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First, let me say I am honored the AAPA Board elected me to serve the remaining term for Tim Gorman, who transferred to Alabama with Rogers Group. Tim has always been and will always be an engaged advocate for the asphalt industry and this association. We wish him well (except when our beloved Hogs play any team from Alabama). The season of change is upon us. The woods are filling up with hunters, leaves are changing colors, and cool weather is here. The 2023 ARDOT Preservation Program has proven to be really effective at providing safe & smooth highways.

Let's continue to make sure we provide quality projects completed on time. Please keep up the great work and keep safety at the front.

The association continues to be hard at work in partnering with ARDOT. We are holding regular meetings with Lorie Tudor and her team. Furthermore, we continue to work together to develop and maintain one of the most efficient transportation systems in the United States. Thanks to Park Estes for his leadership. We continue to elevate our performance by providing for the taxpayers for the state of Arkansas.

The Young Leaders of AAPA had a great meeting with our friends from Missouri and Oklahoma in early October. The OAPA attended to begin organizing their own young leaders group. The golf was great, fellowship was over the top, and there were very informative meetings on leadership. This organization continues to carve out a place as future leaders of this industry and our association. Thanks for all you do!! PS: We won the belt AGAIN in the golf tournament, and I am pretty sure we won the party! In addition, the annual BBQ Cook-Off was held November 2 at Road Hog RV Park in Fayetteville. Thanks to everyone who attended, judged, and sponsored. This was the best one yet! Congratulations to Riggs for winning the overall!

As you receive this edition, please mark your calendars for the 2024 AAPA Quality Conference held at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock and sign up. A great agenda is being organized. It's a must for as many people to attend as possible. It's a great networking opportunity.

Please also mark your calendars for the 2024 Annual Convention to be held in Hot Springs on April 30-May 2, 2024. More information to come out soon.

The holiday season is upon us. Please take the time to realize how fortunate we are for our association, industry, friends, and family. It's a time to make sure we end the year in a safe and quality manner.

May God bless you, your companies, and our association and keep everyone safe.

Thank you,
 Murry Cline
 AAPA Chairman



Murry Cline

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Work Zone Safety Logo Winners

During the 2023 AAPA Technical Conference, board member D.B. Hill, III challenged the group, offering \$1,000 dollars out of his own pocket to the creator of the best safety phrase and logo promoting safety in our work zones. Many creative folks sent in their ideas. Three people actually sent in the exact same idea independent of each other! That phrase and one other were so good that we ended up awarding four entrants as winners. Thanks to Forsgren Inc., Time Striping, Emery Sapp, and D.B. Hill,

III for making it possible to award \$1,000 dollars to each of them.

If you would like to use these logos in your communications or on your email signature line, check the home page of our AAPA website to download the graphics. Also, we are making these graphics in 8" X 13" vinyl reflective stickers for use on your equipment and vehicles. They are \$6 apiece – call or email the AAPA office and place your order if you would like to have them. 📧



Micah Bryant (ARDOT) and Park Estes (AAPA)



Sarah Hughes (wife of inspector John W. Hughes from the El Dorado office) and D.B. Hill, III.



Shane Adams (ARDOT)



L to R: Amanda Menke, Grant Ferguson, Dr. Stacy Williams, Murry Cline, and Amity Rowe.

AAPA BBQ Cook-Off



Another AAPA BBQ Cook-Off is in the books, and it was a great one! The weather was perfect, only outdone by the superior BBQ cooked by the contestants. The event started out Wednesday night with a catfish dinner cooked by APAC-Central...they should open a restaurant! Then, for the first time since we started the competition, places in 3 categories were decided by a tie breaker. Fantastic raffle prizes included a Benelli shotgun, trail cameras, crossbow, Blackstone griddle, hunting knife, and an outdoor heater, provided by Blackstone, Rogers Group, Time Striping, Creative Design Concepts, and Delta. Thanks to YLD Chair and Co-Chair Chance Stines and Brian Kelso; thanks also to Ted Craft, Lane Loper, Kory Flippo, James Mills, Amanda Menke, and Jill Marchese for all of

the help they provided to keep things running smoothly. Contractor's Specialty Service Co. was our Presenting Sponsor, and Scott Equipment was our Reception Sponsor. Special shout-out to ESPN Radio's Tommy Craft and ex-Razorback/NFL player Matt Jones for doing their show at our event. They interviewed Chairman Murry Cline and helped spread the word about the Arkansas asphalt industry (plus how good at BBQ we are)!

As you can see from all the names listed above, it takes a lot of work to put this event on, and AAPA wants to thank all of the sponsors and contestants for making this a successful day. It's a fun event and a great time for fellowship with other AAPA members and industry friends. Start making plans now to participate next year! 🍖



Overall Winner: Riggs CAT

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Former Razorback and NFL player Matt Jones with AAPA Chairman Murry Cline.



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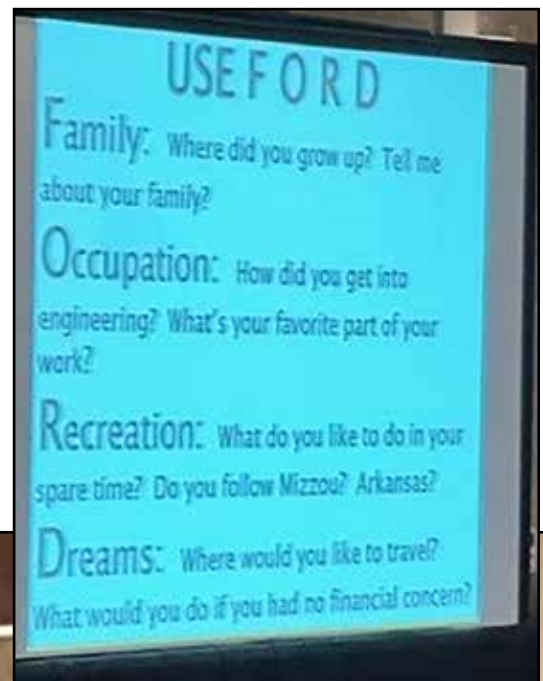


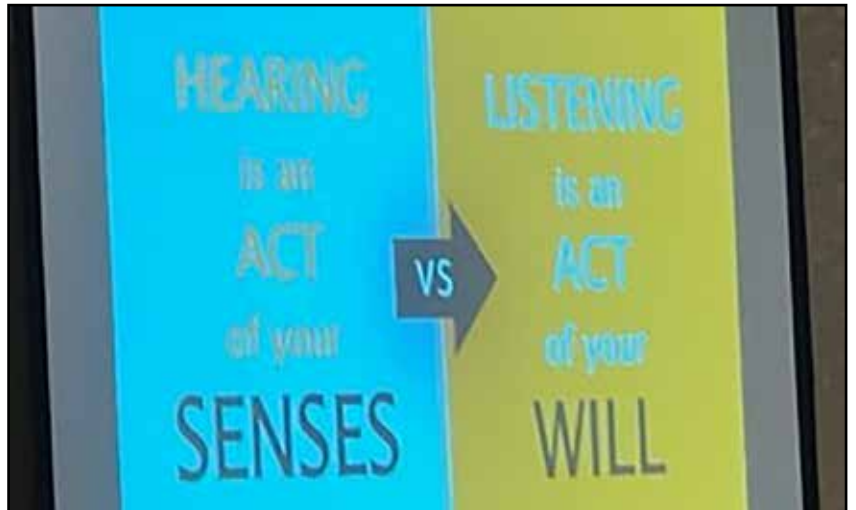
2023 YLD Branson Event



The Arkansas & Missouri Young Leaders had another successful joint event in Branson on October 9-10. Over 90 registrants gathered to hear three excellent speakers: Chris Zervas, David Miguel, and ex-Razorback/NBA great Joe Kleine presenting on communication and leadership skills. Everyone walked away with something to help in their personal development, and this is what it's all about. Last year, we started a "Battle for the Boot" golf competition against MO, with AR retaining the traveling trophy for the second year! Also, this year, we had a group from the Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association attend. OAPA plans on forming a YLD in Oklahoma, and starting next year, this event will be a tri-state summit. Please consider sending your young or emerging leaders to next year's event. This is an affordable and impactful opportunity for them to increase their skill sets. As of now, we are planning next year's event in Auburn at the NCAT facility; this event will be open to all members who would like to attend.

I can't end without a big thanks to all of our sponsors, whose generous giving enabled us to have this quality summit. The Young Leaders and AAPA appreciate your support of this educational and personal development opportunity. 📷







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Future Interstate 57 Alignment from Walnut Ridge to Missouri State Line Chosen

ARDOT Press Release

The Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision (ROD) identifying the Selected Alternative, or chosen route, for the Future Interstate 57 (I-57) corridor between Walnut Ridge and the Missouri State line, clearing the way for the next phase of project development.

The issuance of the ROD concludes the National Environmental Policy Act process and begins the final design and right-of-way acquisition phases for the project, which will construct a 42-mile, four-lane Interstate Highway between Walnut



Ridge and the Missouri State line. Design Public Hearings will be held for each construction project before construction begins to present more refined project design information.


“The Future I-57 corridor is critical for commerce in Arkansas and will increase mobility between the south central United States and the Midwest,” said Alec Farmer, Chairman of the Arkansas

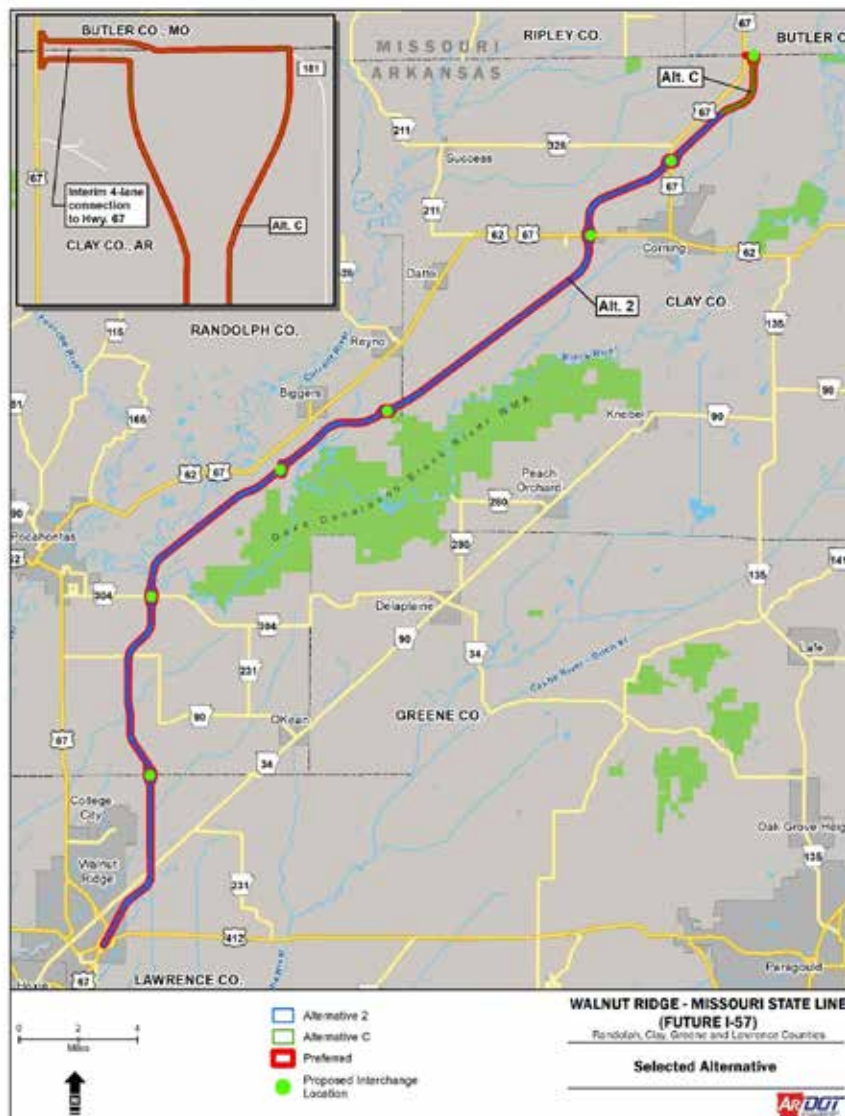
Highway Commission. “This route also will provide a better connection to an existing and underutilized interstate bridge across the Mississippi River.”

Alternatives 2 and C (see map at left) were chosen as the Selected Alternative due to the high economic growth potential, fewer impacts to properties and farms, fewer stream impacts, close alignment with Highway 67, and being preferred by the public and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The Selected Alternative begins at the Highway 67/Highway 412 interchange in Walnut Ridge, extends north across the Black River east of Poca hontas, then northeast towards Corning, and finally north to the Missouri State line. Interchanges are proposed at County Line Road (Randolph and Lawrence Counties), Highway 304, Hile Road, Duck Levee Road, Highway 67 west of Corning, Highway 67 north of Corning, and State Line Road at the Missouri State line. An interim four-lane connection to Highway 67 was included in the document to provide a short-term connection to Highway 67 should Arkansas complete its portion of I-57 prior to Missouri.

The Selected Alternative, preliminary design, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Record of Decision document can be viewed at the project website: <https://future57.transportationplanroom.com/>

The first phase of construction along this alignment will build a bypass around the City of Corning. Construction of this segment is currently expected to begin in 2025. 





Women of Asphalt

4th Quarter Update

by Katie Russell and Courtney Quinn

The Women of Asphalt Arkansas Chapter held their second Asphalt Plant Tour at Delta Companies' South Regional office in Paragould, AR, on October 13th. The event was organized by Courtney Quinn, NEA WOA Board Member and HR Specialist for Delta Companies.

Twenty women came together from Arkansas and Missouri with representatives from departments such as Accounting, Project Management, HR, Admin Support, Construction Management, and Traffic Control. The event began with a “spooky” themed lunch and a Q & A with Multi-Plant Manager, Andy West. This open dialogue and unscripted environment allowed all kinds of questions for the group to gain a better understanding of the ins and outs of an asphalt plant. An unforgettable fact learned is that the Delta Paragould asphalt plant's name is “Agnes”, a “show girl” since she was purchased from Las Vegas!

After lunch, the group ventured to the asphalt plant and were joined by Plant Foreman Dewayne Masingale and loader operator Alisha Saul to discuss all aspects of asphalt plants. Andy and Dewayne explained the full process, from loading the material into the bins, how the aggregate and oil are mixed, the purpose of the bag house, and filling the silos. Alisha Saul explained the different materials on the ground at the plant. With a wide variety of topics covered, there was something for everyone to learn!

Thank you, Delta Companies, for hosting the tour and sponsoring the lunch.





On Thursday November 2nd, Women of Asphalt attended the annual Emerging Leaders BBQ Cookoff. The “Anything But” category was introduced this year, so two WofA members decided to join the competition. Hannah Garison (Riggs Cat) submitted baked beans and Carrie Rose (Forsgren) submitted bread pudding.



There were over fifteen submissions for this category. Six Women of Asphalt members judged the main categories: Amber Shepherd (APAC), Stacy Williams (UofA), Hannah Garison (Riggs Cat), Jessica Cranford (Cranford), Katie Russell (Rogers Group), and Ariel Gonzalez (Emery Sapp).

This was a wonderful opportunity for WofA members to get involved and meet members from AAPA and from the community. WofA brought the fun and entertainment with sidewalk chalk to represent the chapter and AAPA! Thank you to all of the Women of Asphalt members that attended this event!

On Tuesday, November 14th, Women of Asphalt hosted the opening breakfast for the Southeastern Asphalt User/Producer Group Conference, SEAUPG. Keynote speakers included ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor and ARDOT Materials Division Head Paul Tinsley. Director Tudor welcomed the conference attendees and spoke about improvements Arkansas has made over the years.



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Paul Tinsley spoke about the hot topic of Balanced Mix Designs. He discussed the challenges and outlook on BMD and how this has affected ARDOT and contractors. Paul tested the group's knowledge with his "Wheel of Fun" game. Three attendees were called to the front to try and solve the puzzle for each of the rounds. The game ended with a final puzzle where



each table participated as a team, and this answer caused a lot of laughs in the room: "We will fix it on the next lift!" The game was a lot of fun and a fantastic way for attendees to interact with each other.

Thank you, Director Tudor and Paul Tinsley, for speaking, and thanks to SEAUPG for inviting Women of Asphalt to host this event. 🙏





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Dr. Andrew Braham graduated from the University of Wisconsin with his B.S. and M.S., and from the University of Illinois with his Ph.D. He worked with Koch Materials Company for two and a half years, and performed a post-doc at Southeast University in Nanjing, China. He is currently a Professor in the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas, where his teaching and research focus is on asphalt materials, pavement maintenance and rehabilitation, and sustainability.



Vivien Hoang became the FHWA Arkansas Division Administrator on March 2, 2020. She leads an office of 19 professionals to deliver over a \$710 million Federal-aid Highway Program throughout Arkansas, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Vivien began her FHWA career in 2008 in the Colorado Division and has held progressive positions in New Mexico, California, and FHWA Headquarters. Prior to joining FHWA, Vivien worked in the private sector as a roadway and drainage design engineer. Vivien holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.



Ryan Lindsey serves as Executive Vice President of Government Relations for CRH Americas, where he leads federal and state advocacy and political engagement for the company in North America. Since joining CRH in 2011 through the acquisition of his family's business, Ryan has held various roles within the organization, beginning as an Area Manager for Construction Operations before moving into Government Relations in 2014. In 2015, Ryan helped successfully develop and launch the "ENGAGE. EDUCATE. IMPACT." Program, a comprehensive political advocacy and grassroots engagement platform for CRH employees recognized as one of the most effective such programs in the country. Ryan earned his MBA from Pittsburg State University and a BBA in Marketing from Hardin-Simmons University.



David Miguel has spent the last 32 years working in and around construction and has spent much of that time thinking about safety. He spends most of that thinking time wrestling with the question: "Why do so many smart, strong, hard-working, and talented people end up injured, or worse, while performing their jobs?" One part of his answer to that question is that he believes most working people, as intelligent and well-trained as they may be, do not know what safety really is. David's goal is to help people gain a better understanding, appreciation, and respect for one of the biggest blessings they are fortunate to have – safety. David lives in Olathe, KS, with his wife and two kids.



Dr. Bill Vavrik is the Senior Vice President and manager of the Transportation and Infrastructure Sector of ARA. He leads a team of over 300 engineers, scientists, and professionals across North America doing research, development, and consulting services. He has delivered a diverse project portfolio, including projects in infrastructure design, materials, evaluation, research, asset management, technology deployment, forensics, sustainability and software. He has earned a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and is a Licensed Professional Engineer. Bill and his wife have four children and live in Champaign, IL.



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AAPA Board Member Brad Marotti (Regional Manager at Delta Companies) was recently inducted into the College of Engineering and Computer Science (CoECS) Alumni Academy at Arkansas State University. Academy membership, which is by invitation, is for individuals who have been in the workforce for at least a decade and have significant professional accomplishments. Members are either graduates of one of the college's degree programs or are friends of the college. The idea to launch an academy for the college was conceived several years ago by Bert Parker, who is a leading business executive in the state and

recently retired from Garver as senior vice president and chief administrative officer.

"It is exciting to see the growth and momentum of the academy in such a short time," said Jim Chidester, president and charter member of the academy. "The potential impact of what its members will be able to accomplish is limitless, as we strive to achieve the Alumni Academy's mission goals of helping to bring visibility to the College of Engineering and Computer Science, acting as mentors to students and recent graduates, and providing a means of networking for all alumni of the College." 📺



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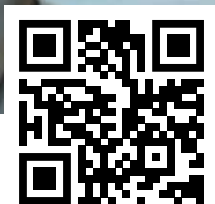
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