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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 4 | WEDNESDAY
ARDOT Blood Drive
Central Office • Little Rock
2:30 PM

JUNE 12 | THURSDAY
State Rodeo Finals
Central Office • Little Rock
8 AM

JUNE 18 | WEDNESDAY
Highway Commission Meeting
Central Office • Little Rock
10 AM

JUNE 25 | WEDNESDAY
ARDOT Bid Letting
Central Office • Little Rock

JUNE 27 | FRIDAY
SASHTO Scholarship Deadline
4 PM

JULY 4 | FRIDAY
Independence Day
Offices Closed

SASHTO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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MOVING US FORWARD

AR DOT
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

YOUR STUDENT CAN APPLY FOR ONE OF 30

\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are available on ARDOT's
Human Resources Intranet page
or by email request to
jazmine.kumpe@ardot.gov

DEADLINE:

June 27, 2025, 4:00 p.m.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL SASHTO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Jazmine Kumpe in Human Resources at 501-263-7621

Applications are now being accepted through June 27, 2025, for the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) scholarship program. ARDOT is one of fourteen SASHTO member states, as well as Puerto Rico.

SASHTO provides scholarship funds annually to its member states. Over the past seven years, the program has awarded a total of \$96,500 in scholarship funds to ARDOT employees and their families.

As in previous years, thirty scholarships of \$500 each will be selected through a random drawing and awarded to dependent children of ARDOT employees for use in higher education expenses. The application process is easy – there is one brief form to complete, and no essay is required.

"I am proud that we are able to continue offering this program which helps to demonstrate ARDOT's commitment to the betterment of its employees and their families," Jared Wiley, ARDOT Director, said. "The work our dedicated employees do each day directly impacts quality of life for all who rely on our transportation system."

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, an applicant must:

- Be a dependent child of a full-time regular employee who has a minimum of two current, consecutive years of credited ARDOT service as of January 1, 2025; the dependent child of a retired employee who had a minimum of two consecutive years credited to ARDOT service upon retirement; or the dependent child of a former, full-time ARDOT employee who lost their life while on duty either through accident on the job or active military; and
- Be age seventeen through twenty-three; and
- Be accepted to and/or registered for the upcoming fall school term at an accredited college, university, vocational school or technical school as a full-time student.

The ARDOT SASHTO scholarship application form, along with more detailed information concerning eligibility requirements and administration rules, is available on the Human Resources Division's Intranet page. ♦

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

On March 19, ARDOT Maintenance Crews statewide focused their entire workday on picking up litter along our highways during a Spring Clean-Up Day initiative. The initiative corresponded with Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, one of the nation's largest community improvement programs.

Maintenance crews perform litter removal as part of their regular responsibilities. However, this initiative focused on concentrating efforts on the same day in order to call attention to Arkansas' litter problem. Despite the windy weather, crews collected 6,150 bags of litter during the Spring Clean-Up Day initiative.

Last year, staff performed over 118,000 crew hours in litter pickup-related activities, the equivalent of a five-person crew working eight weeks total in each of our 75 counties. This cost ARDOT \$5 million in salaries, equipment, and disposal fees.

A special thank you to all of our Maintenance crews for their participation in the Spring Clean-Up Day initiative which helped draw attention to this problem. For more photos of Spring Clean-Up Day, see pages 21 and 23. ♦



District 6: Isaiah Nache, Maintenance Aide II



District 6: (L. to R.) Robert Phillips, Maintenance Specialist & David Stinnett, Maintenance Engineer



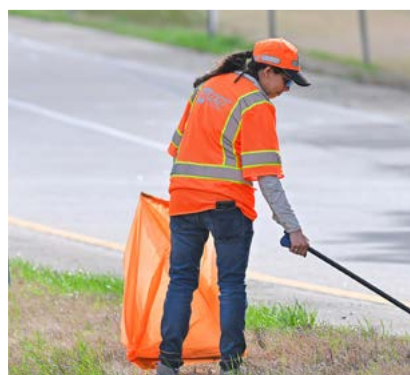
District 6: Chris Owens, General Laborer



District 6: Shon Roberts, Maintenance Aide I



District 6: Patty Wicker, Maintenance Aide I



Environmental: Katie Rose, Advanced Environmental Impact Analyst

Women ⁱⁿ STEM CONFERENCE

BY RUTHIE BERRYHILL

On Friday, April 11, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) and Arkansas On-the-Job Training and Support Services Program (OJTSS) hosted the annual Women in STEM Conference at the Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs. In its fourth year, the conference encourages young women to learn about and pursue careers in STEM.

The first conference in 2022 had 79 attendees; this year 310 people attended. Because of its growth, the event changed venues again this year to accommodate the large turnout.

Jurnee Taylor, Emmy-nominated journalist and morning reporter and noon anchor for THV11, served as the event's emcee. The conference featured a panel discussion, breakout sessions, STEM competitions, and exhibitor booths.

Jessie X. Jones, ARDOT Chief Engineer for Preconstruction, kicked off the conference with welcome remarks. Robyn Taylor, Certified Volunteer Program Manager with Keep Arkansas Beautiful, spoke to the attendees about student volunteering.

The panel discussion was moderated by Keli Wylie, ARDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Program Delivery. Panelists included Katina White, STEM Educator and founder of CultuReboot; Dr. Adita Karkera, Chief Data Officer, Government and Public Services, Deloitte Consulting LLP; Brooke Perkins, Roadway Design Lead, Jacobs; Ashly Barnett, Network Engineer, Right Fiber/Ritter Communications; and Nikki Kitchens-Morphew, Company Recruiter, Pafford Medical Services.

Morning and afternoon breakout sessions were led by Dr. Marico Bryant Howe, Chief Quality and Informatics Officer, Community Health Centers of Arkansas; Jennifer Beaty-West, Deputy Director of Scientific Operations, Arkansas State Crime Lab; Jane Hurley, Education and Outreach Specialist, Central Arkansas Water; Shannon Petrus Zehtaban, M.D., General and Trauma Surgeon,



UAMS; and Sophie Hollenberg, M.D., Hand and Nerve Surgeon, UAMS.

Between breaks, attendees visited industry exhibitors to learn more about educational and career opportunities in STEM fields. This year's industry exhibitors included Crafton Tull; Michael Baker International; Central Arkansas Water; Arkansas Tech University; Deloitte; AGC Arkansas; Division of Services for the Blind; Windstream; Pafford Medical Services; RightFiber; Terracon; Heartland Business Systems; Creative Design Concepts, Inc.; The Arkansas STEM Coalition; HNTB Corporation; University of Arkansas Little Rock; ASCL; Time Striping, Inc.; BGE, Inc.; Garver; CISCO; Keep Arkansas Beautiful; TEKsystems; CEI; Jacobs; McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Women of Asphalt; Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion, Inc.; and McCormick Works. ♦



(L. to R.) Jazmine Kumpe, ARDOT Employee Relations Coordinator, and Stephanie Wyatt, ARDOT Talent Acquisition Coordinator, visited with Women in STEM participants at the ARDOT exhibitor booth.

BYMASTER NAMED DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

Jared Bymaster was named District Maintenance Engineer for District 2 effective February 22, 2025.

Bymaster began his career with ARDOT as an intern prior to being hired as an Engineer in the Hot Springs Resident Engineer Office in September 2012. He followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Resident Engineer in the McGehee Resident Engineer Office in February 2019.

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



COTTON NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Melana Cotton was named Assistant Division Head of Program Management effective March 8, 2025.

Cotton began her career at ARDOT as an intern before being hired full time as an Engineer in the System Information and Research Division in January 2014. She followed the engineering career path and was promoted to Staff Project Development Engineer in August 2021.

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

FLEMING NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Larry Fleming was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 6 in Lonoke County effective February 8, 2025.

Fleming began his career with ARDOT as a Maintenance Aide I in December 2016. Following the maintenance career path, he was promoted to Crew Leader in July 2023. ♦



HART NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Keith Hart was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 10 in Clay County effective February 22, 2025.

Hart began his career with ARDOT as a Single Axle Truck Driver in October 2006. Following the maintenance career path, he was promoted to Crew Leader in October 2015. ♦

HEAD NAMED STAFF TRAFFIC DESIGN ENGINEER

Jacob Head was named Staff Traffic Design Engineer in the Roadway Design Division effective January 25, 2025.

Head began his career with ARDOT as an intern before being hired full-time as an Engineer in the Roadway Design Division in May 2019. In February 2024, he was promoted to Senior Traffic Design Engineer.

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



JONES NAMED SHOP SUPERVISOR

James Jones was named Shop Supervisor for District 2 effective February 22, 2025.

Jones began his career with ARDOT as a Maintenance Aide I in October 2021. He was promoted to Maintenance Aide II in September 2022 and Advanced Mechanic in August 2024. ♦

PRICE NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Neal Price was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 3 in Pike County effective March 8, 2025.

Price began his career with ARDOT as a Single Axle Truck Driver in November 2003. Following the maintenance career path, he was promoted to Crew Leader in March 2019. ♦



PULLEY NAMED AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

TJ Pulley was named Area Maintenance Supervisor for District 1 in Crittenden County 1 effective April 5, 2025.

Pulley began his career with ARDOT as a Station Attendant in May 2014. Following the maintenance career path, he was promoted to Crew Leader for St. Francis County in June 2024. ♦



GO ORANGE DAY

2025

BRIDGE



Bridge Operations
Division

BRIDGE OPERATIONS



HUMAN RESOURCES





MAINTENANCE

MATERIALS



PROGRAM MANAGEMENT



TSMO

DISTRICT 1





DISTRICT 1



DISTRICT 2



DISTRICT 2



DISTRICT 3



DISTRICT 4



DISTRICT 5



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DISTRICT 7



DISTRICT 8



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DISTRICT 10



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1. BRIDGE OPERATIONS: (L. to R.) Kevin Weston, Assistant Division Head, presents Ricky Frazier, Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year Service Award.

2. BRIDGE OPERATIONS: (L. to R.) Sam McIntare, Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, receives his 20-year Service Award from Kevin Weston, Assistant Division Head.

3. MAINTENANCE: (L. to R.) Mina Awadalla, State Facilities Management Engineer, presents Sherman Whittle, Facilities Management Project Coordinator, with his 15-year Service Award.

4. SURVEYS: (L. to R.) Kramer Rhodes, Photogrammetry Section Head, presents Daniel Arnold, Photogrammetry Specialist, with his 15-year Service Award.

5. TSMO: (L. to R.) Monica Saffle, TMC Manager, presents Hunter Cody, Senior TMC Operator, with his 5-year Service Award.

6. TSMO: (L. to R.) Monica Saffle, TMC Manager, receives her 20-year Service Award from Joseph D. Hawkins, TSMO Division Head.

7. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Jeff Adams, District Construction Engineer, and Tommy Hartsell, Resident Engineer, RE 11, present Jonathan Holland, Senior Inspector, RE 11, with his 20-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

8. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Joey Barnett, Special Maintenance Superintendent, and Jason Willis, District Maintenance Superintendent, present Jeff Warren, Skilled Trades Apprentice, with his 5-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

9. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Robert Gray, Area Maintenance Supervisor, Phillips County, presents Kenneth Strayhorn, Maintenance Aide II, with his 5-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.



10. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) John Loude, Former Area Maintenance Supervisor, Crittenden County, presents Terry Wedgeworth, Rest Area Attendant, with his 5-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

11. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Scott Walton, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents James Roland, Mechanic, with his 10-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

12. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Scott Walton, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Lucas Crosby, Mechanic, with his 5-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

13. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Scott Walton, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Jim Moore, Senior Mechanic, with his 15-year Service Award with Cannon Callicott, District Engineer.

14. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Cannon Callicott, District Engineer, presents Tommy Hartsell, Resident Engineer, RE 11, with his 20-year Service Award with Jeff Adams, Construction Engineer.

15. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Dale Williams, Maintenance Aide II, Special Maintenance Crew, receives his 15-year Service Award from Joey Barnett, Superintendent.

16. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Robert "RJ" Johnson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, St. Francis County, presents TJ Pulley, Crew Leader, with his 10-year Service Award.

17. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Russell Smith, Welder, receives his 10-year Service Award from Jim Moore, Senior Mechanic.

18. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Donald Duncan, Construction Aide, RE 11, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brian Tooke, Assistant Resident Engineer.



19. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Brian Tooke, Assistant Resident Engineer, RE 11, presents Kevin Seals, Senior Inspector, with his 15-year Service Award.

20. DISTRICT 1: (L. to R.) Will Harris, Resident Engineer, RE 13, presents Sonya Rose, Construction Materials Inspector, with her 20-year Service Award.

21. DISTRICT 3: (L. to R.) Jason Efird, Resident Engineer, RE 31, presents Caleb Coulter, Inspector, RE 31 with his 5-year Service Award.

22. DISTRICT 3: (L. to R.) Jason Efird, Resident Engineer, RE 31, presents Dwayne Turner, Construction Materials Inspector, RE 31, with his 5-year Service Award.

23. DISTRICT 3: (L. to R.) Jeff Featherston, Maintenance Specialist,

receives his 40-year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

24. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.) Kenny Caldwell, Shop Supervisor, receives his 30-year Service Pin from Tony Derrick, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

25. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Tom Hixon, Mechanic, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Dennis Connors, Equipment Supervisor.

26. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Stacy Burge, District Engineer, presents Renae Whiteside, Administrative Assistant, with her 10-year Service Award.

27. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.) Dennis Connors, Equipment Supervisor, presents Paige Hudson, Station Attendant, with her 5-year Service Award.

ON THE JOB



1. MAINTENANCE: The Grounds Crew was recently awarded an Annual Team Safety Award for Calendar Year 2024.



2. MAINTENANCE: The Building Maintenance Crew was recently awarded an Annual Team Safety Award for Calendar Year 2024.



3. MAINTENANCE: The Janitorial Crew was recently awarded an Annual Team Safety Award for Calendar Year 2024.



4. MATERIALS: On Wednesday, March 12, members of Women of Asphalt met for a group lunch hosted by Rogers Group at their Cabot Asphalt plant. Rogers Group demonstrated paving operations and gave a tour of the facility. The Materials Division employees that attended were Evelyn Black, Jacie Jordan, Megan Fuller, Cynthia Pearson, Lurn Brawley, Tanya Hasley, Lakisha Rice, and Patrick Cagle.

ON THE JOB



5 - 9. DISTRICT 1: District One crew members did a remarkable job during the 2025 ARDOT Statewide Spring Clean-Up Day.

10. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals Team Champions, Seal Crew (L. to R.): Austin Newsom, Anthony Glory, Larry Logsdon, Daron Tranthom, Jeremy Jackson, David Watts, Lena Rhoades, Terri Sheets, Wyatt Duboise, and Josh Pinter.

ON THE JOB



11. DISTRICT 4: The 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals Overall Team Champions were Seal Crew, first place; Washington 1, second place; and Sebastian 1, third place. Pictured with their awards, (L. to R.): Jimmie Jetton, Washington 1, Jeremy Jackson, Seal Crew; and Danny Loyd, Sebastian 1.

12. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Backhoe Event (L. to R.): Jacob Varner, first place; Michael Frazier, second place; and Austin Newson, third place.

13. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Skid Steer Event (L. to R.): Jacob Parks, first place; Larry Logsdon, second place; and Trent Cox, third place.

14. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Motor Patrol Event (L. to R.): Tyler Sanders, first place; Kevin Jones, second place; and Cody Nena, third place.

15. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Tractor Event (L. to R.): Dakota Sullivan, first place; Matt Pruitt, second place; and Jeremy Jackson, third place.

16. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Single Axle Event (L. to R.): Caleb Schork, first place; Harrison Gabbard, second place; and Danny Loyd, third place.

17. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Tandem Axle Event (L. to R.): Sarah Marker, first place; Josh Pinter, second place; and Josh Hutchens, third place.

18. DISTRICT 4: Winners of the 2025 District Rodeo Semifinals in the Lowboy Event (L. to R.): Tyler Sanders, first place; Cody Nena, second place; and Anthony Glory, third place.

ON THE JOB



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19. DISTRICT 4: Members of 04652, 04000, and 04001 collected 20 cubic yards of trash during ARDOT's Statewide Spring Clean-Up Day, part of The Great American Cleanup.



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20. DISTRICT 6: District employees celebrated St. Patrick's Day by wearing green. (L. to R., Back Row): Keith Goff, District Construction Engineer; Hunter Lake, District Engineer; Melissa Cargile, Storeroom Supervisor; and Tristian Harris, Storeroom Assistant. (L. to R., Front Row): Deborah Lawrence, Administrative Assistant; Maddie Walters, Lead Storeroom Assistant; Debra Veuleman, Storeroom Assistant; Michelle Garcia, District Clerk; Desiree Fontenot, HR Specialist; and Shelly Bradley, Office Manager.



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21. DISTRICT 7: The Rawls family from District 7 has been active in the Roдео for years—starting in 2016 when Marilyn and her twin daughters, Marly and Myla, cheered on Steven in the Single Axle Truck event. This year, the whole family competed in the District 7 Roдео.

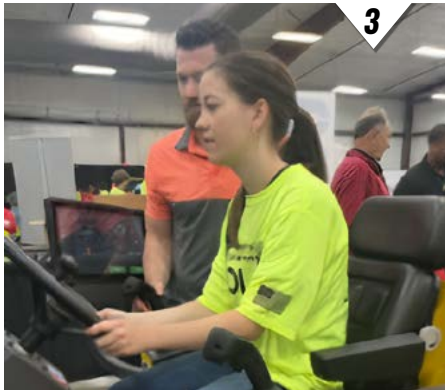
FAMILY FOCUS



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1. DISTRICT 1: Grayson Paul Mooney was born on February 27, 2024, weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches. He is the son of Tisha and Rodney Mooney, Phillips County Maintenance Specialist.

2. DISTRICT 5: John Travis stopped by to see his daddy, Albert Ashford, Area Headquarters Attendant, at the Izard County Area Headquarters.

3. DISTRICT 8: Russellville High School 10th grade student, Marley McClanahan, attended the Central Arkansas Construction Career Day at the Conway Expo Center. She is pictured sitting on ARDOT's equipment simulator, facilitated by Chris Boren, District 8 Health and Safety.

4. DISTRICT 9: Kaylee Bryant, daughter of Dusty Bryant, District Sealing Crew Leader, and Jodi Bryant, District Bookkeeper, competed in the Nationals Elk Hoop Shoot in Chicago, Illinois. Kaylee placed second in the competition.

5. DISTRICT 9: Asa Sterling Price was born April 4, 2025, weighing 7.7 pounds and measuring 20 inches. He is the grandson of Felice Dennis, Office Tech, District 9, RE 95.



The reports listed are from the months of February and March 2025, unless noted.

NEW EMPLOYEES:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Erica Coleman, Patrol Officer;
Dwayne Hines, Security Guard;
Robert Smallwood, Patrol Officer;
Terry Taylor, Patrol Officer; Jimmy
Watson, Patrol Officer; Jamal
Westbrook, Patrol Officer

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Matthew Bowman, Heavy Bridge
Repairer; Jakob Dever, Heavy
Bridge Repairer; Riley House, Bridge
Management Specialist; Daryl Quinn,
Heavy Bridge Repairer

CIVIL RIGHTS

Victoria Wilson, Investigative EEO
Specialist

CONSTRUCTION

Yookyung Chang, Construction
Systems Specialist; Tyson Davis,
Construction Aide; Luke Dills,
Engineer; Kelly Garner, Construction
Aide; Kelvin McGee, Engineer;
Joshua Nicholson, Inspector; Jon
Patterson, Construction Aide; Clayton
Riley, Construction Aide; Kshitiz
Risal, Engineer; Brendan White,
Construction Aide

CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Leslie Beckham, Administrative
Assistant; Sanika Shreekar Gowaikar,
Advanced Consultant Contracts Data
Analyst; Bhuvika Marri, Advanced
Consultant Contracts Data Analyst

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Kenneth Roy, Advanced Mechanic

FISCAL SERVICES

Rashauna Trigg, Accountant

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Myron Jackson, IT Support Specialist

LEGAL

John Michael Bynum, Staff Attorney;
Courtney Wallace, Legal Technician

MAINTENANCE

Zomoore Campbell, Sign Erector II;
Mark Englerth, Pavement Data
Collection Tech; Braden Graddy,
Pavement Data Collection Tech;
Kavya Kompella, Asset Management
Data Analyst; Sai Krishna Marri,
Asset Management Data Analyst;
Noah Orais, Sign Fabricator; Mark
Pruitt, Sign Erector II; Adam Rogers,
Sign Fabricator; Nicholas Wideman,
Emergency Management Planner

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Khawaja. Atif Naseem, Engineer

RIGHT OF WAY

Debora Greene, Closing Agent;
Herbert Montgomery, Relocation
Coordinator; Annalise Rocco, Office
Aide

ROADWAY DESIGN

Mithu Chanda, Engineer; Austin Petty,
Engineer

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Kerin Bair, Office Aide

DISTRICT 1

Shannon Brewer, Maintenance Aide I;
Stefon Brooks, Maintenance Aide II;
Preston Lambert, Maintenance Aide I;
Lawson McKnight, Maintenance
Aide I; Stephen McKnight Jr.,
Maintenance Aide I; Robert Melton,
Maintenance Aide I; Veunika Moody,
Station Attendant; Paul Pierce,
Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 2

Tyren Bell, Maintenance Aide I;
Adagio Cheeter, Maintenance Aide I;
Justin Frazee, Maintenance Aide I;
Fisher Hale, Maintenance Aide I;

Addison Lindsey, Maintenance Aide I;
Joesph Reaves, Maintenance Aide I;
Hayden Rushing, Maintenance Aide I;
Quantel Shields, Maintenance Aide I;
Mark Yenor, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 3

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Hawkins, Maintenance Aide I; Alyssa
Kisselburg, District Clerk; Paula
Rosenbaum, Security Guard; Ethan
Sullivan, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4

Steven Barrett, Maintenance Aide I;
Dustin Carter, Maintenance Aide I;
Noah Cotton, Maintenance Aide I;
Allyn Halterman, Mechanic; Tashina
Helton, Maintenance Aide I; John
Miller, Maintenance Aide I; Keith
Richter, Mechanic

DISTRICT 5

Christian Howard, Maintenance
Aide I; Seth Noblett, Maintenance
Aide I; Rebecca Winkle, District Clerk

DISTRICT 6

Phillip Gangluff, Maintenance Aide II;
Jill Long, Area HQ Attendant; Donna
Maxfield, Rest Area Attendant;
Chad McNanna, Maintenance Aide I;
Kristian Reed, Storeroom Assistant;
Jeffery Rogers, Maintenance Aide I;
Darius Washington, Maintenance
Aide I; John Whitehead, Maintenance
Aide II; Tyshon Williams, Station
Attendant-Non-CDL

DISTRICT 7

Micheal Biggers, Maintenance Aide I;
Eric Lovette, Station Attendant;
Christopher Rawls, District Caretaker

DISTRICT 8

Shelly Ellison, Area HQ Attendant;
Baron Higgs, Maintenance Aide I;
Johnathan Hill, Maintenance Aide I;
Mario Jacobs, Mechanic; Lydia

Montoya, Maintenance Aide I;
Benjamin Watts, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 9

William Cooper, Maintenance Aide I;
Brett Eddings, Maintenance Aide I;
Devin Greenhaw, Maintenance Aide I;
Garrett Hill, Maintenance Aide I;
Scott Ingraham, Maintenance Aide I;
Thomas Jenkins, Maintenance Aide I;
Brendan Mix, Maintenance Aide I;
Luke Sivells, Maintenance Aide I;
Nathan Sunderlage, Maintenance
Aide I; William Vanderpool,
Maintenance Aide I; Joseph Wuertz,
Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 10

James Brotemarkle, Storeroom
Assistant; Michael Diggs,
Maintenance Aide II; Nathan Fisher,
Maintenance Aide II; Jay Gipson,
Storeroom Assistant; Kiandre
Jackson, Maintenance Aide I; Eddie
Munn, Maintenance Aide II; William
Palmer, Maintenance Aide I; Gavin
Rook, Maintenance Aide I

PROMOTIONS:

PRECONSTRUCTION

Estela Alcaraz, Executive Assistant

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Christopher Carter, Heavy Bridge
Repairer; Cash Harrison, Heavy
Bridge Repairer; Jaxon Melton, Heavy
Bridge Repairer; Jacob Standridge,
Bridge Management Specialist

CONSTRUCTION

Payton Andrews, Advanced
Construction Aide; Bryan Brown,
Senior Inspector; Kolton Douglas,
Advanced Construction Aide; Bryan
Duncan, Senior Inspector; Cindy
Green, Senior Construction Materials
Inspector; Katrina Heaggans,
Estimates Analyst; Megan Jennings,
Advanced Resident Office Technician;

William Long, Inspector; Garrett
Morgan, Senior Inspector; Michelle
Morrison, Construction Aide; Charles
Nesbitt, Advanced Construction
Aide; Hailey Nesbitt, Advanced
Construction Aide; Chelsea Pepper,
Construction Materials Inspector;
Chad Ratton, Inspector; Diane
Reynolds, Estimates Analyst; Aaron
Robinson, Advanced Construction
Aide; Ricky Rose, Inspector; Sonya
Rose, Senior Construction Materials
Inspector; Brandy Stormes, Inspector;
Benjamin Vaughn, Advanced
Construction Field Engineer; Joey
Waldrup, III, Construction Materials
Inspector; Spencer Wendland,
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Audits & Payments

ENVIRONMENTAL

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Water Quality Technician; Sarah
Hallett, Advanced Natural Resources
Specialist

HUMAN RESOURCES

Craig Lawson, Senior Health and
Safety Officer; William Smith,
Senior Health and Safety Officer;
Tate Williams, Talent Acquisition
Administrator

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Cassidy Isgrigg, Local Programs
Technician

MAINTENANCE

Tony Lea, Pavement Profiler Operator

MATERIALS

Andrew McBride, Senior Materials
Technician

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Melana Cotton, Assistant Division
Head; Pamela Scroggins, Senior
Project Coordination Data Analyst

RIGHT OF WAY

Samuel Bartolotta, ROW Acquisition
Specialist; Regina Sikora, ROW
Acquisition Specialist; Sonya
Washington, ROW Acquisition
Specialist

SURVEYS

Wesley Turner, Advanced Surveys
Aide

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Adrian Bump, TMC Operator;
Jerome Wallace, Jr., Pavement Data
Collection Technician

DISTRICT 1

Kyle Jones, Crew Leader; Gavin
Middleton, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 2

John Brown, III, Lead Bridge
Repairer; Jared Bymaster, District
Maintenance Engineer; Brandon
James, Crew Leader; James Jones,
Shop Supervisor; Judge Moore, Jr.,
Crew Leader; William Rawls,
Maintenance Aide II; Hunter Rice,
Maintenance Aide II; Cody Shadden,
Bridge Inspector; KeeShawn Smith,
Maintenance Aide II; Chase Wells,
Maintenance Specialist

DISTRICT 3

Gregory Allen, Crew Leader; James
Clark, Maintenance Aide II; Matthew
Glasgow, Maintenance Aide II; Robert
Henderson, Maintenance Aide II; Joe
Jester, Bookkeeper; Theresa Mack,
Advanced Area HQ Attendant; Neal
Price, Area Maintenance Supervisor;
Mark Sennett, Maintenance Aide II;
Antonia Silva, Advanced Area HQ
Attendant; Stacy Webb, Tractor
Trailer Driver

**DISTRICT 4**

Wyatt Duboise, Maintenance Aide II;
Anthony Glory, Maintenance Aide II

DISTRICT 5

Colton Bolser, Maintenance Aide II;
Adam Boozer, Maintenance Aide II;
James Bradley, Maintenance Aide II;
Aaron Fletcher, Maintenance
Specialist; Samuel Gates,
Maintenance Specialist; Joshua
Harness, Maintenance Specialist;
Logan Lawrence, Maintenance
Aide II; Ethan Porter, Maintenance
Aide II; DJ Shewbuirt, Maintenance
Aide II; Ethan Wilmoth, Maintenance
Aide II

DISTRICT 6

Demahni Allen, Maintenance Aide II;
Ajay Anderson, Crew Leader; Bean
Ante, Sr., Mechanic; Aron Dentmon,
Maintenance Aide II; Larry Fleming,
Area Maintenance Supervisor; Joe
Hirscheider, Maintenance Aide II;
Jordan Stewart, Maintenance
Aide II; Ramona Stivers, Advanced
Area HQ Attendant; Rylan Valencia,
Maintenance Aide II; Caitlyn
Whitfield, Area HQ Attendant

DISTRICT 7

Kiondre Burnell, Maintenance
Specialist; Daterrean Curtis,
Maintenance Aide II; Colton Fleming,
Maintenance Specialist; Keith Gulley,
Maintenance Aide II; Jacob Harcrow,
Maintenance Aide II; Duke Hardy,
Maintenance Aide II; Thomas Jeffus,
Advanced Mechanic; Danny Johnson,
Maintenance Aide II; Robert Mitchell,
Maintenance Aide II; Robert Smith,
Maintenance Aide II; Mark Welch,
Maintenance Aide II; Scott Wideman,
Maintenance Aide II; Boyd Woody,
Mechanic; Kenneth Workman,
Advanced Mechanic

DISTRICT 8

Christopher Carter, Heavy Bridge
Repairer; Cody Hill, Maintenance
Aide II; Joseph Shamsie, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 9

Shiloh Dasen, Maintenance
Aide II; Derek Farmer, Advanced
Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical
Rep - Facilities; Kristin Garmers,
Maintenance Aide II; Timothy
Hedrick, Maintenance Specialist;
Nick Patterson, Maintenance Aide II;
Stephen Wheeler, Maintenance
Aide II

DISTRICT 10

Kevin Aaron, Maintenance Aide II;
Dustin Carter, Tractor Trailer Driver;
Greg Garner, Maintenance Aide II;
Elijah Hardin, Maintenance Aide II;
Ronald Hart, Area Maintenance
Supervisor; Savannah Kunath,
Maintenance Aide II; Matthew
Leonard, Jr., Maintenance Aide II;
Treston Lyles, Maintenance Aide II;
Kameron Newberry, Maintenance
Aide II; Keenan Plunk, Maintenance
Aide II; Charles Roberts, Jr.,
Maintenance Aide II; Hunter Santos,
Maintenance Aide II; Charles
Schroeder, Jr., Maintenance
Specialist; Cory Shaw, Senior Bridge
Inspector

SERVICE AWARDS:**ADMINISTRATION**

Jewell Rapier, Executive Assistant,
5+ years

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Adam Christy, Patrol Officer 1st Class,
5+ years; Brandon Dehart, Motor
Carrier Safety Inspector, 15+ years;
Afton Fletcher, Patrol Officer 1st
Class, 5+ years; Jamie Glanton,
Sergeant, 5+ years; Brooke Lloyd,

Patrol Officer 1st Class, 5+ years;
Blake Nesbitt, Patrol Officer 1st Class,
5+ years; Benny Oliver, Patrol Officer
1st Class, 5+ years; Scott Parrish,
Patrol Officer 1st Class, 5+ years;
Jayson Peppas, Patrol Officer 1st
Class, 5+ years; Latoya Winfrey,
Lieutenant, 15+ years

BENEFITS & COMPENSATION

Lanecia Weston, Senior Retirement
Admin, 25+ years

BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Jonathan Blasioli, Heavy Bridge
Repairer, 5+ years; Kellie Ingram,
Crew Leader, 5+ years

COMMUNICATIONS

Aimee Goode, Advanced Graphic
Design Specialist, 10+ years

CONSTRUCTION

Dakota Allen, Inspector, 5+ years;
Casey Chastain, Resident Engineer,
25+ years; Michael Foster, Senior
Inspector, 25+ years; Daniel Huett,
Resident Engineer, 20+ years;
Megan Jennings, Resident Office
Tech, 5+ years; Clint Morris, Senior
Inspector, 20+ years; Chelsea
Pepper, Advanced Construction Aide,
10+ years; Bryce Reeks, Assistant
Resident Engineer, 10+ years;
Jacob Sant, Construction Project
Coordinator, 10+ years; Scott Sexton,
Senior Construction Materials
Inspector, 10+ years

CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Jordan Holman, Accounting
Assistant, 10+ years; Diane Reynolds,
Contract Specialist, 10+ years;

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Ronald Nichols, Central Shop Finish
Carpenter, 5+ years

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chad Hall, HR Systems Administrator, 5+ years

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Kellie Simpson, Local Programs Specialist, 5+ years

MAINTENANCE

Gary Hester, Assistant Striping Superintendent, 25+ years; Linda Howard, Sign Fabricator, 10+ years; Bill Sparkman, Striping Machine Driver, 10+ years

MATERIALS

Ezekiel Barnes, Materials Technician, 5+ years

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Hunter Lipton, Senior Traffic Safety Engineer, 5+ years; Katherine Rasmussen, Administrative Assistant, 10+ years

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Justin Lester, Senior Program Management Engineer, 10+ years

RIGHT OF WAY

Diane Barsotti, ROW Acquisition Agent, 5+ years; Samuel Bartolotta, Lead ROW Acquisition Agent, 10+ years; Catherine Mitchell, Section Head-ROW Administration, 10+ years

SURVEYS

William Fields, Photogrammetry Tech, 5+ years; Desmond Miller, Surveys Aide, 5+ years; Steven Wrigley, Surveys Crew Supervisor, 40+ years

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

Cameron Herring, Senior TMC Operator, 5+ years

DISTRICT 1

Dennis Carter, Senior Mechanic, 15+ years; Bobby Mcgee, Lead Station

Attendant, 20+ years; Bernice Parker, Area HQ Attendant, 10+ years

DISTRICT 2

Sammie Green, Rest Area Attendant, 15+ years; Robert Lunsford, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years; Randal Parrott, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Cody Shadden, Lead Bridge Repairer, 5+ years

DISTRICT 3

David Austin, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years; Vincent Brzeski, Sign Crew Supervisor, 20+ years; Chad Hodges, Bridge Maintenance Superintendent, 30+ years; Gage Hoover, Mechanic, 5+ years

DISTRICT 4

David Elam, Advanced Area HQ Attendant, 10+ years; Kenneth Freeman, Crew Leader, 10+ years; Donnie Meadors, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years; Danny Williams, Jr., Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years

DISTRICT 5

Christopher Ford, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Cecil Meggs, Jr., Maintenance Specialist, 25+ years; Jeremy Mulderig, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years

DISTRICT 6

Lawrence Hobbs, Sr., Maintenance Specialist, 25+ years; Paddy O'donnell, Maintenance Aide II, 10+ years; Eric Sibole, Bridge Inspector, 10+ years; Debra Veuleman, Storeroom Assistant, 5+ years; Moses Waiters, Maintenance Specialist, 20+ years

DISTRICT 8

Jessie Chronister, Jr., Senior Mechanic, 15+ years; Rhett Franks, Senior Bridge Inspector, 15+ years; Robert Hale, Maintenance Specialist,

35+ years; Terry Johnsgard, Maintenance Specialist, 15+ years; Peter White, Advanced Area HQ Attendant, 5+ years

DISTRICT 9

Nathan Daniels, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20+ years; Joseph Edwards, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; James Keeton, District Maintenance Superintendent, 30+ years; Kylan McCutcheon, Crew Leader, 15+ years; Jessie Pendergraft, Maintenance Aide II, 5+ years

DISTRICT 10

Diedra Crossno, Maintenance Specialist, 5+ years; Richard Jones, Senior Bridge Inspector, 20+ years; Scotty Rogers, Maintenance Specialist, 10+ years

RETIREMENTS:

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Larry Curtis, Sergeant, 23+ years; Nancy Harmon, Captain, 37+ years

CONSTRUCTION

Willie Holdern, Senior Construction Materials Inspector, 20+ years

CONSTRUCTION

Charles Tallman, Jr., Construction Project Coordinator, 38+ years; Angela Undiener, Resident Office Tech, 30+ years

HUMAN RESOURCES

Shannon Peeples, Personnel Audit Administrator, 18+ years

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Teri Cantrell, Administrative Assistant, 31+ years

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Timothy Mahan, Geospatial Specialist, 37+ years

DISTRICT 1

Thomas Grafton, Lead Storeroom Assistant, 7+ years

DISTRICT 2

John Brown, Jr., Bridge Inspector, 29+ years

DISTRICT 3

Jeffery Featherston, Maintenance Specialist, 40+ years; Michael Funderburk, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 43+ years; Jeff Otis, Crew Leader, 37+ years; Sheila Tippitt, Bookkeeper, 23+ years

DISTRICT 4

Tony Sill, Rest Area Attendant, 15+ years

DISTRICT 5

James Griffis, Maintenance Specialist, 29+ years; Sandra Nicholas, Advanced Area HQ Attendant, 22+ years

DISTRICT 6

Michael Byrd, Senior Bridge Inspector, 33+ years

DISTRICT 7

Gregory Strange, Crew Leader, 20+ years

DISTRICT 8

Seth Houghton, Sealing Superintendent, 28+ years; David Smith, Maintenance Specialist, 18+ years

MEMORIALS:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

John Dailey, 2/14/2025, Retired

RIGHT OF WAY

Jackie Stephenson, 1/17/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 1

John Andrews, 3/6/2025, Retired; Floyd Eskridge, Jr., 2/25/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 2

Lawrence Crift, 2/23/2025, Retired; Leroy Lunsford, 2/5/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 3

Harold Shaddox, 3/5/2025, Retired; Robin Stuart, 3/6/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 4

Gary Carte, 2/6/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 5

Thomas Huie, 1/21/2025, Retired; Neal McCandlis, 3/26/2025, Retired; Hershel Smith, 3/15/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 6

Mike Bradshaw, 3/16/2025, Retired; Harvey Peterson, 2/28/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 7

Thomas Hollis, 1/23/2025, Retired; Harold Mosley, 1/30/2025, Retired

DISTRICT 8

Michael Guess, 3/11/2025, Active

DISTRICT 10

Earl Bragg, 2/17/2025, Retired



MICHEAL JON GUESS

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Micheal Jon Guess, 62, of Knoxville, Arkansas passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born on February 11, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the late Charles and Martha (Sams) Guess.

Those who were close to Micheal say that he was a football and Age of Empire video game enthusiast, who loved his dog Gentry and enjoyed family gatherings. Micheal was a veteran of the Army and will be honored with a flag to his family for that service.

Micheal was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his daughters, Patricia Smith, Tadrian Guess, and Elizabeth Teague; a son, Micheal Guess II; many grandkids who know him as "Papa Eat;" and many more family and friends that will forever cherish his memories.



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