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Supervisor's Message

Fall Greetings!

As we prepare to enter the holiday season, I often reflect on how thankful I am to each and every poll worker who assist in keeping "democracy" alive and well in Levy County. Many thanks for all you do!

Recent legislation allows us to finally start our engines after months of preparation and make more headway as we plan for a busy election year. We have attended numerous trainings for various election related activities. Recently we visited one of our neighboring counties to observe the training of their poll workers. We are working on gathering ideas to better our poll worker trainings. My staff and I would like to provide our poll workers with the skills needed to be the best they can be on election day.

Over the next school year we will be partnering with all of the schools with in Levy County to promote voter education. We plan to speak to each civics class to educate students on the importance of voting. We also would like to educate all students on our voting equipment by allowing them to vote for various things such as their favorite Sunshine State Young Reader book, class officers and homecoming court. I realize how essential it is to educate the future of our country on the democratic process.

We encourage each of you to "like" us on Facebook for more news and updates on the upcoming election year. Be sure to sign up for our electronic newsletter on our website at votelevy.com.

As your Supervisor of Elections, I consider each and every day a great honor and privilege to serve you. As you know, I have a open door policy and I will continue to be available to you anytime you need me.

Tammy Jones

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Voter Registration Statistics

TOTALS UPDATED DAILY AT
WWW.VOTELEVY.COM

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|--------------|---------------|
| DEMOCRATS: | 10,568 |
| REPUBLICANS: | 10,489 |
| OTHERS: | 4,614 |
| TOTAL | 25,671 |

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Outreach Corner



Last month we attended Chiefland High School to conduct elections for the Senior class. Students were given the chance to vote for their Senior class officers, class motto, song and colors on our Accu-Vote Touch Screen. Within the next few weeks we will be visiting both Williston High School and Bronson Middle/High School to conduct their homecoming elections. If you know of an event you would like our office to attend or a need in the community please contact us at (352)486-5163.

VOTE IN HONOR OF A VET

Our office is pleased to provide the citizens of Levy County with the Vote in Honor of a Vet program. We hope that this program will encourage voter participation among all ages. Our office also believes in the importance of educating our county's youth on the sacrifices past and present veterans have made so that we can continue to live in a democratic society. If you know a veteran and would like to vote in their honor, send us a photograph of that individual in uniform and fill out a biography form, which is available at www.votelevy.com. A wall to display each veteran's photograph submitted to our office will be in the Levy County Courthouse. We will have dedication ceremony on November 15 at 10:00 a.m.



NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

We recently participated in National Voter Registration Day which is done once a year in September. This is the first year our office has taken part in this nation wide event. Across the United States there were 8,397 individuals who registered to vote. Without the help of 1,466 volunteers, National Voter Registration Day would not have been such a success. Our office is thankful for the volunteers who braved the stormy weather to help us register voters. Those volunteers were Betty Anderson, Cerise Smith, Gloria Perry, Herb Lent, and Sandra Palfy. We are also appreciative of the Chiefland Wal-Mart for allowing us to set up a booth outside their store. As always we are looking of ways to serve the citizens of Levy County.



POLL WORKER SPOTLIGHT



Frances Quesada



Ms. Frances is Levy County's oldest poll worker. She has worked the past several elections as an inspector at the Morriston Precinct.

Before moving to Levy County in 1994, Ms. Frances lived in Miami where she was born and raised. She has been married to her husband, Arturo, for 42 years. Ms. Frances loves to talk about her family especially her only grandchild.

Ms. Frances is still actively involved in the community and spends a great deal of her time volunteering at the local nursing home. One of the main reasons she enjoys being a poll worker is that it allows her to interact with people within her community. Ms. Frances believes voting is important because "it allows our country to run efficiently."



Brittany Smith



Brittany is Levy County's youngest poll worker. She worked her very first election for us in the 2012 General Election.

Brittany's mother, Cerise Smith inspired her to work last year. Cerise has been the clerk at the Bronson Precinct for many years. She has also been involved in many Bronson community activities and has been a great role model for Brittany.

Brittany currently attends Santa Fe College and is working to pursue her degree in nursing. She hopes her school schedule will permit her to continue working at the polls. Her favorite part of working the polls was seeing how the voting process worked and getting a behind the scenes look on election day. Brittany says "Voting is important because it allows you to voice your opinions."

WE WANT YOU TO BE A POLL WORKER

For every county-wide election, the Supervisor of Elections Office relies on approximately 110 poll workers to assist the citizens of Levy County on Election Day.

By becoming a poll worker, you can show the citizens of Levy County that you care about the electoral process. Poll workers also have the opportunity to be involved in the future of our democracy.



Poll workers help ensure the election process is accurate and fair. Our poll workers are highly trained individuals, who are active voters and serve their communities with great pride. They also enjoy working with the public and meeting each voter's needs.

If you would like to join our team and become an Election Day Poll Worker call us at :

(352)486-5163 EXT. 6

Ask for Mindy Shouse

Attention Potential Candidates

It feels like the 2012 elections are barely behind us and already we are planning for the 2014 elections. Candidates are free to set their own time tables for campaigns, depending on their strategies. Some decide to jump in early to raise money, lock in support or dispel rumors they may not run again. Others hold off until voters are beginning to consider the upcoming election.

In Florida, a person is a legal candidate when they file the form naming a campaign treasurer and the bank that will house their campaign checking account. Then they start the process of qualifying to have their name on the ballot. This requires filing with the local Supervisor of Elections before making campaign expenditures or accepting campaign contributions. While there is no legal start date, all candidates must fulfill the qualifying requirements before the qualifying period ends in June 2014.

Locally we have County Commission Districts 2 and 4 plus School Board Districts 1, 3 and 5 up for election in 2014. The Supervisor of Elections office is hosting a candidate workshop on **March 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** Participants include Candidates, Campaign Treasurers, Campaign Managers, Consultants, Parties, the Media and all other interested parties. We do ask that you R.S.V.P. if you plan on attending to prepare a spot for all attendees. You may R.S.V.P to Tammy Jones at tammy@votelevy.com. In subject put 2014 Candidate Workshop.

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Our Mission:

- ☆ Ensure the integrity of the electoral process
- ☆ Enhance public confidence
- ☆ Encourage citizen participation

