The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County Fall 2015

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Patriot Poll Workers,

As this busy year (busier than I like in an odd-numbered year!) draws to a close, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. We have an aggressive training schedule for next year and I want you all well rested come January!

I would like to thank those who once again helped us with National Voter Registration Day in September. We had teams all day in front of every Walmart in the county, and we collected 42 forms from new registrants, address changes and party changes. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

We continue to train internally with the new voting equipment, honing our procedures to minimize as much as possible the impact for you in the polling place. Although we've thrown the baby out with the bathwater this year, I think you will find the new equipment and procedures will make your election lives so much easier. Jane's Corner will have more for you about the new equipment.

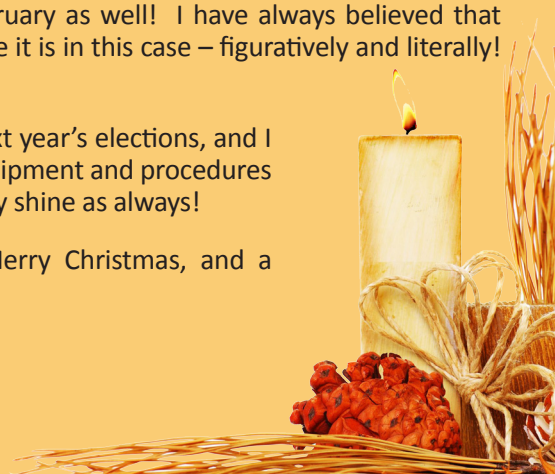
Speaking of the new equipment, I'd like to formally recognize the work done by Don Rogers (Trainer and Precinct Clerk in 49/50). Among the minor issues with the new equipment was a lack of a secure space for the zero tape during election day. He not only engineered a solution, but is also taking on the role of manufacturer as well! Be sure to add your thanks to mine when you see him!

I know some of you have had a chance to visit our relocated office in the new County Administration building in Shalimar. If you haven't, I encourage you to stop by and see our new space. Speaking of new space, the room adjacent to our new office will also serve as an early voting location. Not only that, but we have combined Precincts 16 and 37, and they will be using that room as their polling location, too!

While I'm on the subject of moving and voting locations, some of you have no doubt heard that the courthouse in Crestview is being torn down and rebuilt. Part of that inevitable trickle-down of offices being displaced is the loss of our training room at the old Agriculture Extension building on Old Bethel Road (also formerly a polling place for Precinct 9). New Beginnings Church, in Crestview, has graciously taken us in, not only as the location for Precinct 9's polling place, but also hosting our training classes in February as well! I have always believed that when one door closes another opens, and how true it is in this case – figuratively and literally! Thank you for blessing us, New Beginnings Church!

There is still a lot we have to do to be ready for next year's elections, and I know that you will all be there to learn the new equipment and procedures and apply that knowledge to make Okaloosa County shine as always!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



Jane's Corner

Recently, Clerks and Assistant Clerks attended Overview Workshops to acquaint them with some of the new equipment and procedures. There were smiles all around as they realized how these changes will make Election Day easier for everyone and closing the polls a 15- to 30-minute task.

The DS200/Ballot Box replaces the Accu-Vote, is easy to set up, and transmits wirelessly with a touch on the screen. The DS200 records Write-Ins, so no more looking for Write-Ins, or stacking and rubber-banding ballots. The AutoMARK replaces the Touch Screen and simply helps the voter mark a regular ballot which is then voted at the ballot box. Each voting booth now has a pen on a lanyard attached on the inside, so no more winding up pens and strings at the end of the day.

We were unable to demonstrate the new EViDs as all of the parts have not arrived yet. They are tablets, and the screens are much the same as the ones on the old EViDs. All supplies are delivered to the polling place on the day before the election in a Blue Security Cart and a Metal Rack along with the DS200/Ballot Box and the AutoMARK. Items are replaced in the Cart or Rack at the end of the day, secured with locks, and left at the polling place to be picked up the following day. Only the sealed BTCs with voted ballots and a Red Bag are returned to the Collection Centers at the end of the night.

You will get an opportunity to experience all of the new equipment at the workshops in January. These workshops are **required** for poll workers who want to work the elections next year. I'm sure you will enjoy this experience as much as the Clerks and Assistant Clerks did at the Overview Workshops.

There are tons of changes – all positive ones – that will make next year a fun and enjoyable election year. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the workshops in January and regular training classes in February.

Jane

Equipment Workshops

Do you want to work in 2016?

If you want to work in 2016, you MUST attend one of these workshops. Email Jane at *cvtemp@co.okaloosa.fl.us* to reserve your spot. (Bailiffs are not required to attend these workshops, but may attend if they wish.) One night workshop will be available in both Crestview and Shalimar. If your job makes it impossible for you to attend one of the day workshops, call Jane at 689-5600 immediately to reserve a spot in one of the night workshops. These night workshops will be canceled if no reservations are made.

2016 New Equipment Workshops

Day	Date	Time	Location*	Who
2016 Equipment Workshops (DS-200, AutoMARK, and EViD Tablets)				
Fri.	Jan. 15	10:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Trainers **ONLY**
Tues.	Jan. 19	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 25/36/43, 26/40, 27/28, 35/44
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 10, 19, 22/41, 46
Wed.	Jan. 20	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 20, 32, 34/47, 49/50
Thurs.	Jan. 21	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 38, 39, 42, 48
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 14, 15, 23, 33
		5:45 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	**Night Class By Reservation** if unable to attend any other class.
Fri.	Jan. 22	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 16/37, 17, 18, 29
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Pcts 21, 24, 30, 31
Mon.	Jan. 25	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administration Building	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	Jan. 26	9:00 am	Warriors Hall, Crestview	Pcts 1, 2, 3, 4
		1:00 pm	Warriors Hall, Crestview	Pcts 5, 6, 7, 51
Wed.	Jan. 27	9:00 am	Warriors Hall, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	Jan. 28	9:00 am	Warriors Hall, Crestview	Pcts 8, 9, 11, 12
		1:00 pm	Warriors Hall, Crestview	Pcts 13, 45, 52
		5:45 pm	Warriors Hall, Crestview	**Night Class By Reservation** if unable to attend any other class.

* Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar
* Warriors Hall, 201 Stillwell Ave, Crestview

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2016 Election-Specific Training Classes

Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis, so return your card immediately to reserve your seat.

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	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	Feb. 3	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, 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	New Beginnings Church, 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 403 Racetrack Rd NW, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS** **(never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Feb. 25	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church 412 James Lee Blvd W, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS** **(never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
August 30, 2016 - Primary Election Classes				
Tues.	July 19	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	July 20	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, 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	New Beginnings Church, 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 403 Racetrack Rd NW, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS** **(never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Aug. 11	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church 412 James Lee Blvd W, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS** **(never worked OR not worked since 2013)**

Please See Reverse for Additional Classes.

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2016 Election-Specific Training Classes

November 8, 2016 - General Election Classes				
Mon.	Sep. 26	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	Sep. 28	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, 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	New Beginnings Church, 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 403 Racetrack Rd NW, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS** **(never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Oct. 20	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church 412 James Lee Blvd W, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS** **(never worked OR not worked since 2013)**

PLEASE NOTE: This 2016 Training Classes schedule 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.**

Clerks and Assistant Clerks attended a County Commission Budget Meeting in July to show support for the purchase of our new voting equipment.