

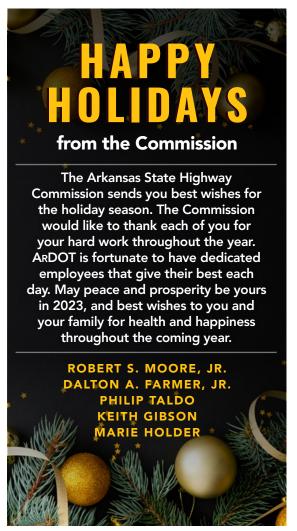
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FRONT & BACK COVER: A snowy scene on Highway 27.



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JANUARY 2 | MONDAY

ARDOT offices closed for holiday

JANUARY 11 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting Central Office • Little Rock

JANUARY 16 | MONDAY

ARDOT offices closed for MLK Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 20 | MONDAY

ARDOT offices closed for Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY 22 | WEDNESDAY

Highway Commission Meeting Central Office • Little Rock

MORMON NAMED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER FOR DISTRICT SIX

BY DAVID NILLES

Johnathon Mormon was named District Construction Engineer for District Six on October 22.

Mormon began with the Department as an Engineering Student Intern before being hired in January 2003 as an Engineer in District Two for Resident Engineer Office #24. He followed the engineering career path, advancing to Assistant Resident Engineer in 2006. In 2011, Mormon transferred to Resident Engineer Office #62 in Little Rock. He was promoted to the Resident Engineer position for Resident Engineer Office #05 in Osceola in 2013. Mormon obtained his previous position as District Maintenance Engineer in District Six in 2015.

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



RETIREES HOLD ANNUAL LUNCHEON

BY DAVID NILLES

Members of the Association of Retired ARDOT Employees from across the state held their Annual Meeting on September 29 at Bishop Park in Bryant.

Approximately 100 members gathered to enjoy lunch catered by King Kat Catering of Carlisle. Lunch was followed by a business meeting.

Robyn Smith, ASHERS Executive Secretary, gave a report on the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System and discussed current funding issues. Also on the agenda was a Q & A session about employee insurance options and procedures presented by Ronda Walthall, Insurance Administrator.

The meeting concluded with election of officers for 2022-2023. Serving as President will be David Mayo. Johnnie Parks will hold the Senior Vice President position. Acting as Secretary/Treasurer will be the team of Kit and Ronnie Smith. ◆



2023 COMMISSION MEETING & BID LETTING SCHEDULES

The Arkansas Highway Commission has scheduled the following Commission Meetings and Bid Letting dates for the 2023 calendar year. At this time, all Commission Meetings and Lettings are scheduled to be held at the Central Office in Little Rock.

BID LETTINGS

JANUARY 11, 2023

MARCH 1, 2023

APRIL 12, 2023

MAY 17, 2023

JUNE 28, 2023

AUGUST 16, 2023

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

COMMISSION MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 22, 2023
APRIL 5, 2023
JUNE 21, 2023
AUGUST 2, 2023
OCTOBER 25, 2023
DECEMBER 6, 2023



SERVICE AWARDS







- **1. ENVIRONMENTAL:** (L. to R.) John Fleming, Division Head, presents Lindsay Zweifel, Advanced Natural Resources Specialist, with her 10-year Service Award.
- **2. ENVIRONMENTAL:** (L. to R.) John Fleming, Division Head, presents Mary Pearson, Advanced Environmental Impact Analyst, with her 10-year Service Award.
- **3. ENVIRONMENTAL:** (L. to R.) John Fleming, Division Head, presents Matthew Strawn, Advanced GIS Data Management Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.





















- **4. ENVIRONMENTAL:** (L. to R.) Bart Dudley, Advanced GIS Data Management Specialist, receives his 20-year Service Award from John Fleming, Division Head.
- **5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** (L. to R.) Charles Brown, Division Head, presents Bryan Cozart, User Services Manager/Section Head, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** (L. to R.) Charles Brown, Division Head, presents Michelle Estlinbaum, Procurement Specialist, with her 5-Year Service award.
- **7. LEGAL:** (L. to R.) Rita Looney, Chief Legal Counsel, presents Trella Sparks, Deputy Chief Counsel, with her 5-year Service Award.
- **8. MAINTENANCE:** Roger Mahan (L), Pavement Profiling Job Superintendent, and Bobby Givens (R), Sealing Job Superintendent, present Joey Livingston, Tractor Trailer Truck Driver, with his 10-year Service Award.

- **9. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Kris Treadway, Sign Shop Supervisor, receives his 10-year Service Award from Deric Wyatt, State Maintenance Engineer.
- **10. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Josh Phillips, Traffic Investigator, receives his 20-year Service Award from Deric Wyatt, State Maintenance Engineer.
- **11. STATE AID:** (L. to R.) Bryan Freeling, Division Head, presents Ben Faeth, Engineer, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **12. STATE AID:** (L. to R.) Bryan Freeling, Division Head, presents Tim Yu, Staff Engineer, with his 5-year Service Award.





















- **13. STATE AID:** (L. to R.) Bryan Freeling, Division Head, presents Mark Edwards, Designer, with his 20-year Service Award.
- **14. STATE AID:** (L. to R.) Bryan Freeling, Division Head, presents Amy Martinous, Advanced Engineer, with her 25-year Service Award.
- **15. SURVEYS:** (L. to R.) Bryan Hutson, Surveys Aide, receives his 5-year Service Award from Jon Holcomb, Surveys Crew Chief.
- **16. SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH:** Chris Davis (L), Senior Pavement Geospatial Specialist, Sarah Tamayo (R), Staff Asset Management Engineer, present Jackson Haynie, Pavement Data Collection Technician, with his 5-year Service Award
- 17. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY: Brad McCaleb (L), Division Head, Sharon Hawkins, GIS & Mapping Section Head, and David Siskowski (R), Assistant Division Head, present Joseph Jordan, Advanced Geospatial Specialist, with his 5-Year Service Award.
- **18. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** Brad McCaleb (L), Division Head, and David Siskowski (R), Assistant Division Head, present Daniel Byram Sr., Transportation Planning Engineer, with his 10-Year Service Award.
- **19. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** Brad McCaleb (L), Division Head, and David Siskowski (R), Assistant Division Head, present Matt Penix, Public Transportation Asset Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.
- **20. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY:** (L. to R.) Greg Nation, Section Head, presents Johnna Thomas, Public Transportation Program Manager, with her 20-year Service Award.
- **21. DISTRICT 1:** Andy Wizer, Construction Aide, received his 5-year Service Award.





















- **22. DISTRICT 1:** Joey Henson (L), Area Maintenance Supervisor, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present James Sanders, Area Headquarters Attendant, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **23. DISTRICT 1:** Donnie Henson (L), Staff Engineer, and Cannon Callicott (R), District Engineer, present Donnaire Granger, Advanced Engineer, with his 20-year Service Award.
- **24. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Jared Bymaster, Staff Engineer, presents Christopher Baker, Construction Inspector, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **25. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Cody Hall, Mechanic, receives his 5-year Service Award from Royce Edmondson, District Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.
- **26. DISTRICT 2:** Carter Davis (L), Shop Foreman, and Royce Edmondson (R), Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, present Philip James, Body Repairer and Painter, with his 5-year Service Award.

- **27. DISTRICT 2:** Tim Kelly (L), District Maintenance Engineer, and Ronnie Womack (R), District Maintenance Superintendent, present Christopher (Shawn) Evans, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **28. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Janet Bogle, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Brandon Webster, Maintenance Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.
- **29. DISTRICT 4:** James Sears, Tractor Trailer Driver, received his 5-year Service Award.
- **30. DISTRICT 4:** Ken Wilson (L), Resident Engineer, and Stephen Nickell (R), Assistant Resident Engineer, present Seth Feimster, Advanced Construction Aide, with his 5-year Service Award.





















- **31. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Nannette L. Billing, District Clerk, receives her 10-year Service Award from Lee Dewey, Storeroom Supervisor.
- **32. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Dominick Moses, Crew Leader, receives his 5-year Service Award from JJ Hadley, Maintenance Job Superintendent.
- **33. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Shelly Bradley, Office Manager, presents Michelle Garcia, District Clerk, with her 5-year Service Award.
- **34. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Shelly Bradley, Office Manager, presents Crystal Stokes, Storeroom Supervisor, with her 10-year Service Award.
- **35. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) JJ Hadley, Maintenance Job Superintendent, receives his 20-year Service Award from Richard Moberly, District Maintenance Superintendent.

- **36. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Alan Quimby, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jimmy Taylor, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **37. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Brian Hampton, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-year Service Award from Alan Quimby, Area Maintenance Supervisor.
- **38. DISTRICT 7:** Stacy Harding, Maintenance Specialist, receives his 10-year Service Award, from Howard Holman (L), Crew Leader, and Alan Quimby (R), Area Maintenance Supervisor.
- **39. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Kevin Means, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Lowell Jones, Crew Leader, with his 15-year Service Award.





















- **40. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Bobby Hall, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Mark Bulliner, Maintenance Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.
- **41. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Ricky Cummings, Crew Leader, presents Matthew Childers, Maintenance Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.
- **42. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Kevin Means, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jimmie Sisson, Area Headquarters Attendant, with her 30-year Service Award.
- **43. DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Alan Quimby, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Howard Holman, Crew Leader, with his 35-year Service Award.
- **44. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) David Ross, Staff Engineer, presents Seth Parish, Senior Engineer, with his 10-year Service Award.

- **45. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Scott Burleson, Ferry Boat Supervisor, presents Caleb Spillman, Ferry Boat Pilot-Deck Hand, his 5-year Service Award.
- **46. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Jimmy Morris, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Christopher Evans, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **47. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Jimmy Morris, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jackie Johnson, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **48. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Joey Ragland, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Aaron Drewry, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award.









49. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Meredith Whittle, Office Manager, receives her 15-year Service Award from Steve Lawrence, District Engineer.

50. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Joey Ragland, Area Maintenance Supervisor, receives his 20-year Service Award from Jeff Wheeler, District Maintenance Engineer.

51. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Nancy Robinson, Crew Leader, receives her 20-year Service Award from David Wagster, Sealing Crew Supervisor.

FAMILY FOCUS





- **1. DISTRICT 2:** Farrah Webster, daughter of Brandon Webster, Maintenance Specialist in Arkansas County, successfully hunted a 6-point deer on Thanksgiving 2022.
- **2. DISTRICT 10:** Kale Wayne Richardson arrived on 9-16-22 weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.5" long. Kale is the son of Chase Richardson, Bridge Repairer, and grandson of Alicia Simpson, Office Manager.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. DISTRICT 6: (L. to R.) Destiny Lamon, Madi Walters, Leslie Cole and Crystal Stokes celebrated Halloween at the District 6 office.



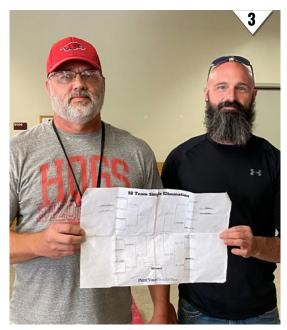


SPIRIT DAY



- 1. FISCAL SERVICES
- 2. LEGAL
- **3. MATERIALS:** Larry Wilson and David Cummings were the Materials Baggo champs of Spirit Dav.
- **4. MATERIALS:** Mark Greenwood helped Yongsheng Zhao make eggrolls for Spirit Day.









SPIRIT DAY





- **5. DISTRICT 6:** Admin staff celebrated Spirit Day. (L. to R.) Angela Bettis, Shelly Bradley, Destiny Lamon, Debbie Provence, Debra Veuleman, Michelle Garcia, Patricia Fletcher-Kester and Tony Evans.
- 6. DISTRICT 9



SPIRIT DAY





- 7. DISTRICT 9: Searcy County
- 8. DISTRICT 9: Boone County

NEW EMPLOYEES:

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Cody Slavings, Mechanic

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

John Neal, Janitor

SYSTEM INFORMATION &

RESEARCH • Lauren Baker, Office Assistant; Rafael Soto, System Info Pavement Technician

DISTRICT 1 • Joshua Bryant,
Maintenance Aide I; Gregory Lynn,
Maintenance Aide I; Chris Mitchell,
Maintenance Aide I; Kenneth
Saffell, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 2 • Jeffery Bell,
Maintenance Aide I; Dakota
Deweese, Maintenance Aide I;
Ryan Foots, Maintenance Aide I;
Michael Friend, Construction Aide;
Jessica Whitehead, Maintenance
Aide I

DISTRICT 3 • Rusty Aaron,
Maintenance Aide I; Steven Bell,
Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4 • Heather Chatham, Maintenance Aide I; Ryan Doyel, Maintenance Aide I; Jefferey Evans, Maintenance Aide I; Mark Herod Jr., Maintenance Aide I; John Latham, Maintenance Aide I; David Lee, Maintenance Aide I; Jackson Riley, Maintenance Aide I; Landon Shelby, Maintenance Aide I:

DISTRICT 5 • Victoria Bell, Maintenance Aide I; Jinger Farleigh, District Clerk; Jerry Newnum Jr., Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 6 • Albert Aguilar,
Maintenance Aide I; Kamaryn Bell,
Maintenance Aide I; Greg Snow,
Maintenance Aide I; Timothy
Spaight Jr., Maintenance Aide I;
Kelsey Thomas, Maintenance
Aide I

DISTRICT 7 • Silas Compton IV, Maintenance Aide I; Thomas Kanipe, Maintenance Aide I; Bobby Mitchell, Maintenance Aide I; Kevin Roach, Rest Area Attendant; Matthew Turner, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 9 • Jim Ewing, Mechanic; Jacob Fletcher, Maintenance Aide I; Cody Henderson, Maintenance Aide I; Colton Hill, Engineer; Pedro Sarellano Estrada, Mechanic;

DISTRICT 10 • Gunner Newell,
Maintenance Aide I; Andrew
Perry, Maintenance Aide I; David
Shepperson II, Maintenance Aide I;
Mike Whitmer, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Willard Weihe Jr., Sergeant; Cody Stell, Sergeant; James Cooper, Sergeant; Robert Garrett Jr., Sergeant; James Miller, Sergeant; Andrew James, Sergeant; Ryan Grisham Sr., Sergeant; Brandon Clark, Sergeant; Nathan McCollum, Sergeant; Oakley Vanderlinden, Law Enforcement Officer; Rogan Ross, Law Enforcement Officer; Duane Grice, Law Enforcement Officer; Sevelta Mackey III, Law **Enforcement Officer; Zachary** Emrick, Law Enforcement Officer; Joseph Beggs, Law Enforcement Officer; Barry Winfrey Jr., Law Enforcement Officer; Joshua Graves, Law Enforcement Officer

COMMUNICATIONS • Brandon Bunting, TMC Operator

EEO/DBE • Kristi Marshall, OJT Supportive Services Specialist; Anna Carr, EEO Specialist

HUMAN RESOURCES • MaddisonWendland, Assistant Section Head

- Personnel; Kevin Dunkerson, Health & Safety Office

MAINTENANCE ● Cody Bunch, Sign Crew Specialist; Richard Caudell, Sign Erector II

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & POLICY • Lisa Taylor, Assistant Railroad Crossing Coordinator; Tracy Covington, Crash Data System Admin

DISTRICT 1 • Jerry Guill, Tractor Trailer Driver

DISTRICT 2 • Chris Hendricks, Area Maintenance Supervisor; James Jones, Maintenance Aide II; Donya Bell, Maintenance Aide II; Cody Shadden, Lead Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 4 • Austin Newsom, Tractor Trailer Driver

DISTRICT 6 • Tony Evans, District Engineer; Samuel Davies, Resident Engineer; Randy Cummings Jr., Crew Leader; Clinton Baxter, Sign Crew Specialist

DISTRICT 7 • Joshua Hooks, Lead Station Attendant; Jacob Sant, Construction Project Coordinator; Joshua Purifoy, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 10 • Christy Cambron, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Blake Davis, Maintenance Aide II; Brian Seehaver, Maintenance Aide II

SERVICE AWARDS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Richard Hunt Jr., Guard, 5 yrs; Donald Baldwin, Technician, 5 yrs; Anna Carr, Administrative Assistant, 5 yrs

CONSTRUCTION • Robert
McKinnon, Staff Engineer, 35 yrs;
Mitchell Aday, Construction
Materials Inspector, 20 yrs; Kristy
Wilson, Resident Office Technician,

20 yrs; Daniel Harris, Staff
Engineer, 20 yrs; Donnaire Granger,
Advanced Engineer, 20 yrs;
Kenneth Neely, Construction
Materials Inspector, 20 yrs;
Angie Reeder, Resident Office
Technician, 20 yrs; Justin Calhoon,
Construction Materials Inspector,
10 yrs; Seth Feimster, Advanced
Construction Aide, 5 yrs; Mark
Gonia Jr., Construction Inspector,
5 yrs

ENVIRONMENTAL • Lindsay Zweifel, Advanced Natural Resources Specialist, 10 yrs

HEAVY BRIDGE • Keyshawn Pittman, Crew Leader, 5 yrs

HUMAN RESOURCES • TV

Vaughan, Records Supervisor, 15 yrs; Darlene Garrison, Human Resources Specialist, 5 yrs; Ceburne Gilliam III, Emergency Response Coordinator, 5 yrs; Jeanie Stobaugh, Human Resources Specialist, 5 yrs; Truitt Dowdy, Human Resources Specialist, 5 yrs

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

David Phillips, IT Analyst, 30 yrs

MAINTENANCE • Latonya Cronan, Office Assistant, 5 yrs

STATE AID • Mark Edwards, Designer, 20 yrs

SYSTEM INFORMATION &

RESEARCH • Jarrad McDaniel, Data Collection Technician, 5 yrs

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

& POLICY • Joseph Jordan, Advanced Geospatial Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 1 • James Sanders Jr., Area Headquarters Attendant, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 2 • Brandon Webster, Maintenance Specialist, 15 yrs

DISTRICT 3 • Billy Langston, Crew Leader, 25 yrs

DISTRICT 4 • Jacob Davidson, Lead Storeroom Assistant, 10 yrs;

DISTRICT 5 • Gary Grady,
Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs;
Mary Turner, Maintenance Aide II;
Christopher Hill, Tractor Trailer
Driver, 10 yrs; Jeffery Foreman,
Assistant Bridge Inspector, 10 yrs;
Jeffery Brewer, Maintenance
Aide II, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 6 • Rusty Bornemeier, Maintenance Specialist, 25 yrs; Johnny Hadley, Maintenance Job Superintendent, 20 yrs; Paula North, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs; Selina Ricks, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Michelle Garcia, District Clerk, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 7 • Howard Holman, Crew Leader, 35 yrs; Jeffrey Russell, District Construction Engineer, 35 yrs; Jimmie Sisson, Area Headquarters Attendant, 35 yrs; Marquan Bulliner, Maintenance Specialist, 15 yrs; Lowell Jones, Crew Leader, 15 yrs; Jimmy Taylor, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs;

DISTRICT 8 • Joshua Leavell,
Maintenance Specialist, 20 yrs;
DISTRICT 9 • Christopher Evans,
Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs
DISTRICT 10 • Nancy Robinson,
Crew Leader 20 yrs: John

Crew Leader, 20 yrs; John Abanathy, Lead Storeroom Assistant, 5 yrs;

RETIREMENTS:

DISTRICT 4 • Jeffery Golyer, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ yrs DISTRICT 9 • Elmer Clark, Maintenance Aide II, 14+ yrs DISTRICT 10 • Jerry Crockett, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ yrs

MEMORIALS:

LEGAL • Brenda Pruitt, 11/15/22, retired

DISTRICT 4 • Brian Biehler, 10/27/22, active

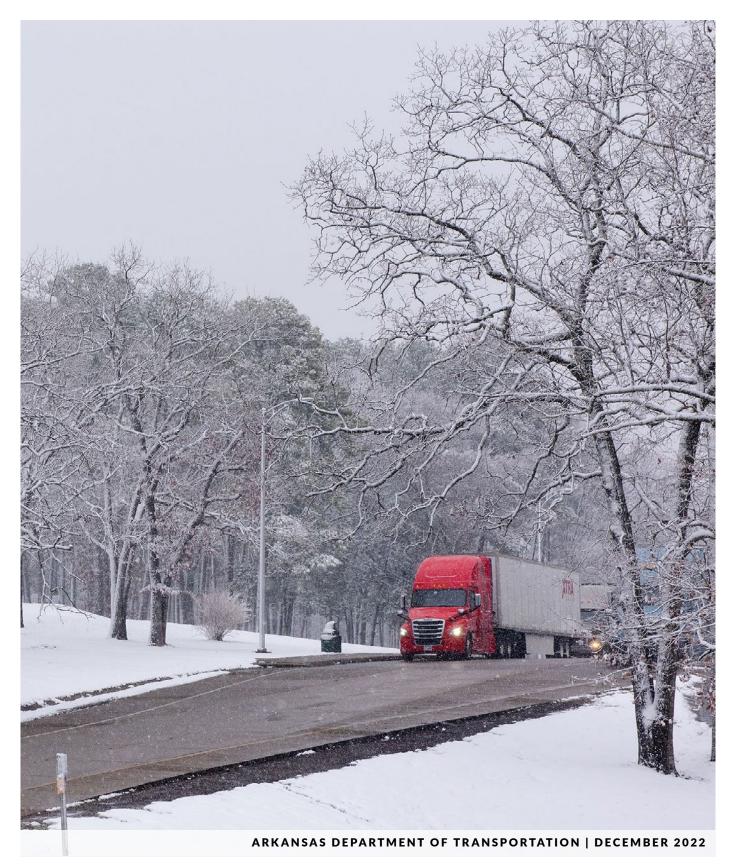
DISTRICT 5 • Calvin Lassiter, 11/10/22, retired

DISTRICT 6• Sam Harris Jr., 10/24/22, retired

DISTRICT 7 • John Craig, 10/29/22, retired; Timothy Wood, 10/30/22, retired

DISTRICT 9 • Frank Rose, 11/9/22, retired

DISTRICT 10 • Earnest Sorg, 10/29/22, retired



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