



## **An open letter to the residents of Holmes County**

Since August of 1991, I have had the privilege of working with and for you---the residents of Holmes County. Little did I know when I first arrived what an incredible journey I was about to begin.

Over the years, I have had the great pleasure of not just working for you but meeting you, getting to know your families, and getting to know the community. You have been so kind in taking me in and making me feel at home.

In the last few weeks, I have received some of the most heartfelt cards, letters, text messages, phone calls and other communications that I have ever received.

Your kindness, well wishes, and words of encouragement have been deeply appreciated--more than I can ever say in a letter or communicate in any other way. It has been overwhelming and I cannot thank you enough.

It has always been my desire to not only stay in Holmes County to work, but to find a way to remain involved with you....your kids....and the community at large.

I hope this website will provide that opportunity. It is the major reason I am undertaking it. I wish I could tell you I have all the answers and that things are as ready as they will ever be. They aren't. But half the fun of the journey is getting there and working together to make this website all it can be.

Thanks again for everything you have done for me. I've had the time of my life in Holmes County, and I look forward to continuing with this new venture. See you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Lonsinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Lonsinger