST PLACE	JEREMY EVANS	JERRY MITCHELL	JASON BERRY	ROY BOX	ROGER WILSON	GERALD ELLIS

Results from Districts 4, 5 and 9 will be in the May CenterLine.

SAFETY (continued)

To close the event, Jim Genty of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Traffic Safety Services Association read a proclamation from Governor Mike Beebe declaring the week of April 1st through April 8th "Work Zone Awareness Week."

Motorists can make work zones a safer place by reducing their speed, paying attention to signs, merging into the proper lane as early as possible, keeping plenty of distance between their vehicle and the one ahead, and staying alert by watching for construction workers and equipment in the area.



D.B. Hill, III, Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors, addresses the media.



Employee: Rita Stone, Area Headquarters Attendant, District 4, Polk County

Length of Service: 27 years, 11 months

Job Duties: I prepare employee time reports, post data and balance reports, inventory fuel supplies, perform upkeep and building maintenance, do minor operations of various types on equipment, work with my supervisor and crew, and give assistance when needed.

We Want To Hear From You...

Do you have an interesting story to tell? *The CenterLine* newsletter staff is always looking for stories to share with our readers. If you have a hobby you'd like to share with others, just let us know. And remember, we want to publish your favorite recipes as well.

We'd love to hear from you. Contact David Nilles at 501-569-2508, or send an email to david.nilles@arkansashighways.com.

Favorite part of job: I really like the variety and security of the job. I love working with numbers. I also enjoy working with my supervisor and co-workers.

Background: I started with the Department in 1983 as a Construction Helper in the Resident Engineer's Office in Mena. I was the first female employee working in the field on that crew. In 1984, I transferred to the Polk County Maintenance Crew as a Single Axle Truck Driver/Mower Operator. I was also the first female employee working on that crew. In 1992, I was promoted to Area Headquarters Attendant.

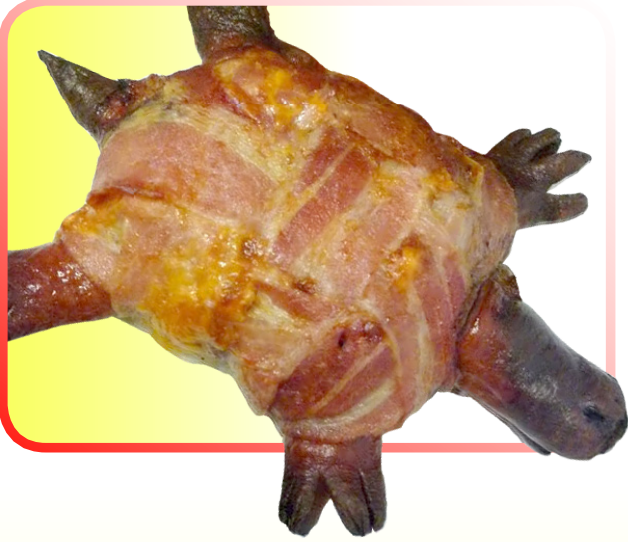
Family: My husband, David, and I have been married for 27 years. We have one son, Bobby. He is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. We have two granddaughters, Dana and Kaitlyn.

Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy sewing and quilting, needlepoint, antiques, dancing, shooting guns, collecting cookbooks, reading a good book and riding with David on the Harley.

what's COOKING

This month's "What's Cooking" recipe is from...

Don Young • Programs & Contracts



Bacon Cheddar Turtle Burger

Ingredients: Ground beef, sharp cheddar cheese, bacon, hot dogs.

Take refrigerated (not frozen) bacon strips and weave them together, with three or four strips going each direction. Set aside.

Form ground beef patty to make the middle of the "turtle." Slice three hotdogs in half to form the legs, tail and head. Nestle them in the patty, cover with cheddar, and wrap with bacon, leaving the ends of the hot dogs sticking out. Cut a mouth in the head, cut fingers in the feet and cut the tail to a point.

Place them on a rack, cover loosely with foil and then put them into an oven heated to 400 degrees. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until the bacon is done.

Please submit your recipe for possible publication in the *CenterLine*. Send it to:
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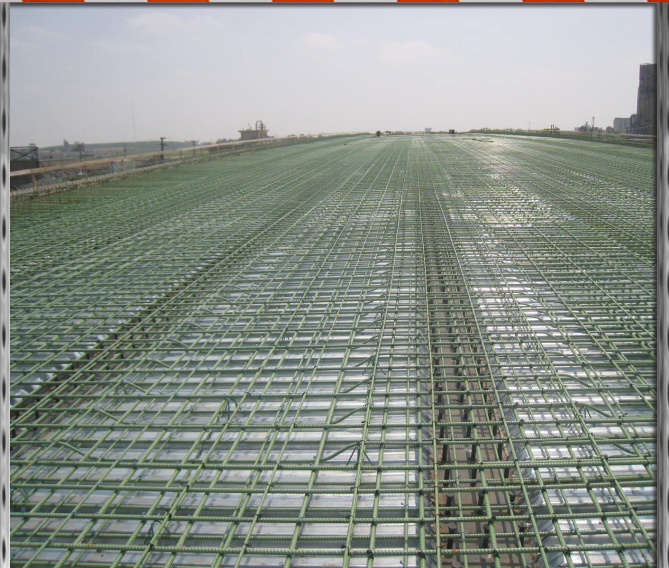
Strategic Energy Plan

Save energy around the house with these strategic tips:

- Keep thermostats 2 – 3 degrees higher in summer, lower in winter.
- Install CFL and LED bulbs
- Use task specific lighting (lamps)
- Use non-toxic cleaning products.
- Clean air filters.
- Increase insulation in your home.
- Invest in renewable sources of energy.
- Purchase energy-efficient windows.

Thanks! These tips help make the AHTD Strategic Energy Plan more effective. Visit www.arkansashighways.com to learn more about our energy plan.

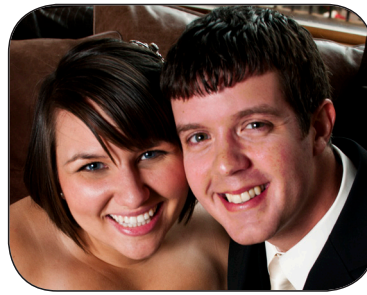
CONSTRUCTION CORNER DISTRICT 2



Construction is approximately 60 percent complete on a Union Pacific railroad overpass on Highway 165 in Stuttgart. Bids were opened on the project in May of 2009. Dement Construction Company, LLC of Jackson, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$14.5 million. The new overpass will prevent traffic from having to cross the tracks at street level. Completion of the project is expected in the fall of this year.



Bridge: Phil Brand, Division Head, celebrated his retirement in March and was happy to see Bass Pro Shop gift cards as a gift.



Human Resources/Construction: Maddison Walker, FMLA Coord. - and daughter of Sharon Blakley, Legal Assistant - married Spencer Wendland, Estimates Supv., Dec 9th in Little Rock.



Heavy Bridge Maintenance: (l. to r.) Glenn Cheatham, HBM Engineer, presents Raymond Parker, HBM Supervisor, with his 25-year service award.



Highway Police: 8-year-old Austin Keen of Benton, killed this 4-point, 210-lb. buck January 2nd during the youth hunt in Bradley County. Austin is the grandson of Pat Brown, Administrative Aide II.



Materials: (l. to r.) Bobbie Jordan, Engineer II, receives her 10-year service award from Paul Tinsley, Section Head-Geotechnical.



District 1: (l. to r.) Steve Frisbee, District Construction Eng., received his 15-year service award from Ray Woodruff, District Engineer.



District 1: (l. to r.) Rex Vines, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Anthony James, Crew Leader, with his 20-year service award.



District 1: (l. to r.) James Wallace, Area Maint. Supv., presents John Barefield, Street Sweeper Operator, with his 15-year service award.



District 1: Receiving their 10-year service awards were (l. to r.) Rick Yocum, Const. Matls. Insp.; James Leon, Jr., Backh./Fr. End Loader Op.; Joey Frames, Paver Op.; Terry Harris, Dozer Op.-Fin.



District 2: (l. to r.) Ezra McFadden, Area Maint. Supv, presents James Ball, Rest Area Attendant, with his 5-year service award.



District 3: Don Donaldson, District Engineer, (center) attended the District Rodeo, and celebrated his 40 years of service March 17th. (l. to r.) Don's sister, Anne, his mother, Norma, and his wife, Glenda, surprised him with a visit.



District 4: (l. to r.) Mike Pickens, Dist. Maint. Job Superintendent, presents Jerry Trotter, Hydraulic Excavator Operator-Finish, with his 5-year service award.



District 6: (l. to r.) William Stivers, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives his 5-year service award from Janet Bogle, Area Maint. Supervisor.



District 7 (l. to r.) Dannie Launius, District Office Mgr. presents Rhonia Krisell, District Bookkeeper, with her 15-year service award.



District 10: The Clay County Crew received the "Big Heart Award" for 62% of their crew donating on a recent blood drive.

AHTD PEOPLE • EMPLOYEE STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2011

new employees

CONSTRUCTION • WHITNIE WISEMAN, FIELD CLK. I, RE 95

RIGHT OF WAY • STASIA BROUGHTON, RIGHT OF WAY NEGOTIATOR I • RICHARD STANLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I

DISTRICT 1 • JEREMY BYERS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • PATRICIA LONDON, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • JOHN PHILLIPS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 3 • TRAVIS UPCHURCH, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 4 • JUAN PEREZ, GENERAL LABORER • MICHAEL WEST, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 5 • RONNIE BRITTON, SGL. AXLE TR. DR. • TRACY BROADWAY, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • ERNEST CAMPBELL, JR., SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • BOB LONG, II, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • LESLIE LOONEY, SGL. AXLE TR. DR. • REX WILMANS, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

DISTRICT 7 • BENJAMIN WOOD, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DR.

DISTRICT 8 • JACOB WHITMIRE, GENERAL LABORER • TOMMY WOODY, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • RICHARD FLAGG, GENERAL LABORER

DISTRICT 9 • KYLAN MCCUTCHEON, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR.

DISTRICT 10 • CHARLES MELTON, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DR.

promotions

MAINTENANCE • KIMBERLY ELROD, SIGN SHOP SUPV.

RIGHT OF WAY • RICKY SCRUGGS, III, REVIEWING APPR.

DISTRICT 1 • JONATHAN HOLLAND, CONST. AIDE III, RE 14 • PATRICIA LIVINGSTON, MAINT. • RODNEY MOONEY, AREA HEADQUARTERS ATTENDANT • SONYA ROSE, CONST. AIDE III, RE 14 • TIMOTHY WILLIS, WELDER

DISTRICT 2 • MIGUEL RIOS, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., DREW CO. • BRUCE SMITH, WELDER • JOSHUA SMITH, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, DESHA CO. • WINSTON WATTS, III, AREA HEADQUARTERS ATTENDANT, DREW CO.

DISTRICT 3 • ANTHONY TEAGUE, SR. BODY REP. & PAINTER

DISTRICT 4 • ARTHUR ADAMS, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • KYLE BATTENFIELD, CONSTRUCTION AIDE II, RE 43 • RUSSELL PAYNE, HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR OPER.-FIN. • TINA READING, INSPECTOR, RE 43

DISTRICT 5 • BRYAN ANDERSON, CREW LEADER, INDEPENDENCE CO. • MERLE CAMPBELL, AREA MAINT. SUPV., FULTON CO. • JIMMY ELDRIDGE, MAINT. AIDE II, WHITE CO. • STEPHANIE HASTINGS, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., CLEBURNE CO. • DENNIS PERRY, DISTRIB./ROLLER OP., IZARD CO. • RAYMOND RECKER, CREW LEADER, CLEBURNE CO. • KAREN THOMAS, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR., WHITE CO.

DISTRICT 6 • NICKLAUS ANGEL, BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OPERATOR, PULASKI CO. • RHONDA GRAY, AREA HEADQUARTERS ATTENDANT, HOT SPRING CO.

DISTRICT 7 • KENNETH DOHERTY, SHOP SUPV. • ALEX GOLDEN, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER • RANDY WESLEY, MAINT. AIDE II • BENJAMIN WOOD, SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, CALHOUN CO.

DISTRICT 8 • TAYLOR DUNHAM, DISTRIBUTOR/ROLLER OPERATOR, VAN BUREN CO. • JOSH HERNANDEZ, BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OPERATOR • MARK MALONE, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR-FINISH, FAULKNER CO. • TRAVIS SISCO, MAINTENANCE AIDE II, MONTGOMERY CO.

DISTRICT 9 • JODI BRYANT, PERSONNEL CLERK • ROBERT KELLEY, CREW LEADER, CARROLL CO.

DISTRICT 10 • DUSTIN MILLER, BRIDGE REPAIRER II • TONY RUHL, WELDER • NATHANIEL WILSON, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER

service

COMPUTER SERVICES • RON MITCHELL, DATA PROC. MANAGER, 25 YRS.

CONSTRUCTION • SUZANNE BULLARD, RES. OFFICE TECH, RE 34, 15 YRS. • JOE MILLS, CONST. AIDE III, RE 34, 10 YRS. • KEVIN WHITE, RES. ENG., RE 65, 15 YRS.

ENVIRONMENTAL • REGINA DIAMANT, OFC. ADM. ASST., 5 YRS. • RUBY JORDAN, SECT. HEAD-PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, 25 YRS.

HIGHWAY POLICE • JIMMY ACCORD, SERGEANT, 25 YRS. • HOWARD BESETT, SERGEANT, 25 YRS. • THOMAS HOLLOWAY, MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY AUDITOR, 5 YRS. • LISA RHODES, MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY AUDITOR, 5 YRS. • DEVAUGHN STEPHENS, MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY AUDITOR, 5 YRS.

HEAVY BRIDGE • RAYMOND PARKER, HBM SUPV., 25 YRS.

MAINTENANCE • PAUL ENGLAND, SIGN CREW SUPERVISOR, 25 YRS.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • VALERIE GIFFORD, TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ANALYST II, 10 YRS. • VIRGINIA PORTA, STAFF PLANNING ENGINEER, 25 YRS.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS • JOHN JACKSON, PHOTOGRAPHER, 35 YRS.

RIGHT OF WAY • CYNTHIA SHARP, ABSTRACTOR, 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 1 • ANTHONY JAMES, CREW LEADER, 20 YRS. • JAMES LEON, JR., BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OPERATOR, 10 YRS.

DISTRICT 2 • SONYA COCHRAN, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR., 10 YRS. • TRAVIS WATKINS, BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OP., 10 YRS. • ANDERSON WILLIAMS, HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR OPERATOR-FINISH, 15 YRS. • JOHNNY WILLIAMS, BRIDGE REP. II, 10 YRS.

DISTRICT 3 • REGINALD EASTER, LOWBOY OR FLOAT TRUCK DRIVER, 15 YRS. • DAVID MORTON, CREW LEADER, 20 YRS.

DISTRICT 4 • DWAYNE ADAMS, DIST. CONST. ENG., 15 YRS. • JERRY TROTTER, HYDR. EXCAV. OP.-FIN., 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 5 • JARED MOXLEY, BACKHOE/FRONT END LOADER OPERATOR, 15 YRS. • JUSTIN RUSH, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 6 • NORMAN EDGE, STREET SWEEPER OP., 10 YRS. • ANTHONY HERNDON, CREW LEADER, 15 YRS. • BILLY HILL, MOTOR PATROL OP.-FIN., 10 YRS. • RICKEY PRINCE, DIST. PERMIT OFCR., 25 YRS. • WILLIAM STIVERS, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR., 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 7 • ALLAN AUTREY, SENIOR MECHANIC • RHONIA KRISSELL, DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER, 15 YRS.

DISTRICT 8 • WILLIAM FALES, MULTI-AXLE TR. DR. • DARRELL MAXWELL, DISTRIB./ROLLER OPERATOR, 15 YRS. • TRAVIS SISCO, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DRIVER, 10 YRS.

DISTRICT 9 • DUSTIN BRYANT, ASPH. TANK TR. DR., 5 YRS.

DISTRICT 10 • RICKY MORRIS, SR. BODY REP. & PAINTER, 20 YRS.

retirement

ENVIRONMENTAL • JOHN HARRIS, ASST. DIV HEAD, 30+ YRS.

HIGHWAY POLICE • JERRY JOHNSON, MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY INSPECTOR, 26+ YRS. • ANTHONY LEWIS, PATROL OFFICER FIRST CLASS, 23+ YRS.

HEAVY BRIDGE • BILL RITCHIE, HBM SUPV., 33+ YRS.

MAINTENANCE • GARY BRADLEY, PAINT TRANS. TR. DR., 4+ YRS.

DISTRICT 1 • ERNEST ROSE, JR., MAINT. AIDE II, 25+ YRS.

DISTRICT 4 • STEVE CARTER, CREW LEADER, 13+ YRS. • SHELLY WRIGHT, PARTS RUNNER, 17+ YRS.

DISTRICT 5 • RONNIE CARAWAY, CREW LEADER, 25+ YRS. • JAMES MERRIMAN, JR., DOZER OP.-FIN., 6+ YRS. • DWANE THOMPSON, LOWBOY OR FLOAT TR. DR., 18+ YRS.

DISTRICT 7 • DERRICK MARTIN, DISTRIB./ROLL. OP., 6+ YRS.

DISTRICT 8 • LISA VAUGHAN, AREA HQ. ATT., 17+ YRS.

DISTRICT 9 • JUNIOR VILLINES, MOTOR PATROL OPERATOR-FINISH, 24+ YRS.

DISTRICT 10 • LARRY HICKS, MULTI-AXLE TRUCK DR., 30+ YRS. • LARRY WOODS, MOTOR PATROL OP.-FIN., 9+ YRS.

memorials

COMPUTER SERVICES • CARLOTTA VAUGHAN 4/14/11, RETIRED

HIGHWAY POLICE • SAMMIE DELOZIER 4/10/11, RETIRED

HUMAN RESOURCES • TODD TURMAN 4/3/11, ACTIVE

DISTRICT 3 • GARY BARHAM 3/24/11, RETIRED • TALMAGE SNOW 4/11/11, RETIRED

DISTRICT 10 • JAMES BRYSON 3/29/11, RETIRED

active duty

As of 4/14/11, the AHTD had 1 employee serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment dates noted.

DISTRICT 9 • DOUGLAS HENRY, SINGLE AXLE TR. DR., 10/1/07