

# Friends OF THE COURT

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## “What I Love About My Country” – Art Contest

Monday morning, May 19th, in the Justice Building, the Arkansas Supreme Court honored the winners from area elementary schools in their art contest based on “What I Love About My Country”. Principals, teachers and family members escorted the students to the ceremony in the courtroom

where they were individually recognized by the Justices. Afterwards, a reception was held and the students toured the halls where their pictures have been hung.

Nine local elementary schools, with over 500 students in grades Pre-K through 5th grade, participated in the contest which includ-

ed a drawing and a paragraph describing the drawing.

The art work and paragraph from the top three winners from every school, along with the student’s photograph are contained in each framed piece and will be permanently hung in the Justice Building.



Top Ten Winners and Top Three Winners in the 4th grade at Wakefield Elementary show off their certificates and medals.



Winners and Supreme Court Justices gathered together after the ceremony for a group picture.



Justice Paul Danielson visited with Jaylan Barnes, 2nd grade student at Carver Magnet, and his mother, Erika Jordan.



Landon DeKay, a 2nd grade student from Pine Forest Elementary, proudly displayed his artwork to his father (left) Bob DeKay, and his grandfather, David DeKay.

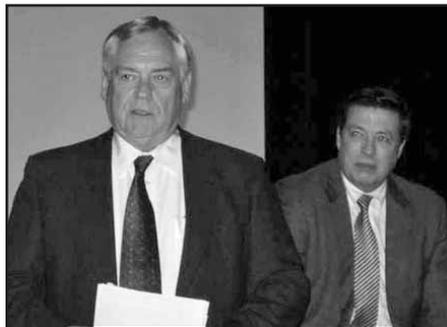
# Supreme Court Holds Oral Argument in Bentonville

The Supreme Court conducted oral argument at the Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) in Bentonville, on Thursday, April 24th. The event was well attended by Bentonville High School students, NWACC students and faculty, local members of the Benton County Bar Association and the general public.

The visit by the Court to Bentonville was only the seventh occasion in modern times that the Supreme Court has held court out-

side of Little Rock. Since 2002, the Supreme Court has held oral argument in Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Monticello, Hope, and Harrison. Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, adopted by vote of the people in 2000, provides that the Supreme Court may meet at such times and places as designated by the Court.

Following the oral argument, the Justices visited with students at several public schools in Bentonville.



Justice Jim Gunter and Chief Justice Jim Hannah spoke to 8th graders at Lincoln Junior High School.



Justice Annabelle Imber and Justice Donald Corbin visited with an Advanced Placement - Gov. class at Bentonville High School.



Justice Robert Brown invited an Advanced Placement - US History student at the high school to try on his judicial robe.

# Judicial Race Results from May 20th Primary

Results of contested judicial races for circuit and appellate judges are as follows: **(Winners in Bold.)**

## Circuit Judge

District 01, Div. 02, Subdistrict 1.2 **Todd Murray** and Judge Richard Proctor

District 01, Div. 5, At Large **Anne Beane Hudson** and Preston Hicky

District 05, Div.01 **Bill Pearson** and Ken Hodges

District 06, Div. 09, At Large **Judge Mary McGowan** and Cecily Patterson Skarda

District 06, Div. 11, Subdistrict 6.2

**Runoff - Cathi Compton, Melinda Gilbert,**

and Jewel "Cricket" Harper

District 08-North, Div. 02 **Judge Duncan Culpepper** and Keith Wood

District 09-East, Div. 01 **Robert McCallum**

and Judge John Thomas

District 10, Div. 02, At Large Sarah M.

Hartness, Andrew Walter Best, and **Kenny Johnson**

District 11-West, Div. 06, At Large Maxie G.

Kizer and State Rep. **Earnest E. Brown, Jr.**

District 12, Div. 01 **Judge Stephen Tabor** and

Robert Ellis Yoes

District 14, Div. 01 **Runoff - Sen. Shawn A. Womack, Gail Campbell,** and Chris Carter

District 15, Div. 01 **Runoff - Judge Jerry Don Ramey, Judge Brian K. Mueller,** and

Howard Yates

District 17, Div. 01 **Tom Hughes** and Mark

Derrick

District 19-East, Div. 01 Judge Alan Epley and

**Kent Crow**

District 19-West, Div. 01 **Robin Green** and

Jim Johnson

District 19-West, Div. 06 Ray Bunch and

**Judge Doug Schrantz**

District 20, Div. 02 **Judge Mike Maggio** and

John J. Petruccelli

District 20, Div. 05 David Hogue, Lynn Frank

Plemmons and **Judge Rhonda Kay Wood**

District 22, Div. 01 **Bobby McCallister** and

Brent Standridge

District 22, Div. 04 **Runoff - Robert**

**Herzfeld, Paul White,** and Hayward Battle

District 23, Div. 01

Chuck Graham and **Judge Barbara Elmore**

District 23, Div. 02 Pros. Attorney Lona Horn

McCastlain and **Judge Phillip Whiteaker**

## Court of Appeals

Associate Judge, District 03, Position 02

**Courtney Henry** and Ron Williams

Associate Judge, District 06, Position 01 **Judge**

**Rita Gruber** and Court of Appeals Judge

Wendell Griffen

Associate Judge, District 07

Eugene Hunt and **Judge Waymond Brown**



## PORTRAIT PRESENTED

May 2nd, in the Supreme Court Courtroom, the official portrait of Retired Supreme Court Justice Robert Dudley was presented to the Arkansas Supreme Court Historical Society. The portrait will be hung in the Justice Building.

Justice Dudley served on the Supreme Court from 1981 - 1996. The artist for his portrait was Larry Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama.



## Justice Building Continues To “Go Green”



Justice Building personnel continue to work on better ways to help the environment. As mentioned in a previous “Friends of the Court” article, a non profit business in Conway, Independent Living Services, Inc. (ILS), an organization dedicated to the needs of the developmentally disabled adults in central Arkansas, was contacted to begin picking up the vast quantities of court briefs that previously just went to the dump. The covers and binders are pulled from the briefs by their clients and prepared for shipment/sale to a recycling company. The proceeds from the sale support programs and other services offered to the clients of ILS.

During a trial run in a four week period in March and April, two trips were made to the Justice Building and they collected over 1 1/2 tons of high-quality white paper!

Another outlet for preserving our environment and fighting the rising cost of gas is riding the bus to and from work. Numerous Justice Bldg employees are beginning to do so. Lynne Osborne, ADR Coordinator Assistant out of the Administrative Office of the Courts, has started the round trip

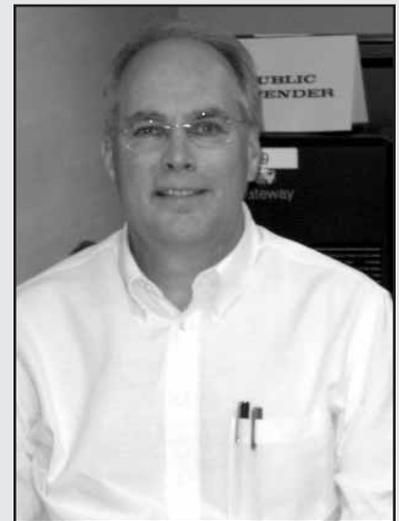
by bus from West Little Rock to work and back. If the math is correct, she will save around \$2,500 a year, figured on a \$3.50 per gallon price and the purchase of a monthly bus pass. Plus, she is helping to reduce the carbon footprint caused by motor vehicles. When asked about her use of the bus, Lynne also said, “The buses now have bicycle racks on the front so folks can now bike to and from the bus stop if they really want to go green!”

Virginia Jordan, Assistant CASA Coordinator, is also using the city transit system.

“We have an express bus. Once it picks us up, it comes directly here. No stress and no parking issues!! More people need to give it a try. It makes life so much easier.” stated Virginia.

Bonnie Kenney, Jury Functional Specialist, and Susan Yarbro, Project Manager - ACAP, have opted for this mode of transportation as well. Bonnie said, “Love it! I’m riding the Maumelle Express and saving about \$3.00 a day in gas, with the 10 ride pass, and \$3.65 as day with the 31 day pass.” Bonnie also revealed that she feels a “sense of empowerment by not being so controlled by the oil companies.”

## District Court Judge Trains



District Judge Chaney Taylor

Independence County District Judge, Chaney Taylor, participated along with the District Court Clerks of that county, in a three week intensive course. Two staff members from the Public Defender’s Office trained for several days as well. They were training for Contexte FE, Arkansas Statewide Case management System. Independence County District Court is scheduled to “go live” with the new case management system the first week in July.



# New faces in the Judiciary

## Trial Court Assistants

11th W. (Wyatt) - **Sarah Miller**  
replaces Ruth Calloway.

## District Court Clerks

Alexander - **Jennifer Newkirk**  
replaces Tressie Mitchell.  
Cotton Plant - **Treda Robinson**  
replaces Hera Bush.  
Maumelle - **Michelle Daniel**  
replaces Patricia Ellison.  
Huntsville - **Michelle Bohannon**  
replaces Melissa Ogden.

Jonesboro - **Joe Monroe**  
replaces Jerry Eldrige.

## City Clerks

Chidester - **Jeanette Ponder**  
replaces Jannette Mosley.  
Gillett - **Jennifer Lowe**  
replaces Marla Wallace.  
Lowell - **Johnna Ritchie**  
replaces Darlene Baker.

## CALENDAR

### June

Spring Judicial College/ **11-13**  
Judicial Council Mtg.  
(Hot Springs)

### July

Juvenile Officer Certification **9-11**  
Basic Mediation Training **21-25**  
(Little Rock)

### August

District Court Clerks **15**  
Certification – Chief Clerks  
(Fayetteville)

Appellate Mediation **1**  
Training (Justice Bldg.)

Family Mediation Training **20-22**  
(Justice Bldg.)

Court Interpreter Orientation **1-2**  
(Little Rock)

## Interesting Fact:

Myra Bradwell was denied admission to the Illinois State Bar simply because Illinois did not believe that women were suited for a legal career; in 1873, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with the Illinois Bar. However, in 1873, the Illinois Legislature passed a law stating, "No person shall be precluded or debarred from any occupation, profession, or employment (except the military) on account of gender." In 1890, she was admitted to the Illinois Bar and in 1892 she had received her license to practice before the United States Supreme Court.



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