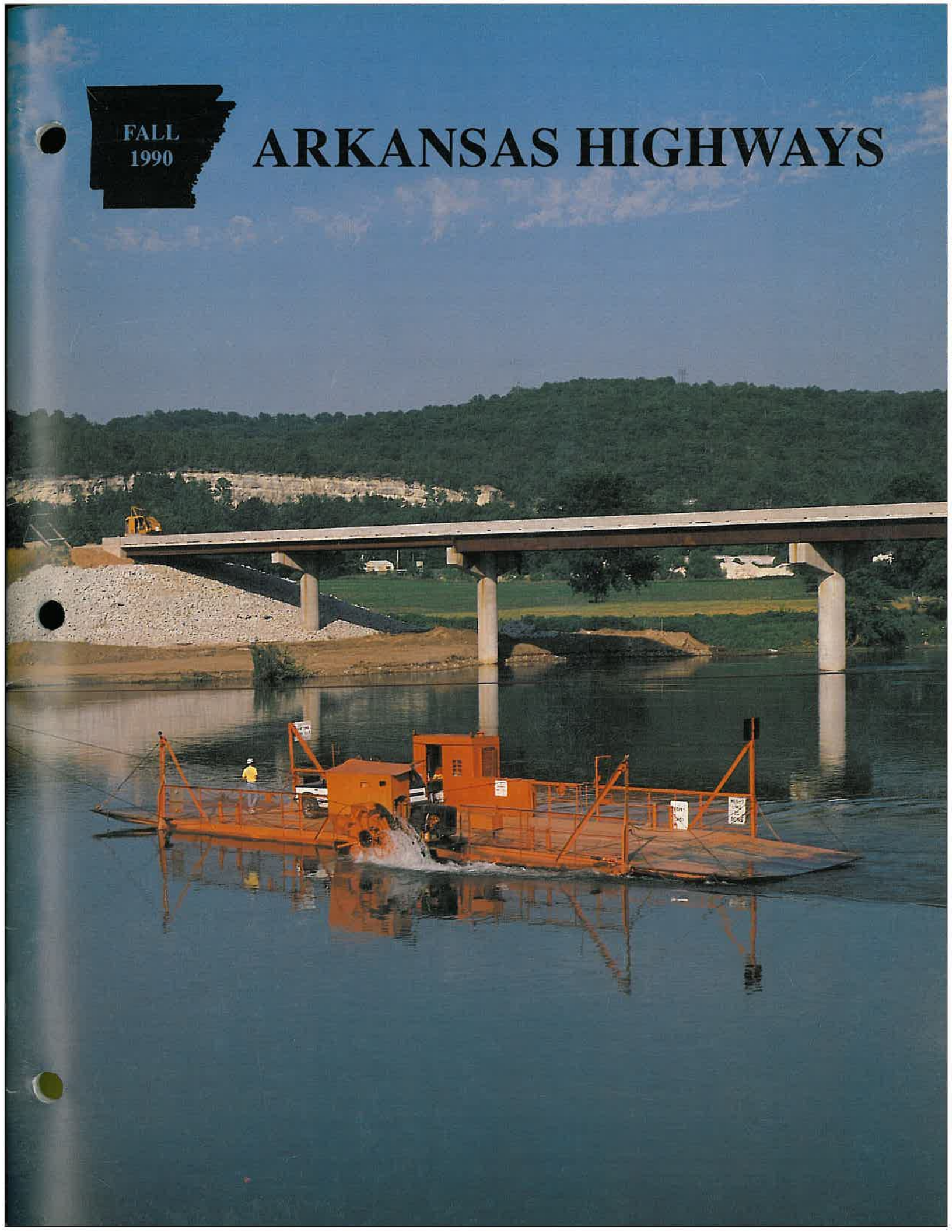


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## Anti-Litter Campaign

Autumn is known as a season of change. The time changes as we move our clocks back one hour. The trees change from their full coats of green to the vivid colors of fall. And our children start back to school in new grades, a full year ahead of where they were just three months earlier.

This Autumn, the State Highway Commission is involved in trying to bring about a change, too. They started the ball rolling on a campaign designed to change the way Arkansans think about littering. The Commission donated \$35,000 for the production of television ads to the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission. These ads will be used to generate public interest and to encourage corporate sponsorship (hopefully in the form of other contributions) from Arkansas' private sector.

An anti-litter campaign for Arkansas is needed because the problem is becoming more widespread. Over the past six years, Department expenditures for litter pickup have increased over 130%. And of course, litter along the highways does not convey the proper image for a state known as "The Natural State."

The Department's Adopt A Highway Program has been a tremendous success in getting the citizens of Arkansas involved in addressing the litter problem. To date, more than 1,300 groups have adopted nearly 3,000 miles of state highways. But the emphasis of the Adopt A Highway Program is not directed at preventing the problem. In spite of the success of the program, the Department still spent in excess of one million dollars in Fiscal Year 1990 picking up trash.

In addition to the Commission's contribution, the Department's Highway Police Division and several other agencies and associations involved in the enforcement of litter laws have increased their enforcement activities. The idea here is not to fine everyone who drops a gum wrapper, but to educate the public regarding the State's litter laws. The laws are in place to serve as a deterrent, but they are useless unless they are enforced to the point of public knowledge.

No doubt some people will not agree with the Commission's decision to spend \$35,000 on an anti-litter campaign in these tight money times. But those people don't realize that the Department spent over one million dollars picking up litter last year. In light of this fact, \$35,000 toward correcting the problem sounds better than \$1 million after the trash hits the ground.

Let us all do our part by not trashing our beautiful State. Let us start today.



Maurice Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Smith".

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The Sylamore Ferry at Guion as it crosses the White River between Izard and Stone Counties. Photos by John Jackson.

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# New Bridge Means Last Ferry Ride at Guion

For the past 28 years the only way to cross the White River at Guion in IZARD County was by ferry. All of that changed August 24 when the new White River Bridge on Highway 58 opened to traffic.

The State Highway Commission awarded a \$2.2 million contract for the construction of the bridge to Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa in November 1988. The new bridge is the first in Arkansas to be built as a replacement for a ferry using Federal Bridge Replacement Funds authorized by the 1987 Surface Transportation Act. Prior to that time these funds could be used only for the replacement of

bridges. Another project, using the funds to replace the Moro Bay Ferry on the Ouachita River, began in 1989.

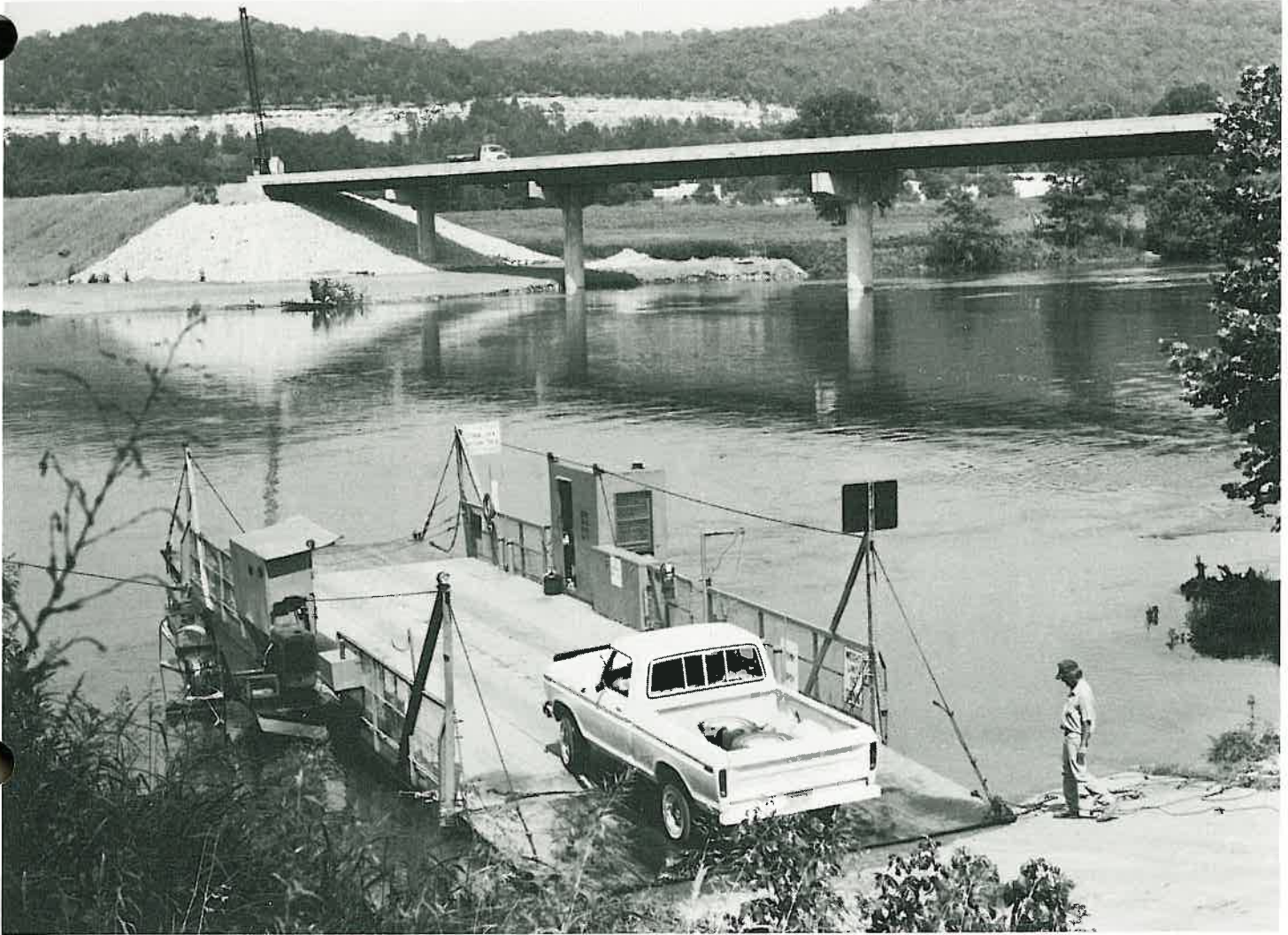
Only three ferries remain in operation on the State Highway System. The Moro Bay Ferry will be the next to close when the bridge is completed in a few years. Plans are being prepared for the construction of a bridge on the Red River at Doddridge in Miller County to replace the Springbank Ferry.

The third ferry in operation is the Peel Ferry on Highway 125 across Bull Shoals Lake near the Missouri border in Marion County.

Will the slow ferry ride between IZARD and Stone counties be missed? "Not particularly," said Almaria Reiter of Guion. "I don't use the ferry much, but I can't wait for the bridge to open, it will make travel better between here and Mountain View," she said.



State Representative John Miller (standing in bed of truck) addresses a small crowd before the last ferry ride.



The Sylamore Ferry at Guion with the new White River Bridge in the background.

Ms. Reiter was one of several dozen motorists who traveled across the White River on the ferry a few weeks before the bridge was opened. Other motorists expressed the same sentiments about the ferry. Although some will miss it for nostalgic reasons, all of them were glad the bridge was being built.

From the beginning, traffic counts on the ferry have been low, averaging only about 30 vehicles per day over the past 10 years. However, in recent months it picked up to about 80 vehicles per day.

"I believe most of the people are riding the ferry because they know it is about to close," said Bill Wallace of Mountain View, one of two AHTD employees assigned as a ferry operator. The other operator was Terry Rush of Melbourne.

Although traffic counts are low, the opening of the bridge is expected to bring an

increase in traffic to the area. The ferry has not been the most reliable form of transportation. A check of the maintenance log over the past two years revealed that the ferry was closed nearly 66 percent of the time because of mechanical problems or river conditions that prohibited the safe operation of the ferry.

The Guion Ferry was the last cable operated ferry in the State. A paddle wheel, powered by a diesel engine, provided the power to move the ferry barge across the river. The barge itself was attached to a cable which stretched above the river from bank to bank. The other ferries are operated by tug boats attached to the ferry.

Wallace has been around the Guion ferry barge a long time. The Stone County native began work for the Highway Department in 1973 as a deck hand on the Sylamore Ferry. When that ferry closed in 1976, Wallace

was transferred to Guion. The barge from Sylamore was also transferred. Since that barge was registered with the Coast Guard as the "Sylamore Ferry" that remained its official name, even though it was located at Guion.

The original Guion Ferry was called "Wild Haw Ferry". It began operation on May 22, 1962 as a private ferry owned by A.M. Harris of Guion. A toll was charged until the State Highway Department took over operation on July 29, 1970.

The Guion Ferry operated 12 hours a day, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wallace and Rush each worked three and one-half days a week. A third operator, W.T. Marshall, filled in as a substitute when one of the others went on leave.

In all of his years as an operator, Wallace said there never had been an accident at Guion. The flood in December 1982 was the

## *"I'll miss the contact with the people..."*

**Bill Wallace**  
AHTD Ferry Operator

most unusual thing to happen. "The river was about 18 to 20 feet above normal and the barge was tied up near the top of some trees. I had to stay here all night and watch it so it wouldn't break loose," he said.

Wallace had mixed emotions about closing the ferry. "It (the bridge) is needed, but this is the only job I've had for 17 years. I guess I'll be assigned to the crew in Stone County. I'm not sure what I'll be doing, but I'll do whatever they need me to," he said.

"I'll also miss the contact with the people. There are a few regulars who use this ferry every day. I'll miss visiting with them," he said. "The tourists are also interesting people to talk to. The most frequently asked questions are, 'How deep is the water?' and 'Are the fish biting?' Just for the record, the water is about 18 feet deep in the middle, and the fish are always biting.

An article in the October 1976 issue of Southern Living magazine noted the isola-

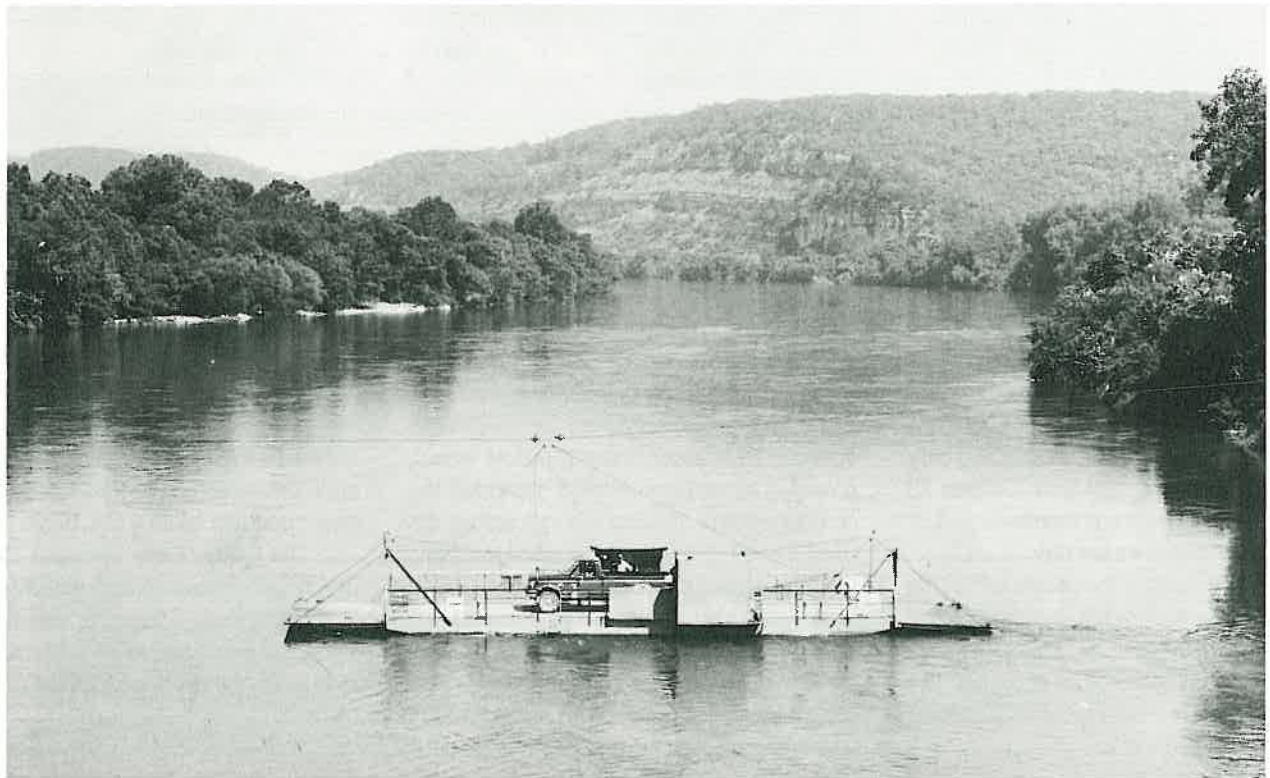


**Bill Wallace**

tion of Guion. "You will never go to Guion accidentally. It takes planning," the article said. First, the motorists must look for the signs advising that the ferry is open, otherwise, there is no need to turn on to Highway 58 "for a serpentine ride to the mining town and the river."

Until 1972, Highway 58 ended on the Izard County side of the White River. A gravel county road continued in Stone County for six miles to Highway 14. On December 13, 1972 the State Highway Commission took the county road into the State Highway System and it was designated as Highway 58.

Highway 58 in Stone County is the only remaining gravel highway in District 5. The Commission has plans to reconstruct and pave the highway as part of the Rural Road Program. A contract for this work could be ready in early 1991.



**The Sylamore Ferry at Guion as it crosses the White River.**

# U.S. Highway 412 Dedication Held in Paragould

Ceremonies were held Monday, July 16, to mark the opening of a recently widened portion of U.S. Highway 412 in Paragould. The road, known as West Kingshighway, was widened to four lanes between Third Street and Reynolds Road.

"This four-lane highway is a blessing for this city," said Paragould Mayor Charles Partlow, "But we cannot stop here."

The road opening marked the completion of Phase I of a project to widen U.S. Highway 412 in Paragould. Phase II, which will proceed from Reynolds Road west to Spring Road is expected to go to contract in 1991.

A contract was awarded to Tate General Contractors, Inc., of Bono, on January 28, 1988 for the construction of Phase I. The contract amount for the 2.063-mile project was \$3,716,903.57.

Arkansas Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater of Jonesboro delivered the dedicatory address.

"This region is on the move," Slater said to the nearly 100 who gathered for the occa-

sion. "Our market is no longer just the state or this region of the country - our market is the world."

Slater drew a loud round of applause when he announced that the Department would award a contract later in 1991 for a project to widen five miles of U.S. Highway 49 to four lanes from the U.S. Highway 412 intersection in Paragould south toward Jonesboro.

He said major highway projects, such as the Highway 412 widening and the planned improvements for Highway 49, will unlock the potential of northeast Arkansas. "Highways 412 and 49 link Paragould to other parts of Arkansas and the nation, which in turn, link the city to the rest of the world," he stated.

Slater commented on the importance of the Highway 412 corridor across the northern portion of the state. He stressed the Highway Commission's commitment by pointing out that about \$9 million in projects had already been completed on Highway 412, more than \$10 million in projects were

under construction, and another \$124 million was programmed for future improvements.



Highway Commission Member  
Rodney Slater



Members of the Paragould/Greene County Chamber of Commerce and the Highway Commission at the ribbon cutting ceremony.



## Carpenter Dam Road Bridge Replacement Underway

Thanks to Mother Nature, the bridge on Carpenter Dam Road (Highway 128) near Hot Springs is being replaced sooner than was planned.

Local residents had wanted the single-lane suspension bridge replaced for years. The Department had begun working on plans for the replacement, but construction was thought to be at least two years away.

That's when Mother Nature got involved. The National Weather Service reported that 12.97" of rain fell in the Hot Springs area during a 24-hour period that ended at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, May 20. Nearly all of that fell in a 3 1/2-hour period between 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

For the first time in recent memory, the floodgates on Carpenter Dam had to be opened to release water from Lake Hamilton which had overspilled its banks. The volume of water which came through the gates was

more than the Ouachita River and Lake Catherine below the dam could handle.

The old Carpenter Dam Road bridge, normally located 18 feet above the water

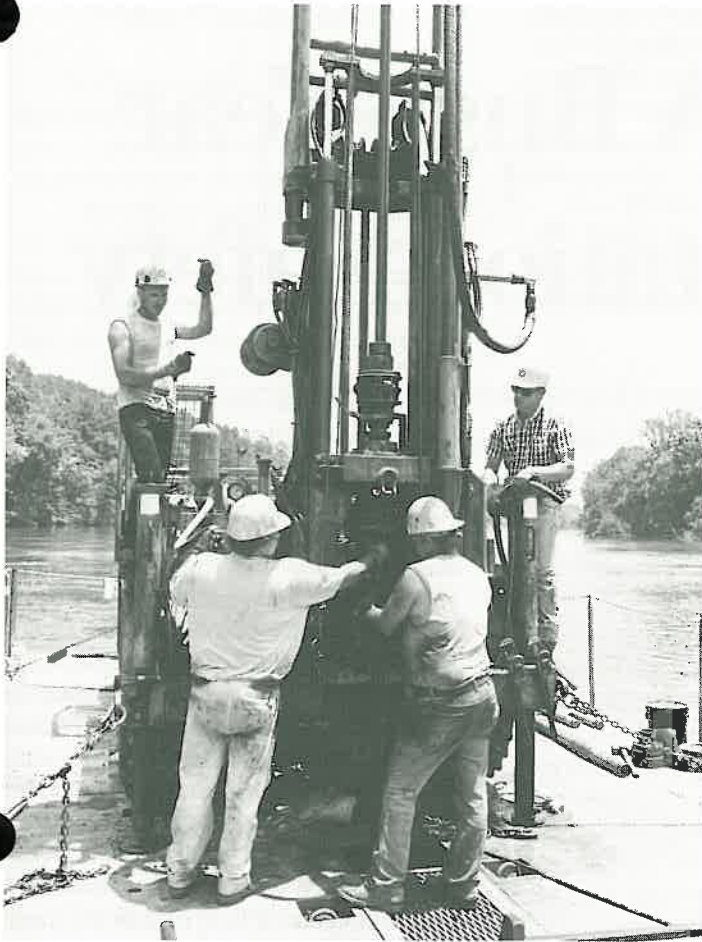






**Above photo: Sections of roadways were completely washed out by the May flood.**

**Left photo: Members of the Department's drill crew team prepare to take core samples from the Ouachita River.**



level, was swept away by the floodwaters. The flooding caused extensive damage in the Lake Catherine area including washing out portions of Highways 128 and 171 near Diamondhead.

Highway Department personnel were on the scene quickly to assess the damage and begin making contingency plans. No suitable site for a temporary ferry could be found, so residents would have to do without a river crossing in the area until a new structure could be built. Plans for a new bridge became a top priority.

Drill crews spent several days taking core samples from below the riverbed to assist with the final design plans. A steel

cable had to be stretched across the river to stabilize the barge which housed the drilling equipment. The drill crews also had to take samples from the rugged, wooded terrain found on both sides of the river.

Plans and preparations were completed and on August 1 (less than three months after the flood) bids were opened for a contract to construct a new bridge. Jensen Construction Company of Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$2,234,363.90.

The new bridge is being built approximately 175 feet downstream from the old structure and will be 630 feet in length, as compared with 490 feet for the old one. The new bridge will consist of two 11-foot travel

lanes with 4-foot shoulders when complete. Total project length, including the roadway approaches, is approximately 0.648 miles.

Because of the need to have the bridge completed as soon as possible, the contract with Jensen includes an incentive/disincentive clause. Under the terms of the contract, Jensen will be awarded an additional \$2,000 for each calendar day that the bridge is open to traffic prior to April 30, 1991. Conversely, Jensen will be charged \$2,000 for each day the bridge is not opened to traffic after April 30. Also the contractor is being allowed to work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except Christmas Day) if he desires to complete the job.

It is interesting to note that this was not the first time the old bridge was damaged by floodwaters. In 1939, one of the truss spans was washed out by a flood. The contract to replace the truss span amounted to \$15,000, but alas, a \$40 cost overrun was incurred. It seems the services of a veterinarian were needed to repair one of the pieces of construction equipment - a mule. My, how times have changed.

# It Has Been A Busy Year For Transportation Safety

On July 1, 1989 the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department assumed the responsibilities and duties of the former Transportation Safety Agency. A look back over the past year reveals the fact that some tremendous changes and advancements have taken place.

## Regulatory Functions

The Highway Commission now serves as the Regulatory Board, acting on requests from motor carriers to operate in the State. During the past year the Commission initiated rule-making proceedings, reviewed annual reports to determine dormancy of authority, heard testimony in the new area of a pipeline authority case, as well as holding 91 hearings and issuing 93 orders in its regular and ongoing duties in the field of motor carrier regulation.

With the transfer of authority from the Transportation Regulatory Board, the Highway Commission received an immediate backlog of nine pending cases ready for orders to be entered, as well as 15 pending applications that had not yet been heard by the previous Board. By November 1989 the pending orders and pending applications had been disposed of and the Commission was caught up in its hearing schedule.

Annual reports were reviewed by the staff for the Commission at the end of March to determine whether or not existing authority was dormant. As a result of this review process, some 35 carriers were set for hearings on dormancy of authority. Of those 35, the Commission signed orders for voluntary cancellation for 17 of those motor carriers by the end of the fiscal year. Two other orders were entered by the Hearing Officer cancelling authority based on dormancy, pursuant to notice and hearing.

## Highway Safety Program

Since the transfer of the Highway Safety Program, the Traffic Safety Section has worked closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in programs concerning impaired driving, occupant protection, police traffic services, emergency medical services, school bus safety and roadway safety. Twenty-three safety projects addressing these areas were established during the first year by contracting with 18 agencies. Approximately \$1,498,000 of Federal Aid Section 402 funds were obligated for these projects.

Based on NHTSA's review of the management of the Highway Safety Program by the Department, the Traffic Safety Section obtained "contractual authority" for projects funded with Section 402 funds. This permits the Department to contract with agencies for highway safety projects without a review and approval of individual contracts by NHTSA. Previously, NHTSA required all contracts utilizing Section 402 funds to be reviewed and approved by the regional office before a contract could be executed by the former Transportation Safety Agency.

In March 1990, a NHTSA Technical Assistance Team made an assessment of Arkansas' Occupant Protection Program. Arkansas was the first state in the nation to obtain this assessment. The Traffic

Safety Section was fortunate to be selected for the assessment since it will be invaluable in the planning of the Occupant Protection Program for future years.

In an effort to enhance safety in construction and maintenance work zones on local streets and roads, the Traffic Safety Section administered a project for training engineers, technicians, road superintendents, and other interested persons engaged in roadway construction and maintenance activities in the basic principles and standards for the design, application, and installation of traffic control devices. To supplement this project, another project was developed to purchase construction and maintenance work zone signs for cities with a population of 15,000 and less. This project was a first of its type for the State, and it proved to be very popular with the cities.

Also during this first year, the Traffic Safety Section administered 14 contracts utilizing approximately \$1,168,000 with agencies for the operation of the Alcohol Safety Education Program. This state-funded program conducts preliminary investigations and screenings of DWI offenders and provides them with alcohol safety education instruction.

### Motor Carrier Safety

With the merger of the Transportation Safety Agency, many changes in the day to day operations of the Arkansas Highway Police Division have evolved.

The North American Standard Driver/Vehicle Inspection Course has been completed by 97 percent of the Highway Police officers. These officers are currently conducting safety inspections. Over 60 percent of the officers have completed both the Cargo Tank Roadside Inspection Course and the Hazardous Materials Enforcement and Compliance Course. This allows more than 100 Highway Police officers to enforce the state's hazardous materials regulations.

The officers that were transferred from the Transportation Safety Agency have been cross-trained to enable them to enforce all regulations and laws.

With the presently scheduled training courses the Highway Police Division will have 100 percent of its officers trained in Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials by the end of this fiscal year.

The Highway Police has exceeded the projected number of commercial vehicle random roadside inspections under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) for Fiscal Year 1990. Additionally, due to attrition and non-replacement of motor carrier officers, this accomplishment was achieved

with fewer personnel and less expenditure in the state's share of related salaries as opposed to previous years under the former Transportation Safety Agency. This has resulted in a substantial monetary savings as compared to Fiscal Year 1989.

The 42,000 traffic citations originally issued by the division has now increased to a combined total of 66,000 this year. In addition the MCSAP

Safetynet Program has forecast 40,000 inspections for this calendar year.

Hazardous Waste Permitting is now computerized and greater attention is given to transporters. The AHP is now the agency responsible for originating the permitting of Hazardous Waste transporters and adheres to strict requirements for legally transporting waste and disposing hazardous waste in Arkansas.



As a result of the merger, the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) increased inspections performed by 21 percent.



Highway Commission Vice Chairman Ron Harrod, Heather Weger and Bob Bogard, AGR/TC President

## 1990 Transportation Essay Winner Announced

Heather Dawn Weger of Pine Bluff is Arkansas' first place winner in the essay contest sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council (AGR/TC). The contest was open to all Arkansas high school juniors and seniors.

Weger graduated from Pine Bluff High School this spring. As first place winner she received a check for \$200 from the AGR/TC and her essay has been entered in the national contest sponsored by the American Association

of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Chonta Ashlock and Angela Kay Crunkleton, both graduates of Valley Springs High School in Boone County, were selected as state runners-up and received checks in the amount of \$100 from AGR/TC. The presentations were made August 1 by Highway Commission Chairman Raymond Pritchett, Vice Chairman Ron Harrod and AGR/TC President Bob Bogard.

Weger was a straight "A" student at Pine Bluff High School and will attend

Washington University in St. Louis this fall. In high school she was a member of the Pine Bluff Singers, the Youth Orchestra, the History and French Clubs and the yearbook staff. She has studied violin since fifth grade and is a member of the Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra. She was the 1989 Young Woman of the Year for Jefferson County and the Arkansas Young Woman of the Year Spirit Winner. Ms. Weger's winning essay entitled "*Highways: The Ties That Bind*" is reprinted on page 11.

# “Highways: The Ties That Bind”

By Heather Dawn Weger

Stepping into a new century, society has a heavy weight on her shoulders. The world has undergone tremendous changes within the past century, and it will face new changes as it encounters tomorrow. Exploding technology has created new products, new medicines, and new questions. As the world inevitably faces never ending changes, her people must struggle to keep pace with her advancement.

One area that has influenced changes is transportation. Great men have made breakthrough discoveries in scientific knowledge throughout history. However, the men could not communicate their discoveries; they were hindered by their transportation systems. Today, men from America can meet in Argentina with men from Australia to discuss and work cooperatively. Transportation was the key to our past advancements, and it contains the combination that will unlock tomorrow's doors.

Throughout the ages the availability of transportation has influenced the location of cities. A prime example is New York City which grew due to its natural harbor on the Atlantic Ocean and its location at the mouth of the Hudson River. These conditions made this area favorable to the shipping industry; consequently, New York City has survived over the years and continues to prosper.

When the country faced the stress of war, efforts were made to move men and materials from location to location as quickly as possible. Railroads and highways emerged overnight, and this country awoke with a new outlook on transportation. However, since the creation of all the new highways and bridges, the nation has been taking a nap. Due to the nature of infrastructure as a whole, and specifically the nature of transportation, its needs are often overlooked. Local, state, and federal governments tend to postpone until tomorrow the road and bridge repairs which should be done today. However, when one considers

the slogan ‘Vote for Me—I’ll Repair Your Roads,’ he can understand a politician’s pushing infrastructure aside.

Finally, people are beginning to awaken from their reverie. Consider this accident: a one hundred foot section of bridge in southwestern Connecticut collapses, and four vehicles plummet into the river which results in three deaths and three injuries. This incident is not isolated nor is this the only bridge to suffer from weakening structures. As a matter-of-fact, according to an inventory conducted by the Federal Highway Administration there are 260,306 “structurally deficient” and “functionally obsolete” bridges. Another 156,500 bridges should be or are posted for reduced vehicle weights while an additional 3,653 are closed to traffic.

Obviously the ties that bind this nation together are falling apart. The significance lies in the effect such conditions have on the nation’s economy. As our nation continues to move forward, our roads and bridges must improve. These needs can no longer be neglected if the United States is to compete effectively with other nations. Among the Group of Seven countries, the U.S. had both the slowest rate of productivity growth and the lowest ratio of public investment to GNP from 1973 to 1985.

The miracles of technology are fascinating. There are microwaves, fax machines, lasers, and computers. Men have even created the Hubble telescope which enables one to see farther and clearer than ever before. Yet, while men can walk on the moon, it may no longer be safe to walk on the sidewalk. Should not one’s transportation system move faster than a tortoise when the other aspects of one’s life are springing forward with the speed of a rabbit?

The impact that an enhanced highway program has on the economy can no longer be denied. The Associated General Contractors say, “The basic reality [is] that America’s essential public works are con-

tinuing to wear out faster than they are being repaired and replaced...An enormous portion of the U.S. economic growth will be lost if steps are not taken immediately to rebuild the infrastructure.” Many agree with them. Across the nation, councils, committees, and individual citizens are becoming increasingly aware of the partnership between economic growth and infrastructure. After studying the condition of America’s public work structure, the National Council on Public Work Improvement commented, “The quality of a nation’s infrastructure is a critical index of its economic vitality. Reliable transportation...[is] a basic element of...a productive economy. Their absence or failure introduces an intolerable dimension of risk and hardship to everyday life and a major obstacle to growth and competitiveness.”

Research supports the conclusion that infrastructure investment has a direct effect on the economy. In October 1984 the results of Data Resources Incorporation assessment of the impact of an annual \$10 billion increase in infrastructure spending over a six year period were released. The conclusions were the following: (1) a \$141 billion increase in real (1984 dollars) GNP; (2) an increase of 1.92 million person-years of employment; (3) an increase in interest rates of up to 20 basis points; and (4) an increase in the federal budget deficit nearly equivalent to the net costs of the construction program.

The condition of the nation’s highways and bridges can no longer be disregarded. Their influence on the economy can no longer be ignored. Their importance to this nation’s future is obvious. The long range impact of withholding transportation investment would be disastrous. While the future is within society’s grasp, whether people can be transported from point A to point B is questionable. In order for society to progress, so must transportation.

# Research Project To Evaluate Area Roads

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is participating with the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP, pronounced "sharp") in a long-term study to determine pavement performance and life under various conditions. Fourteen test sites will be studied in Arkansas over the next five to twenty years. Nationwide, more than 1,000 existing pavement sections will be monitored.

Researchers were in Arkansas dur-

ing June and July to document the pavement conditions and take core samples for further study.

The materials sampling and field testing is critically important as it will provide data on layer thickness and in place properties. Core samples were taken at the beginning and end of the 500-foot test sections to confirm the type of materials used in construction of the roadway.

Samples were taken from soils be-

low the subgrade material, the actual subgrade material and the roadway surface layers.

A falling weight deflectometer (FWD) was used to determine the load carrying capacity of the test section. The FWD simulates a loaded wheel moving over the pavement by exerting a cushioned impact on the pavement due to a falling weight. The magnitude of the load was varied to represent a range of wheel loads from 6,000 to 16,000 pounds.



A Falling Weight Deflectometer measures the load carrying capacity of pavement.

Only maintenance to ensure road safety will be done at each of these sites thus allowing the test sections to deteriorate under the effects of traffic and weather. No structural repairs will be permitted.

The objectives of the program are to: evaluate existing design methods; improve design procedures and strategies for pavement rehabilitation; improve design equations for new and reconstructed pavements; determine the effects of loading, environment, material properties, construction quality, and maintenance levels on pavement distress and performance; and determine specific design procedures to improve pavement performance.

Current pavement design practices are based on a road test conducted more than 25 years ago. SHRP's Long-Term Pavement Performance program is a first-ever effort to measure pavement performance in different climates and soil conditions.

SHRP is a \$150 million program authorized by Congress under the 1987 highway act. It is funded through a special set-aside of state apportioned federal-aid highway funds. It is administered through the National Research Council, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.



Workers remove concrete core samples from Interstate 430.

The core samples are measured for depth.



# Delta Commission Report Addresses Highway Needs

The long-awaited Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission's report to Congress was released in May and, as expected, an improved system of highways was listed as one of the keys to the development of the region. The Commission's report gave no specific cost figures, but recommended thousands of miles of new four-lane highways throughout the seven-state region.





**The report contained the following recommendations relating to highways in Arkansas:**

- Continue to four-lane U.S. Highway 67 from Newport to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and then north to St. Louis.
- Designate U.S. Highway 49 from Brinkley to Lula, Mississippi as a scenic parkway with the name "Delta Parkway" (part of the Great River Road).
- Complete the Great River Bridge connecting Rosedale, Mississippi with Dumas, Arkansas.
- Four-lane U.S. Highway 412 across northern Arkansas, connecting Tulsa, Oklahoma with Interstate 40 in Tennessee.
- Widen to four lanes U.S. Highway 425 from the Louisiana state line to Monticello, the continuing on Highways 83 and 54 to Dumas.
- Widen to four lanes a route through the state that would connect the Mississippi and Missouri borders by linking portions of U.S. 82, U.S. 65, Highway 1, U.S. 49, and U.S. 62.
- Build a two-lane highway to link Highway 1 near Watson with Highway 85 at Snow Lake.

*"It (the report) presents the region as a region, not just each state individually, I think it is a great step."*

**Rodney Slater**

**Arkansas Highway Commission Member**

The issue of transportation was only a part of the report issued by the Delta Commission. According to Arkansas Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater, the emphasis of the report is on "human capital development," specifically education, health care, and quality housing. "Highways represent just one of the many tools which must be utilized to bring out the potential in the Delta," Slater said.

The Delta Commission was created by Congress in May 1988 and is to cease to exist on September 30, 1990. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton has asked the governors of the other six states represented by the Commission - Mississippi, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Tennessee - to contribute \$50,000 each toward an interim commission that would lobby for the Delta Commission's recommendations.

The interim commission would also be responsible for archiving the results of the Delta Commission's work, research, and development, and would lobby for the creation of a permanent entity at the federal level (possibly to be called the Delta Institute) that would continue legislative efforts.

## ANNOUNCING

# 1990 High School and College Graduates of AHTD Employees



**Travis Adams**  
Benton High School  
Farrell and Tina Adams  
Construction/Maintenance



**Penny Andrews**  
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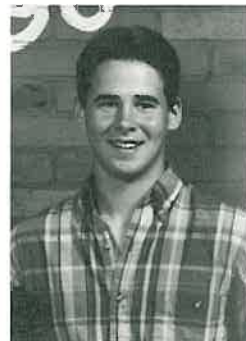
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Phil & Teri Brand  
Bridge Division



**Shane Broadway**  
Bryant High School  
Charles & Bertha Broadway  
District Six



**James Galen Bunting**  
Watson Chapel H. S.  
Gary Bunting  
District Two



**Brian Calhoun**  
Hope High School  
Bobby & Judy Calhoun  
District Three



**Darrin Cutchall**  
Genoa Central H.S.  
Cpl. & Mrs. Terry Cutchall  
Highway Police



**Mavis S. Davis**  
Wynne High School  
Ken & Frances Davis  
District One



**Randall Lee Deal**  
Fairview High School  
Danny & Donna Deal  
District Seven



**Angela Faulkner**  
U of A Medical Sciences  
Glendon & Judy Faulkner  
District Four



**Tara Flenory**  
Hope High School  
Cecil & Ala Mae Flenory  
District Three



**J.D. Fulmer**  
Arkansas High School  
Dale & Joyce Fulmer  
District Three



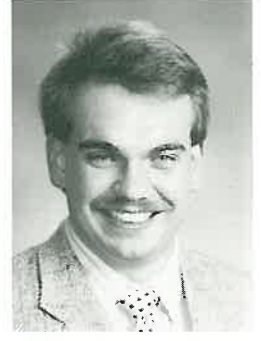
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District One



**Gregory Ginn**  
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Glenda Roberts  
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**Wendy J. Haley**  
Joe T. Robinson High School  
Brenda & Jeff Haley  
Computer Services



**David Harris**  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Ken & Pat Harris  
District Three



**DeAnna Harris**  
Nashville High School  
Ken & Pat Harris  
District Three



**Eric Hedges**  
Landmark Baptist Academy  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hedges  
District Five



**Steven R. Hodges**  
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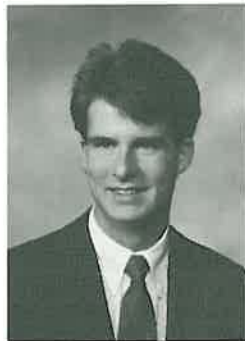
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Loretta Holliman  
District Nine



**Shawn Holloway**  
Lincoln High School  
Gene & Jean Holloway  
District Four



**Tanya House**  
NLR Northeast High School  
James & Francis House  
Construction/Maintenance



**Judd Hule**  
Harding University  
Tom & Betty Hule  
District Five



**Tonya King**  
Vilonia High School  
Jerry & Patsy King  
District Eight



**Katura Land**  
McClellan High School  
Garland & Kitty Land  
Construction/Maintenance



**Kristin Brady Luce**  
J.A. Fair High School  
Bill and Sue Luce  
Equipment & Procurement



**Leslie Renee Mahan**  
Texas Christian University  
Jim & Marsha Mahan  
Highway Police



**Jonathan Douglas McMahan**  
Fairview High School  
Gene & Louise McMahan  
District Seven



**Scott Meyer**  
Lincoln High School  
C.D. & Debbie Meyer  
District Four



**Jennifer A. Neighbours**  
Pangburn High School  
David & Pam Neighbours  
District Five



**Sherri Parks**  
Marshall High School  
George Parks  
District Nine



**Claude C. Parton, Jr.**  
Arkansas State University  
Claude Parton  
District Seven



**Jewell N. Polndexter**  
Nevada High School  
Jewell & Mary Polndexter  
District Three



**Angle Powell**  
Lewisville High School  
Doyle & Donna Powell  
District Three



**Scott Prewitt**  
Bryant High School  
Charles & Judy Prewitt  
Fiscal Services



**Ashlee Raines**  
White Hall High School  
Earl & Pam Raines  
District Two



**Tina Satterwhite**  
Southside High School  
Randy & Yvonne Satterwhite  
District Five



**Kenneth Smith**  
Huttig High School  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith  
District Seven



**Brian Smith**  
Oil Belt Vo-Tech  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith  
District Seven



**William W. Sutton**  
Southside High School  
L.D. & Vikki Crow  
District Five



**Michele Thompson**  
UALR  
Reta McCoy  
Construction/Maintenance



**Alan Todd**  
Hampton High School  
Joel & Adele Todd  
District Seven



**Margaret Trost**  
J.A. Fair High School  
Jim & Sue Trost  
Construction/Maintenance



**Kristle Turner**  
Rison High School  
Billy Turner  
District Two



**Joseph Valliant, Jr.**  
Arkansas Baptist College  
AHTD employee of  
District Ten



**Laryssa Wake**  
Prescott High School  
Johnny & Cindy Wake  
District Three



**Michelle Walker**  
Joe T. Robinson High School  
AHTD employee of  
Human Resources



**Stacy Watson**  
Oak Grove High School  
Larry & Caron Watson  
Equipment & Procurement



**Brian White**  
Mills High School  
Bobbie White  
Traffic



**Tony White**  
Rison High School  
James & Brenda White  
District Two



**Robin L. Wilson**  
Parkview High School  
Robert Wilson  
Legal

# Certificates of Service

The following Certificates of Service were achieved by Highway and Transportation Department employees during the months of July, August, and September 1990.

## BRIDGE

- 30 Years John A. Sage ..... Staff Bridge Design Engineer
- 20 Years Kenneth M. Glover ..... Structural Detailing Spec.  
Ed Fain ..... Staff Structures Engineer
- 10 Years Edwin R. Beckel ..... Adv. Structures Engineer
- 5 Years Charles S. Linz ..... Adv. Bridge Design Engineer

## CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- 25 Years Jimmie E. Trost ..... Staff Maint. Engineer
- 15 Years Milton L. Sullivan ..... Sr. Design Technician
- 10 Years Harold W. Cox ..... Heavy Bridge Maint. Foreman
- 5 Years Virgel Harviston ..... Lowboy or Float Truck Driver  
Perlis A. Smith ..... Finish Carpenter  
George A. Samarin ..... Finish Carpenter

## COMPUTER SERVICES

- 30 Years Gary E. Wilmoth ..... Programmer Analyst III
- 20 Years Billie J. Young ..... Graphics Control Tech.  
Sue Riggins ..... Data Entry Supv.
- 10 Years Yvonne Reeves ..... Data Librarian

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

- 20 Years Henry Plunk ..... Buyer

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- 5 Years Lynn Malbrough ..... Ecologist II

## FISCAL SERVICES

- 15 Years Shirley Campbell ..... Division Section Secretary  
Leonard Grinstead ... Sect. Head/Federal Aid Billing

## HIGHWAY POLICE

- 25 Years Bobby F. Hamrick ..... First Lieutenant
- 20 Years William D. Johnson ..... Sergeant  
Larry F. Gorbet ..... Corporal
- 15 Years Wayne D. Brandon ..... Corporal  
Terry A. Cutchall ..... Corporal
- 10 Years William A. Cardwell ..... Corporal  
Rebecca A. Hamilton ..... Patrolman First Class  
Larry L. May ..... Corporal
- 5 Years Daisy L. Stringer ..... Permit Technician  
Luther M. Surber ..... Patrolman First Class  
Daniel S. McArthur ..... Patrolman First Class

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- 20 Years Jane D. Craft ..... Division Secretary

## MATERIALS AND RESEARCH

- 30 Years Carl F. Clark ..... Precast Concrete Inspector
- 25 Years Joann Niehaus ..... Division Secretary
- 15 Years Tyler Nicholson ..... Materials Area Engineer  
Laura A. Hinze ..... Division Section Secretary  
Larry G. Williams ..... Materials Technician IV
- 10 Years Alan L. Meadors ..... Staff Research Engineer
- 5 Years Brian D. Casto ..... Geotechnical Field Specialist

## PLANNING

- 15 Years Denver Duncan ..... Highway Data Collection Supv.  
Ava Harding ..... Offset Press Supv.
- 10 Years Sheila Neighbors ..... Division Section Secretary  
Mildred Galt ..... Coder
- 5 Years Patrisha A. Keith ..... Highway Data Collector  
Alan A. Hubert ..... Diazo Printer Operator

## PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS

- 10 Years Mary E. Sanders ..... General Secretary

## ROADWAY DESIGN

- 25 Years George G. Major, Jr. .... Roadway Designer
- 15 Years Charles Clements ..... Staff Design Engineer
- 5 Years John W. Mathis ..... Adv. Design Engineer

## RIGHT OF WAY

- 20 Years Mary A. Dry ..... Abstractor
- 15 Years Randy E. Reed ..... ROW Plans Designer  
Shirley Butler ..... Division Section Secretary
- 10 Years Felix Thompson ..... Realty Appraiser II
- 5 Years Lisa L. Duncan ..... Division Section Secretary  
Robert C. Colford ..... Reviewing Appraiser

## SURVEYS

- 25 Years Robert D. Mize ..... Staff Surveys Engineer
- 15 Years John W. Wilson ..... Surveys Instrumentman  
Albert E. Helmert ..... Sr. Surveys Aide

## TRAFFIC

- 25 Years June Rain ..... Traffic Analyst

20 Years Willie Marlene Cordell ..... Traffic Clerk  
 Frank Vozel, Jr. .... Assistant Division Head  
 10 Years Glenn D. Milligan ..... Striping Machine Driver  
 5 Years Julie J. Read ..... Accident Coding Clerk

**DISTRICT ONE**

30 Years James E. Belknap ..... Assistant District Engineer  
 25 Years Jasper L. Riley ..... Bridge Job Superintendent  
 Johnny Crawford ..... Sr. Inspector  
 20 Years John E. Watkins ..... Resident Engineer  
 15 Years Joseph P. Muscalino ..... Area Hdqts. Attendant  
 5 Years Donald Tackett ..... Sr. Mechanic  
 Felix Turner ..... Vegetation Controller  
 Earnest Rose, Jr. .... Backhoe/Frontend Loader Opr.  
 Edward Glass ..... Lead Person  
 Rayfield Walker ..... Construction Helper II  
 Ezra T. McFadden ..... Sign Erector II

**DISTRICT TWO**

30 Years James R. Davidson ..... Resident Office Technician  
 25 Years George T. Cotton ..... Area Hdqts. Attendant  
 20 Years Ellis G. Landers ..... Vegetation Controller  
 10 Years Bobby R. West ..... Distributor Operator  
 Hellen R. Kennedy ..... Storeroom Supervisor  
 William O. Hubbell ..... Guard  
 Robert E. Poston ..... Lead Person  
 5 Years Marcus Stringfellow ..... Dist./Roller Operator  
 John Harris ..... Vegetation Controller

**DISTRICT THREE**

25 Years Bobby G. Calhoon ..... Maint. Job Superintendent  
 James W. Burt ..... Const. Materials Inspector  
 20 Years Gene C. Bishop ..... Backhoe/Frontend Loader Opr.  
 R.G. Williams ..... Area Foreman  
 15 Years Charles R. Carlton ..... Dozer Operator/Finish  
 Ivey V. Barnett ..... Backhoe/Frontend Loader Opr.  
 5 Years Charles Sowell ..... Dist./Roller Operator  
 James S. Hockaday ..... SATD/Mower Opr.  
 Russell K. Webb ..... Construction Aide  
 Luther G. Crawford ..... Welder  
 Charles W. Armstrong ..... SATD/Mower Opr.  
 David Shipman ..... Inspector  
 Rodney D. Cole ..... Multi-Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT FOUR**

35 Years Ralph Goodson ..... Maint. Job Superintendent  
 30 Years Carl Sanders ..... District Engineer  
 John Faubus ..... Area Foreman  
 James Hamilton, Jr. .... Inspector  
 20 Years Billy H. Hunt ..... Finish Carpenter  
 Connie D. Meyer ..... Area Hdqts. Attendant  
 Lonnie Sudbury ..... Dist. Operator  
 Bobby Passmore ..... Motor Patrol Opr./Finish  
 Jerry Montgomery ..... Motor Patrol Opr./Finish  
 15 Years Richard Ingram ..... Lead Person

Samuel E. Turner ..... Inspector  
 Bobby J. Cunningham ..... Lead Person  
 10 Years Steve Pennington ..... Const. Materials Inspector  
 Nole P. McCollum ..... Construction Aide  
 Larry V. Fraley ..... Rest Area Attendant  
 William Z. Fine ..... Adv. Const. Field Engineer  
 Herbert E. Harper ..... Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
 5 Years Roger T. Harris ..... Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
 Ronald D. Terrell ..... Vegetation Controller  
 Wanda Harrison ..... Construction Aide  
 Perry L. Dorr ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Rough  
 Janet Allison ..... District Receptionist  
 Peggy Scott ..... SATD/Mower Operator

**DISTRICT FIVE**

30 Years Bobby Bradley ..... SATD/Mower Operator  
 25 Years Larry Satterwhite ..... District Maint. Supt./Engr.  
 Tommy A. Jones ..... Inspector  
 Edward A. Dickey ..... District Bridge Inspector  
 20 Years Alvis J. Dillin ..... Senior Construction Aide  
 15 Years Mickey Johnson ..... SATD/Mower Operator  
 10 Years Joe P. Gilbert ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 5 Years Bobby R. Pearson ..... Construction Aide  
 Paul Edward Baty ..... Vegetation Controller

**DISTRICT SIX**

30 Years Edward L. Trickey ..... Const. Project Supt.  
 25 Years Bernard Gaiser ..... Area Foreman  
 20 Years Danny R. Adams ..... Crew Leader  
 15 Years Rodney L. Landers ..... Construction Aide  
 10 Years Richard Carr ..... Lead Person  
 John Redwine ..... Backhoe/Frontend Loader Opr.  
 Gregory S. Oliver ..... Const. Instrumentman  
 Richard Williams ..... SATD/Mower Operator  
 John S. Allen ..... Stock Clerk  
 Mike W. Mitchell ..... SATD/Mower Operator  
 Mark K. Crumpton ..... Construction Aide  
 5 Years William T. Smith ..... SATD/Mower Operator  
 Alvin Reaves ..... Vegetation Controller  
 Kenneth Bennett ..... Adv. Const. Field Engineer  
 Robert Robertson ..... Sr. Construction Aide  
 Carl Bachelor ..... Adv. Const. Field Engineer  
 Kevin Thornton ..... Const. Field Engineer II  
 Melvin Fisher ..... Construction Aide  
 Mac A. Dotson ..... SATD/Mower Operator  
 Michael J. Stocks ..... Multi-Axle Truck Driver

**DISTRICT SEVEN**

30 Years Larry E. Hollis ..... District Maint. Supt./Engr.  
 Jimmy Hamilton ..... Maint. Job Superintendent  
 20 Years Thomas Oglesby ..... Area Foreman  
 15 Years John R. Trawick ..... Shop Foreman  
 Carl D. Pierce ..... Const. Instrumentman  
 Damon Launius ..... Inspector  
 Richard Hearnberger ..... Area Foreman

5 Years Ethelma Gill ..... Guard  
 Randolph Dudley ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

**DISTRICT EIGHT**

30 Years Robert C. Baskin ..... Area Foreman  
 James A. Paine ..... Resident Office Technician  
 20 Years Norman Rackley ..... Sr. Mechanic  
 Carrol Van Dalsen ..... Const. Party Chief  
 Jerry Branch ..... Street Sweeper Operator  
 15 Years Mark L. Koone ..... Crew Leader  
 10 Years James Nail ..... Lead Person  
 Loy J. Janes ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 5 Years Cleo Webb ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Rough  
 Robert Mott ..... SATD/Mower Operator

**DISTRICT NINE**

30 Years Larry Hodnett ..... District Maint. Supt./Engr.  
 25 Years Lloyd Burgess ..... Sr. Inspector  
 20 Years Ted Journagan ..... Maint. Job Superintendent  
 Robert Passmore ..... Const. Party Chief  
 Joe Taylor ..... Backhoe/Frontend Loader Opr.

Gaylord Dart ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Finish  
 Billy Berry ..... Sr. Inspector  
 10 Years Charley Taylor ..... Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
 5 Years James Massengale ..... Rough Carpenter

**DISTRICT TEN**

30 Years Jerry N. Barnes ..... Sr. Inspector  
 25 Years Robert A. Faulkner ..... Assistant District Engineer  
 Otto Morton ..... Crane Operator/Finish  
 Luther Dunaway ..... Crew Leader  
 Paul Gatlin ..... Motor Patrol Operator/Rough  
 20 Years Lonnie Butler ..... Backhoe/Frontend Loader Opr.  
 Gerald Wood ..... Const. Project Supv.  
 15 Years Vernon Sanders ..... Const. Materials Inspector  
 10 Years Dale Arnold ..... Sr. Mechanic  
 Larry Hicks ..... Rest Area Attendant  
 5 Years David L. Cooper ..... Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
 Morrise H. Phillips ..... Area Hdqts. Attendant  
 Billy McNatt ..... SATD/Mower Opr.  
 James McHalfey ..... SATD/Mower Opr.

## AHTD RETIREMENTS

The following employees have retired from the Department during April-July 1990.

Listed are their name, years of service, title, and division or district.

We wish these employees many happy years of retirement.

**Gladys S. Berry - 11+ years**  
 Rest Area Attendant - District Six

**Lecel B. Montgomery - 30 years**  
 Multi-Axle Truck Driver - District Five

**Doyle E. Martin - 25 years**  
 Crew Leader - District Two

**Percy D. Morton - 32 years**  
 Crew Leader - District Seven

**Emily F. Boston - 20 years**  
 Construction Aide - Equipment & Procurement

**Johnny C. Hamilton - 15 years**  
 Finish Carpenter - District Seven

**Junus Phillips - 14 years**  
 Truck Driver - District Five

**Don R. Etchison - 14 years**  
 SATD/Mower Opr. - District Nine

**Oren D. Roberts - 10 Years**  
 SATD/Mower Opr. - District Eight

**Mary E. Toler - 15 years**  
 Negotiator - Right of Way

**Bobby B. Bolin - 30 years**  
 Area Foreman - District 5

**Frank J. Brown - 19 years**  
 Senior Mechanic - District Two

**Ray H. Clark - 30 years**  
 Senior Inspector - District One

**S.A. Deleon - 18 years**  
 Programmer - Computer Services

**Willie D. Young - 12 years**  
 SATD/Mower Opr. - District One

**Oral Q. Fendley - 24 years**  
 Crew Leader - District Six

**Bobby G. Hubbard - 30 years**  
 Area Foreman - District Five

**George A. Johnson - 10 years**  
 Guard - District Six

**James R. Wilkins - 31 years**  
 Area Foreman - District One

# Around the Department

## ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER

Congratulations to David Peevy, son of Assistant Chief Engineer-Operations Calvin Peevy and his wife, Marilyn. David has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. David's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on July 1, 1990 at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock. His special project to gain the rank of Eagle Scout was to put new striping on the parking lot of the Asbury United Methodist Church. David also spent two weeks in July at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.



David Peevy

## BRIDGE DIVISION

This division is proud of two graduates: Carrie Pinkerton, daughter of Veral and Mary Pinkerton, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville this spring and Gaylyne Brand, daughter of Phil and Teri Brand, graduated from Benton High School. We wish both Carrie and Gaylyne a bright and happy future.

This summer we have had the pleasure of getting to know three engineering students. They all fit right in and assumed their responsibilities for the summer.

Chip Johnson was assigned to Dale Loe's structural design section. He is a civil engineering student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Chip is the son of former Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning, Al Johnson, Jr.

Cheryl Hilton will be a senior at Memphis State majoring in civil engineering. She was assigned to John Sage's structural design section. Cheryl is from Pine Bluff.

Brad Avants will be a senior at Louisiana Tech majoring in electrical engineering. He is from North Little Rock and worked in Phil Brand's structural design section this summer.

Without a doubt, Chip, Cheryl, and Brad have been the tops of any summer employees we have had. We hope their experience with AHTD has been useful in their plans for the future.

In June, a 30-year service party was held in honor of Frank Harrison, Assistant Bridge Engineer. Accompanying him was his wife, Barbara, who is a computer specialist at Washington Elementary for the Little Rock School District. Many friends from around the Department wished him many more years of working with them.



Frank Harrison - 30 years service

John Sage, Staff Bridge Design Engineer, was honored by AHTD at a 30-year service party in July. His wife, Becky, who is a registered nurse at Horace Mann for the Little Rock School District attended, as well as former senior bridge design engineer, Alice Dong. Many friends from around the Department came by to wish John well and to encourage him to keep up the good work.



John and Becky Sage

Carl Fuselier has been with AHTD for 5 years. The office celebrated this occasion with coffee and donuts. Congratulations Carl!

We welcome a new civil engineer, Jerry Trotter, from Arkansas State University. Jerry is a graduate of McClellan High School so he is right at home here in Little Rock. He enjoys all kinds of sports, especially water sports. We are happy to have you with us Jerry!

The Bridge Division was well represented in the Volleyball Beach Blast held at Murray Park this summer. Future athletic director and captain, Charlie Hart, got his hopes dashed game after game as the club was defeated by pure luck! Those on the team were Collin Boone, Carl Fuselier, Stewart Linz, Jim Beatty, Jim Tribo, Jerry Trotter, Chip Johnson, Glenn Cheatham and Brooks Booher. Everyone had a good time as the families came to watch the event and cooked hamburgers afterwards.



Bridge Division Volleyball Team

## COMPUTER SERVICES

Sherri and Mike Brice, daughter and son-in-law of Kay and Bobby Cornish, graduated from the University of Houston College of Optometry in May. Sherri



graduated Magna Cum Laude and received the Award for Clinical Excellence in Pediatric Optometry. Mike received an award in Contact Lens Pathology. They plan to settle in northwest Arkansas. Congratulations Mike and Sherri.

Jim and Carolyn Stringer took a ten day vacation to Europe. They toured England, France, Germany, Luxemburg, Holland, and Belgium. They had a wonderful time and would like to go back someday.

It is good to have Mary Green back to work. Mary has been at home the past few weeks recovering from surgery.

Brenda Haley went with the youth group from her church to Pinetop, Arizona on a mission trip. On the way back, they stopped and toured the Grand Canyon.

Carole Bobo attended her family reunion in Conway where there were 71 people in attendance. She also visited her sisters in Fort Worth, Texas in July. Also congratulations to Carole's son, Mickey Bobo, on his marriage to Priscilla McCool.

Jim Stringer's daughter, Christy, graduated with a Master's Degree from UCA. She is a speech pathologist for the Department of Human Services at Conway. On June 2, Christy married Robert Darrington.

Robert Lee returned 'lean and mean' from National Guard Summer Camp at Eustis, Virginia.

Congratulations to Scott King who was married in June. Scott and his new bride, Lorna, went to Memphis on their honeymoon, then later went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for an added vacation.

Vernita Kidd Williams will be leaving us in September to join her husband, Milton, who is in the Marines stationed in North Carolina. Good luck Vernita. We are going to miss your smiling face.

**CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

We want to welcome Tina Garrett, our COE student from Mills High School, to the Final Estimates Section. She will attend UALR this fall. On June 29, she married Ricky Taylor in a candlelight ceremony at the Little Rock Church of God. Tina's dress and the maid of honor's were fashioned by her mother. Tina was presented a gift from her fellow co-workers at an office party. Best wishes to the new couple.



**Tina and Ricky Taylor**

Jim and Sue Trost and their daughter drove to Colorado Springs, Colorado where Jennifer participated in a basketball camp. Afterwards they toured Pikes Peak and the surrounding area.

Congratulations to David Henning who passed his "Engineer-in-Training" test in July.

Stan and Penny Garver took her mother to the Grand Old Opry. They also toured the stars homes, had dinner on the paddleboat General Jackson and went to Dollywood Park. Mrs. Cloe Wheeler said it was worth waiting 79 years to see.

On June 19 Tina Horton was "arrested" in the March of Dimes benefit drive sponsored by KSSN. She was escorted to their jail by a police officer and friends and co-workers were asked to contribute to the fund to release her. Later she returned to work wearing a logo shirt stating "I Did Time for the March of Dimes".

Ken and Joan Benson visited their son, Chief Warrant Officer Ken, Jr., who is stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. They also went to Italy and Austria. Ken, Sr. was stationed in Germany for many years and enjoyed seeing old friends and the many changes.

Reta McCoy is very proud of her daughter, Michele Thompson, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from UALR. She was also named to the National Dean's List and Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

We will expect to see Tina Adams' son, Travis, in future Olympics as he placed first in four events at the Benton Track Meet and ranks third in the State for the 300 hurdles.

Our sympathy is extended to Elaine Smart on the death of her mother, Mrs. Martel Camp, of Homer, Louisiana. Also to Gary Joe Lewis on the death of his father, Noel Lewis, of Quitman.

Ron Price is the coach and his son, Chris, is the pitcher on the Ben Kieth Foods baseball team who placed 6th in the State AABA Tournament. We are proud of both of them and keep up the good work.

There have been several service awards out of our Heavy Bridge Section in the last few months. In March, Tommy Lacy and Ben Winkler both received 10-year service awards. Since March, Tommy has transferred to District Six. We also had another one of our guys transfer out of our Heavy Bridge Section. Paul Baty transferred to District Five. We hope you guys like your new work homes. In July, Leroy Harviston received his 5-year service award and Harold Cox received his 10-year service award. Congratulations to all.

We would like to welcome a couple of transfers and a new hire to Heavy Bridge. James McClanahan came to work with us back in December as a new employee and George Samarin transferred to us from District Four. In April Steve Cornett transferred from District 6 as our Statewide Bridge Inspector. Also, in April, Darrel Munnery transferred to us from E&P. This is a belated welcome, but we are certainly glad to have all of you join us.

Our Facilities Management Section is branching out on its own. They have their own budget and have also moved again. Their new address is 10112 I-30. Milton Sullivan, of Facilities Management, received his 15-year service award in July. Congratulations Milton.



**Tommy Lacy (10-year service award) and David Lambert**



**Ben Winkler (10-year service award) and David Lambert**



**Keith Briggs presenting Harold Cox his 10-year service award.**



**Keith Briggs presenting Leroy Harviston his 5-year service award.**

Karen Colclasure would like to show off her two boys Jeffery, age 7, and Shawn, age 4, Hall. They just recently got back on the ground from their first airplane ride. Shawn said he liked coming down, but didn't like going up in the sky

Jeffery liked his flight all the way around. They had been to St. Louis to see the Cardinals play ball. Mom Karen and Stepdad Tim went too, it was their first "family" vacation.



**Jeffery and Shawn Hall**

Ed McLaughlin was recently presented his 25-year service award as Communications Maintenance Specialist in the Radio Section. Bill Mulhollen, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, presented the award.

Employees of the Division and Radio Section celebrated with Ed. Also, Ed's wife, Sandra, attended. We were glad to finally get to meet her. Cake and punch were served to celebrate the occasion.

Congratulations also to Dual Schales who was presented his 25-year service award as Communications Maintenance Specialist. Jim Taylor, Radio Maintenance Supervisor, presented the award and cake and coffee were served as employees celebrated with Dual.

Congratulations to both of these fine men. We appreciate you!



**Sandra and Ed McLaughlin at Ed's 25-year service award party**



**Dual Schales and Jim Taylor**

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Three employees of the Environmental Division received service awards. Pictured with Division Head Marion Butler are Al Collins, 15 years; Wendy Welch, 10 years; and David Williamson, 5 years. Congratulations to all!

Best wishes to John Fleming and Elaine Walter who were married in Denver on June 30. The honeymooners traveled to Vail, Colorado for a week of fun. John is a Biologist in the Environmental Division and Elaine is with Metropolitan Life.



**Collins, Welch, Butler, and Williamson**

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION

Congratulations to Assistant Division Head Doug Nielsen, who was presented his 20-year service award by Assistant Director Dan Flowers in May.



**Doug Nielsen and Dan Flowers**

Congratulations also to Scott Magby who received his 5 year service certificate in June. Scott transferred to Equipment and Procurement in March from Buildings and Grounds.

**FISCAL SERVICES**

Congratulations are in order for the Whitley and Hall families. Wayne and Judi Whitley have a new arrival, Tyler Matthew, born May 6. He weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Big brother, Zach, is excited and very protective of his little brother.



**Ty and Zach Whitley**

Tony and Angela Hall finally got what they were waiting for, after three boys, on May 7, Angelica Janay, completed the family. Angelica weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

Both couples were honored with baby showers from their friends at AHTD.

We will miss Rhonda Evans who left the Department in May. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Congratulations to Anne-Marie Keller, who was promoted to the position left by Rhonda.

Donnalee Griswold and her husband, Bob, recently purchased a new home in West Little Rock. Congratulations and welcome to the MMP Club (Monthly Mortgage Payments)!

Condolences to Randy Lively and Leonard Grinstead. They both turned "40" and are Over The Hill. A wake was held in their honor.

Reda Moore recently returned from seeing her son, Doug, who is stationed at Rhinemain Air Force Base in Frankfurt, Germany. Doud is 22, and in the Military

Airlift Command. Reda was excited to see her son, who she hadn't seen in two years. He treated her to an all expense paid vacation to Paris, France, and London, England. After 14 days of sight seeing, Doug accompanied his mother back to the USA to spend two weeks.



**Doug Moore, friend, Reda Moore and friend Alan Johnston**

Our office will not be the same without Lorie Merrick. Lorie was promoted and transferred back to Programming and Scheduling. Our loss is your gain! Congratulations Lorie!

**HIGHWAY POLICE**

We would like to congratulate our college and high school graduates.

Leslie Renee Mahan, daughter of Jim and Marsha Mahan, graduated with honors in May from Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. She achieved high scholastic standings in her degree work in English and Journalism culminating in her election to the Delta of Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Her performance has made her family and sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity very proud. Leslie plans to pursue employment in the advertising and public relations market utilizing her writing and communications skills.

Darrin Cutchall, son of Cpl. and Mrs. Terry Cutchall, graduated in May from Genoa Central High School. Since graduating Darrin has joined the Garland Volunteer Fire Department and plans to attend the Arkansas Fire Academy in Camden this fall. After becoming a certified fire fighter he plans to take an EMT course. Congratulations also to Cpl. Cutchall for receiving his 15-year service certificate. He is currently stationed at the Ashdown AHP Station.

Congratulations to Susan Jennings, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. William R. Jennings of Harrison. Susan attended the Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Little Rock April 26-27. She won first place in the computer applications for business event. She competed against PBL members from Vo-Tech schools, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. She is a senior business computer science major at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and a graduate of North Arkansas Community College. She represented Arkansas in this event at the National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC in July.



**Susan Jennings**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Human Resources Division would like to welcome two new employees, Sarah Sanders and Jimmie Wooding.

Ms. Sanders originally joined the Department from the Transportation Safety Agency. She transferred to the Division's Insurance Section from Fiscal Services.

Ms. Wooding came to the Department in August as the Employee Assistance Program Coordinator. She transferred from the State Department of Human Services.

Jim Dancy, Safety Inspection Officer in the Division's Safety and Training Section, retired from the Department in July to become a fulltime Razorback fan. Jim began his career in February 1978. Family members, friends and fellow co-workers gathered

to wish him well and to present him with a clock/coffee maker and a Razorback cake. He is shown below with his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Debbie.



Virginia, Jim, and Debbie Dancy

We wish to extend our sympathy to Gene Cagle and his family on the recent loss of his father in July.

## INTERNAL AUDIT

Mark Wesson, four and one-half year old son of Shirley Wesson received a certificate in May at Horace Mann auditorium on his completion of the HIPPY Program for four-year olds (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters). Mom and son are looking forward to being further involved in the five year old program this Fall and on to graduation next Spring. Also, Mark will be attending kindergarten at Washington Elementary in September.



Mark Wesson

Cindy Harris is proud to share with everyone that her son, Josh, is now writing poetry and short stories in his spare time during his summer vacation. "The Log Cabin Weekender" a newspaper in Conway, recently featured one of his poems which is

printed below. Congratulations, Josh on such a great accomplishment and do keep up the good work because it will pay off in the very near future.

### ODE TO A DOG

A dog is a pal, so friendly and fun.  
The whole darn day he'll bark and run.  
And lick you and paw you and fetch and beg,  
and snap, and sniff, and grab your leg.

He'll scratch and he'll sniff and  
he'll pant and drool.  
He'll chomp and nuzzle and act like a fool.  
Most dogs are a bit like that,  
which is why I own a cat.

Josh Harris  
Conway, Arkansas

## LEGAL DIVISION

Robin L. Wilson, daughter of Chief Counsel Robert and Hazel Wilson, graduated in May from Parkview High School. She plans to attend Memphis State University and major in Anthropology.

The Legal Division has been fortunate this year to have several summer employees. We will hate to lose them but wish them the best in their academic endeavors.

Emundo Rogers graduated from Balboa High School in Panama in 1982, attended UCA and is now working toward his Juris Doctorate at the University of Arkansas School of Law. Edmundo is a second year law student. While attending UCA he was a four-year track letterman and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Christy Cook graduated from McClellan High School in May. She plans to attend UALR this Fall and pursue a course of study in the health profession. Christy received an academic scholarship from the West Little Rock Rotary Club.

Tiffani Kim Smith, graduated in May from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs Administration.

Jacqueline Medley graduated from Central High School in 1989 and attended Memphis State University. She is transferring in the Fall to UALR.

Sheilaine Nicole Moses graduated from Mills High School in 1988. She will return to Memphis State University this Fall as a junior Manufacturing Technology major. While

attending Memphis State, Sheilaine has been a member of the Publicist University Gospel Choir and served as the assistant secretary of the Black Student Association.

Latrece E. Gray graduated from Hall High School in 1984. She graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Criminal Justice. Latrece is a second year law student at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

## MATERIALS & RESEARCH

Not much this past summer to write about except it has been hot and jumpin' here in Materials and Research. Our summer employee, Morris Williams is back at Harding University now enjoying the college good life. Most people are still lamenting over their short lived vacations. Weekend fishing trips held by such individuals as Mark Greenwood, Kimbob, Scooter Key were always outdone by just one more fish by Gary. The fishing tales were always of the one that got away!

Most every man in Materials and Research is gearing up for the Fall hunting season. When the air will be frosty, the skies clear, and anticipation of that long awaited buck will be here. But we'll still remember the summer of '90 as the summer of hall monitors, wall monitors, goosing, hard work, short breaks, meetings, good fellowship, memos, reports past due, deadline dates, and sprinkler systems. As you can tell by this babble it was a typical summer.

## PLANNING DIVISION

The Planning Division held its family picnic on Saturday, July 21, at Maumelle Park. Everyone enjoyed a lot of good fun and food. We also enjoyed getting to visit with some of our Division retirees that came out to join us.

The Mapping and Graphics Section extends a warm welcome to Ruth Edmondson who joined them from Statewide Planning in May.

Hilda Harris and her husband, David, spent their vacation in Gadsden, Alabama, at the national 16 and under softball tournament. Their son, Richard, is a member of the Bread Box team. These boys had not played organized softball until now and had only six practices. They came in second in the state tournament. The team consists of 15 and 16-

year old boys from East End and Landmark. The team was rooted on by their equipment manager, Scott Harris. Coaches are David Harris and Johnny Reynolds.



**The Bread Box Softball Team**

Congratulations to Roy Stroud, Planning Division field technician, who was presented his 15-year service certificate and pin.



**Roy Stroud**

We would like to welcome Mitzi Dunn to Map Sales. Mitzi transferred from Computer Services and she and her husband, Ron, live in Mabelvale. Her hobbies are horses and animals.

If you have been hearing bells, the sound might have been wedding bells coming from our Reproduction Section. Congratulations to the following: Jim Kauffman and Janet Lewis married June 2 in Temple Baptist Church; Debra Allen and Norbert Schneider married June 11; Kelly Edgin and Brad Dull married July 14 in First Church of God; and Jacqueline Pelton and Keith Vergason married July 27 at First Baptist Church in Benton.

We wish each of these couples long and happy lives together.



**Jim and Janet Kauffman**



**Kelly and Brad Dull and bride's parents**



**Jacqueline Vergason**

Reproduction is enjoying their summer employees: Ranee Duncan and Jacqueline Vergason. Congratulations to Ranee who graduated from Mills High School and has been accepted in Baptist School of Nursing.

**PROGRAMS AND CONTRACTS DIVISION**

Congratulations to Ed Hoppe, our Assistant Division Head, who received his 15 year service pin and certificate in June. We thought we'd surprise him with a cake, but he surprised us by not showing up until the next day. The cake was still good, and everyone enjoyed teasing him about it.

Our Programming and Scheduling Section has been busy celebrating these past few months. First of all, we would like to welcome Lorie Merrick back to our Division. Lorie replaced Verna Higgins, who resigned on June 27. A reception was held in Verna's honor and she was presented with a watch. We hated to see her go but wish her well.

Lezley Goshien received her 5 year service pin and certificate in June. We held a potluck in her honor. Congratulations also to Lezley on her marriage to Clint Goshien on June 29. They went to Eureka Springs and had a great time. Best wishes Lezley and Clint!

Debbie Barclay and her husband went to Guatemala on a mission trip and loved it. A two-day revival crusade was held in San Andres Itzapa, and a three-day crusade was held outdoors in San Cristabal. "During the day our group of seven went door-to-door witnessing which was a treat to all especially since only one of them spoke Spanish!" Debbie says they feasted on rice, black beans, and tortillas for a week, and in spite of coming home sick, they are all hoping to go back in December.

**RIGHT OF WAY**

We have had several changes in the Right of Way Division the past few months. Mike Hiley transferred from the Relocation Section to the Acquisition Section, where he is working as a ROW Negotiator. Mary Dry, an Abstractor in the Administrative Section, was promoted to Negotiator in the Acquisition Section. James Braden transferred from the Appraisal Section to the Relocation Section where he is working as a Relocation Coordinator.

We would like to welcome new employee Dorothy "Dot" Coburn as an Abstractor in the Administrative Section. She is married and lives in Benton.

Congratulations to Jim Moody on his retirement from the Department on June 27. If you want to find Jim you will probably have to go to a golf course somewhere in the city. His friends in the Right of Way Division gave him a beautiful golf bag for a retirement gift. We understand that he is putting it to good use.

Congratulations to Sharon and Eric Alexander who were married July 7. Sharon Sims Alexander was a Realty Appraiser II until shortly before her marriage to Eric. She resigned from the Department because as soon as she and Eric returned from their honeymoon in Jamaica, they moved to Huntsville, Alabama where Eric will be working. We would like to wish Sharon and Eric the very best that life has to offer.

Congratulations to service award recipients Randy Reed for 15 years of service and to John Kendrick who celebrated 10 years of service with the Department. Cake and coffee were served for the occasion.



**Randy Reed and John Kendrick  
ROADWAY DESIGN**

The middle of summer is here. The kids are out of school and vacations are on our minds. I hope everyone had a lot of fun on their vacations, I know most of us did.

In May, Bobby Welch and family went out west where they spent most of their time in Gunnison, Colorado. They traveled through New Mexico and other surrounding states. There were lots of wild animals, such as deer, elk, and antelope. It snowed while they were there and I hear the mountains and desert were really beautiful and refreshing.

Patty and Billy Anthony also went out west where they spent a few days in Las Vegas and Patty just fell in love with Ceasars Palace. They visted Durango, Colorado, the Four Corners and Mesa Verde. They commented that the Old Indian Ruins are very interesting.

At this writing Cindy and Mike Webb are in Gulf Shores, Alabama. I bet they are having a great time soaking up the sun and walking on the beach.

Martin Cruce and his family visited Opryland and all the other attractions around Nashville, Tennessee. The weather was a little warm but a great time was had by all.

Liz Jones and her family are spending a few days camping at Blanchard Springs where they will also be visiting the Caverns. It is really quiet and very nice in that part of the state.

A Disneyworld trip in Orlando, Florida was the site of Keith Merritt's family vacation. His mom and dad went along for all the fun and excitement.

Marty Bevans and her husband will be attending the International Firefighters Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. They will be going to the Mets and Cardinals ballgame, take in an evening at Grant's Farm, a day at Busch Gardens, a dinner and riverboat ride, and a trip to Old St. Charles. Of course there will be a lot of meetings to attend.

Marty's grandson, Michael, flew in from California to spend a month with her. His mother, brother, and sister came to get him and visited with Marty for a week. Marty also made a trip by Amtrak to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to her son and his family. Her grandson, Christopher, was a real joy to be with.

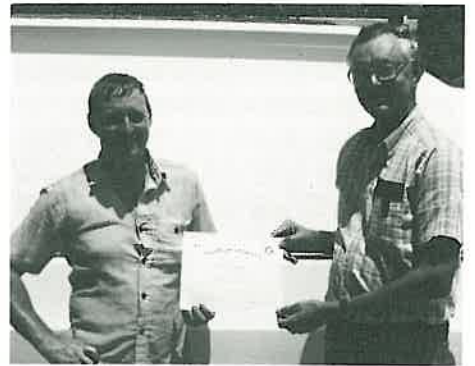
Ed Reynolds is planning a trip to Kitchener, Canada with his church group. He will be spending a weekend in Canada and a week in the Detroit area with friends.

Gina Cullum is doing well in her standings as Rookie of the Year in barrel racing in the Arkansas Cowboy Association. She is in second position. She won one of the classes with a 16.2 second run. Good luck for the rest of the season. The news just came in that Gina will be leaving us to work as a receptionist and veterinary assistant at the Greenbrier Veterinary Clinic for Dr. Scott Toms. We will really miss her. Congratulations Gina!

Glen Carter left the Department to go to Colorado to work. We wish him all the luck. Sallie Mullins also left us. She went to work for the City of College Station, Texas. We know she will like being in her home state again, but we will miss her.

## SURVEYS DIVISION

Congratulations to John Wayne (Duke) Wilson on receiving his 15 year service award. John is Instrumentman on Ken Jones' survey crew.



**John Wayne Wilson and Bob Mize**

Larry Fenton, Section Head of our Photogrammetry Section, retired after 16 years of service. We had a nice retirement party in his honor complete with cake, punch, gifts, and other good things to eat. We hate to see Larry leave, but wish him a very happy retirement. Larry, we hope you keep in touch with us.



**Larry and Marilyn Fenton**

Everyone in Photogrammetry seems to be going on vacation. Bob Barnett and his wife, Lea, took their vacation in San Antonio, Texas. While there, they visited the Alamo, the Oil Museum, and other points of interest to tourists. Bob said it was quite interesting and he and Lea both had a very enjoyable time.

Randy Boyd and his son, Jera, went to Chicago, Illinois recently for a Christian concert. Randy said they had a great time, but one night it stormed and he thought their tent was going to be blown away.

Doobie Kesl spent a few days floating the Buffalo River. He said he had a good time, but was really tired when he returned home.

As usual, Sue Walls and husband, Buddy, spent a few days in Branson, Missouri attending the music shows there. They also spent a few days visiting his aunt on Greers Ferry Lake and learning how to night fish. Sue said she doesn't think she likes to night fish. She fished all night for just one fish and was tired and sleepy all the next day.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION**

We were sorry to say goodbye to Kathy Gibson. She has returned to her former employer. We will all miss her.

The Sign Shop men had their second annual fishing and camping trip, but they have planned three more for this year. Also, persons that attended but are not pictured are Tony Sullivan, Ron Johnson, and Alton Loring, son of Allen Loring.



**A.C. Loring, Thomas Ramsey, Bert Porterfield, and Tom Sturch**

The Traffic Safety Section would like to welcome two new employees. They are William "Bill" Circle and Kimberly Enoch. Welcome Bill and Kim!

Congratulations to Brian White, son of Rev. Houston and Bobbie White. He is a

graduate of Mills High School and will attend Pulaski Vo-Tech this fall.

Congratulations also to Marlene Cordell on receiving her 20-year service award.



**Tony Sullivan and Marlene Cordell**

Gail Scott, our Statistical Assistant, is certainly proud of her daughter, Renarda Kendrick. Renarda plays right field for the Rosedale Optimist softball team. Her team placed 4th in the District tournament and will now go on to the State tournament.



**Renarda Kendrick**

**DISTRICT ONE**

J.R. "Buck" Wilkins, Cross County Area Foreman, was honored on June 7 with a retirement party. Special guests were Buck's wife, Virginia, Rev. Shelby Bittle, a good friend, Pat Sullivan from the Central Office and former supervisors, Jack Lindley and Lewis Carter. Buck retired at the end of May after 30 years of service with the Department. He was presented with a watch by his fellow supervisors. Buck was a dedicated, conscientious employee who gave his all to the Highway Department and we wish him many years of happy retirement.

Congratulations to Freddie Andrews who was promoted to Cross County Area Foreman.



**Calvin George, Buck Wilkins, and Ray Woodruff**

We have had all sorts of training going on in District One this year. There have been classes on CPR, Grievance Prevention, Sexual Harassment, Commerical Driver's License, with a big emphasis being put on the Commercial Driver's License testing. Good luck to all of our employees who will be taking tests in the future.



**District One CPR Classes**



Congratulations are in order to several of our crews who received Safety Awards for 1989. They are: Cross County Maintenance Crew (2 years); District Sign Crew (3 years); Phillips County Maintenance Crew (4 years); Wynne R.E. Office (3 years); West Memphis R.E. Office (2 years); and special congratulations to the West Helena R.E. Office for 12 straight years of safety awards!



**Cross County Maintenance Crew**



**Districtwide Sign Crew**



**Phillips County Maintenance Crew**



**Wynne Resident Engineer's Office Crew**

Our annual Red Cross Blood Drive was held on June 7 with 70 units of blood given. This is a cause that benefits us all and hopefully we can increase our number each year. Pictured are some of our donors who prove that you do live over donating blood.



**Nancy Jumper - Ready to give blood!**



**Blood donors signed up and ready to go!**



**This is not so bad!**

Joe and Sharri Sartini welcomed the arrival of Anna Marie on February 8. She is a beauty and Joe and Sharri are mighty proud parents. Anna Marie is a fifth generation on her maternal side. Daddy Joe is a Construction Field Engineer in the West Memphis R.E. Office.

District Bridge Engineer Jimmy South and his wife, Debbie, had a welcome addition to their household with the arrival of daughter, Katie Leigh, who was born on January 22 at Baptist Hospital in Forrest

City. Katie has changed a lot since January but her daddy wanted you to see her picture anyway!



**Katie Leigh South**

The employees of the West Memphis Resident Engineer's office met at noon on June 29 for a barbeque luncheon in honor of Ray Clark who retired after 30 years and 3 months of service with the Department. His wife, Marilyn was a special guest. They plan to retire to their farm near Strawberry. Ray has been through many phases of construction during his 30 years and he will certainly be missed. Our best wishes to him as he retires, and we look forward to his stopping by to visit us.



**Ray and Marilyn Clark**

Glen Reed, Senior Inspector in West Memphis, and his family enjoyed a vacation in Cancun, Mexico in July. Glen went deep sea fishing, but was unable to enjoy the outing. Probably because he wasn't used to an open boat and salt water. They did however enjoy the sun and sights of Mexico.



David McFadden, our Assistant Maintenance Superintendent, and wife, Brenda, made a trip of a life time in April when they went to Okinawa, Japan to visit their son Jody and his family who are stationed there with the Air Force. Being the good highway employee that he is, David was interested in the road work and wondered why he never saw anyone working on the roads. After being there a couple of days he discovered that because of the heavy traffic, all road construction and maintenance work is done at night!

David was kind enough to bring each one of the office staff a set of chopsticks, but I'm afraid none of us have mastered them as yet. He said they really did have a good time and thoroughly enjoyed their trip and their grandchildren.

Congratulations to Mavis Davis, daughter of Kenneth and Frances Davis, who graduated in the top 50% of her class from Wynne High School. She plans to attend college in the Fall and major in Elementary Education.

## DISTRICT TWO

Summer vacations are always a good subject to talk about. Everyone has their idea of fun and some of our bunch around the District have enjoyed their days off this summer.

Tommy Simmons and his wife, Freda, and their daughter, Mindy, spent a week in north Arkansas and visited Branson, Missouri. They camped and went to Silver Dollar City.

Joyce Patterson went to Nashville and attended the Grand Old Opry. Bobby Oglesby drove to Fort Worth, Texas and to parts of southern Oklahoma. He visited Six Flags, Fort Worth Zoo, and the Wax Museum.

Melanie Owen went to Houston to visit with daughter, Melody, and new grandson. Max Bagwell and his wife, Dorothy, spent their vacation in Alabama with daughter Janet, and son-in-law and two grandsons.

Bettye Carter, with two of her daughters, sons-in-law and grandson, went to Hot Springs and stayed on the lake. She said they really enjoyed the nine hours at Magic Springs.

We welcome Ruby Lowe is our new District Receptionist. She is married and has one daughter, age 12. Ruby served in the

military for six years and loves to sing gospel songs, read the Bible and go to church. She loves traveling cross country and working for the Highway Department. Her favorite food is seafood.



**Ruby Lowe**

Pictured below is Ms. Debbie Heller of the American Red Cross presenting an award to District Two for its participation in sponsoring blood drives over the past four years. Joey Waddle, District Two Office Manager, who has been District Two's Red Cross coordinator for the past two years, accepted the award on behalf of the many unselfish employees who have made our blood drives so successful.



**Debbie Heller and Joey Waddle**

Congratulations to Philip R. Robertson, son of Burl Robertson, Equipment Supervisor, who has been selected to be included in Who's Who among American High School Students. Good work Philip.

Mary Beth Blankenship of Pine Bluff is our District Office seasonal employee and this is her second summer to work for the Department. She attends the University of Arkansas at Monticello, majoring in health and biology. She enjoys water skiing, swimming, aerobics, and weight lifting during her free time. We have enjoyed having Mary Beth this summer and will surely miss her when she goes back to school.



**Mary Beth Blankenship**

The District was saddened by the loss of one of our employees, Johnny Yelvington, who was stricken by a heart attack on July 22 at McGehee. He had attained 27 years of service with the Department. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, a son, John Yelvington, and a daughter, Lisa Minton. He was a dedicated employee and will be missed.

Shown in the picture are Brian Wells and Larry Alexander, two of the first employees to pass the Commercial Driver's License test and obtain their license. They were so proud and excited.



**Brian Wells and Larry Alexander**

Wing and Betty Tichenor are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild. Wing Raymond weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces and is all boy they say. Wing is recently retired and has lots of time to spoil him.

Jesse and Frankie Pridgeon are the proud parents of a son, Jesse Ray, Jr. who was born on March 26. Father Jesse is a Construction Aide II in the Pine Bluff Resident Engineer's Office. Congratulations from all of us.



**Wing Raymond Tichenor**



**Jesse Ray Pridgeon, Jr.**

with parents Jesse and Frankie

Congratulations to Doyle Martin, Crew Leader in Chicot County for many years, who recently retired. Shown below at a farewell dinner in his honor is Doyle and all his former area foremen: Bob Jarboe, L.J. Bishop, Bill Plunkett and "Doc" Miles. He was always a pleasure to work with and willing to help anytime he could. Doyle worked hard for many years and will always be remembered. We know he will now have lots of time to enjoy his favorite sport, hunting!



Congratulations to our service award recipients. They are: Melvin Phillips, 20 years; Joey Waddle and A.D. Ford, 15 years; Dale Johns and Booker Barnes, 10 years.



**Barnes and Ford**



**Phillips, Johns, and Waddle**

**DISTRICT THREE**

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with the Department: Charles Sowell, Clifford Hoover, R.H. Walls, J.A. Morine, Jerroll W. Taylor, Curtis Christopher, John Daniel, J.C. Owenby and T.G. Williamson for 5 years; Jim Rhodes, Jerry Holden, R.L. Demsey, Jerry Stuart and Cannon Hollis for 10 years; H.R. Callicot for 15 years; Leartis Dansby, Charlie Ogden, Jr., Herbert Ross and Gene Bishop for 20 years; and Bobby Calhoon and Roy Wilson for 25 years of service.



**Dansby, Ross, and Ogden**



**William Tyler and Jim Rhodes**

Alex Brandon Vaughn was born May 22 to Alvin and Rose Vaughn. Alvin is Crew Leader in Howard County.



**Alex Brandon Vaughn**

We have had several graduates we would like to recognize. Brian Calhoon graduated from Hope High School. He is the son of Bobby and Judy Calhoon. Bobby is Maintenance Job Superintendent in District Three.

Tara Flenory graduated from Hope High School and plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She is the daughter of Cecil and District Payroll Clerk Ala Mae Flenory.

J.D. Fulmer graduated from Arkansas High School in Texarkana and plans to attend Texarkana Community College. He is the son of Dale and Joyce Fulmer. Dale is a Sr. Inspector in the Texarkana Residency.

DeAnna Harris graduated from Nashville High School and plans to attend Ouachita Baptist University. She is the daughter of Resident Engineer Ken and Pat Harris.

David Harris graduated from Ouachita Baptist University with a degree in Chemis-

David is the son of Ken and Pat Harris. David has also recently married and is at the present time on his honeymoon.

Jewell Norman Poindexter graduated from Nevada High School and plans to attend Southern Arkansas University this fall. Jewell is the son of Jewell and Mary Poindexter. Jewell is Lead Person in the Nevada County Crew.

Angie Powell graduated from Lewisville High School and plans to attend Southern Arkansas University. Angie was fifth in her class and graduated with an honor's diploma. She is the daughter of Doyle and Donna Powell. Doyle is District Sealing Job Superintendent.

Roger Barnes, son of Rex and Helen Barnes, graduated from Bright Star High School with a 4.0 grade average. He will enter Texarkana College in the fall to pursue a career in drafting and engineering. Rex is a pilot at the Spring Bank Ferry.

Laryssa Wake, daughter of Johnny and Cindy Wake, graduated from Prescott High School as an honor student. Laryssa will be attending Henderson State University where she will be working on a Bachelor Degree in Science and Nursing. Her father, Johnny, is a Districtwide Operator.

We also have two kindergarten graduates. Crystal June Barrett graduated from Carver Kindergarten in Texarkana. She is the daughter of Emmett and Gail Barrett. Emmett is District Bridge Inspector.

Casey Jones graduated from Blevins Kindergarten. Casey is the daughter of Jerry and Connie Jones. Connie is Resident Office Technician in Nashville.



Casey Jones



Carl Sanders and Joe Shipman

Other service awards this quarter included: Ralph Goodson, 35 years; J.N. "Bud" Faubus and D.C. Spencer, 30 years; Glen Faulkner and C.W. Lance, 25 years; J.L. Shields, Betty Lincks, Rachel Turman, Sandy Beard, and David Edwards, 10 years.

**DISTRICT FOUR**

On July 17 a reception was held honoring District Four Engineer Carl Sanders for 30 years of service with the Highway Department. Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper presented Mr. Sanders with his 30 year service certificate and at the same time, his retirement certificate, as Carl retired on August 8 and moved to Colorado.

Joe Shipman, Assistant District Engineer, presented Carl with a watch and a gift certificate from District Four employees. It is always sad to say goodbye to friends, but we wish Carl and his wife, Duane, many, many happy years of retirement.



Carl Sanders and Ralph Goodson



Mr. Sanders with J. N. "Bud" Faubus



Mr. Sanders and D. C. Spencer



Carl Sanders and Highway Commissioner Bobby Hopper



Crystal June Barrett



Glen Faulkner and Carl Sanders



Carl Sanders and Rachel Turman

a 3-way tie for first place in their league. Tara is second from the left on the bottom row in the picture below. Tara's father, Steve, is a Lowboy-Float Truck Driver for the Department.



The Right Stuff softball team

Congratulations to Area Foreman H.L. Henry and the Polk County Crew on being named Crew of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1990.



C. W. Lance and Carl Sanders



Sandy Beard, Leon Brewer and David Edwards

Mary Ann Johnson was honored recently with a baby shower. She received many nice and useful gifts. She is pictured with a quilt made by Storeroom Supervisor Rachel Turman.



Carl Sanders and Hershel Henry

**DISTRICT FIVE**

Summer is almost over and we are settling into our new routines of football, new teachers and resuming our C.D.P.

Our boss, District Engineer Jim Chaney, has become a typical, proud grandpa. Matthew Tyler Ryan was born February 21 and lives in Mobile, Alabama. Matthew has visited the office crew and we all agree that he's every bit as handsome as his grandpa said.

We extend our best wishes to two of our Area Foremen who retired during the month of June. Bobby Bolin of Independence County, and Bobby Hubbard of Jackson County, each retired with 30 years of service to the Department. We had cake and coffee and presented each with a gold watch. We wish them both the best of luck and many, many happy years of retirement.



Jim Shields and Aubrey Bowen



Mary Ann Johnson

Tara Lang, daughter of Steve and Julie Lang, played softball on "The Right Stuff" team and took second place in the state softball tournament in Texarkana recently. They were also District 8 champs and were in



Betty Lincks and Carl Sanders



**Bobby Bolin, daughter, and wife**



**J. W. King**



**Wayne Bolding**



**Jim Chaney and Bobby Hubbard**

Congratulations to the following who received service awards: Kirby Johnson, D.R. Newberry and Wayne Bolding, 25 years; Eugene Lee, B.J. Sneed, Tom Huie, Bennie Winn, Jerry Poole, Dickey Drake and J.W. King, 20 years.



**Dickey Drake and J.R. Chaney**



**B. J. Sneed**



**D. R. Newberry**



**Jerry Poole and Lyndal Waits**



**Eugene Lee and J.R. Chaney**



**Tom Huie and Jim Chaney**



**Bennie Winn**



**Kirby Johnson and J.R. Chaney**  
Brandon Lackey, son of M.J. Lackey, Crew Leader on our Sealing Crew, played second base for the Pleasant Plains Minor League #2. He sure looks like a winner!



**Brandon Lackey**

Trista Sneed, granddaughter of Gerald Sneed, District Maintenance Superintendent, played first base on the 8 and under softball league at Quitman. Her team won the District tournament.



**Trista Sneed**

Adam Caplener, 5 year old son of Stacey and Debra Caplener, played center field for the Pleasant Plains Minor League Team #1. Stacey, Sr. Construction Aide in the Rice Residency, was a team coach.



**Adam and Stacey Caplener**

Judd Huie recently was notified by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences that he was accepted for the 1990-91 medical class. He graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Judd is the son of Tom and Betty Huie of Augusta. Tom is a Sr. Inspector in the Searcy Residency.

Cathy Covey, 16, of Searcy, was selected to be a contestant in the Miss Arkansas Teen of America pageant. Cathy is the daughter of Raymond and Karen Covey. Raymond is a Sr. Construction Aide in the Swink Residency.



**Cathy Covey**

A.L. (Shorty) Coles' family is rapidly increasing. His daughter, Sandra Denise, married Ronald Davidson on May 31 and his son, Kevin Levon, was married to Kimberly Ann Thomison on June 23.



**Sandra Denise and Ronald Davidson**



**Kimberly Ann and Kevin Levon Coles**

Another beautiful wedding occurred in the Chaney household when Kathryn Chaney wed Bryant Lamb on July 21.



**Kathryn Chaney Lamb**

Our office manager, Marilyn Coffman, became a grandma for the third time. Her granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born July 15 weighing 7 pounds and 11+ ounces. Her parents are Sandra and Paul Gori and they live in West Virginia. We're thinking Marilyn may learn to like to fly.

**DISTRICT SIX**

Congratulations to Shane Broadway, son of retiree Charles and Bertha Broadway, for the completion of his high school education at Bryant High School. Shane played on the Hornet basketball and tennis teams, served on Student Senate, was a member of SADD, president of FBLA, reporter-historian for his Senior Class, participated in the Senior Play and attended Boys State in 1989. Shane has been quite a busy fellow. I bet the car keys never got cold. Presently he plans to attend Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and study radio and TV communicati---

**DISTRICT SEVEN**

Congratulations to Claude Clinton Parton, Jr., son of Assistant District Engineer Claude Parton, who graduated May 11 from Arkansas State University with a BS degree in Business and Transportation Management.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith have two graduates to brag about. Brian Smith, a 1988 graduate of Huttig High School, graduated from Oil Belt Vo-Tech in June. His field of study was auto mechanics.

Kenneth Smith graduated this year from Huttig High School. Congratulations to you both. Don is an Inspector in Resident Engineer #76.

Pictured are Judy Tiner, Shannon Waddell and Angela Bryant.

Judy is the 15 year old daughter of Linda Studebaker, Office Tech for Residency #73. She was recently elected cheerleader at Harmony Grove High School where she will be a sophomore this fall.

Shannon, 16 year old daughter of Jerri Waddell, field clerk for Residency #73, was elected cheerleader for the fifth year at Fairview High School where she will be a junior this year.

Shannon and Angela Bryant, daughter of Ann Bryant, District Payroll Clerk, have just returned from cheerleader camp at SMU in Dallas. Angela will be a senior at Fairview

High School and is captain of the squad.

Jerri is also very proud of son, Brett, who competed at the National ATA Tournament in June. Brett, who is a first degree black belt, brought home a beautiful trophy for second place sparring in his division.



Judy Tiner



Shannon Waddell



Angela Bryant

Larry Hollis, District Maintenance Superintendent, showed off his expertise (once again!) during turkey season. He is shown

with an 18-pound jake with a 5 1/2 inch beard. He killed the turkey the second day of the season.

And then, there are those hunters who like to take their time. George Griffis, Sealing Job Superintendent, is pictured with a 20-pound turkey he killed May 4. George, the story was that you chased this turkey for 19 straight days, then had to call Hollis to call him up for you. He said you had a few words to say to said turkey when you shot him. Just what did you say George?



Larry Hollis



George Griffis

Pictured is Lonnie Teague, SATD/Mower Operator for the Calhoun County Crew, and his fishing partner Tony Benton, with a fine catch of largemouth bass.

Lonnie said they caught them in the Ouachita River sometime before the 4th of July, but a lot of us find that story "a little hard to believe"!



Lonnie Teague and Tony Benton

## DISTRICT EIGHT

Congratulations to Donnie and Jackie Duvall on the birth of their newest family member. Rachel Annette-Renee Duvall was born May 18 and weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Donnie is a Sr. Mechanic in our District Shop.

One of Rachel's first outings was to the District 8 Annual Picnic. This year's picnic was June 23 and was held at the Old Post Road Park at the Dardanelle Lock and Dam. Everyone enjoyed the good food and the friendly games of bingo.

The Pope County Crew held their annual fish fry on May 25. We can tell by their picture that some serious eating took place.

Jerry and Patsy King are proud of their daughter, Tonya. She graduated this year from Vilonia High School and plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas in Conway this fall. Patsy is a Resident Office Technician in the Conway Residency.



Rachel Annette-Renee Duvall



District 8 Annual Picnic



Pope County Crew's Annual Fish Fry  
DISTRICT NINE

In June, Floyd Wyatt received his 5 year service certificate and pin from Carroll County Area Foreman Kit Core. Floyd is a vegetation controller in the Berryville Maintenance Crew. Congratulations.



Floyd Wyatt

"Jeff Davis Day" was observed on June 30 by seventy friends and family members at Maumelle Park. Jeff retired from District 9 in February 1973 as Highway District Maintenance Superintendent with over 35 years of service. Jeff's granddaughters hosted the big event. We are all proud of you Jeff!

Merl Wood, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator in the Marion County Maintenance Crew, and his wife, Susie, are awfully proud of their 8-year old son, Neil. He won first place in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending at the Showdeo at Yellville on April 7. On April 28 at the 4-H Horse Show in Mountain Home, he won first place in barrel racing, pole bending and speed racing and third place in halter class on his pony, Spurlock's Little May. At the 4-H O'Rama at Yellville on May 5, Neil won first in Bait Casting and BB Shooting. Good job Neil!



Neil Wood

John Harris is our latest retiree. John was Ferry Supervisor at the Peel Ferry. He started with the AHTD in December 1969 and retired in August 1990 with over 20 years of service. John's crew presented him with a rod and reel, which we understand is getting quite a workout since he left District 9. Good luck on a long and healthy retirement John!

Talk about good luck! Charlie Blevins, Motor Patrol Operator in Boone County, went turkey hunting in Eureka Springs for the first time and killed his turkey on the first day of the hunting season. This could probably become a habit with this kind of luck.



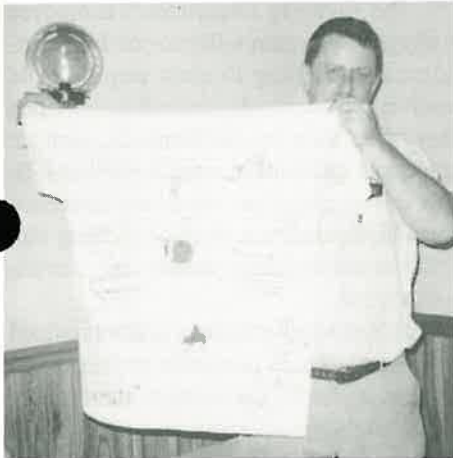
Charlie Blevins



On May 9, District 9 was saddened by the sudden death of our Madison County Area Foreman J.B. Parker. J.B. had been with the Department 29+ years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to J.B.'s family.

Weldon Garrison has transferred to District 9 from District 3 to fulfill the duties of Madison County Area Foreman. Weldon was Ferry Supervisor at the Spring Bank Ferry before accepting this position. Welcome to the gang, Weldon.

Things just haven't been the same around the District Headquarters since Dennis Jarrett, Assistant Storeroom Supervisor, left. He transferred to the Central Shop. The office and stockroom personnel took him out to celebrate at Western Sizzlin and presented him with an autographed t-shirt so he couldn't forget us. We all wish you the best Dennis!



**Dennis Jarrett**

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to all the 1990 graduates from District 9.

### DISTRICT TEN

We are happy to have Barbara Parks back with us. She has been off on sick leave due to surgery. Barbara would have rather stayed at home and kept the swimming pool company but decided her work needed her more.

We would like to take this time to welcome Lynn Vangilder to District 10. Lynn is a summer employee and has just finished her Freshman year at ASU. Lynn has really been a lot of help and will definitely be missed.

In our last magazine, Daren Keeling, son of Lou Varvil, left Arkansas to join Uncle Sam. Daren has now graduated and is stationed in Maryland. Daren is training to be a

mechanic and his basic training is over but can't wait to come home to see family and friends.



**Lynn Vangilder**



**Daren Keeling**

On May 12, Joseph Valliant, Jr. received a certificate in Christian Theology Studies from Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock. Joseph completed a four-year course from Arkansas Baptist College Extension Center in Blytheville. Joseph works out of the Osceola RE office as a Construction Helper and has been with the Department for 5 years. Joe stated that the only sad part of the commencement at Little Rock was that he did not recognize Highway Commissioner Rodney Slater who congratulated everyone.

Jackie Rainwater, Sr. Construction Aide and Darrell Thacker, Sr. Inspector at the Paragould Residency brought us proof of the fish that didn't get away. These flathead, caught out of the Black River, weighed between 27 and 29 pounds. We have been waiting on an

invitation to lunch but haven't received one yet!



**Jackie Rainwater and Darrell Thacker**

Recently Lisa Faulkner, daughter of our Assistant District Engineer Bob Faulkner, was notified of her acceptance to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. The uniqueness of her acceptance is her classification: she is a Junior.

Even under the best of circumstances, a student must study long and hard to be accepted to medical school during his or her senior year. For a student to be accepted as a junior, and with fewer than 90 credit hours, is indicative of a student who "hit the ground running" as a freshman. Our congratulations to Lisa for a job well done!



**Lisa Faulkner**

Congratulations to Kimberly Baldwin and Gregory Webb, both of Paragould. This young couple was united in marriage June 9 at East Side Baptist Church. Kim is the daughter of Pat Baldwin who is our District Receptionist.

Congratulations to the following on their years of service with AHTD: Billy Freeman, 5 years; Cecil Nelson, 10 years; and Joe Hester, 15 years.



Charles Hesselbein and Billy Freeman



Hesselbein and Cecil Nelson



Hesselbein and Joe Hester

## AHTD Personnel Changes

### Beaver Promoted To District 4 Engineer



Beaver

Harold Beaver took over as District Engineer at District 4 in Fort Smith August 9. He replaced Carl Sanders who retired after 30 years of service with AHTD.

Prior to his promotion Beaver was

Assistant District Engineer at District 6 in Little Rock. He began working for the Department in the Resident Engineer Office at Batesville following graduation from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1969. During his career he has served as Resident Engineer, State Construction Engineer and Assistant District Engineer. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

He is a native of Pleasant Plains in Independence County and a graduate of Pleasant Plains High School. He and his wife, Elaine, have two daughters, Karen, 17, and Sarah, 13.

### Russenberger New Assistant District 6 Engineer

Frank Russenberger has been promoted to Assistant District Engineer at District 6 in Little Rock. He has been serving as Staff Construction Engineer. He is a graduate Civil

Engineer from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

He began his career with the Department in July 1974. He has also served as Assistant Resident Engineer and Resident Engineer.

Russenberger is a native of Little Rock. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters and one son.



Russenberger

### Jimmie Wooding Hired As Employee Assistance Program Coordinator



Wooding

Jimmie Wooding has been selected to develop and implement the Employee Assistance Program for the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. She began work on August 2. As Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, she will work out of the Human Resources Division.

Before joining the Department, Wooding spearheaded the development and implementation of the Department of Human Services Employee Assistance Program.

The Highway Department's Employee Assistance Program will provide free, confidential counseling to assist employees in resolving problems of a personal nature which may affect their job performance, such as; emotional difficulties, marital problems, financial complications, vocational concerns, chemical dependency, situations dealing with children and/or elderly parents and other life adjustments.

Professional assistance will be provided to help employees recognize problems and develop a plan of intervention and/or rehabilitation. When appropriate, a referral will be provided to an existing community resource. Employees can contact the Employee Assistance Coordinator directly or be referred by a supervisor. Questions concerning the program can be directed to Jimmie Wooding, Human Resources Division, 569-2631 or 569-2000 after 4:30 p.m.

Wooding is a native of North Little Rock. She holds two degrees from the University of the Ozarks, one in Business Management and the other in Business Education. She has an Associates degree in Psychology from Rollins College in Orlando, Florida and is currently working on a Masters degree in Organizational Behavior and Industrial Relations at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is a Certified Employee Assistance Professional and was recently elected President of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association.

She resides in Sherwood and has one son and one daughter.



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