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FRONT: A foggy scene on I-40.

BACK COVER: Austin Crookham does pothole repair on I-430.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 16 | WEDNESDAY

Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting
Central Office • Little Rock

JUNE 30 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting
Central Office • Little Rock

JULY 5 | MONDAY

Independence Day Observed - Offices Closed

JULY 28 | WEDNESDAY

Arkansas State Highway Commission Meeting
Central Office • Little Rock

VINES NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

BY DAVID NILLES



Rex Vines was named ARDOT's Deputy Director and Chief Engineer on April 10.

His career with the Department began in 1993 as a Civil Engineering Technician in the Wynne Resident Engineer Office. He followed the engineering career path until obtaining the Assistant Resident Engineer position in Texarkana in 2000. The following year, Vines was promoted to Resident Engineer in Osceola. He advanced to District Construction Engineer in 2004, to District Maintenance Engineer in 2008 and to District Engineer in Wynne, in 2014. He was promoted to his former position of Assistant Chief Engineer – Operations in 2019.

Vines has a bachelor's degree in Engineering with emphasis in Civil Engineering from Arkansas State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

FRISBEE NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER - OPERATIONS

BY DAVID NILLES

Steve Frisbee was named Assistant Chief Engineer – Operations for ARDOT on April 25.

Frisbee worked four summers as an Engineering Student Intern prior to being hired in January 1997 as a Civil Engineer I at Resident Engineer Office #34 in Texarkana. After following the typical engineering career path, he became Assistant Resident Engineer in October 2001 and was promoted to Resident Engineer the following year. Frisbee became the District 1 Construction Engineer in 2008 and was promoted to District 3 Engineer in 2013. He obtained his former position of Division Head of Transportation Planning and Policy in 2020.

Frisbee has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



PEYTON NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD

BY DAVID NILLES



Steve Peyton was promoted to Assistant Division Head of the Bridge Division on May 8.

Peyton began his career with the Department as a temporary employee prior to being hired as a Civil Engineer in the Bridge Division in January 2000. He followed the engineering career path before being selected to participate in the Transportation Research Assistantship Program at the University of Arkansas.

After earning his master's degree, he returned to the Bridge Division where he obtained his former position of Staff Structures Engineer in July 2014.

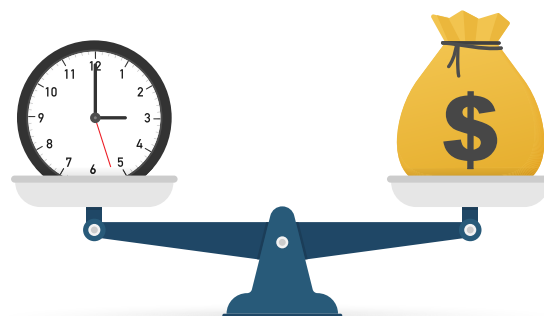
Peyton has a master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

COLA ADJUSTMENTS FOR ARDOT RETIREES

BY DAVID NILLES

Beginning with the new fiscal year, members of the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System (ASHERS) will see a new Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 1.45%.

The revised compound COLA is tied to inflation based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor over the one-year period ending in the December immediately preceding the date for which the re-determined amount is being calculated. Although the rate can fluctuate, the new benefit calculated each year will not be less than the previous year's benefit. ♦



Diamond awards

The Arkansas Department of Transportation is fortunate to have a dedicated, hard-working staff. Whether working behind a desk, or on the front lines keeping our highways in top condition, ARDOT employees know how to get the job done successfully and on time.

The effort displayed by Department employees is appreciated and has led to the presentation of ARDOT's annual Diamond Award.

"The Diamond Award is a way to recognize employees that go above and beyond the call of duty," Director Lorie Tudor explained.

"These are employees that show exemplary public service, teamwork, and that work with integrity and make safety a part of their job."

Award nominations from work peers and supervisors are accepted in each District. Director Tudor recently traveled to some of the Districts and presented plaques to this year's selected employees.

"The Diamond Award is the Department's way to let recipients know how much we appreciate them," Tudor added. "I want to say thank you and I appreciate each of you so much."

Thus far, the 2021 Diamond Award recipients include:



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PLEASE NOTE: There are many Districts still waiting to have their Diamond Award ceremonies. The awards listed here will not be the only Diamond Awards given. Look in the August 2021 Centerline for more winners!

D5



Daniel Recker, Crew Leader (Cleburne County), receives a 2020 Diamond Award.

D6



Jeffrey Moore, Area Maintenance Supervisor (Saline County), receives a 2020 Diamond Award

D8



Table Richards, Permit Officer, receives a 2020 Diamond Award.

D9

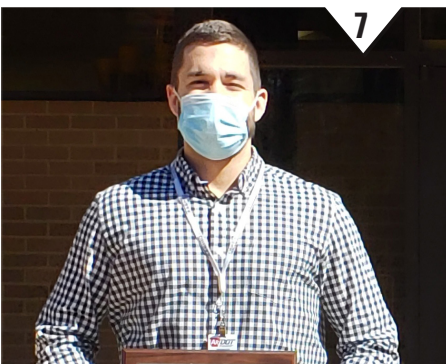


Kylan McCutcheon, Maintenance Specialist, receives a 2020 Diamond Award

D10



Keith Hart, Crew Leader (Clay County), receives a 2020 Diamond Award.



1. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT: (L. to R.) Danny Keene, Division Head, presents Cass Neighbors, Lead Station Attendant, with his 25-year Service Award.

2. EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT: (L. to R.) Danny Keene, Division Head, presents Kenjuan Washington, Public Transportation Asset Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.

3. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: (L. to R.) Gill Rogers, Government Relations Officer, presents Jake Ryan, Office Assistant, with his 10-year Service Award.

4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Bryan Cozart (R), Help Desk Manager, present Erin Lett, Hardware Technician, with her 5-year Service Award.

5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Charles Brown (L), Division Head, and Jessica Sisk (R), IT Applications Services Manager, present Eric Lewis, Programmer, with his 20-year Service Award.

6. MAINTENANCE: (L. to R.) Monica Saffle, TMC Manager, presents Nikki Brown, Communications Operator, with her 5-year Service Award.

7. MAINTENANCE: Jacob Griffin, Engineer, received his 5-year Service Award.

8. MATERIALS: (L. to R.) Paul Tinsley, Assistant Division Head, receives his 20-year Service Award from Jon Annable, Division Head.

9. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Anthony James, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 30-year Service Award from Matt Emberton, District Maintenance Engineer.



10. DISTRICT 1: David Rose, Storeroom Assistant, received his 5-year Service Award.

11. DISTRICT 1: Devin Adell, Maintenance Aide II, received his 10-year Service Award.

12. DISTRICT 1: John Gibson, Maintenance Aide II, received his 5-year Service Award.

13. DISTRICT 1: John Phillips, Lead Landscape Technician, received his 10-year Service Award.

14. DISTRICT 1: Keith Gracey, Area Maintenance Supervisor, received his 10-year Service Award.

15. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Anthony James, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Vivian Madison, Maintenance Aide II, with her 5-year Service Award.

16. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Royce Edmondson, Equipment Supervisor, presents Carter Davis, Shop Foreman, with his 5-year Service Award.

17. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Ronnie Womack, Maintenance Job Superintendent, presents Jeff Jones, Maintenance Specialist, with his 10-year Service Award.

18. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Johnny Williams, Crew Leader, receives his 20-year Service Award from Charlie Morrison, Bridge Job Supervisor.



19. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Tim Kelly, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Ronnie Womack Jr., Maintenance Job Superintendent, with his 25-year Service Award.

20. DISTRICT 2: (L. to R.) Sherry Allred, District Clerk, receives her 20-year Service Award from Sandy Pendergrass, District Office Manager.

21. DISTRICT 3: (L. to R.) Anthony Herndon, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 25-year Service Award from Wayne Ezell, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

22. DISTRICT 5: John Mathis Jr., Crew Leader, received his 25-year Service Award.

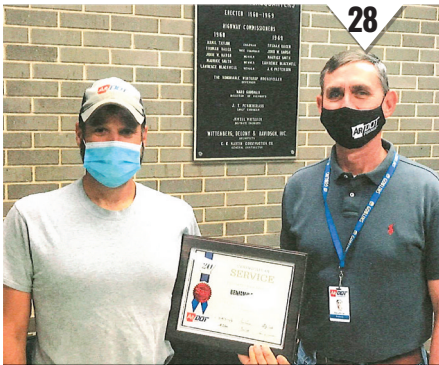
23. DISTRICT 5: Clay Hazelwood, Maintenance Specialist, received his 20-year Service Award.

24. DISTRICT 5: Jeremy Matheny, Crew Leader, received his 25-year Service Award.

25. DISTRICT 5: (L. to R.) Jared Moxley, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 25-year Service Award from Bruce Street, District Engineer.

26. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, presents Jack Bocksnick, Welder, with his 30-year Service Award.

27. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Mark Malone, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 25-year Service Award from David Tolleson, District Maintenance Engineer.



28. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Ben Smith, District Bridge Inspector, receives his 20-year Service Award from Stacy Burge, District Construction Engineer.

29. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Nathan Rowland, District Bridge Inspector, presents Brandon Morgan, Assistant Bridge Inspector, with his 10-year Service Award.

30. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Jason Williamson, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Dusty Bryant, Sealing Crew Leader, with his 15-year Service Award.

31. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Jason Williamson, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Matt Holt, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

32. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Jason Williamson, Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Robert Hunsaker, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.

33. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Stacy Burge, District Construction Engineer, presents Robert Moore, Resident Engineer, with his 20-year Service Award.

34. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Paul Carr, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Blake Meridith, Maintenance Specialist, with his 10-year Service Award.

35. DISTRICT 10: (L. to R.) Paul Carr, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jerry Yancy, Maintenance Aide II, with his 20-year Service Award.

ON THE JOB



1. ENVIRONMENTAL: After 32 years of service Robert Fuhler, Section Head, is sailing into retirement.

2. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Jeff Adams, District Construction Engineer, presents Myron Futrell, District Bridge Inspector, and Charley Smith, Assistant Bridge Inspector, with their 2020 Safety Award.

3. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Jeff Adams, District Construction Engineer, presents Drew Melton, District Bridge Inspector, and Shane McKnight, Assistant Bridge Inspector, with their 2020 Safety Award.

4. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Anthony Burnett, Maintenance Job Superintendent, with his 2020 Safety Award.

5. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Jimmy Cullen, Bridge Job Superintendent, with his 2020 Safety Award.

6. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Jason Willis, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 2020 Safety Award.

7. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Steven Johnson, Maintenance Specialist, with his 2020 Safety Award.

8. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Keith Gracey, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 2020 Safety Award from Matt Emberton, District Maintenance Engineer.

9. DISTRICT 1: The Phillips County Maintenance Crew received their 2020 Safety Award.

ON THE JOB



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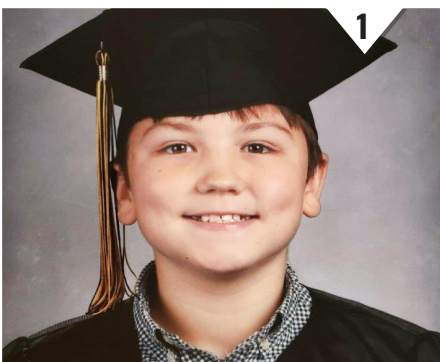
10. DISTRICT 1: Ryan Blankenship, Resident Engineer, received his 2020 Safety Award.

11. DISTRICT 1: Needra Sisson (R), Office Manager, displays her retirement cake with the help of her daughter, Jenni McKnight (L). District 1 held a drop-in reception for Needra on March 30th to celebrate her retirement. She retired with just over 24 years.

12. DISTRICT 5: Members of the District gathered for an Appreciation Lunch for the 2021 Winter Weather Event. The dates were March 2 - 4. Everyone who attended enjoyed a catfish dinner and deserts catered from Fred's Fish House.

13. DISTRICT 9: Rick Wallace received his GED and he received kudos from the Adult Education Center: "Rick soldiered through six weeks of quarantine, four weeks of school holidays, two weeks of snow days and one week of out-of-town business. In between stress points, he'd zip into class to test, study algebra and make us laugh with stories and jokes. Rick was a model of perseverance under pressure. As he says, 'If you believe, you will achieve!'"

FAMILY FOCUS



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1. DISTRICT 7: Daegan Hall graduated from 6th grade at Harmony Grove. He is the grandson of Aline Nutt, Stockroom Supervisor.

2. DISTRICT 10: Caiden Smith was born April 2, 2021, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Caiden is the grandson of Farra Love, Area Headquarters Attendant.



NEW EMPLOYEES:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • James Burns, Guard; Shufford Day, Law Enforcement Officer; Michael Eddings, Law Enforcement Officer; Christopher Gates, Law Enforcement Officer; James Gilbert, Law Enforcement Officer; Brady Hanney, Law Enforcement Officer; Tyquan People, Law Enforcement Officer; Kenneth Vigbedor, Guard; Stephen Williford, Law Enforcement Officer; Andrew Wortman, Law Enforcement Officer

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • Dante Smith, IT Security Analyst; Michael Walters, Hardware Technician

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Nikita Neal, Janitor; Karen Ruiz Mercado, Janitor

HEAVY BRIDGE • Billy Ashley, Bridge Repairer; Houston Cooper, Bridge Repairer

HUMAN RESOURCES • Lanna Clark, Human Resources Specialist

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • Ryan Robinson, Application Support Analyst

MAINTENANCE • Jonathan Coleman, Striping Helper; Braden Graddy, Striping Helper; Curtis Beasley, Striping Helper; Chad Drinkwater, Striping Helper; Terrence Hollimon Jr., Striping Helper; Robert Lundy, Striping Helper; Tanner Wade, Striping Helper; Jimmy Young Jr., Striping Helper

PERMITS • Jeffrey Murberger, Permit Technician

RADIO • Brandon Bunting, Communications Operator; Lesia Edwards, Communications Operator; Joshua Witherspoon, Communications Operator

RIGHT OF WAY • Melody Maxey, Office Aide

SURVEYS • Kaleb Haney, Surveys Aide; Corbin Williams, Surveys Aide

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH Anazaria Ortega Gonzalez, Engineer; Felicia Cash, Office Assistant

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY

Christian Appling, Office Assistant; Joshua Nash, Engineer

DISTRICT 1 • Stephen Harland, Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas Horner, Maintenance Aide I; Earnett Rose Jr., Maintenance Aide I; Paul Smith, Maintenance Aide I; De'Lyn Turner, Maintenance Aide I; Derek Blackwell, Engineer; Desean Jefferson, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 2 • Myles Cagle, Maintenance Aide I; Devontray Earl, Maintenance Aide I; Lorenzo Farris, Maintenance Aide I; Corbin Haskins, Maintenance Aide I; Reginald Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Jeff Temple, Maintenance Aide I; Glenda Arnold, Maintenance Aide I; Tracy Byford, Maintenance Aide I; Trenton Hoskins, Maintenance Aide I; Milton Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Jeremy Smith, Maintenance Aide I; Damien Tippie, Maintenance Aide I; Tanner Doughty, Maintenance Aide I; Christopher Edwards, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 3 • Colby Cox, Maintenance Aide I; Dustin Golden, Maintenance Aide I; Zachary

Kershaw, Maintenance Aide I; Jeremy Klutts, Mechanic; Craig Mueller, Maintenance Aide I; Canon Orr, Maintenance Aide I; Reginald Eaton, Welder; Ryan Grams, Maintenance Aide I; Dustin Johnson, Maintenance Aide I; Dawson Calhoun, Construction Aide I; Bryan Burnett, Maintenance Aide I; Delbert Henry, Maintenance Aide I; Justin Jarrell, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4 • Brody Bowles, Maintenance Aide I; Marcus Gardner, Maintenance Aide I; Matthew Hovis, Maintenance Aide I; Darren McFatrige, Maintenance Aide I; Austin Newsom, Maintenance Aide I; Ramon Pedro, Maintenance Aide I; Grayson Schlinker, Maintenance Aide I; Kyle England, Maintenance Aide I; Casey Falls, Maintenance Aide I; Alexander Gilbreth, Maintenance Aide I; Hunter Barnes, Maintenance Aide I; Russell Burdine, Maintenance Aide I; Garren Carpenter, Maintenance Aide I; Kevin Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Aaron Waldron, Maintenance Aide I; Jason Rogers, Construction Aide

DISTRICT 5 • Don Dye, Maintenance Aide I; Blake Goodman, Maintenance Aide II; Jennifer Miller, Construction Aide; Hunter English, Maintenance Aide I; Tahkodah Harmon, Mechanic; Max Brown, Maintenance Aide I; Jamie Cook, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 6 • Mark Johnson, Maintenance Aide II; Torrey Johnson, Maintenance Aide I; Walter Withers, Maintenance Aide I; Jalen Frasure, Mechanic; Dean Fritz, Maintenance Aide I; Jake Mashburn, Maintenance Aide I; Bradley Smith, Maintenance Aide I; Isaac Atkins, Maintenance Aide I; Nicholas Blazonis, Maintenance Aide I; Darean Brown, Bridge Repairer; Levi Horton, Bridge Repairer; Tylan Jackson, District Clerk; James Kemp, Maintenance Aide I; Devin McDowell, Maintenance Aide I; Jonathan Meek, Maintenance Aide I; Brooksanne Parker, Maintenance Aide I; Montana Yoder, Station Attendant

DISTRICT 7 • Phunsha Brock, Maintenance Aide I; Thomas Carlton, Maintenance Aide I; Jonathan Hudson, Maintenance Aide I; David Lynch, Rest Area Attendant; William Duncanson, Engineer

DISTRICT 8 • Kenneth McConnell, Maintenance Aide I; Nathan Browning, Construction Aide; Mike Vaughan, Construction Aide; Sonny Lambert, Maintenance Aide I; Ronnie Sanders, Maintenance Aide I; Sara King, Construction Aide

DISTRICT 9 • Gaylon Davis, Maintenance Aide I; Gage Evans, Maintenance Aide I; Landis Phillips, Maintenance Aide I; Brady Barnard, Maintenance Aide I; Austin Williamson, Maintenance Aide I; Payton Andrews, Construction Aide; Stephanie Mendoza, Construction Aide; Hailey Nesbitt, Field Clerk; Hayden Phillips, Construction Aide; Rowan Dunn, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 10 • Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Aide I; Brock Kepner, Maintenance Aide I; Jacob Smith, Maintenance Aide I; Christi

Speer, Storeroom Assistant; Jake Spencer, Maintenance Aide I; Chance Pace, Storeroom Assistant; Ian Rosamond, Maintenance Aide I; James Swain, Construction Aide; Brian Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Francis Gregory Shipman, Storeroom Assistant; Joseph Velasquez, Maintenance Aide I; Jessica Yarbro, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Fidel Caballero, Second Lieutenant; Adam Christy, Law Enforcement Officer; Keenan Dickson, Law Enforcement Officer; Afton Fletcher, Law Enforcement Officer; Rebekah Geisler, Law Enforcement Officer; Jamie Glanton, Law Enforcement Officer; Louis Hatchett, Second Lieutenant; Dylan Lairamore, Law Enforcement Officer; Brooke Lloyd, Law Enforcement Officer; Austin Miller, Law Enforcement Officer; Casey Moore, Law Enforcement Officer; Edward Morgan, Law Enforcement Officer; Blake Nesbitt, Law Enforcement Officer; Benny Oliver, Law Enforcement Officer; Scott Parrish, Law Enforcement Officer; Jayson Peppas, Law Enforcement Officer

BRIDGE • Kylie Thompson, Advanced Structures Engineer; Nicole Compton, Advanced Bridge Design Engineer; Jonathan Picking, Advanced Bridge Design Engineer; Josue Quiroz, Advanced Bridge Design Engineer; Daniel Trotta, Advanced Bridge Design Engineer

DEPUTY DIRECTOR & CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE Diane Reynolds, Contract Specialist; Steve Frisbee, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations; Rex Vines, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer

CONSTRUCTION • Michael Burroughs, Construction Inspector; Jason Palmer, Construction Inspector; Deverl Beaver, Construction Aide; Britney Burns, Resident Engineer; Brandi Davis, Construction Inspector; Joseph Ferguson, Construction Inspector; Stephen Henson, Construction Materials Inspector; Joseph Blackburn, Construction Inspector; Joe Cliburn, Construction Inspector; Tony Horton, Construction Inspector; Valerie Melton, Construction Inspector; Tyler Norton, Assistant Resident Engineer; Beverly Page, Resident Office Technician, Christopher Seritt, Construction Project Coordinator; Cameron Young, Construction Inspector

ENVIRONMENTAL • Leslie Linck, Advanced Architectural Historian

FISCAL SERVICES • Cindy Nutt, Enterprise System Administrator

HEAVY BRIDGE • Kellie Ingram, Lead Bridge Repairer; Jacob McGlothlin, Lead Bridge Repairer; Jeremy Mulderig, Lead Bridge Repairer; Jeremy Snyder, Lead Bridge Repairer;

MAINTENANCE • Stephen Allen, Tractor Trailer Driver; Eric Coran, Tractor Trailer Driver; Kyler Daniels, Tractor Trailer Driver; Austin Dillman, Sign Crew Specialist; Charlie La Fevers, Striping Machine Driver; Nathan Shook, Tractor Trailer Driver; Jacob Wallace, Striping Machine Driver;



Jerome Wallace Jr., Tractor Trailer Driver;
Tyler Wood, Striping Machine Driver

MATERIALS • Jeffery Byerly, District
Materials Supervisor

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT • John Lasley,
Senior Engineer

RADIO • Carolyn Cole, TMC Operator; Lee
Phillip, TMC Operator; Bradley Hall, Assistant
Traffic Operations Supervisor

RIGHT OF WAY • Blaine Gartrell, Section
Head - Utilities; Lynzi Frizzell, Lead Billing
Coordinator

STATE AID • Timothy Yu, Senior Design
Engineer

SURVEYS • Nancy Barnett, Land Surveyor;
Andrew Waits, Land Surveyor; Johnathon
Chamberlain, Surveys Technician; Krista
Jones, Surveys Technician; Jason Otts,
Surveys Technician; Hayden Powell, Surveys
Technician

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH Tara
Dixon, System Information Analyst

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY
Johnna Thomas, Public Transportation
Program Manager

DISTRICT 1 • Therese Yarnold, Office
Manager; James Bradford, Maintenance
Specialist; Austin Crain, Bridge Repairer;
Michael Harris, Maintenance Aide II; Vivian
Madison, Maintenance Aide II; Eric Bowman,
Maintenance Aide II; Mark Vance, Crew
Leader

DISTRICT 2 • Robby Reeves Jr., Maintenance
Specialist; Scott Hutcheson, Maintenance
Aide II

DISTRICT 3 • Vincent Brzeski, Sign Crew
Supervisor; Robert Carlton, Maintenance
Aide II; Nicholas Green, Maintenance
Specialist; James Koontz, Tractor Trailer
Driver; Billy Langston, Crew Leader; Drew
Rather, Maintenance Aide II; Aaron Cox,
Mechanic

DISTRICT 4 • Stephen Hilton, Maintenance
Aide II; Sarah Marker, Area Maintenance
Supervisor; Jonathon Williams, Maintenance
Specialist; Jim Cox, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 5 • Daniel Finley, Maintenance
Aide I; Carroll Seaton, Storeroom Supervisor;
James Bradley, Lead Storeroom Assistant;
Brandon Gillihan, Maintenance Specialist;
Mark Jones, Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 6 • LaJordan McDaniel,
Maintenance Aide II; Ajay Anderson,
Maintenance Specialist; Brady Collins,
Mechanic; Isaiah Nache, Maintenance Aide II;
Jonathan Rogers, Maintenance Aide II; Jared
Shinn, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 7 • Kelvin Ford, Bridge Repairer;
Kenneth Wilbourn, Maintenance Aide II;
Brandon Brown, Maintenance Aide II; Jeremy
Evans, Sealing Job Superintendent; Taylor
Hawkins, Maintenance Specialist; Joshua

Hooks, Maintenance Aide II; Thomas Jeffus,
Mechanic

DISTRICT 8 • John Erdelen Jr., Maintenance
Aide II; Carlos Gomez, Maintenance Aide II;
Nicholas Kesterson, Maintenance Aide II; Roger
Wilson, Area Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT 9 • Scott Burleson, Ferry Boat
Supervisor; Travis Swanson, Crew Leader;
Eric Anderson, Maintenance Specialist;
Robert Kahle, Maintenance Specialist; James
Lewis, Maintenance Specialist; Brandon Alley,
Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 10 • Zachary Gilbee, Maintenance
Specialist; Neal Hicks, Maintenance
Aide II; Shannon Luke, District Construction
Engineer; Michael McIlvov, Maintenance
Aide II; Kyle Metz, Crew Leader; Drew
Wagner, Rest Area Attendant; Terrance Heard,
Maintenance Specialist; Chandler Henfling,
Maintenance Aide II; Scotty Rogers, Tractor
Trailer Driver; Duran Debose, Rest Area
Attendant

SERVICE AWARDS:

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE • Kevin White, Alternative
Project Delivery Manager, 25 yrs

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Howard
Besett, Sergeant, 35 yrs; Chrissy Williams,
Office Manager, 15 yrs; Lisa Rhodes, Motor
Carrier Safety Auditor, 15 yrs

ENVIRONMENTAL • Ruby Johnson, Section
Head, 35 yrs;

FISCAL SERVICES • Latina Sisco, Assistant
Section Head, 5 yrs;

CONSTRUCTION • Charles Tallman,
Construction Inspector, 35 yrs; Brian Bratcher,
Construction Project Coordinator, 30 yrs; Cara
Smith, Resident Office Technician, 25 yrs; Joe
Mills, Construction Inspector, 20 yrs; Terri
Inman, Resident Office Technician, 20 yrs;
Robert Moore, Staff Engineer, 20 yrs; Jennifer
Powell, Construction Aide, 15 yrs; Brandi Davis,
Construction Aide, 10 yrs; Sandra Vaughan,
Office Assistant, 10 yrs; Andrew Tackett,
Staff Engineer, 10 yrs; Whitney Wiseman,
Construction Materials Inspector,
10 yrs; Sherry Osban, Field Clerk, 10 yrs;
Melanie Hardy, Field Clerk, 5 yrs; Jason
Palmer, Construction Aide, 5 yrs; Angela
Davis, Resident Office Technician, 5 yrs;
Kole Horne, Construction Aide, 5 yrs; Justyn
Harper, Construction Inspector, 5 yrs; Dalton
Champagne, Advanced Engineer, 5 yrs; Thad
Lybrand, Advanced Engineer, 5 yrs; James
Daniel, Construction Aide, 5 yrs

ENVIRONMENTAL • Clint Hutcheson, Advanced
Resources Specialist, 25 yrs

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • Ronald
Mitchell, Database Administrator, 35 yrs;
Timothy Lewis, Programmer, 20 yrs; Ryan
Hughes, Server Administrator, 5 yrs; Erin Lett,
Hardware Technician, 5 yrs

HUMAN RESOURCES • Johnna McCallum,

Administrative Assistant, 20 yrs

LEGAL • Evelyn Allison, Legal Assistant, 20 yrs;
Steven Abed, Staff Attorney, 5 yrs

MAIL & SUPPLY • Kevin Shorter, Mail Courier,
10 yrs

MAINTENANCE • Paul England, Crew Leader,
35 yrs; Jimmy Skinner, Sign Crew Leader,
10 yrs; Krystin Bunch, Assistant Sign Shop
Supervisor, 5 yrs

MATERIALS • Bobbie Jordan, Advanced
Engineer, 20 yrs

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE • Dwan Moore,
Publications Technician, 15 yrs

ROADWAY DESIGN • Stephen Sichmeller, Staff
Engineer, 10 yrs

RIGHT OF WAY • Dewayne Stucks, Realty
Appraiser, 10 yrs; Stasia Broughton, Lead
Relocation Coordinator, 10 yrs

SURVEYS • Mike Lyon, Photogrammetry
Technician, 25 yrs; Heath Blankenship, Surveys
Crew Chief, 20 yrs; David Hall, Division Head,
15 yrs; Timmy Wilson, Surveys Technician, 5 yrs

SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH Bobby
Bradshaw, System Information Supervisor,
35 yrs; Gator Jack Denis III, Lead Data
Collection Technician, 20 yrs; Tara Dixon,
System Information & Research, 10 yrs;
Mehmet Su, Geophysical Data Analyst, 5 yrs

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY
Virginia Portia, Senior Engineer, 35 yrs

DISTRICT 1 • Anthony James, Area
Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs; John Phillips,
Lead Landscape Technician, 10 yrs; Devin
Adell, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; John Gibson,
Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 2 • John Brown, Assistant Bridge
Inspector, 25 yrs; Johnny Williams, Crew
Leader, 20 yrs; Travis Watkins, Maintenance
Aide II, 20 yrs; Sonya Cochran, Maintenance
Aide II, 20 yrs; Sherry Allred, District Clerk,
20 yrs; Wallace Simmons, Area Maintenance
Supervisor, 15 yrs; Terry Warren, Crew Leader,
10 yrs; James Jones, Maintenance Specialist,
10 yrs; Jarryus Hampton, Maintenance
Aide II; Mark Evans, Crew Leader, 5 yrs; Dimitri
Anderson, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 3 • David Morton, Area Maintenance
Supervisor, 30 yrs; Reginald Easter, Tractor
Trailer Driver, 25 yrs; Melanie Lauterbach,
Office Manager, 10 yrs; Runge Langston,
Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs; Roger Hawthorne,
Lead Bridge Repairer, 5 yrs; Sherry Steward,
Administrative Assistant, 5 yrs; Jeffery Jones,
Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Blake Faulkner,
Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Phillip Brady, Crew
Leader, 5 yrs; Justin Pinkerton, Maintenance
Aide II; Brickley Fife, Parts Runner, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 4 • Chad Adams, District Engineer,
25 yrs; Russell Hale, Area Maintenance
Supervisor, 20 yrs; Jerry Howe, Sign Crew
Supervisor, 20 yrs; Jeremy Jackson, Crew
Leader, 15 yrs; Jerry Trotter, Area Maintenance
Supervisor, 15 yrs; Steven Carter, Assistant
Bridge Inspector, 10 yrs; Sam Salinas, Bridge
Repairer, 10 yrs; Rodney Barker, Maintenance



Aide II; Daniel Hodge, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs; Thomas Tucker, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 5 • Jared Moxley, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; Walton Fulks, Crew Leader, 15 yrs; Daniel McCord, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Brandon Gillihan, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 6 • John Ballinger, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; James Wallace, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Recinda Mays, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs; Hayden Hester, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 7 • John Mathis Jr., Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Rhonia Krisell, Office Manager, 25 yrs; Anthony Herndon, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; Allan Autrey, Mechanic, 25 yrs; Michelle Pullen, Area Headquarters Attendant, 5 yrs; James Cobb, Mechanic, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 8 • Jack Bocksnick, Welder, 30 yrs; Travis Sisco, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20 yrs; Jeremy Ford, Lead Bridge Repairer, 15 yrs; David Duncan, Maintenance Specialist, 15 yrs; Will Lang, Guard, 15 yrs; Shawn Bostian, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Marcus Canady, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Jacob Whitmire, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Tommy Woody, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Richard Flagg, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Samuel Gulleddge, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Rock Vestal, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 9 • James Branstetter, Crew Leader, 30 yrs; Russell Morgan, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; Benjamin Smith, District Bridge Inspector, 20 yrs; Dustin Bryant, Crew Leader, 20 yrs; Daniel Morgan, Assistant Bridge Inspector, 10 yrs; John Watts, Mechanic, 10 yrs

DISTRICT 10 • Robert Losh, Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Christy Cambron, Crew Leader, 20 yrs; Joshua Musick, Sign Crew Supervisor, 20 yrs; Minnie Alexander, Area Headquarters Attendant, 20 yrs; Jeffery Rawls, Bridge Job Superintendent, 20 yrs; Jack Wolf, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, 20 yrs; Daphne Phipps, Bookkeeper, 10 yrs; Terrance Heard, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Leo Elliott, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

RETIREMENTS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Howard Bessett, Sergeant, 35 yrs; Robert Sellers, Sergeant, 21 yrs; David Coleman, Law Enforcement Officer, 8 yrs

DEPUTY DIRECTOR & CHIEF ENGINEERS OFFICE Emanuel Banks, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer, 33 yrs; Patti Bryant, Executive Assistant, 36 yrs

CONSTRUCTION • Gary Buzbee, Staff Engineer, 21 yrs

ENVIRONMENTAL • Robert Fuhler, Section Head, 30 yrs

HUMAN RESOURCES • Bill Schulze, Records Specialist, 20 yrs

MATERIALS • Steven Pennington, District Materials Supervisor, 40 yrs; Bernard Eldridge, Senior Materials Technician, 17 yrs

RIGHT OF WAY • Barry Cruz, Section Head, 33 yrs

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY Virginia Porta, Senior Engineer, 35 yrs;

STATE AID • Earl Fleagle, Staff Engineer, 29 yrs

DISTRICT 1 • Needra Sisson, Office Manager, 23 yrs; Hobert McKnight Sr., Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Anthony James, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs

DISTRICT 2 • William Lum, Construction Materials Inspector, 17 yrs; Sherman Ferguson, Lead Bridge Repairer, 18 yrs; David Gorman, Construction Project Coordinator, 35 yrs; Sherry Allred, District Clerk, 21 yrs; Ricky Owens, Maintenance Specialist, 10 yrs; Willie Patrick, Maintenance Specialist, 31 yrs

DISTRICT 3 • Christopher Knowles, Construction Project Coordinator, 33 yrs; Jerry Reeves, Mechanic, 20 yrs; Cayetano Aguirre, Mechanic, 16 yrs; Dwayne Stone, Construction Project Coordinator, 31 yrs; Donna Eckhart, Resident Office Technician, 25 yrs

DISTRICT 4 • Shirley Lewis, Administrative Assistant, 33 yrs; Joseph Cloos, Maintenance Specialist, 17 yrs; Chris Ingram, Area Headquarters Attendant, 16 yrs; Terral Scroggins, Tractor Trailer Driver, 28 yrs; Dan Mowrey, Maintenance Specialist, 35 yrs; Sam Salinas, Bridge Repairer, 10 yrs

DISTRICT 5 • Danny Watson, Storeroom Supervisor, 41 yrs; Dennis Perry, Maintenance Specialist, 12 yrs; Bryan Anderson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 31 yrs; Randy Zeigler, Maintenance Specialist, 18 yrs; Kenny Bowren, Staff Engineer, 34 yrs

DISTRICT 6 • Bart Boswell, Construction Project Coordinator, 31 yrs; Ronnie Bashaw, 19 yrs; David Tenner, Maintenance Specialist, 41 yrs

DISTRICT 7 • Ronald Gorman, Bridge Job Superintendent, 32 yrs; Donny Berg, Crew Leader, 18 yrs; Euclid Elliott, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 31 yrs; Monte Launius, Lead Bridge Repairer, 9 yrs; Raymond Garcia, Crew Leader, 25 yrs; Charles Craig, Shop Supervisor, 15 yrs

DISTRICT 8 • Walter Gunn, Construction Inspector, 28 yrs; Larry Lay, Construction Inspector, 33 yrs; Billy Biggs, Maintenance Aide II, 14 yrs; Alvin Warren, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 36 yrs

DISTRICT 9 • Tommy Earwood, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; Robert Kelley, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 33 yrs; Ronald Sligar, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 38 yrs

MEMORIALS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • George Coffman, Major, 2/27/21, retired; Richard

Branch, Corporal, 3/3/21, retired

DEPUTY DIRECTOR & CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE Charles Venable, Chief Engineer, 4/13/21, retired

CONSTRUCTION • John James, Staff Engineer, 3/31/21, retired; Holly Stark, Field Clerk II, 4/29/21, retired

ENVIRONMENTAL • Steve Wilson, Division Head, 2/21/21, retired

MAINTENANCE • Michael Sibley, Paint Transport Truck Driver, 3/23/21, retired; Charlie La Fevers, Striping Machine Driver, 4/30/21, active

MATERIALS • Elmo Fennell, GeoTechnical Drill Party Chief, 4/15/21, retired

PERMITS • Bobby Hayes, Permit Technician, 3/9/21, retired

RECORDS • Bonnie Hodge, Microfilm Camera OPR-16mm, 4/13/21, retired

RIGHT OF WAY • Danny Cornett, Utility Coordinator II, 3/15/21, retired; Bobby Boyd, Utility Coordinator, 4/29/21, active

ROADWAY DESIGN • Debra Andry, Traffic Investigator, 4/10/21, retired

SURVEYS • Lee Gates, Surveys Aide III, 3/4/21, retired; Gerald Kirksey, Survey Party Chief, 4/13/21, retired

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY Thomas Doolin, Administrative Officer I, 4/13/21, retired

DISTRICT 1 • Elmer Calahan, Maintenance Aide II, 4/22/21, retired; Albert Brady, Area Headquarters Attendant, 5/5/21, retired

DISTRICT 3 • Hesterly Jones, Senior Mechanic, 5/1/21, retired

DISTRICT 4 • Robert Bell, Title Unknown, 2/20/21, retired; Robert, Kolb, Senior Body Rep and Painter, 3/29/21, retired; Bobby Passmore, Patrol Operator-Finish, 3/18/21, retired; Kenneth Brown, Asphalt Tank Truck Driver, 5/6/21, retired

DISTRICT 5 • Roosevelt Brandon, General Laborer, 3/17/21, retired; Joe Smith, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, 5/7/21, retired; Carl Anderson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 5/7/21, retired

DISTRICT 6 • Mack Sides, Dozer Operator - Finish, 3/6/21, retired; Deborah Neal, Guard, 3/16/21, retired

DISTRICT 7 • David Steelman, Roller Operator, 2/28/21, retired

DISTRICT 8 • Herman Elder, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, 2/8/21, retired; J.S. Irving, Maintenance Aide II, 5/2/21, retired

DISTRICT 9 • Norman Pittman, Inspector, 4/23/21, retired; Gregory Simmons, Motor Patrol Operator, 5/5/21, retired

DISTRICT 10 • Frank Coffel, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, 3/12/21, retired



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