

Wallis named ODOT's Division One Employee of the Quarter FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Sam Wallis, a 24 year veteran of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, was recently named Employee of the Quarter for the agency's eight-county Division One. Wallis is a Transportation Superintendent II at the division headquarters in Muskogee and oversees highway maintenance in Muskogee County. He was nominated for the award anonymously by a fellow co-worker.

"Sam is always putting safety first," the anonymous co-worker who nominated him said. "He makes sure that he wears his vest and has the lights on the vehicle on when getting out."

Wallis also has a reputation as a helpful manager, who works with other county maintenance crews on jobs that would normally require being contracted out, saving time and money.

Wallis and his wife, Gloria, live in Muskogee and have three sons, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He enjoys fishing and riding horses in his spare time.

The "Employee of the Quarter" is an internal award recognizing dedication and hard work and is given to exceptional employees who consistently exhibit the highest standards in job performance.

Division One employees are nominated by coworkers for the award. The division, based in Muskogee, encompasses Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah and Wagoner counties.

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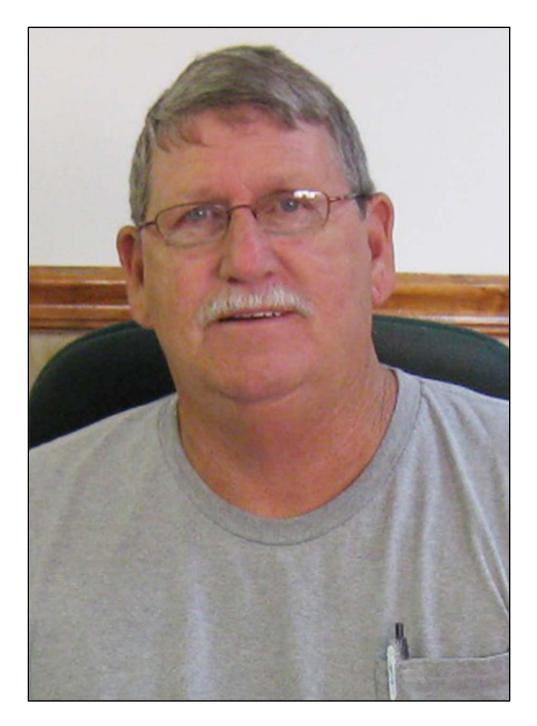
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