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Dates To Remember

- February 20, 2008
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Committee Press
Conference in
Tallahassee
- February 27, 2008
Candidate Training (for
current or potential
political candidates)
- August 26, 2008
Primary Election
- November 4, 2008
General Election

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A Message From Your Supervisor Vicki Davis

Highlights From An Extraordinary Election

What an exciting way to start the new year! Martin County voters turned out in record numbers to cast their votes in the Presidential Preference Primary held on Tuesday, January 29th.

Nearly 49% of Martin County's registered voters went to the polls on Election Day, voted by mail, or early voted at the Elections Center, exceeding the state turnout of 41.5%.

The following table represents how voters in Martin County cast their votes.

Ballots cast Election Day	30,859
Ballots cast Early Voting	3,657
Ballots cast Absentee	11,598
Total ballots cast	46,114

The statewide Property Tax Reform amendment passed overwhelmingly in Martin County with 70.39% votes cast in favor of the amendment and the City of Stuart's Fluoride Referendum passed by 51.74%.

Our focus at the Elections Center will now shift towards the August 26th Primary and the November 4th General Elections with new voting equipment and online poll worker training implementation.

For anyone interested in running for office at the local level, we are offering candidate training on Wednesday, February 27th, from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Martin County Elections Center.

Best regards,

Vicki

Student Profile—Meet Caitlin Sherman

Caitlin is a senior at South Fork High School who also serves on the Elections Center Student Advisory Board. Her achievements are many, and she does them all exceedingly well.

Caitlin is the Student Government president, District V Secretary, and a Track Pole Vault. She is a member of the French

Club, Homecoming Committee, Breast Cancer Awareness Committee, and a yearbook "Best All Around" nominee. Caitlin has extensive volunteer experience, in addition to working every weekend while enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. She would like to attend the University of Florida or

Flagler College and major in news broadcasting. She hopes to become an anchor for a major news channel. With her drive and ambition, we are certain she will accomplish her goals!





Media Moments

One of the priorities of the Elections Center was to reach eligible Martin County voters to remind them to register to vote or update their voter information prior to the January 29th Election.

Traditional and “high-tech” forms of media were utilized to raise voter awareness. The Stuart News TC Palm website reached thousands of

online readers and numerous radio spots were heard throughout the county.

New this year was a “traveling billboard” and advertising on every screen at the Regal Theatres in Jensen Beach.

Other “firsts” for the election season were commercial spots on more than thirty Comcast channels in addition to

televised “pop ads” which were displayed at every public library location.

The increased visibility effectively resulted in greater voter turnout.



Poll Workers & Ms. Davis in front of traveling billboard

Here, There, Everywhere!



Voter Registration—Seafood Festival



Voter Registration at The Place

Kherri Anderson, Community Outreach Coordinator, continues her energetic efforts to educate and inform the residents of Martin County about every aspect of voting through a wide variety of venues.

Prior to Election Day, you may have seen Kherri at one of many Chamber events, or perhaps at a nursing home or assisted living facility where she registered 200 eligible voters and received 300 Vote By Mail requests.

Additional outreach endeavors include Riverside National Bank, Seacoast National Bank, and all public library locations. Special

events such as the Seafood Festival, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Gertrude Walden Health Day resulted in over 135 registrations and ballot requests.

If you belong to an organization or homeowner’s association that would be interested in Kherri addressing your group, please call her at (772) 288-5637 ext. 8063.



Ms. Davis & Kherri Anderson at the Hobe Sound Chamber



New Precinct Unites Neighborhood

At the urging of Indiantown community activist and lifelong resident Thelma Waters, a voting precinct in Booker Park became a reality. Prior to the new precinct, many residents found it difficult to cast their vote due to a lack of transportation and the long walking distance to existing precincts.

Ms. Davis and Outreach Coordinator, Kherri Anderson, jumped into action finding an appropriate location, securing county approval, and going door to door registering eligible voters with the support of neighborhood volunteers.

Recruiting new poll workers for precinct #26 was equally exciting with an

overwhelming response. Sincere thanks and congratulations to the citizens of Booker Park for an excellent job!



Door to door voter registration team

Praising Our Poll Workers

As many of our readers know, an Election is successful in large part due to the poll workers who staff our precincts. As a matter of fact, we would be unable to conduct an Election without their assistance!

Fifty-three polling locations ran efficiently

as a result of 293 poll workers and 53 poll deputies who processed 30,859 voters in a single (very long) day!

The Adopt-A-Precinct program successfully benefited ten local charities and non-profit organizations. Poll workers from each

“adopted” precinct donated their earnings to the charity of their choice, generating a total of \$10,500 in contributions.

Heartfelt appreciation to every poll worker and poll deputy!



**For
August 26, 2008
Primary Election**

- Online Poll Worker Training
- Optical Scan Voting Equipment



Poll deputies being sworn in by Sheriff Robert Crowder



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Banners Delight Downtown

Business owners and shoppers alike expressed their approval of the recently unveiled "VOTE" street pole banners that lined downtown Stuart, the Elections Center and the Courthouse.

"What a wonderful way to remind voters it is Election time. The banners are so patriotic, they inspired me to make certain I voted!" commented one shop employee.

Ms. Davis expressed her

gratitude to the City of Stuart and the employees responsible for hanging the eighty banners throughout town. Davis noted, "I am very appreciative of the support and excellent service provided by the City, particularly Mr. Hudson, Mr. Leggett and his crew. We have had such a positive reception by so many community members."

The banners will be displayed two weeks prior to each Election in 2008.