

## **Bradley L Schiralli ~ Town of Bolivar**

Bolivar has a unique identity not only from its namesake, Simon Bolivar, but from the footprint left by the "oil boom". The discovery of oil in the 1880's hurtled the town from a population of a few hundred to thousands of people producing tens of thousands of barrels of oil each week. Engines could be heard day and night powering machines to pump the oil from the sands far below the surface. The engines now are rarely heard, but oil is still produced even though it's just a fraction of its once enormous volume.

The Bolivar school district merged with Richburg school district in 1994. There are currently 860 students K-12 grade. The Bolivar Richburg School is home the mighty Wolverines.

I have been Superintendent of highways for 8 years, with four full-time employees. We maintain 31.5 miles of road, 22.5 miles is pavement and the remaining 8.99 miles are dirt. With the town population of 2189 people, the total highway budget is \$430,500.