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**FRONT COVER:** Wildflowers at ARDOT Central Office  
**BACK COVER:** Highway 8 in Pike County

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 9 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting  
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### APRIL 21 - 25 MONDAY - FRIDAY

National Work Zone Awareness Week

### APRIL 23 | WEDNESDAY

Go Orange Day  
 Wear orange to bring awareness to work zone safety

### MAY 21 | WEDNESDAY

ARDOT Bid Letting  
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### MAY 26 | MONDAY

Memorial Day  
 Offices Closed



# FUTURE LEADERS



BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

In January 2025, ARDOT kicked off its inaugural Future Leaders program. Exclusive to ARDOT staff, the program consists of five quarterly workshops that include skill building, career planning, and the opportunity to meet ARDOT leadership from different areas of the Department.

“Our goal is to support and develop ARDOT employees so that we can prepare them to lead others within the Department,” Melanie Diffey, ARDOT Section Head of Workforce Development, said. “The workshops typically last 5 to 6 hours, including lunch, allowing employees time to travel to and from their locations around the state.”

Applications for the inaugural class opened in fall 2024. Participants were required to have 3 years of service to ARDOT, a fully successful performance evaluation record, and a quality application with recommendations from their leadership. In addition, they had to be permanent, full-time employees. Workshops are taught by ARDOT Workforce Development staff and members of the ARDOT leadership team. The inaugural workshops will continue quarterly through the winter of 2026. ARDOT plans to accept a second round of applicants in fall 2025 for another leadership class.

The inaugural class includes: Ajay Anderson, District 6; Ezekiel Barnes, Materials; Dana Bates, District 7; Deanna Calhoun, Equipment & Procurement; Madeline Drum, District 10; Chad Foster, District 9; Lynzi Frizzell, Right of Way; Lisa Garner, District 5; Zachery Gilbee, District 10; Joshua Graham, Environmental; Nick Holmgren, Bridge Operations; Stephanie Howard, Benefits & Compensation; Robert Kacir, Maintenance; Benjamin Kerwood, District 9; Daniel Knight, District 5; Antonio Lopez, District 2; Jake Mashburn, Planning & Research; Kelli Mathews, District 8; Jessica Moore, District 1; Austin Mote, District 3; Craig Mueller, District 3; Steve Mullins, District 6; Chelsea Pepper, District 7; James Sanders, District 4; Nathan Shaw, District 8; Dylan Singleton, Bridge; Daniel Smith, District 5; Ashley Smith, Local Programs; Brandy Tucker, District 2; and Martez Wilkins, District 1. ◆

# SUBMIT YOUR GRADUATE'S PHOTO!

## DEADLINE IS APRIL 18

While it's still a few months away, ARDOT employees with students graduating from high school or college this spring should mark April 18 on their calendars. That is the deadline for submitting graduation photos to the Communications Division for inclusion in the "Graduates" publication in June.

To ensure your photos appear clearly and have accurate identification, please follow the guidelines below when submitting your images.

- Photos must be high-resolution, color digital images in JPEG or TIFF format.
- Low-resolution or mobile phone images will not appear clearly and cannot be used.

Hard copies can also be submitted and will be returned after publication. Mail hard copy submissions to:  
ARDOT Communications Office  
Attn: Aimee Goode  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203 ♦

### WITH YOUR PHOTO, EXPECT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE FORM:

- **Student Name**
- **School Name**
- **Student's Relationship to ARDOT Employee**
- **Employee Name**
- **Employee District/Division**



**Click Here to fill out the Graduate Form:**

[ARDOT.GOV/2025GRADUATEFORM](https://www.ardot.gov/2025graduateform)





# SENIORITY RECOGNITION

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

ARDOT is appreciative of our staff of dedicated employees serving our state across all 75 counties.

Whether your job involves working in a construction zone or at a desk in an office, we appreciate each and every one of you. We recognize you for your hard work, day in and day out.

Here's a look at those who have been with the Department the longest:

<b>Mark Holloman</b> , <i>Equipment &amp; Procurement</i>	<b>45+ years</b>
<b>Charles Holland</b> , <i>Construction</i>	<b>43+ years</b>
<b>Kenneth Gollinger</b> , <i>District 3</i>	<b>43+ years</b>
<b>Michael Funderburk</b> , <i>District 3</i>	<b>43+ years</b>
<b>Jeffery Featherston</b> , <i>District 3</i>	<b>43+ years</b>
<b>Steven Wrigley</b> , <i>Surveys</i>	<b>39+ years</b>
<b>Gail Scott-Kendrick</b> , <i>Right of Way</i>	<b>39+ years</b>
<b>Lisa Duncan</b> , <i>Right of Way</i>	<b>39+ years</b>
<b>Kevin Thornton</b> , <i>Administration</i>	<b>39+ years</b>
<b>Kenneth Bennett</b> , <i>District 3</i>	<b>39+ years</b>
<b>Kenneth Tucker</b> , <i>District 4</i>	<b>39+ years</b>
<b>Ronald Mitchell</b> , <i>Information Technology</i>	<b>38+ years</b>
<b>Charles Tallman, Jr.</b> , <i>District 3</i>	<b>38+ years</b>
<b>Michael Fugett</b> , <i>Preconstruction</i>	<b>38+ years</b>
<b>Daniel Keene</b> , <i>Equipment &amp; Procurement</i>	<b>38+ years</b>
<b>David Sitton, Jr.</b> , <i>TSMO</i>	<b>38+ years</b>
<b>Ross Batson</b> , <i>Arkansas Highway Police</i>	<b>38+ years</b>
<b>Cynthia Allen</b> , <i>State Aid</i>	<b>38+ years</b>

# JOIN IN THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP!



To learn more about events around the state for your Adopt-A-Highway group, call **1-888-742-8701** or visit [www.KeepArkansasBeautiful.com](http://www.KeepArkansasBeautiful.com).



Questions? Contact the ARDOT Communications Office at **501-569-2227** or your Area Maintenance Headquarters.



Don't forget to send us pictures of your Adopt-A-Highway group in action! Email [adopt@ardot.gov](mailto:adopt@ardot.gov).

Thousands of Arkansans volunteer to clean up and beautify their communities each year by joining in the nation's largest community improvement effort, coordinated by Keep Arkansas Beautiful, a Keep America Beautiful state affiliate.

**Pickup reports can be submitted online.**

*Scan here!* →



# BATSON

## NAMED CAPTAIN, SPECIAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Ross Batson has been selected as Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) Captain for the Special Operations Section effective December 28, 2024.

Batson began his career with AHP in September 1986 as an AHP Patrolman assigned to the Springdale Weigh Station. Following the law enforcement officer career path, he advanced to Captain for the Permits Section in August 2015.

Batson has a bachelor's degree in general studies from Henderson State University. ♦



# BAXTER

## NAMED RESIDENT ENGINEER

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Andrew "Cody" Baxter has been named Resident Engineer for Resident Engineer Office #62 in Little Rock effective December 28, 2024.

Baxter began his career with ARDOT as a seasonal employee in RE #62 prior to becoming an engineering intern in January 2015. After graduation, Baxter worked at Garver as a Construction Engineer and for the City of North Little Rock as an Engineering Inspector. In May 2022, he returned to ARDOT as an Engineer in RE #61. Following the engineering career path, Baxter was promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer in June 2024.

Baxter has a bachelor's degree in civil and construction engineering from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

# BROUGHTON NAMED RELOCATION SECTION HEAD

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Stasia Broughton has been named Relocation Section Head in the Right of Way Division effective December 14, 2024.

Broughton began her career at ARDOT as Right of Way Negotiator 1 in March 2011. That same year, she transferred to the Relocation Section of the Right of Way Division as a Relocation Coordinator 1. In November 2012, she was promoted to Lead Relocation Coordinator. ♦



# DAVIS NAMED EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Carter Davis has been named Equipment Maintenance Supervisor in District 2 effective December 14, 2024.

Davis began his career with ARDOT as a Parts Runner in January 2016. He was promoted to Maintenance Aide II in May 2017 and Shop Supervisor in February 2018.

In addition to his experience working with ARDOT, Davis has 45 years of experience as a manager and machinist with Davis Auto Parts. ♦

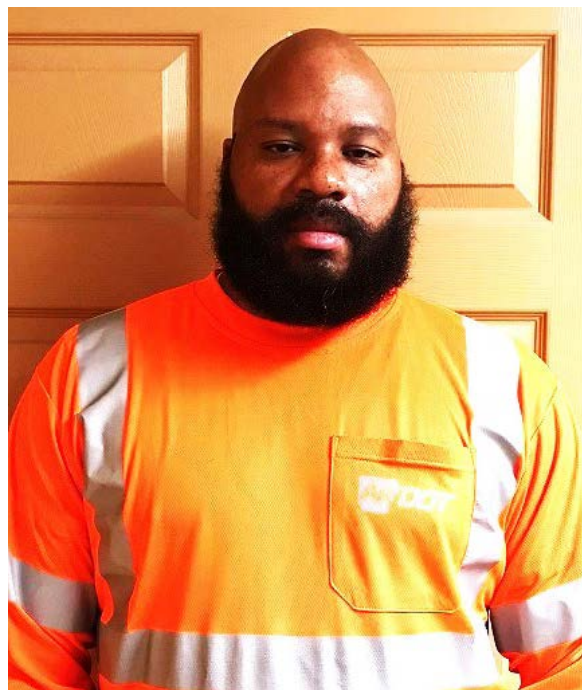
# JAMES NAMED RESIDENT ENGINEER

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Jason James has been named Resident Engineer for Resident Engineer Office #43 in Fayetteville effective January 25, 2025.

James began his career with ARDOT as an intern before being hired full-time as an Engineer in the Wynne Resident Engineer Office in May 1996. Following the engineering career path, he became Assistant Resident Engineer in February 2003.

James has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ◆



# JENKINS NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Shurun Jenkins has been named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 2 in Ashley County effective January 11, 2025.

Jenkins began his career with ARDOT as a General Laborer in July 2006. Following the maintenance career path, he advanced to Crew Leader in January 2020. ◆

# MCKIM

## NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Heather McKim has been named Assistant Division Head of Information Technology effective January 27, 2025.

Prior to joining ARDOT, McKim worked as Chief Public Affairs Officer for the Arkansas Treasurer of State, where she managed communications and strategic initiatives. She has held various leadership roles including Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Attorney General where she supervised several divisions, including the Information Technology Division.

McKim has over 28 years of experience in public service and government operations. She has a substantial background in public affairs, finance, strategic planning, and communications.

McKim has a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in business, both from the University of Phoenix. ♦



# PIERCE

## NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Steven Pierce has been named Area Maintenance Supervisor in District 8 for Pope County effective December 28, 2024.

Pierce began his career at ARDOT as a General Laborer in February 1999. He advanced through the maintenance career path to Crew Leader in March 2011. ♦

# RICHEY

## NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Billy Richey named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 6 in Garland County effective January 25, 2025.

Richey began his career with ARDOT as a Single Axle Truck Driver in April 2008. Following the maintenance career path, he was promoted to Crew Leader in December 2020. ♦



# SISKOWSKI

## NAMED DIVISION HEAD OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Daniel Siskowski has been named Division Head of Program Management effective January 25, 2025.

Siskowski began his career at ARDOT as an Engineer with Planning and Research in September 2010. He was promoted to Program Administration Engineer in the Program and Contracts Division. Less than a year later, he was promoted to a Consultant Coordinator position in Consultant Contracts. In November 2014, he returned to the Program Management Division as Staff Engineer. In July 2023, he was promoted to Assistant Division Head.

Siskowski has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦

# SWANSON

## NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Travis Swanson has been named Area Maintenance Supervisor in District 9 in Baxter County effective December 14, 2024.

Swanson began as a seasonal employee before beginning his full-time career at the Department in January 2010 as a Single Axle Truck Driver. He advanced through the maintenance career path to Crew Leader in February 2021. ♦



# TAYLOR

## NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD OF LOCAL PROGRAMS

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Steven Taylor has been named Assistant Division Head of Local Programs effective January 11, 2025.

Taylor began his career with ARDOT as an Administrative Assistant I in the Internal Audit Division in March 2008. In July 2010, he was promoted to Staff Auditor. In April 2023, he was promoted to Reviewing Auditor and in December 2023 as Audit Manager for Internal Audit Services.

Taylor has a master's degree in business administration from Henderson State University and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Arkansas State University. ♦

# WALKER NAMED RESIDENT ENGINEER

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Chase Walker has been named Resident Engineer for Resident Engineer Office #23 in Pine Bluff effective January 11, 2025.

Walker began his career with ARDOT as an Engineer in the Camden Resident Engineer Office in May 2019. He followed the engineering career path, promoting to Advanced Construction Field Engineer in February 2022 and Assistant Resident Engineer in August 2023.

Walker holds bachelor's degrees in civil and construction engineering and construction management services from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



# WHATLEY NAMED STAFF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ENGINEER

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

Benjamin Whatley has been named as Staff Program Management Engineer effective November 16, 2024.

Whatley was an intern with ARDOT before beginning his full-time career as Engineer in the Transportation Planning and Policy Division in May 2015. He followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Senior Program Management Engineer in September 2023.

Whatley has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Southern Arkansas University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. ♦



- 1. ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE:** (L. to R.) Captain Ross Batson presents Corey Williams, Permit Technician, with his 10-year Service Award with Lela Cook, Permit Office Manager.
- 2. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Keith Mahaffey, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.
- 3. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Dennis Boyd, Security Guard, receives his 20-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Engineer.
- 4. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenneth Thornton receives his 5-year Service Award from Scott Hatfield, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Hempstead County.
- 5. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Antonia Silva, Miller County Area HQ Attendant, receives her 10-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Engineer.

- 6. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Billy Roberts, Maintenance Aide II, Miller County, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Engineer.
- 7. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Jeremiah Lingo, Pike County Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, Maintenance Engineer.
- 8. DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Scott Sundberg, Shop Supervisor, presents Melissa Walker, Security Guard, with her 5-year Service Award.
- 9. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Alex Roefe, District Engineer, presents Marlin Miller, Maintenance Aide II, with his 20-year Service Award.



**10. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Adam Pankey, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, RE55, with his 10-year Service Award.

**11. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Keith Hatfield, Senior Inspector, RE55, with his 10-year Service Award.

**12. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Jesse Davis, Maintenance Aide II, with his 10-year Service Award.

**13. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents David Ingram, Lead Bridge Repairer, with his 5-year Service Award.

**14. DISTRICT 5:** (L. to R.) Alex Roofe, District Engineer, presents Bryan Allen, Advanced Construction Aide, RE52, with his 5-year Service Award.

**15. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Dustin Davis, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Saline County, presents Justin Thomas, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award with Richard Moberly, District Maintenance Superintendent.

**16. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) Seth Houghton, Sealing Superintendent, presents Chris Whitbey, Crew Leader, with his 20-year Service Award.

**17. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) Seth Houghton, Sealing Superintendent, presents Steve Dalton, Maintenance Aide II, with his 15-year Service Award.

**18. DISTRICT 8:** (L. to R.) Seth Houghton, Sealing Superintendent, presents Nathan Shaw, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.

## ON THE JOB



**1. DISTRICT 2:** Chris Penny (center) on his last day on the job with his coworkers from the District Bridge Crew. Penny, Lead Bridge Repairer, retired after 29 years of service

**2. DISTRICT 3:** Three generations in the Howard County Crew. (L. to R.) Adam Jones, son; John Jones, grandfather; and Curtis Jones, grandson.

## FAMILY FOCUS



**1. DISTRICT 2:** Jaxon Lee Evans was born February 11, 2025, weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches. He is the son of Megan and Nathan Evans, Maintenance Aide I, Arkansas County 1.

**2. DISTRICT 7:** Alaysia Billings, 7 years old, walked on the sweetheart court as a maid for second grade. She is the daughter of Nina Sutton, District 7 Area Headquarters Attendant.



The reports listed are from the months of December 2024 and January 2025, unless noted.

## NEW EMPLOYEES:

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Aamaya Lacy, Security Guard;  
Cynthia Newton, Office Aide; Brittney  
Thomas, Office Aide

### BRIDGE

Sadeq Annooz, Engineer; Pawan  
Bhattarai, Engineer

### BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Jonathan Blasioli, Heavy Bridge  
Repairer; Tyler House, Heavy Bridge  
Repairer; Josh Lewallen, Heavy  
Bridge Repairer; Corey McHenry,  
Heavy Bridge Repairer; Nathneal  
Pratt, Heavy Bridge Repairer

### CIVIL RIGHTS

Nikki Riley, Investigative EEO  
Specialist

### CONSTRUCTION

Brian Almond, Construction Aide;  
Mohamed Aly, Engineer; Russell  
Andrews, Construction Aide;  
Murphy Arnett, Construction Aide;  
Ahsan Masud Bappi, Engineer;  
Ryan Callicott, Construction Aide;  
Jose Contreras, Construction Aide;  
Marcus Emmons, Construction Aide;  
Camden Foster, Construction Aide;  
Fabian Franco, Construction Aide;  
Haley Jones, Construction Aide; Jerry  
Minchew, Construction Aide; Ryan  
Quarles, Construction Aide; Benjamin  
Robinson, Engineer; Milan Shrestha,  
Engineer; Duane Smith, Construction  
Aide; Joshua Smith, Construction  
Aide; Shaun Steele, Construction  
Aide; Kyle Young, Construction Aide

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Sarah Burns, Extra Help; William  
Kearby, Environmental Tech; Abdullah  
Al Saim, Geospatial Data Specialist

### EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Richard Ebbert, Station Attendant

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Sara Graves, HR Specialist

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Heather McKim, IT Assistant Division  
Head

### LEGAL

Tyler Story, Legal Aide

### MAINTENANCE

Richard Byrd, Striping Helper;  
Esteban Gaona, General Laborer;  
Jarrod Linn, Striping Helper; Braxton  
McEntire, Sign Erector II; Joseph  
Powell, Electrician

### PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

John Trissell, Office Assistant

### RIGHT OF WAY

Henryetta Farver, Office Assistant

### ROADWAY DESIGN

Raj Wagh, Estimator

### TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Sydney Brown, Office Aide

### DISTRICT 1

James Babcock, Maintenance Aide I;  
Randy Dunigan, Maintenance Aide I;  
Adam Kemp, Maintenance Aide I;  
Aaron Kent, Maintenance Aide I;  
Caleb McCammon, Maintenance  
Aide I; Curtis Miller, Maintenance  
Aide II; Freddie Moore, Maintenance  
Aide I; Robert Reed, Maintenance  
Aide I; Jeremiah Valdez, Maintenance  
Aide I; Josh Ward, Maintenance  
Aide II; Joey Williams, Maintenance  
Aide I; William Williard, Maintenance  
Aide I; Paul Cook, Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 2

Jody Gentry, Maintenance Aide I;  
Shawn Hennington, Maintenance

Aide I; Randall Kidd, Crew Leader;  
Houston Martin, Maintenance Aide I;  
Emmarian McAdoo, Maintenance  
Aide I; Donnie Via, Mechanic

### DISTRICT 3

Benjamin Bobo, District Caretaker;  
Mason Hailey, Apprentice Mechanic;  
Austin Harmon, Maintenance Aide I;  
Louis Martin, Maintenance Aide I;  
Jordan Porter, Maintenance Aide I;  
James Sandefur, Maintenance Aide II

### DISTRICT 4

Caleb Curtis, Maintenance Aide I;  
Clifton Ellison, Rest Area Attendant;  
Kyle Glidewell, Maintenance Aide I;  
Thomas Hardin, Maintenance Aide I;  
Lena Rhodes, Maintenance Aide II;  
John Shaw, Maintenance Aide I;  
Jonathan Shepherd, Maintenance  
Aide I; Kaden Wiginton, Maintenance  
Aide I

### DISTRICT 5

Zachary Burke, Maintenance Aide I;  
Tyler Dickerson, Maintenance Aide I;  
Colton Henry, Maintenance Aide I;  
Shawn Whiteside, Maintenance Aide I;\*  
Darren Roberson, Mechanic; Cristian  
Sanchez Perez, Maintenance Aide I;  
George Sisk, Maintenance Aide I

### DISTRICT 6

Ricardo Ante, Apprentice Mechanic;  
Athena Carnett, Welder; Dennis  
Cash, Maintenance Aide I; Mykilah  
Coats, Welder; Matthew Hargrave,  
Maintenance Aide I; James Hatchett,  
Maintenance Aide I; Lauri Jagger,  
Rest Area Attendant; Isaiah Nache,  
Maintenance Aide II; Gary Phillips,  
Maintenance Aide I; Shon Roberts,  
Maintenance Aide I; Justin Saneda,  
Station Attendant; Jana Sasse,  
Maintenance Aide I; Rafael Silva,  
Maintenance Aide I

\*April 2024

**DISTRICT 7**

Jamal Allen, Maintenance Aide I; Kenneth Calcote Jr., Welder; Noah Gavin, Maintenance Aide I; Marcus Johnston, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 8**

Allante Carter, Maintenance Aide I; Jackson Childers, Maintenance Aide I; Victor Flores, Maintenance Aide I; Michael Hamilton, Maintenance Aide I; Charles Harmon, Maintenance Aide I; Devlyn Humphrey, Maintenance Aide I; Noah Jones, Maintenance Aide I; Jaxon Melton, Maintenance Aide I; Daniel Menk, Maintenance Aide I; Ronnie Siler, Maintenance Aide I; Marcus Stiger, Maintenance Aide I; Bryan Talley, Maintenance Aide I; Jon Warren, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 9**

Rodney Godat, District Caretaker; Tony Marquez, Maintenance Aide I; Rodney Smith, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 10**

Caleb Cruz, Maintenance Aide I; Kevin Hamon, Maintenance Aide I; Joshua McCurter, Maintenance Aide II; Kevin Tate, Maintenance Aide II

**PROMOTIONS:****DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

Valerie Baney, Administrative Officer II

**PRECONSTRUCTION**

Jessie Jones, Chief Engineer – Preconstruction; Erica Adams, Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning

**ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Rachael Bowen, Administrative Assistant; Madison Hammond, Office Assistant; Renee Hill, Advanced Motor Carrier Safety Data Specialist; Rachael Holliman, Advanced Motor

Carrier Safety Specialist; Eric Mitchell, Advanced Motor Carrier Safety Specialist

**BRIDGE OPERATIONS**

Tylor Clariday, Lead Heavy Bridge Repairer; Derek Craft, Crew Leader; Travis Dipple, Lead Heavy Bridge Repairer; Nick Holmgren, Advanced Bridge Inspector; Brandon Simmons, Crew Leader

**CIVIL RIGHTS**

Isaac Hill, Lead Internal Civil Rights Coordinator; Leonard Smith, Lead External Civil Rights Coordinator

**CONSTRUCTION**

Mitchell Aday, Senior Construction Materials Inspector; Christopher Baker, Senior Inspector; Andrew Baxter, Resident Engineer; Charlie Brewer, Resident Office Technician; Aaron Bridges, Construction Materials Inspector; Jason James, Resident Engineer; Travis Johnson, Jr., Construction Materials Inspector; Angela King, Advanced Field Clerk; Tevin Mosley, Construction Management Specialist; Denton Newby, Advanced Construction Aide; Caleb Nicholson, Inspector; David Pylant, Advanced Construction Aide; Brad Smithmier, Senior Construction Materials Inspector; Darlene Sparks, Advanced Field Clerk; Garrett Tippitt, Advanced Construction Aide

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Cody Owenson, Mail and Supply Assistant; Benjamin Wonce, Jr., Mail and Supply Assistant

**LOCAL PROGRAMS**

Kellie Simpson, Local Programs Specialist; Steven Taylor, Assistant Division Head - Local Programs

**MAINTENANCE**

Richard Delancey, Master Plumber

**MATERIALS**

Jessie Burdine, Senior Geotechnical Aide

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**

Daniel Siskowski, Division Head

**RIGHT OF WAY**

Stasia Broughton, Section Head - Relocation

**ROADWAY DESIGN**

Amanda Falls, Preconstruction Proposal Specialist; Jacob Head, Staff Traffic Design Engineer

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS**

Cynthia Dunem, Senior TMC Operator; Jaonna Jordan, Administrative Assistant

**DISTRICT 1**

Jon Clark, Maintenance Aide II; Chris Irby, Maintenance Aide II; Tre Smith, Maintenance Aide II; Luther Wade, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 2**

Dimitri Anderson, Maintenance Specialist; Carter Davis, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor; Joshua Howard, Advanced Mechanic; Paul Jackson, Advanced Mechanic; Shurun Jenkins, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Adam Stuart, Advanced Mechanic; Andrae Wooten, Jr., Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 3**

James Ard, Maintenance Aide II; Brayden Bennett, Maintenance Aide II; Bobby Gulley, Maintenance Aide II; Billy Ryan, IV, Maintenance Aide II; James Smith, Maintenance Aide II; Cody Tewart, Maintenance Specialist; Joel Walker, Maintenance Specialist; Mitchell Zitano, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 4**

Jason Marshall, Advanced District Permit Officer; Larry McCallie, Maintenance Aide II; Jeff Shirley, Mechanic; Jeff Studenberg, II, Area Headquarters Attendant; Camden Waldron, Lead Bridge Repairer

**DISTRICT 5**

Tyler Daniel, Maintenance Aide II; Kevin Darland, Maintenance Aide II; Lisa Garner, Administrative Assistant; Case Kever, Maintenance Aide II; Kenneth Shaw, Maintenance Aide II; Adam Staples, Maintenance Aide II; Segan Underwood, Maintenance Aide II

**DISTRICT 6**

Charles Ivy, Maintenance Aide II; Billy Richey, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Eric Sibole, Bridge Inspector

**DISTRICT 7**

Brian Hampton, Maintenance Specialist; Raymond Mann, Maintenance Specialist; Bryson Marks, Maintenance Specialist; Myla Rawls, Area Headquarters Attendant

**DISTRICT 8**

Benjamin Bixler, Maintenance Specialist; Albert Brock, Maintenance Specialist; Michael Easter, Maintenance Specialist; Steven Pierce, Area Maintenance Supervisor

**DISTRICT 9**

Kelly Bullock, Crew Leader; Marty Girod, Maintenance Aide II; Steven Graham, Crew Leader; Bill Higgins, Maintenance Specialist; James Jones, Advanced Area Headquarters Attendant; Brandon Morgan, Advanced Bridge Inspector; Samuel Skaggs, Maintenance Aide II; Travis Swanson, Area Maintenance Supervisor; John Ulbrich,

Maintenance Aide II; Lacy Wiseman, Advanced Bridge Inspector

**DISTRICT 10**

Morgan Lechenette, Maintenance Aide II; Dustin Ramsey, Maintenance Aide II; Elijah Rosten, Bridge Repairer; William Swint, Advanced Area Headquarters Attendant

**SERVICE AWARDS:****ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Raunona Mays, Sergeant, 20+ years; Marlin Brown, Sergeant, 15+ years; Douglas Lafferty, Lieutenant, 15+ years; Cameron Petross, Corporal, 15+ years; Corey Williams, Permit Technician, 10+ years; Barry Winfrey, Jr., Corporal, 10+ years; Edward Morgan, Patrol Officer 1st Class, 5+ years

**BENEFITS & COMPENSATION**

Robyn Smith, ASHERS Executive Secretary, 35+ years

**BRIDGE OPERATIONS**

Richard Frazier, Jr., Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years

**CIVIL RIGHTS**

Shawna Meadows, Administrative Assistant, 5+ years

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Derrick Banks, Advanced Customer Service Representative - TMC, 5+ years

**CONSTRUCTION**

Jonathan Bacon, Construction Project Coordinator, 30+ years; Stacy Linder, Inspector, 20+ years; Trevis Bentley, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, 15+ years; Jeffery Maze, Advanced Resident Office Tech, 15+ years; William Caster, Assistant Resident Engineer,

10+ years; Garrett Morgan, Inspector, 10+ years; Colt Smith, Construction Earthwork Coordinator, 10+ years; Brad Smithmier, Construction Materials Inspector, 10+ years; Kaylee Thompson, Resident Office Tech, 10+ years; Jonathan Yee, Advanced Construction Aide, 10+ years; Rebecca Baker, Advanced Construction Aide, 5+ years; Caleb Coulter, Inspector, 5+ years; Sandy Tucker, Advanced Resident Office Tech, 5+ years; Dwayne Turner, Construction Materials Inspector, 5+ years; William Ward, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, 5+ years

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Katheryn Rose, Advanced Environmental Impact Analyst, 5+ years

**MAINTENANCE**

Brian Berthiaume, Traffic Services Specialist, 20+ years; Jason Sims, Assistant Signing Superintendent, 15+ years; Sherman Whittle, Facilities Management Project Coordinator, 15+ years; Mark Crockett, Striping Machine Driver, 5+ years

**MATERIALS**

Dwayne Cale, Assistant Division Head, 25+ years; Russell McNeill, District Materials Supervisor, 25+ years; Matthew Green, Senior Geotechnical Engineer, 15+ years; Jared Johnson, Senior Materials Engineer, 5+ years

**PLANNING & RESEARCH**

Joshua Sumers, Planning Data Manager, 5+ years

**RIGHT OF WAY**

Michael Lindsey, Lead Utilities Coordinator, 15+ years; Adam James, Utility Inspection Coordinator, 10+ years

### **RIGHT OF WAY**

Brian Moore, Lead Realty Appraiser, 10+ years; Elizabeth Roberts, Utility Billing Coordinator, 5+ years

### **ROADWAY DESIGN**

Elizabeth Reisbeck, Advanced Design Engineer, 5+ years

### **SURVEYS**

Stephen Arnold, Photogrammetric Specialist, 15+ years; Jathan Robertson, Advanced Surveys Aide, 5+ years

### **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS**

Monica Saffle, TMC Manager, 20+ years; Hunter Cody, Senior TMC Operator, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 1**

Scott Walton, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, 15+ years; Jerry Guill, Tractor Trailer Driver, 10+ years; Randy Moore, Mechanic, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 2**

Christopher Edwards, Crew Leader, 20+ years; Johnnie Tillman, Jr., Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years; William Perry, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 3**

Timothy Roberts, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ years; Luke Oleschak, Advanced Welder, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 4**

Yvonne Henry, Area HQ Attendant, 25+ years; Danny Loyd, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 25+ years; Marcus Rainwater, District Construction Engineer, 25+ years; Stephen Tate, Station Attendant, 15+ years; Kourtney Hall, Crew Leader, 10+ years; Shane Oxford, Advanced Welder, 10+ years;

Bridget Easter, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Misael Salazar, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 5**

Sara Brackett, Bookkeeper, 25+ years; Jeremy Friend, Crew Leader, 20+ years; Kirk Fossler, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 6**

Troy Cole, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years; Shawn Vergason, Bridge Inspector, 10+ years; Edward Rice, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 7**

Karen Howell, Maintenance Aide I, 10+ years; Robert Hughes, Rest Area Attendant, 10+ years; Kelvin Ford, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Justin McMahan, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 8**

Kenneth Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, 30+ years; Roger Wilson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30+ years; Christopher Whitbey, Crew Leader, 20+ years; Steven Dalton, Maintenance Aide II, 15+ years; Brian Jones, Rest Area Attendant, 5+ years; David Ross, Crew Leader, 5+ years; Christopher Smith, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 9**

Renae Whiteside, Administrative Assistant, 10+ years; Tom Hixon, Advanced Mechanic, 5+ years; Victoria Hudson, Station Attendant, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 10**

William Derrick, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Gary Mann, Rest Area Attendant, 5+ years; Michael McIlvoy, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years

## **RETIREMENTS:**

### **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

Lorie Tudor, Director, 41+ years

### **ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Joseph Harris, Lieutenant, 20+ years; Lisa Rhodes, Motor Carrier Safety Auditor, 18+ years; Michelle Miller, Administrative Assistant, 13+ years; James Johnson, Sr., Security Guard, 7+ years

### **CONSTRUCTION**

Bashar Qedan, Resident Engineer, 37+ years; Angela Dunn, Construction Materials Inspector, 19+ years; John Burleson, Construction Aide, 6+ years

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Norma Johnson, Records Specialist, 25+ years

### **LOCAL PROGRAMS**

Cynthia Frazier, Assistant Local Programs Fiscal Coordinator, 10+ years

### **RIGHT OF WAY**

Errol Lemons, Section Head - Appraisals, 22+ years

#### **DISTRICT 2**

Christopher Penny, Lead Bridge Repairer, 30+ years

#### **DISTRICT 3**

Terry Small, Maintenance Aide II, 29+ years; Luke Oleschak, Advanced Welder, 5+ years; Kenneth Thornton, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

#### **DISTRICT 4**

Jamie Dewitt, Advanced Area HQ Attendant, 28+ years

#### **DISTRICT 6**

Sam Neal, Jr., Advanced Mechanic, 35+ years; Wendell Collins, Welder, 33+ years; Ronald Gragson, Area

Maintenance Supervisor, 31+ years; John Jones, Maintenance Aide II, 7+ years; James Burnette, Rest Area Attendant, 6+ years

**DISTRICT 7**

Donnie Mahan, Maintenance Aide II, 21+ years; Kenneth Yeager, Tractor Trailer Driver, 14+ years; Terry Diffie, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

**DISTRICT 8**

Robert Hale, Maintenance Specialist, 34+ years; Roger Wilson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 29+ years; Rickey Garrett, Sr., Advanced Area HQ Attendant, 21+ years; James Vandyke, Mechanic, 15+ years

**DISTRICT 9**

Douglas Austin, Maintenance Specialist, 23+ years

**DISTRICT 10**

James Adams, Senior Bridge Inspector, 36+ years; Jerry Reeves, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 33+ years; Darrell Tyler, Lead Bridge Repairer, 12+ years

**MEMORIALS:**

**PLANNING & RESEARCH**

Donna Barbee, 12/18/2024, Retired

**RIGHT OF WAY**

Gary Bulloch, 1/16/2025, Retired

**DISTRICT 1**

David McFadden, 12/14/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 2**

John Haynes, 12/2/2024, Retired; Rickie Wilson, 12/24/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 3**

Brandon Jones, 11/26/2024, Active; William Smith, 12/5/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 4**

Jearl Baker, 12/25/2024, Retired; Robert Griffin, 12/10/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 5**

Roy Pitts, 12/20/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 6**

Jerry Cantrell, 1/18/2025, Retired; Charles Glover, 1/2/2025, Active; Wayne Hogue, 12/18/2024, Retired; James Webber, 1/16/2025, Active

**DISTRICT 7**

Kenneth Butler, 12/16/2024, Retired; Oscar Doherty, 11/24/2024, Retired; Leonard McCoy, 11/25/2024, Retired; Charles Purifoy, 12/15/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 8**

Floyd Denney, 11/29/2024, Retired; Arthur Duncan, 11/30/2024, Retired; Victor Harris, 12/24/2024, Retired; Ronald Jones, 11/26/2024, Retired

**DISTRICT 9**

Joe Davidson, 1/14/2025, Retired



## OBITUARIES:



### BRANDON LEE JONES

MAY 1, 1995 - NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Brandon Lee Jones, 29, of Emmet, Arkansas passed away on Tuesday November 26, 2024, in Hope Arkansas. Brandon was born in Shreveport, LA on May 1, 1995. He enjoyed making people laugh, hunting, mud riding, and more than anything spending time with his wife Mary and son Bubba. He was a member of West Side Church of Christ in Prescott.

Preceded him in death are his oldest son, Jeremiah Jones, grandparents Curtis and Catherine Nix, Phyllis and John Jones IV, aunts and uncles Venita Dailey, Brenda Jones, and John Jones.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 8 years Mary Aparicio Jones of Emmet, and one son Brandon Luke Jones of Emmet, his parents Michael Jones and stepmother Debbie Jones of Hubbard, TX, Crystal and step dad Tobin Sharp of Texarkana, TX, siblings Kimberly Parker

and husband John of Magnolia, AR, Michael Jones of Texarkana, TX, and step siblings Christopher Martinez, Trevor Martinez. Gabriel Sanchez, Gabriella Sanchez, and two brother in laws he loved like brothers Alex Lopez and Zack Aparicio.



### CHARLES ANTONIO-TERRELL GLOVER

JULY 25, 1985 - JANUARY 2, 2025

Charles Antonio-Terrell Glover, 39, known as Tony to family and friends, was born on July 25, 1985, at Ouachita County Medical Center in Camden, AR to his parents Sandra L. Glover and Charles R. Brown. He departed this life on January 2, 2025, in Lonoke County, AR.

He attended Good Hope Baptist church as a child, where he sang in the choir and played the drums. Tony attended the Camden-Fairview School system and graduated from Camden-Fairview High School with the class of 2003.

He was his mother's oldest child and at one time, was known as the "quiet one". Tony was an artistic child who loved drawing, playing the drums, and as he grew older, playing tricks on family and friends with his skill for imitating voices. He enjoyed hanging out with his children,

family and playing video games online with his cousins and friends.

Tony's love for his children, his family and friends showed in his commitment to help whenever they were in need and if he couldn't help, he would make sure to get in contact with someone who could. He would spend his last for his children, but you wouldn't know it because he didn't want to be a bother to anyone.

During his time in Jacksonville, he worked at Maybelline for eleven months but his desire to drive trucks inspired him to pursue employment with ARDOT to get his CDL. If you ever had a conversation with him, he would ultimately say that his goal was to make enough money to get his own truck and take care of his family.

His grandparents, Thelton and Velma Glover and brother Jeremy Lara, all preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Sandra L. Glover, father, Charles R. Brown (Latrina). Three children: Daughters, Janiyah Shicole Glover, Mariah Nicole Glover and son, Antonio Terrell Glover. Brothers: Saquoyia Glover (Alisha), Carlos Brown, Andrew Brown and Rawlin Howell. Sisters: Nikia Glover (Jamal), DeShara Rowden (Dewaven), Andrea Brown, Kris'Shonda Garland and Krystal Howell. Seven aunts, one uncle and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



**JAMES K. WEBBER**

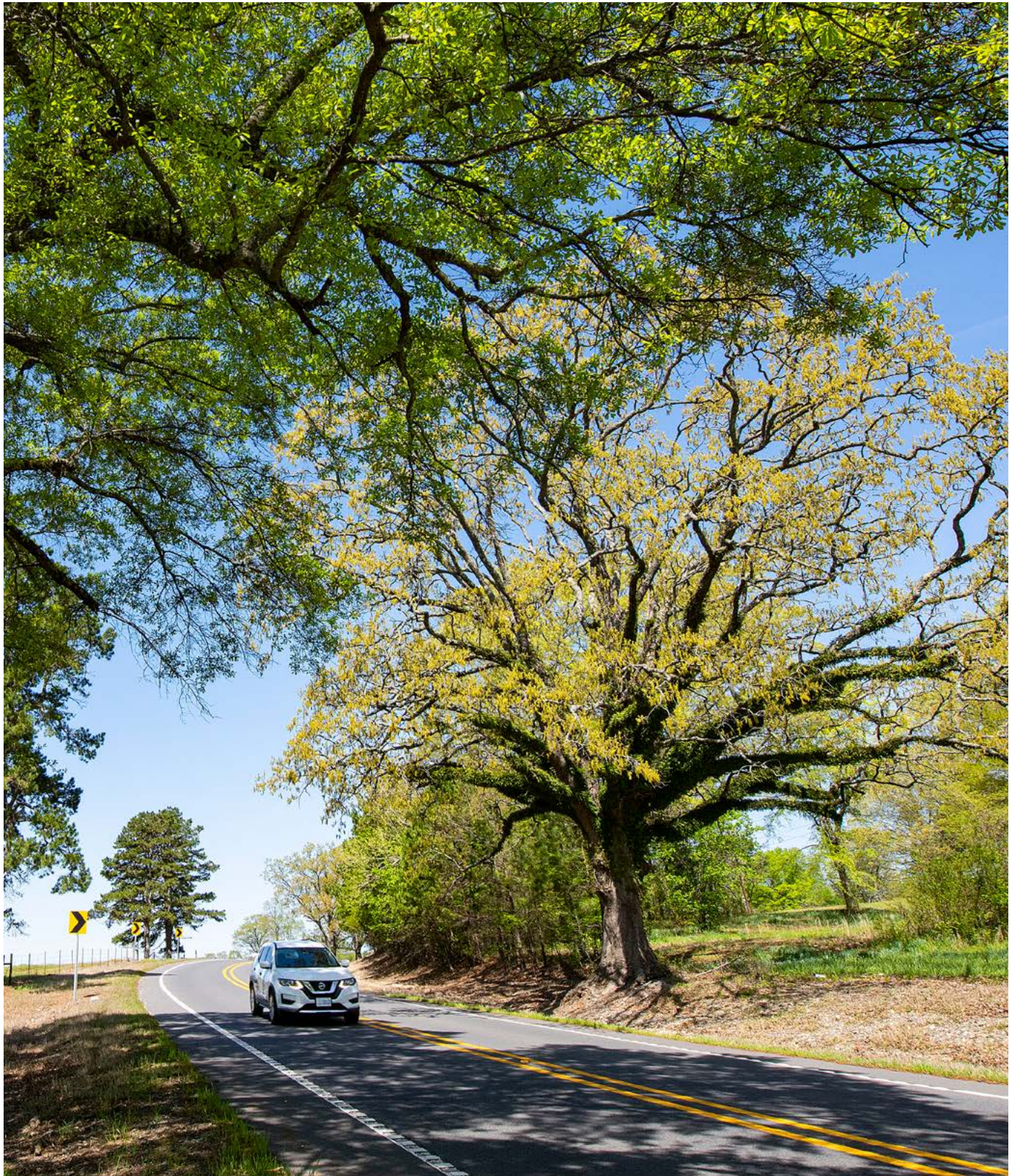
JUNE 8, 1974 - JANUARY 16, 2025

In loving memory of James K. Webber of Benton, Arkansas, who departed this world on January 16, 2025 at the age of 50. James leaves behind a legacy remembered by family and friends. Family and friends are welcome to leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

He was predeceased by: his parents, James Harold Webber and Patricia Aileen Webber (Watson); his grandparents, Alfred, Algerine Watson, Calvin and Mavis Webber; his wife Rita Webber; and his cousins, Berry Craine and Dusty Craine.

He is survived by: his daughter Lauren Webber; his stepson Shayne Barnes; his sister Beth Morrow (Bruce); and his friend Jeff Moore.

Memorials can be sent to the American Heart Association in James's honor.



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