

ELECTION NEWS



Dear Voters,

The 2018 Election Cycle has arrived and your elections office is busy making sure we are as election ready as we hope you are. So what are we doing you ask...verifying signatures on petitions, working on agreements with our polling places, planning for poll worker orientations, and assisting candidates with the initial filing of their paperwork. There is much to be done before the Primary and General Election and we know it will be here before we know it. We hope you are thinking ahead as well...are you registered to vote? do you need to make an address change? have you verified your party affiliation?...these are all things that will ensure you are election ready when it's time to vote. If you have any questions concerning your voter registration don't hesitate to call your elections office at 850-838-3515. We are here to serve YOU !!!

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Registered Voters: County

Precinct 1—924

Precinct 2—1,163

Precinct 3—980

Precinct 4—157

Precinct 5—955

Precinct 6—543

Precinct 7—1,452

Precinct 8—967

Precinct 9—709

Precinct 10—721

Precinct 11—749

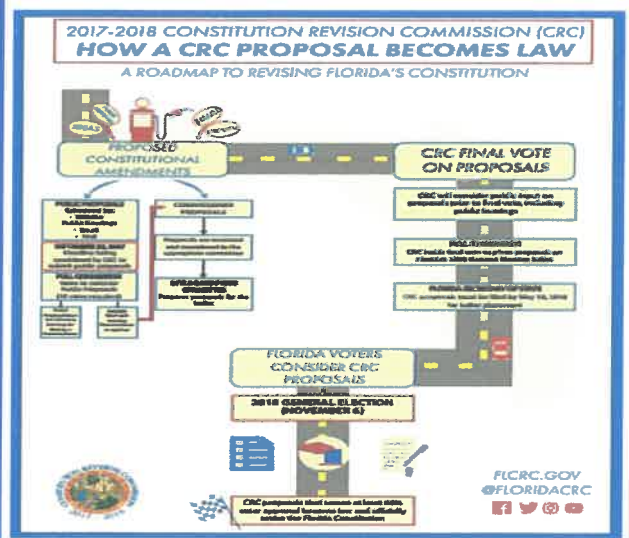
Precinct 12—983

Precinct 13—1,169

Precinct 14—1,353

Constitutional Revision Commission...

Have you been hearing a lot about Florida's Constitution Revision Commission's process and you're wondering how it works...the graph below demonstrates just how issues will get placed on your 2018 General Election ballot.



Total Registered Voters:

By Party

Republican—4,544

Democrat—6,932

Other—1,342

Total—12,818

Registered Voters:

City

District 1—861

District 2—611

District 3—874

District 4—764

District 5—941

Total—4,051

Veterans Wall of Honor...

Your Supervisor of Elections is continuing to look for veterans to showcase on our Veterans Wall of Honor. We currently have 216 veteran pictures displayed and would love to honor and showcase your veteran as well. Contact your Supervisor of Elections office and ask how we can help you honor your veteran.



Election News you need to know about....

2018 Taylor County Candidate Notebook...

Candidate Notebooks have been prepared and are ready for pickup. If you are interested in an office scheduled to be on the 2018 ballot, contact your Supervisor of Elections today for additional information.



Online Voter Registration is Here...

As of October 1, 2017, Online Voter Registration is now available to each and every citizen who wishes to register to vote, update an address, or change a party affiliation. Florida is excited to join over 20 states who already offer online registration. Online Voter Registration is a win for the voter as well as the sixty-seven Supervisors who process registration applications on a daily basis. This program will provide voters the opportunity to complete an application on line as long as they currently have a signature on file with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). This process will eliminate the need for a voter to seek out the best avenue to pick up an application or the current online system of printing, signing and mailing a paper application. The benefit to the elections office will be seen when processing these application as it will cut down the amount of time retyping voter information into a database where possible key stroke errors can occur or ineligible writing might be an issue. Online Voter Registration will reduce processing costs and provide great accessibility to voters.



Constitution Day...

Your Supervisor of Elections celebrated the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 by encourages you to visit your elections office located on the 2nd floor of the county courthouse to pick up a free pocket size Constitution. Help us celebrate our love for the United States of America and the blessings of freedom our founding father secured for us.



Pink in the Park... Voter Outreach

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, your Supervisor of Elections and staff participated in the Pink in the Park event. Thank you Doctors Memorial Hospital for allowing us to participate and thank you Taylor County for an awesome turnout.



Signatures are Important...

Signature are compared with each and every mail ballot that is cast and every candidate or initiative petition that is signed. Updating your signature is quick and easy. Contact your elections office today to find out how or visit our website at www.taylor-elections.com.



TCES—Ms. Wright's Class...

On Friday, October 6, 2017 your Supervisor of Elections visited Ms. Wright's class for a special election on their class representative. A Very good discussion was had by the students prior to voting, the students asked lots of questions and even made their speeches as to why they should be considered for the position. The results ended in a tie so the class decided to have co-leaders as class representatives. Thank you Ms. Wright for allowing us to visit your class, they were excellent students and extremely well behaved.



TCMS—Voter Outreach—Student Council & Class Rep Elections...



What's going on outside your elections office...

North Central Florida Round Table...

Thursday, August 17, 2017, your Supervisor of Elections traveled to Columbia County for a North Central Florida Round Table. Many topics were discussed including vote by mail processing, poll workers, candidate qualifying, records retention, initiative petitions, ballot accounting forms, election security and new ideas for the upcoming 2018 Election Cycle. Any time your elections office can bounce ideas off of other election professionals we try to take advantage of that, it's how we improve our processes and ultimately bring those best practices back to Taylor County and to our voters.



TCHS Homecoming Election...



2017 Little King and Queen Pageant...

I was honored to have been asked to serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies during the Little King and Queen Program. I truly enjoyed being with the entire crew and each of the boys and girls left a little shiny red heart in my memory bank, they were all so precious.



Voter Outreach—Schools Across the County...

Your Supervisor of Elections and staff was busy making our rounds during the Taylor County School District's Open House. Our goal was to attend all six as well as the open house scheduled at Point of Grace. This gave your elections office a chance to provide voter registration, address updates and to answer questions about the upcoming 2018 Election Cycle. We also handed out rulers, pencils and pamphlets to students on Why Voting is So Important.



Dominion User Group Meeting...

Your Supervisor of Elections and staff attended a Dominion User Group Meeting in Alachua County on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Since acquiring our new voting equipment, we have been tentatively listening to other counties who have been using this equipment to learn best practices and efficient poll worker training methods. Many of Dominion Voting System's staff was present to answer questions and listen to individual counties on any concerns they may have going into the 2018 Election Cycle. Thank you Kim Barton, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, for being such a gracious host.



Inclusion & Integrity...

Your Supervisor of Elections and staff was excited to attend the Inclusion and Integrity in Election Administration Symposium held October 15-17, at the Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. This event was co-sponsored by the Election Center and Auburn University and offered a wide selection of panel discussions from some of the top professors, researchers and election administrators from around the country.



National Voter Registration Day...

Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline. Your Supervisor of Elections wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to register, so last year we partnered with National Voter Registration Day in an attempt to register as many citizens as we could and to inform voters of registration deadlines. On Tuesday, September 26, 2017 volunteers and organizations from all over the country hit the streets in a single day of coordinated field, technology and media efforts. National Voter Registration Day seeks to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach tens of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise. We will be partnering with the National Voter Registration Day organization again this year and can't wait to inform you of the upcoming events we will be planning.



2017-2018 FSASE President...

As the current President of the Florida State Association of Supervisor of Elections, I am honored to have on display in my office this framed print along with the President's gavel. As is tradition, these items are bestowed upon each incoming president during their installation. I will proudly cherish these items each and every day as they are reminders of why we do what we do. Feel free to drop by my office at any time to view the print and read the background behind the time honored tradition of passing the gavel.



Do You Know Someone Who Might Like to Receive Our Newsletter...

Just have them visit our website at www.taylor-elections.com, scroll to the bottom and look on the right-hand side of the homepage. Enter their information and click submit in the 'Sign Up For Our Newsletter' link.

Have you Liked our Facebook Page...



To stay connected to what is happening in your Supervisor of Elections office visit and like our Facebook page—*Taylor County Supervisor of Elections*. Our goal is to keep voters informed on important election information, upcoming dates, and helpful resources. We will regularly share posts regarding our office and community events.

Have you Visited our Website Lately... If you're looking for up-to-date information on what's happening in your elections office, just visit your Supervisor of Elections website at www.taylor-elections.com. We will be updating this site over the next couple of months, so keep checking back frequently. We want to assist you in being #electionready2018.

Canvassing Board Planning Meeting...

On July 19, 2017, your Supervisor of Elections attended a pre-planning Canvassing Board



Workshop Meeting held in Orlando at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office. Planning for a successful election cycle is part of the pre-election process and the canvassing board plays a vital role in making sure every eligible vote gets counted.

www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov...

- ⇒ Available 24-7 in English and Spanish
- ⇒ Convenient to register to vote or make changes to an existing registration
- ⇒ Mobile-friendly
- ⇒ Complete your registration in the comfort of your home
- ⇒ No need to print, sign and mail application
- ⇒ Voter Information Card will arrive in your mailbox in just a few days
- ⇒ Be #electionready2018 by registering to vote today





Your Supervisor of Elections Office Celebrates YOU...

SARAH SLEDGE HALL

Sarah has been a member of the elections team longer than any other election team member. She currently serves as a Clerk at precinct 13, Jerkins Community Center, where she assists voters on Election Day.

Sarah states "I am a people person and I enjoy meeting, greeting, and working with people. Also, I'm concerned with the welfare of the people, voting makes a difference. I've always been politically inclined. I started working the polls back in the '60's under Mr. Smith Belcher. The Supervisors I worked under were Mrs. Hamby, Mrs. Lilliott and Mrs. Southerland. Needless to say, I've enjoyed every minute. Thanks for the opportunity." ~ Sarah Hall

Sarah is a lifelong resident of Perry, FL, Taylor County

Sarah was married to Clinton Hall, Jr (deceased)

Children:

Sandra Davis,
Theodore Ingram,
Charlotte Hugger,
Sarah Ingram Black,
Minnick Ingram,
Stephanie Smith

Sarah's Hobbies include: reading, writing, fishing, shopping, traveling, fellowshiping with my church family

Credits Thelma Newberry for everything I've learned politically, spiritually and for my career in childcare.



Your Supervisor of Elections Office Celebrates YOU...

LAURA E MILLER

Laura states, "I think it is very important that we have the opportunity and the choices to vote for the ones we feel would be the right ones to lead our country. I feel blessed that I can help by serving on the election team. It is my pleasure to work with such wonderful people. The Supervisor of Elections team, is very important and very dependable if we need help they are there for the voters and the election team members." ~ Laura Miller

Laura has been a resident of Perry, FL, Taylor County since 1978

Laura is married to Henry D Miller

Children:

Deborah Seagroves

David W Miller

Laura's Hobbies include: working with flowers and plants

Laura has been a dedicated team member since 1986.

Laura is one of our second longest serving election team members. She currently serves as Clerk at precinct 3, Blue Creek Baptist Church, where she assists voters on Election Day.

November Spotlight