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Jill BOBO



Jill Bobo holds dual titles as executive director of the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation and the university's director of Advancement. She grew up in Arkadelphia and graduated from Arkadelphia High School, and later graduated from Ouachita Baptist University with a major in Marketing and a minor in Accounting. Prior to working at UAHT, Bobo had spent two years working for an advertising agency in Little Rock, and 12 years as a regional pharmaceutical sales representative. Among Bobo's numerous civic, volunteer, and community service efforts include the Hope- Hempstead County Chamber Contact Committee, First United Methodist Preschool Board member and Sunday School teacher, Hempstead-Lafayette Single Parent Scholarship Board, Beads, Bags committee chair, 2016 Leadership Texarkana graduate, Executive Leader for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Arkansas, David Adams Memorial Board Member, Southwest College Bookstore Association Trustee, and assistant coach in Hope T-ball league. Bobo was also recently recognized as one of the "40 under 40" by Texarkana Four States Magazine.

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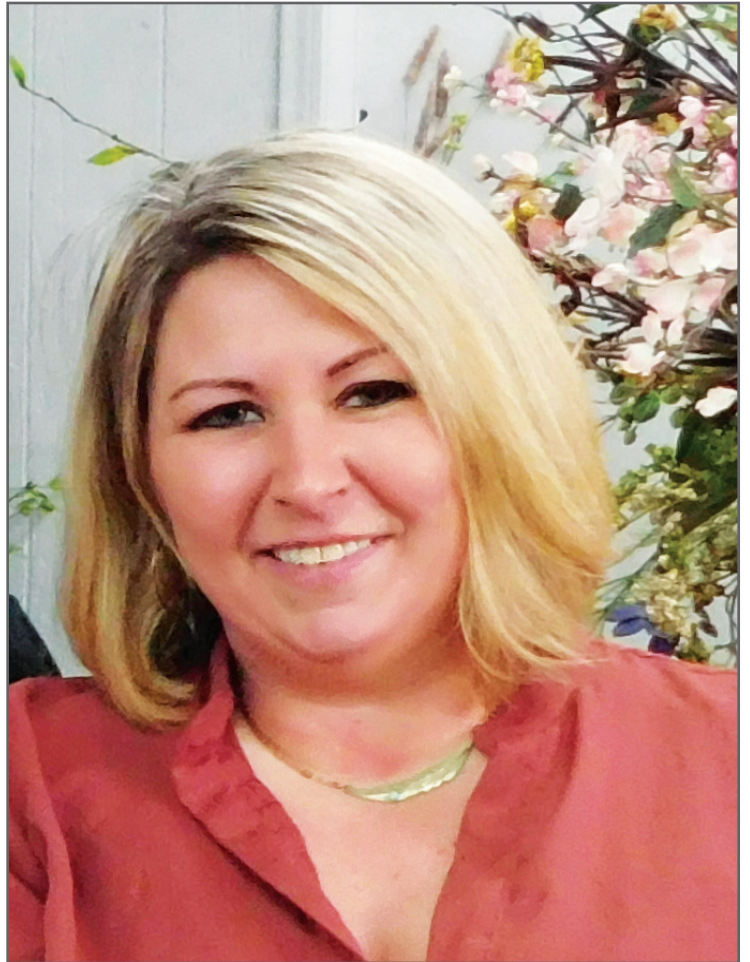


Mitch BOBO



Mitchell "Mitch" Bobo is general manager of Bobo and Bain Construction, and he is also the current President of the Hope/Hempstead Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Hope High School and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a BS in Business Administration, and since graduation, he has assumed operations of the family business. As local general contractors, Bobo's company specializes in utilities and dirt work. Bobo has served on the Hope/Hempstead Chamber of Commerce board of directors in several capacities, and he has also served on the Hope Planning & Zoning Commission. He has also been a board member of the Arkansas Leukemia Lymphoma Society, David Adams Memorial Fund, and First United Methodist Church in Hope. After spearheading efforts to raise \$400,000 for LLS, Bobo was honored as 2015 Man of the Year for LLS.

Bitsy CARTER



Bitsy Carter is co-owner of Hope Floral, and she is also a pianist at First United Methodist Church of Hope. She attended Ouachita Baptist University and attended the Teleflora Education Center for Contemporary Weddings, European Design, Floral Accounting and Business Summit. Carter has also been a Floral educator in commenting, teaching and judging. She was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 2010-2011 and president of the Southwest Arkansas Arts Council in 2008-2009. Her other activities have included the Beads, Bags and Bangles Fundraiser Committee for UAHT Kids College and Hope High School Bobcat Booster Club. Carter has won numerous professional awards and accolades including AIFD distinction, American Institute of Floral Design since 2013, AAF distinction, American Academy of Floristry since 2012, AMF distinction, Arkansas Master Florist since 1999, Professional Certified Florist (PCF), Certified Floral Designer (CFD), 2015-2016 Arkansas Florists Association State President, 2010 Arkansas Floral Designer of the Year, 2012 Arkansas Floral Designer of the Year and 2013 National Floral Designer of the Year.

Janet CHOATE



Janet Kaye (Camp) Choate is a retail loan officer and assistant vice president at Farmers Bank & Trust. She is a 1988 Hope High School graduate, a 1999 UACCH graduate, and a 2001 Henderson State University graduate with a Bachelor in Business Administration (Finance). Choate started working at Bank of Blevins in April 2001, which eventually became Farmer's Bank & Trust. She has been at the Hope main branch of Farmer's since October 2010. She worked her way through the ranks as a "floater," then loan assistant, then loan officer at the Blevins location, then transferred to Hope as a loan assistant, and in January 2013 became loan officer. Her community service and volunteer work include the Hope Lions Club as a board member; Hope/Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce as a board member; Blevins Volunteer Fire Department as a fire fighter, and secretary; Blevins Community Food Pantry; Relay for Life committee member and team captain; and Word of Faith Church in children's ministry, van driver, and bookkeeper.

Jodi COFFEE



Jodi Coffee is Market Manager of Hope Farmers' Market, where she has been well-known in the community for the past five years in getting the Hope market established and operational. She is a self-described "stay-at-home mom of three girls" and says she is passionate about helping to bring healthy opportunities to the community. Coffee has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Henderson State University and a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from University of Central Arkansas. Coffee is also member of the HOPE (Healthy Opportunities through Prevention and Education) Coalition, and she was recognized by ALT magazine as a "Hometown Hero" in January 2015. Coffee was an IRONMAN competition finisher in November 2016.

Suzie GRESHAM

Bobby HART



Suzie Gresham is the Field Director of Public Relations for Pafford Medical Services, and she is already well-known and regarded in the region as the current 2017 Miss Southwest Arkansas. Gresham will soon be competing for a second consecutive year in the Miss Arkansas pageant after being the 2016 Miss Ouachita Baptist University. During last year's Miss Arkansas pageant, Gresham was named the 2016 Miss Arkansas "Service Before Self" Award recipient. Her Miss Arkansas platform has been and continues to be "First Aid First: Don't Wait." Gresham is a 2016 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Already active in the Hope community, Gresham was named 2017 Hempstead County Relay for Life "Rookie of the Year," and she is serving as a School Board member at Garrett Memorial Christian School. In the past year, she has been a member of the Hempstead County Relay for Life Committee, Junior Auxiliary of Hope, and the University of Arkansas at Hope BBB Planning Committee.

Bobby R. Hart is the Superintendent of Hope Public Schools. He received his bachelors and masters in secondary education from Henderson State and a Doctoral in Education will from Texas A&M Commerce will be conferred this summer. Hart is a member of the SWAEC Board, member APRSC Rural Advisory Board, ADE TESS/LEAD Advisory Panel, AAEA member and legislative liaison for SWAEC Board. He has 22 years of education experience. He is a member and past president of the Hope Rotary Club, past member of the Hope Chamber of Commerce board, and current United Way Board member. In 2011 he was given the Leadership in Prevention Award.

Clif JOHNSON



Clif Johnson is the Senior Pastor at Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope. Johnson received his Masters in Divinity from Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary and his Doctorate in Ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He currently serves on the Hope Pregnancy Resource Board of Advisors, on the Advisory Board of BMAA Missions' Department and has served on board of Advisors for Central Baptist College. Johnson taught Daddy Bootcamp Classes for Pregnancy Center as well as on different ministry teams within the community.

Eric JOHNSON



Eric Ray Johnson is the Director of Pharmacy at Wadley Regional Medical Center in Hope. He is a 2004 graduate of Hope High School, and received his bachelors in biology from Henderson State University before attending University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences where he received his Doctor of Pharmacy. Johnson volunteers at Hope Charitable Christian Clinic by overseeing the pharmacy as the pharmacist in charge, and volunteer to work as a pharmacist, filling prescriptions and counseling patients. He volunteers as a soccer, t-ball, and tennis coach with youth sports, as well as teaching lessons and children's classes at Hope Church of Christ

Clay LANCE



Clay Lance is assistant vice president at Farm Credit Services of Western Arkansas. He is a 2005 graduate of Hope High School and a 2009 graduate of University of Arkansas majoring in Ag Business, and he also worked at Diamond Bank as a loan officer trainee/auditor. Lance is a member of the Hope Church of Christ, and he served as president of the Hope Rotary Club in 2012-13. He is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, and he has been a member of the Hope Rotary Club since 2009. Lance has also served as President of the United Way (2013-14) and has been a board member since 2009. He is presently a board member of the Hope/Hempstead Chamber of Commerce and a board member of Rainbow of Challenges, where he also served as vice president (2016-2017). Lance has also been a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Coordinator, committee member for HHS CTE Advisory Group, committee member for UAHT BTE Advisory Group, and member of Melonvine Striders Running Club. In 2013, he was also a graduate of Arkansas Cattlemen's YCLC (Young Cattlemen's Leadership Class).

Jessie LEWIS



Jessie Faye Lewis is Supply Chain Manager for Southern Bakeries in Hope. She graduated from Nevada High School in 1992 and graduated Texas A&M University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Prior to joining Southern Bakeries, she was Human Resources manager at SMI Steel Products. She started at Southern Bakeries as a purchasing clerk in 2002, and she is now Supply Chain Manager. Lewis is also a business owner in Hope, going into partnership with my daughter and niece to open Blonde Ambition Salon & Boutique in October 2016. Lewis is best known in Hope for her efforts leading Relay for Life in Hempstead County to benefit the American Cancer Society. For the past six years, Lewis has either chaired or co-chaired the Hempstead County Relay for Life, and she has won numerous accolades from the organization including Heart of Relay Award for Hempstead County 2011, Relay for Life Volunteer of the Year Award for Mid-South Division 2012-2013, Relay for Life Most Valuable Player Award 2013, Relay for Life Celebrity Waiter of the Year Hempstead County 2015 and Relay for Life Most Tips Earned at Celebrity Waiter Hempstead County 2015.

Courtney MCNIEL



Courtney McNiel is Director of the Hempstead County Library. She is a 2002 graduate of Hope High School, a 2006 graduate of Southern Arkansas University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, and a 2009 MBA graduate of Harding University. In addition, McNiel has a Master of Science in Library and Information Studies, Youth Services Certification from Florida State University (2012). She has served as the Director of Hempstead County Library since January 2011. McNiel is a member of the Arkansas Library Association as well as a member Alpha Sigma Alpha National Sorority. She has also been a Spring Hill Youth T-Ball Coach.

Alejandra MENDOZA



Alejandra Mendoza is a customer service representative at Heather H. Doucet, State Farm in Hope. She is a member of the 2010 Hope High School graduating class. Mendoza received her Pharmacy Technician license in 2012, a Property and Casualty license in 2016 and is a notary public. She is a member of Hope Lions Club and serves the community by using her bilingual skills to assist at local schools by translating for parents and teachers.

William MONTGOMERY



William "Blake" Montgomery is currently working as a private, general practice attorney at his own law firm in Hope, and he is one of the youngest people in recent state history to become a licensed attorney at the age 22. Montgomery also earned the highest score on the Arkansas Bar Exam in February 2015, and he was awarded the 2015 W.J. Arnold Award given to the graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law with the greatest potential for excellence as a trial attorney. Montgomery graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2014 after being a Governor's Distinguished Scholar at the University of Arkansas, graduating in Political Science in 2012. Already making his mark in the local community, Montgomery serves on the board of directors of Hope/Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce as well as helping to establish the new Hope Downtown Network. He is also a member of the Hope Lions Club, the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association and the Arkansas Bar Association. He attends First United Methodist Church and is a member of the Century Bible class.

Rodney ORR



Rodney Orr is the local Agency Owner of Farmers Insurance Group in Hope, and he is currently a vice president of Hope/Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce. He graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor Of Business Administration, and he has been Agency Owner for 22 years. Orr is a past president of the Hope Rotary Club as well as a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as a board member for several local groups and functions including Southwest Ark Counseling & Mental Health Center, United Way of Hempstead County, United Way Golf Tournament Committee, and Spring Hill Baseball/Softball Association. Orr has also earned professional awards as a Toppers Club Member, Arkansas Agency Council Representative, Life Insurance Leadership Club, and Life Masters Award.

The PLYLER FAMILY



Briana Plyler, a graduate of Southeast Arkansas College, serves on Hempstead county women's committee in an effort to get more agriculture in classrooms. She also sponsors and volunteers for the Arkansas Jr Charolais, and she started a petting zoo at the county fair. She is a member of Arkansas Cattlemen.

Caleb Plyler received a bachelor of science from SAU magnolia and a masters of science from University of Arkansas. He serves as the Arkansas District 7 board of directors, is a member of Arkansas Cattlemen, serves on the Southwest District Fair board, Hempstead County Fair board, the Southwest Arkansas Livestock and Events executive board and the Arkansas Need Council Vice Chairman.

Together, the Plylers operate Farm Bureau in Hope and host farm tours for Arkansas cattlemen, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Louisiana Farm Bureau, host judging practice for high schools judging teams, have provided show cattle for students, and sponsor local recreational and fundraising initiatives.

Their son Huck Plyler, 6 years-old, donates books and has a military care package project.

Summer POWELL



Summer Leigh Powell is the Assistant Recreation Director of Hope Parks Department. She graduated from Nashville High School in 2011 and received a bachelors of Science in Recreation and Natural Resource Management from Henderson State University. Powell coaches soccer, basketball and tee ball as well as being the program coordinator for the tennis program, Rally Cats. She volunteers for Train Day, is a Hope Downtown Network volunteer and has been a volunteer camp counselor at Barton Bible Camp since 2012. Powell was the Vice President of the Collegiate Recreation Society at Henderson State University and consistently on the Dean's List.

Lindsey TOWNSEND



Lindsey Townsend is a real estate agent and office manager for Lance & Associates.

She received a master's degree in Agriculture from SAU in 2008. She is a graduate of the 2003 class of Prescott High School. Townsend is a lifetime member of the Junior Axillary, a board member of the Southwest Arkansas Arts Council and an Equalization Board member. She has served as a Hempstead County Chamber Board member, a Beads Bags Bangles Board member, SAU Alumni Board member/secretary, South Central Arkansas Horse Show Association Board member and points keeper, AQHA member, NRHA member, Hempstead County Rowdy Young Riders 4H Club volunteer, a notary public. She is a member of Spring Hill United Methodist Church where she teaches fifth and sixth grade students. She is a Melonvine Strider member and Marathon Maniacs member.



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Janet Choate says that her favorite part about her job is helping people within her community. She believes that Hope is great because everyone treats each other as family. Janet is involved locally with Relay for Life, the Chamber of Commerce, her church and numerous area school functions. In her free time, she is also a Firefighter and First Responder.

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