



Capitol Report

Parts of Benton County



Rep. Debra Hobbs Seeks Old House Seat

Conservative Champion

WHAT I BELIEVE by Debbie Hobbs

- Christian Values
- Conservative
- 100% Pro-Life
- 2nd Amendment
- Traditional Marriage
- Religious Liberty
- Property Rights
- Term Limits for Politicians
- Repeal Obamacare Medicaid Expansion in Arkansas
- Oppose expansion of Obamacare
- Repeal GIF slush fund
- Lower Taxes
- Create Pro-Business, Pro-Job Climate
- Pro-Agriculture
- Respect for our small towns and rural areas
- Respect for Workers
- Respect for Teachers and State Employees

POLITICAL VALUES by Debbie Hobbs

- Respect for U.S. and State Constitutions
- Rule of Law
- Honesty and Ethics in State Government
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Accessibility
- Keep Promises Made
- Respect for Opinions of Others



Former Rep. Debbie Hobbs of Rogers, Arkansas

DEBRA HOBBS: Married for 38 years to Ray Hobbs; two children; two grandchildren; Member, Arkansas House of Representatives, 2009-2014; House Republican Whip (No. 3 member of leadership team; Justice of the Peace and member of Benton County Quorum Court; teacher and counselor in Benton County; owner, Hart Tackle, LLC, which manufactures fishing tackle for Wal-Mart and Bass Pro; owner, D&R Hobbs Properties, which owns commercial properties; B.S., University of the Ozarks; M.S., University of Arkansas - Fayetteville.

Voters Ok'd Plan for Popular Legislator to Return to House

ROGERS - AR State Rep. Debbie Hobbs served six years in the Arkansas House without opposition, but in 2014, she had to give up her House seat, because the Arkansas Constitution limited legislators' terms to six years in the House and 10 years in Senate.

As a result, Hobbs was unable to run for reelection in 2014. However, later that year, voters across the state passed a constitutional amendment to change term limits to 16 years from either body. This allowed Rep. Hobbs to run this year.

So the popular state legislator, who rose to House Republican Whip, the No. 3 leadership role in the Republican Party, is on the campaign trail again, hoping to once again carry her message of conservative fiscal policy and traditional family values to the floor of the Arkansas House.

This time she has opposition from first term Rep. Rebecca Petty. Rep. Petty has focused on victims' rights, a position Rep. Hobbs has also supported. The difference between the two is that Debbie Hobbs has taken a leadership role on a wide range of conservative issues.

One of the big issues dividing them is Petty's support for expanding Obamacare in Arkansas, which Hobbs strongly opposes.

Rep. Hobbs' Public Service To Arkansas

Debbie Hobbs

- Arkansas House of Representatives, 2009-2014
- Elected without opposition to three terms
- House Republican Whip (No. 3 Leadership position)
- Key conservative leader in AR House
- Justice of the Peace, Benton County Quorum Court, 2007-2008
- Public school teacher, elementary counselor and high school science
- Owner, Hart Tackle
- B.S., University of Ozarks
- M.S., University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

Arkansas House Election March 1, 2016

House District 94
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Debra Hobbs
Rebecca Petty

Early Voting Feb. 16

Hobbs' Hart Tackle Pushes 'Made in America'

Hobbs' Firm Now Major Supplier for BassPro, Walmart

ROGERS — When Debbie and Ray Hobbs acquired Hart Tackle, LLC, seven years ago, they began an aggressive attempt to grow the business. Four years ago, their efforts paid off when they landed contracts to supply Wal-Mart and Bass Pro with Hart's growing line of products. Today, Hart's business is five times greater than it was in 2008. It manufactures 450 products which can be found in 60 Bass Pro stores across the country and in hundreds of Wal-Mart stores.

"Made in America" is more
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BRINGING JOBS TO ROGERS — Debbie Hobbs is an owner of Hart Tackle, LLC, a national company based in Rogers, which manufactures fishing lures for major retailers like Wal-Mart and Bass Pro.

Rep. Debra Hobbs How to Reach Her Campaign

How to Contribute

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- By mail at 3901 Arnold Ave., Rogers, AR 72758

Vote on Tuesday, March 1
Early Voting Started Feb. 16

“We Were Poor But Others Were Poorer”

Raised in the House on the Creek

Growing Up in Rural Arkansas In Late 1960's

ROGERS — Debbie Hobbs has lived the American dream, as she witnessed her father and mother, John and Lois Wood Soard, pull their family out of poverty by hard work and determination.

Then she and her husband Ray Hobbs continued that dream. They started with nothing. Ray got an entry level position at Wal-Mart, was chosen for management, rose to assistant manager, then manager, and then regional manager, as Wal-Mart grew from 60 stores to more than 1,000. He literally sat at the feet of Sam Walton and learned about business.

Debbie followed Ray on his odyssey through the world of Wal-Mart, earning her Masters degree in counseling, becoming a teacher and counselor, and raising two children.

Ray left Wal-Mart and became acting CEO at Bass Pro, then President/CEO of Daisy Rifles. Debbie too got into business as owner of Hart Tackle, LLC, and owner of D&R Hobbs Properties. Debbie was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives. They have a wonderful family and a nice home in Rogers, AR, where they have lived for 20 years. They've lived in Benton County 30 years.

Someone who doesn't know their story might easily think Ray and Debbie Hobbs were born to wealth and have always “had it made,” but nothing could be further from the truth!

In fact, their success is a tribute to the hard work and determination Debbie first witnessed in her own mom and dad.

Debbie's story began in, of all places, Hörsching, Austria. Her mom and dad, both natives of Johnson County, AR, were married when he was 19 and she was 16. Her



Debbie Soard (Hobbs) as a child in Austria where her dad was stationed with the Army.



Debbie Hobbs (left photo, top center) with siblings Robert, Sandy, and Jerry, and (at right) at age 9



Kids playing at house in Fort Hood, Texas John and Lois Soard with daughter Debbie at wedding

“As a little girl, I had three desires: A car that would run, an indoor bathroom, and a warm bedroom!”

— Rep. Debbie Hobbs

“One advantage of a large family was having enough people to push the car to get it started!”

dad, John Soard, joined the Army and was shipped to Austria. Her mom Lois soon joined him, and Debbie was born on a U.S. military base in post-war Austria.

After five years in the Army, the family was back in Johnson County, living on a small farm next to Spadra Creek. Debbie was the second of four children. The family raised chickens, rabbits, pigs, and milk cows. They had a garden.

Debbie's father worked at the brick plant. Her mom worked on the assembly line in the chicken plant. With four kids, they had to do what they could to put food on the table and pay the bills.

Lots of times, the car wouldn't start. Debbie learned “One advantage of having a large family was having enough people to push the car to get it started!”

Debbie and her brothers Robert and Jerry and sister Sandy attended the Church of the Nazarene and had a wonderful pastor. “We didn't have a phone, and the pastor came to pick us up in the church van. I remember one family included a mom and her six kids. They had an alcoholic dad. The pastor would cut wood for the family to stay warm. At church, we were taught in words but his actions taught me more. The pastor would take us kids skating. We knew he loved us by the way he treated us.”

Debbie's father wanted more for his family. When he lost his job at the brick plant, he decided to go to college, using the GI Bill. He enrolled in the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, a Presbyterian university considered in the top tier of Southern schools. He

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Debra's Hart Tackle Brings Jobs to Rogers, NW Arkansas



Left to right, employees at Hart Tackle LLC assemble fishing lures for sale at Wal-Mart, Bass Pro, and other retailers across the country.

ROGERS — Hart Tackle owner Debbie Hobbs is proud her company is providing opportunities for local

families because of the company's decision to assemble its lures at its plant in Rogers, instead of having it

done in China. Hobbs also said the decision to use American parts has proven to be cost effective, improv-

ing quality and cash flow. Hart is committed to Arkansas and uses all local employees.

38 Years of Marriage and a Lifetime of Memories

Debra Hobbs: Wife, Mother, Grandmother

Debbie Hobbs Has Wide Experience As Entrepreneur, Teacher, Justice

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majoring in accounting. While in college, he and his brother leased a gas station, where her dad would work at night. Sometimes Debbie and the other kids would help out at the gas station on weekends.

In Debbie's sophomore year in high school, her dad graduated, passed the CPA board exam, and he became a CPA. He was hired by the federal government as an auditor in Houston, TX.

Once in Houston, everything changed for Debbie's family. "As a child, I had three desires — a car that would run, an indoor bathroom, and a warm bedroom! Suddenly, I had all three!"

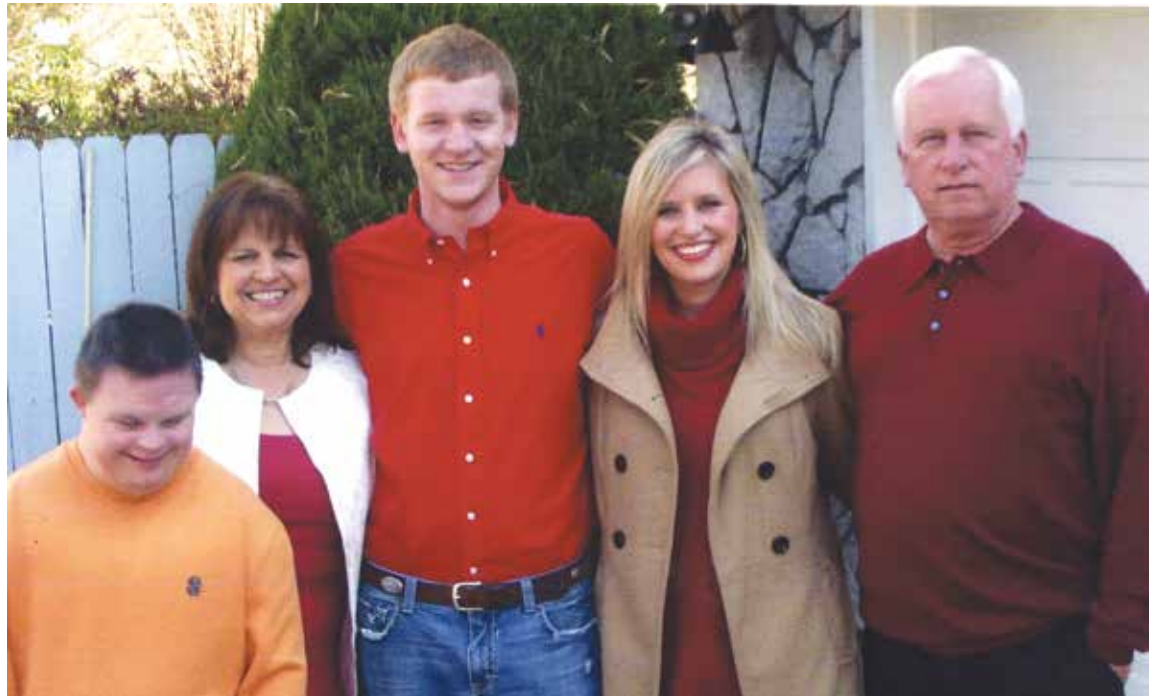
She enrolled in McArthur High School in Houston, going from a town of 6,000 people to a graduating class of 600. In 1973, the small-town girl was voted "Most Bashful" in her graduating class!

After graduation, she attended Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK, and then the University of Houston, while working part-time. Then she made a fateful decision. She decided to go live with her aunt and uncle in Clarksville and enroll in the University of the Ozarks — the same school her dad had attended.

In January 1975, Debbie walked into the Student Union where Ray Hobbs, a PE major, was checking out the new girls. He walked up and said, "Hi, my name is Ray Hobbs!" Today he says, "I thought she was cute, and she was in my territory!"

They started dating but he decided they needed to

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Ray and Debbie Hobbs with son Jonathan, daughter Amanda, and son-in-law J. J. Gunther



Left to right, Ray and Debbie Hobbs in the 1980's; Ray and Debbie with son Jonathan and daughter Amanda; Debbie and Amanda



Ray and Debbie Hobbs with son Jonathan and daughter Amanda; Amanda in 1st grade; and family outing in the woods

Hart Tackle Named One of BassPro's Top Suppliers



At least, awards from Bass Pro to Hart Tackle LLC as one of its outstanding suppliers. At right, a beautiful caught with a Hart lure.

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than a slogan at Hart Tackle. Most of its products are assembled at its plant in Rogers from parts that were previously made in China. The owners have made a

conscious effort to use only American suppliers where possible. It took nearly three years to make the transition. Debbie Hobbs said it wasn't easy because a lot of companies had gone out of

business or no longer had the capacity to manufacture parts. "Today, not only are we providing jobs at our plant in Rogers, In addition to creating jobs locally, we are helping American sup-

pliers put more people to work in other parts of the country," Debbie said. Bass Pro has honored Hart Tackle for manufacturing some of Bass Pro's most popular lures.

Debra Hobbs Earned Degrees, Raised Family, Taught School While Ray Helped Build Walmart

Much Like Military, The Hobbs Family Went from Post to Post with Walmart

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date other people. She dated someone else. "After my first date with someone else, Ray changed his mind!" she said.

While in college, Ray entered the area management program at Wal-Mart. Debbie worked at the Singer Sewing Machine plant but was laid off and then worked at Wal-Mart.

Debbie graduated in 1977, and they married June 17 at First Baptist Church of Clarksville. More than 200 attended. After they were married, she worked as an insurance clerk in a medical clinic and then a bank teller.

Ray and Debbie grew up with Wal-Mart. "We'd be in a place for a year and then move," Debbie said. Ray was assigned to Pryor, OK, then Claremore and Debbie got her first teaching job there. Her class was composed of unruly white kids. "It was their 3rd teacher that year, but I developed a good rapport with them, and they were successful."

"Everywhere we moved, Ray was a student of the business. He worked long hours, which is hard on a marriage. The blue laws gave him Sunday off. Wal-Mart invited wives to their year-end meetings, which helped me get the big picture."



Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton inspired Ray and Debbie Hobbs.

During the yearend meeting for managers and assistant managers in Tallequah, OK, Sam Walton and his family visited. "They were so gracious, and Sam was so down-to-earth. He'd sit on the floor of the store with the staff gathered around to quiz them on what was selling and the business. He cared so much about the associates!"

They were transferred to Wal-Mart in Denison, TX, and Debbie used her science degree to get a job as a chemist. When laid off due to downsizing, Debbie taught in Bells, TX. Ray was promoted to District Manager in Kansas City. Debbie

stayed in Denison until the superintendent could find a replacement. Debbie



Debbie graduating with M.S.

got a job teaching in Blue Springs, MO.

Ray was named District Manager of the Year in all of

Wal-Mart!

In 1985, Debbie started working on a degree in counselling at Southwest Missouri State. Later that year, they moved to Rogers, where Debbie enrolled at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. She worked as a counselor at Decatur Elementary. She graduated in 1987, and their first child, Amanda, was born in 1988.

Debbie was expecting to have another child in September 1990. Ray and Debbie were living in Rogers, and Ray was working in North Carolina when Jonathan arrived two months early. The baby was very

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A Day with Sam Walton

By Ray Hobbs

Notes on Sam Walton. He would read my reports every week and return them filled with questions and comments. He was very passionate. When people saw him, they thought he was like Santa, but behind the scenes he was very intense. He made us do all kinds of things that didn't make sense. Then three or four years later, we understood!

He was very involved. In 1979, he came for one of our grand openings. Afterwards, he said, "Let's go across the street to the TG&Y!" He talked to everyone in the store. They greeted him like an old friend. Pretty soon we were all sitting on the floor, and they were telling him sales figures. He recorded everything. Afterwards, he asked me what I thought about the TG&Y store. I told him all the things they were doing wrong. "No, no," he said, "I don't care about that! Tell me what they are doing right!" That's what he wanted to know! He would incorporate it into his stores. In turn, that's what I taught people to do.

Later on, TG&Y closed down. Too many managers were staying in their office and not talking to people. A lot of their best people came over to Wal-Mart.

Sam was a true student of retail.

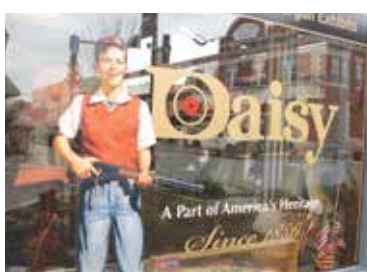
Debra's Husband Ray Hobbs Is CEO of Daisy Rifles

ROGERS — Founded in 1886, Daisy Outdoor Products is the manufacturer of Daisy Rifles, the world's leading BB guns that generations of Americans have enjoyed.

Today, both Daisy Rifles' corporate offices and manufacturing facilities are located in Rogers, Arkansas, thanks to President/CEO Ray Hobbs and the company's Board of Directors who brought the manufacturing division from Missouri back to Rogers in 2007.

Hobbs, the husband of Rep. Debbie Hobbs, said he loves being able to keep alive the great tradition of Daisy Rifles and bring jobs to Northwest Arkansas. It's really more than just a job because of how many American families enjoy Daisy products. A Daisy rifle is often a child's first introduction to target shooting and hunting, and Daisy rifles help youngsters learn all the rules of gun safety.

After a long, successful career with Wal-Mart, which led him into the ranks of corporate leadership, Hobbs retired from Wal-Mart and accepted a position as Acting CEO of Bass Pro shops



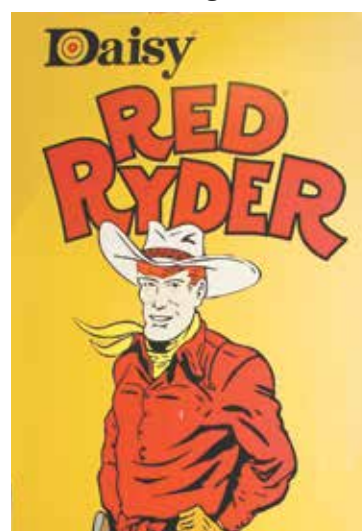
Ray Hobbs, President/CEO of Daisy Rifles. Scenes from Daisy Rifle Museum in Rogers at left.



Memorabilia at Daisy Museum



The Daisy Outdoor Products plant in Rogers, Arkansas, home of the world famous Daisy rifle.



during that company's period of greatest growth.

Then he was offered the position of President/CEO at Daisy in 2001.

One of Hobbs' goals has been to use parts in Daisy rifles that are Made in America. That's not easy because so many American manufacturers who could supply parts in the past no longer exist. But buying America is a good decision, Hobbs contends.

"Buying America is good for a company's cash flow and bottom line. When you buy from China, you have to order 4 to 6 months in advance, put 50 percent down, pay for shipping, and pay the balance at the port of entry. Then when the product arrives, you may have quality issues. But when you buy American parts, you get a faster turnaround, lower shipping costs, and fewer quality issues. Plus, you don't normally have to pay for 30 to 60 days. So your money is not tied up for months."

Ray and Debbie are proud of the Daisy Rifle Museum located at 202 W. Walnut in Rogers, AR 72756 and invite everyone to visit.

Small Business Woman, Teacher Brings Unique Vision

Citizen Legislator: Not a Politician

Debra Hobbs Legislative Record

Debra Hobbs was **Arkansas State Representative** from 2009-2014. She was **Minority Whip** of the 88th General Assembly. Prior to being elected State Representative, she was a **Justice of Peace on the Benton County Quorum Court**. She has **taught science on the secondary level** and worked as an **elementary school counselor**. She and her husband Ray own a small business, **Hart Tackle LLC** and were recently successful in converting components from China to American made.

Debra graduated *cum laude* from **MacArthur High School** in Houston, TX. She received her **bachelor's degree in education with a science composite major** from the **University of the Ozarks** in Clarksville, AR where she was a *cum laude* graduate. She earned her **Master's degree in counseling education** from the **University of Arkansas in Fayetteville**.

Debra Hobbs believes in community service. She currently serves as Chair on the executive board of Pathway to Freedom; previously Co-Chair of Arkansas Legislative Hunger Caucus and Drug Free Rogers-Lowell coalition; Benton County Boys and Girls Club Foundation and Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County Advisory Council. She has previously served on local and district church boards, Benton County Sunshine School Board, and the Benton County Republican Women's executive board.

Debra has been married to **Ray Hobbs, the President and C.E.O of Daisy Outdoor Products** for the past 38 years.

They have one daughter, **Amanda**, who is married to **J.J. Gunther**, and one special son, **Jonathan**. They have two grandchildren.

Conservative

Awards

Defender of Liberty Award

Calvin Coolidge Award

Church of the Nazarene Distinguished Service Award

Rogers Volunteer of the Month Award

Benton County Resident for 30 Years

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Rep. Debra Hobbs — Conservative Champion

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Hobbs: A Record as Conservative Leader On Quorum Court, Arkansas Legislature

ROGERS - For the past 10 years, Debbie Hobbs has been a leading conservative voice in Benton County and Arkansas state politics.

She has prided herself in being a citizen legislator and not a politician or an "insider" at the State Capitol. Her goal has been to represent the view of the people of Benton County to State Capitol in Little Rock, rather than being an emissary from the State Capitol to Benton County.

So often, Rep. Debbie Hobbs' views and voting record have flown in the face of the political establishment in Little Rock.

Debbie ran for the Benton County Quorum Court in 2006 and was elected as Justice of the Peace from District 4, defeating an incumbent. Then in 2008, she ran and was unopposed for a seat in the Arkansas House of Representatives. She was elected twice more and completed her third two-year term in 2014 before the then-existing term limit of six years prevented her from running again.

Debbie ran for the Quorum Court at the urging of some local residents who were concerned about property rights. She campaigned hard, knocking on almost every door in the district. On the Quorum Court, she was instrumental in defeating the Watershed Ordinance. She opposed moving the juvenile detention center to the former St. Mary Hospital site because citizens did not want it there. She also opposed a 97 percent pay raise for elected officials at a time when many people were losing their jobs and county employees were given considerably less.

In her first term in the Arkansas Legislature, she served on the House Committees on Judiciary and Aging, Children, and Youth. In her second and third terms, she served on Education and State Agencies. She was chairman of the Joint Performance Review subcommittee.

Hobbs' seniority rose dramatically during her service in the House. She was No. 68 in her first term, No. 26 in her second, and No. 2 in her third term.

She served as House Republican Whip, the No. 3 ranking Republican in the House.

Some of her most important legislative accomplishments were:

- Reformed licensing of teachers
- Moment of Silence in Arkansas schools
- Warning principal when sex offender is on campus.

Debbie Hobbs says her goals over the next two years, if given the opportunity, would be:

- Create a pro-business climate in Arkansas
- Look out for the taxpayer
- Reform sentencing guidelines
- Provide constituent services to the citizens of her district
- Be visible in the district, so that people can express their views to her and she can provide the information citizens need to know.

The Platform

Constitutional Government
That Keeps Government within Its Lawful Boundaries,
That Is Honest, Ethical, and Transparent
Right to Life · Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Balanced Budget
Cap Government Growth · Lower Taxes

Repeal Obamacare
Work with Congress to Repeal Obamacare.
Stop efforts to expand Obamacare in Arkansas.
Find a better free market alternative

Quality Education
That Teaches the Basics and Good Values
More Teaching and Less Testing
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer in Schools

Jobs
Improve Climate for Existing and New Businesses
That Create Jobs and Allow People to Live
and Work Here in Safety and Prosperity

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State Representative

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Photos from Debra Hobbs' Family Album



Daughter Amanda graduates and Amanda and J.J. Gunther with their newly-adopted sons.



Jonathan at age 3



Jonathan's graduation from Academy at Riverdale



Rep. Debbie Hobbs with son Jonathan. The family tries to make life normal for Jonathan.



Debbie, Amanda, Ray, and Jonathan



Debbie with daughter Amanda



Jonathan enjoys a new hat.



Ray and Jonathan



Jonathan and Amanda at Sunshine School float



Jonathan playing softball



Debbie and family at Booher dragboat races



Jonathan and daughter Amanda



"Two of our best gifts"



Jonathan with Grandpa Soard



Jonathan and Amanda at graduation



Amanda played softball.



Jonathan loved being in school



Jonathan Hobbs

Honest, Hardworking Legislator with Traditional Values

Debbie Hobbs' Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles by Debbie Hobbs

- The Bible
- Ten Commandments
- Arkansas and U.S. Constitutions
- Existing Law (unless and until changed)
- Family Values, such as Right to Life, Traditional Marriage, Sanctity of Home and Property
- Right to Self Defense
- Smart on Crime
- Make Government Live within Its Means
- Cut Wasteful Spending
- No Obamacare
- No Slush Funds
- Free Markets
- Promote Existing Local Businesses
- No Giveaways to Big Business
- Require Able-Bodied to Work as Prerequisite to Welfare Benefits
- Support Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Fair Treatment of State Employees
- Honesty and Ethics in State Government
- Open Public Records



Former State Rep. Debbie Hobbs at her desk in the House Chamber at the State Capitol in Little Rock and outside the entrance to the House



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS

Wit and Wisdom From Remarks of Debbie Hobbs

The people are sick and tired of politics as usual!

I hate the politics of policy. I like policy but not the treachery and horse-trading in the legislature. It shouldn't be about who's for or against a bill — the governor, the party, business, unions, a contributor or your best friend. It should be about the merits of the bill. Support it or oppose it based on its merits!

The Speaker threatened to hold the legislature hostage until Obamacare Medicaid expansion passed. Legislators traded their votes for chairmanships and personal benefits.

Government should serve the people — the people should not have to serve the government.

Money is controlling our elections and our legislation.

I could stay home and be happy but something within me says we can't ignore what is happening.

Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death!" Now people have the choice of liberty or money, and they're saying "I'll take the money!"

Gov. Beebe used to ask, "How are you going to pay for it?" We also need to ask who is going to pay for it!

If enough people will stand up, we can change things!

We're at the tipping point!



Pastor Alan Johnson of Rogers First Church of the Nazarene greets Rep. Debbie Hobbs during a visit to the church..

Beyond Politics: Debra Hobbs Loves to Serve Our Community

ROGERS - It's not political, and Debbie Hobbs doesn't talk much about it, but she has been an active volunteer over the years for many great causes in Northwest Arkansas. These include:

- Chairman, Pathway to Freedom, a prison ministry that uses a mentorship program to return inmates to society and drastically reduces recidivism.
- Board member, Boys and Girls Club Foundation
- Board member, Sunshine School
- Single Parent Scholarship Advisory Council
- Director, Kids Voting AR, which teaches kids the importance of voting. It was part of Kids Voting USA, which set up voting booths at precincts and conducted mock elections. The Secretary of State supported the program and now has its own program.
- Children's Director for Northwest Arkansas and Board Member, Church of the Nazarene.

**100% FOR
Second
Amendment
Right to Keep
& Bear Arms**



Debbie Hobbs as a new state representative in 2009

**Debra Hobbs
State Representative**

Tuesday, March 1, 2016



Needed: Real Leadership at State Capitol

Send Debra Hobbs Back to Represent Us at State Capitol

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Website

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- By mail at 3901 Arnold Ave., Rogers 72758

Vote on Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Vote Debra Hobbs State Representative

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House District 94 Map



House District 94 includes parts of Rogers, Arkansas

Life in World of Wal-Mart

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swollen, and the doctors were very worried. He was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

"Jonathan was in Children's Hospital for two months. The people there were wonderful to us. It's the kind of help you pray you never need," Debbie remembers. Their son was diagnosed with Down's Syndrome. The speech therapist at The Benton County Sunshine School began home visits to Jonathan when he was an infant. He started walking at age 4. "He had to be taught so many things," she said. After the Sunshine School, Jonathan attended public schools in Rogers. He went to Little Rock with Debbie during her first term as a legislator. He graduated from the Academy at Riverdale in Little Rock.

Since Jonathan was born, so much of Ray and Debbie's lives have been devoted to helping make life as normal as possible for him. They try to help him participate in everything a typical kid would experience, whether it is attending school, going on camping trips, playing on softball teams, or going to Razorback games. During legislative sessions, Debbie often took Jonathan with her to Little Rock.

Meanwhile, Debbie's daughter Amanda followed in her mother's footsteps. Amanda graduated from Rogers High School and attended

the University of Arkansas where she earned B.S. and masters degrees in education. She teaches at Jones Elementary in Springdale, where many of the kids' parents are trying to work their way out of poverty.

Amanda is married to J.J. Gunther who works for Procter & Gamble. Amanda and J.J. have been married three years. They felt led to adopt older children in foster care who needed a "forever family." They recently adopted brothers, aged six and eight. "I love my babies!" Amanda said. "The only thing we hate is homework! The boys have a lot of friends and love to play outside."

Amanda said becoming a mom with a "ready-made" family has been easy. "They've plugged right into our lives. The kids go with us. They are old enough to enjoy everything," Amanda said, "and they have awesome grandparents!" When asked if he likes going over to stay at his grandmother Debbie's house, the younger of the two boys said, "Yes, we get spoiled into a rotten egg!"

The downside of the adoption process was the tedious delays and bureaucracy involved with DHH.

Debbie said, "At the State Capitol, you get a vision of how adopting a foster child is supposed to work, but my family got to see how the adoption process works in the real world. It was worth wading through the bureaucracy, because life for the Hobbs will never be the same!"



WAL-MART FOUNDER SAM WALTON honors Ray Hobbs with cherished award as District Manager of the year in the entire Wal-Mart corporation. Shown (left to right) are Ray's parents Jack and Bettye Hobbs, Debbie and Ray Hobbs, and Sam Walton.

Early Voting Starts Feb. 16