



Employee of the Year
2007-2008

James R. “Rooster” Tolbert – Pulaski County Public Schools

The selection committee respectfully requests that James R. “Rooster” Tolbert, bus driver, be named as Employee of the Year for 2007-2008. “Rooster” has been an employee of Pulaski County Public Schools for many years. He began as a custodian at Dublin Primary in 1957, moved to Newbern Elementary as custodian and bus driver, then to the bus garage. In 1976, he left the school system and became a deputy for the sheriff’s department. When he retired from law enforcement in 1996, Rooster returned to Pulaski County High School as a Cougar Assistant. He is currently driving a regular bus route.

Mr. Tolbert was our Employee of the Month for October. He is an outstanding bus driver who takes a personal interest in not only the safety and cleanliness of the buses but in always doing his best to make sure that all students know that he cares about them. He greets each person with a smile and encouraging words.

“Rooster” always exhibits a positive attitude and is able to see humor in nearly all situations. He represented his colleagues on the Classified Roundtable and always tried to solve problems in a “win-win” way. “Rooster” is highly respected and one of his nominator’s states: “Rooster is a joy to be around. We all feel fortunate to know and work with him.”

Mr. Tolbert plans to retire at the end of this year, and he will be truly missed by students, friends and colleagues. His contributions reflect great credit on himself and all employees of Pulaski County Public Schools.