The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County Summer 2015

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Patriot Poll Workers,

Our Poll Worker Appreciation Days in Baker and Fort Walton Beach were filled with fun, friends, games, and good food. All of the poll workers who attended went home with smiles on their faces. Many even went home with prizes in their hands! It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. I'd like to thank everyone who participated in making these events such a huge success.

The steady plod forward to replace our elections tabulation equipment continues as of this writing. We had a day to see the equipment demonstrated for us, and the Voting Systems Advisory Committee has made its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as to which equipment should be purchased. We have begun the negotiation process with Election Systems & Software for the acquisition of the DS200 (to replace the Accu-Vote) and the AutoMARK (to replace the TSX). While I know there will be a learning curve with this new equipment, I have every confidence in your ability to rise to the challenge and do well as you always do!

Speaking of new equipment, the quest for electronic poll books in all precincts continues as well. I have asked for the necessary funds in this year's budget, but I also know that the budget this year will be tight. All I can say for sure is stay tuned!

We have a busy year ahead of us with three countywide elections – the Presidential Preference Primary in March, the August Primary, and the November General Election. That means more training classes, and that means we need to see you there! If we get all of the new equipment we would like, then these classes become even more important!

Have a safe and fun summer, and come back to us next year healthy, happy and ready to work!

Jane's Corner

During the March Municipal Elections, poll workers at 11 precincts were able to use the electronic sign-in equipment for the first time, and they enjoyed the accuracy and faster pace of processing voters. The County Commissioners have voted to finance this sorely needed new equipment to replace our current equipment. Please take the time to contact your County Commissioner now to thank them for their support.

Karen and I enjoyed the Poll Worker Appreciation Days in April as much as the workers who were able to attend. We'd like to thank Margaret Blakley, Bill Ham, Karen Jones, Susan Matuska, and Pinky Ward for their work on this, their own Appreciation Day.

We'd also like to thank Paul and his staff for their support and appreciation of all our poll workers. Alan, Dustin, and Matt need a pat on the back for transporting the tables and chairs to Baker, as well as all the games, door prizes, and decorations to both the Baker and Fort Walton Beach Appreciation Days. We would also like to thank Paul, Shirley, Brenda, Darrell, Gwen, and Tammie for serving the food catered by Hub City Smokehouse. A special thank you goes to Bridget who kept "popping up all over the place" wherever she was needed and for her help in securing our grand prizes.

Because of Bridget's help, we were able to give away about $2,000 worth of door prizes donated by vendors who support what you do. If you patronize any of the vendors listed below, please let them know you are a poll worker and appreciate their support.

We recently held two one-hour orientation classes for people who are interested in becoming poll workers. I'm excited to see that these new recruits appear to have the enthusiasm and positive attitude that all our poll workers have.

We hope to have another orientation class before 2016. If you know anyone who wants to be a poll worker (and you can sit beside them for a 14-hour day), please direct them to our website (*www.govote-okaloosa.com*) to fill out an application.

Look over the class schedule enclosed and put all your class and election dates on your calendar now. When you receive the letter and post card to work each election, remember to return the card immediately to reserve your spot in class. We appreciate and count on your commitment to work the elections. We can't do this without you!

Have a great summer, and we'll see you in the fall!

Jane

THANK YOU for the Donations!

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Beef 'O' Brady's, Crestview
Cracker Barrel, Crestview & Destin
Daisy Day Brands
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Dewey Destin's Bayside Restaurant
Dunkin Donuts
Foxwood Country Club
Ft. Walton Beach Golf Course
Golden Asian Buffet
Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park
Hardee's, Crestview
Henderson Park Inn
Hub City Smokehouse
Jay's Guns & Accessories
Jimmie Giles
Logan's Roadhouse
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Olive Garden, FWB
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Sam's Club
Starbucks, Crestview & FWB
The Fresh Market, Destin
The Marquis Cinema 10
Tuscany Jewelers
Wash Me Now Car Wash
Wayne's Catfish House

Poll Worker Appreciation Days April 14th and 17th

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Ballot Box with DS200

As soon as any of the new equipment is available and the procedures are written, we will be notifying you about workshops. You will be paid to attend any required workshops in the fall, but may attend as many others as you wish. We want everyone to be very comfortable with our new equipment as we start a very busy elections year.

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2016 Election-Specific Training Classes

Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Day	Date	Time	Location*	Who
March 15, 2016 - Presidential Preference Primary Election Classes				
(also Municipal Elections in Cinco Bayou, Destin, Mary Esther, Valparaiso)				
Tues.	Feb. 2	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	Feb. 3	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	Feb. 4	1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	Feb. 9	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Feb. 11	1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Feb. 16	9:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Feb. 18	10:30 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	Feb. 19	10:30 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Feb. 23	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Feb. 25	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
August 30, 2016 - Primary Election Classes				
Tues.	July 19	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	July 20	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	July 21	1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	July 26	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	July 28	1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Aug. 2	9:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Aug. 4	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	Aug. 5	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Aug. 9	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Aug. 11	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**

Please See Reverse for Additional Classes.

2016 Election-Specific Training Classes

Day	Date	Time	Location*	Who
November 8, 2016 - General Election Classes				
Mon.	Sep. 26	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	Sep. 28	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	Sep. 29	1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	Oct. 4	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Oct. 6	1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Oct. 11	9:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Oct. 13	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	Oct. 14	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Oct. 18	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Oct. 20	9:00 am	Former Ag Building, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is strictly for your planning purposes. You will receive a letter and return post card in the mail prior to each election's classes if we need you to work. Please wait until you receive your letter, and then mark your class selection and/or comments on the return post card supplied **and return it immediately.**

* Each class location is a polling place. If you need directions, refer to pages S1 - S4 in your Poll Worker Manual:

Pct 9 Ag Building (Charles Walthall Building), 5479 Old Bethel Rd, Crestview
Pct 13 Wood lawn Baptist Church, 824 Ferdon Blvd N, Crestview
Pct 29 Trinity United Methodist Church, 403 Racetrack Rd NW, Fort Walton Beach
Pct 33 First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Pkwy, Niceville
Pct 38 Salvation Army Chapel, 425 Mary Esther Cut-Off, Fort Walton Beach

Welcome, Riley Drew!

Riley Drew made his world debut in May, weighing in at 7 lbs 8 ozs, and measuring 19½ inches long. His very proud parents are Dustin Ball, our Voting Machine Technician, and his wife Autumn.