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OKALOOSA COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT

**Primary Election
August 26, 2008**

The Choice is Yours!

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Dear Voters,

This sample ballot booklet will guide you through the races you will be voting on in the August 26 Primary and inform you on new laws and procedures that went into effect since the last election cycle.

There are fewer races than usual, and several races are Universal Primary Contests. There are no closed Democratic primary races, and as the Universal Primary Contests will appear on the ballot for all registered voters, Democrats and minor or non-party voters will all have the Universal Primary Contest ballot. Republican voters, however, will have a ballot according to their House District, with closed primary races in House Districts 1 and 5.

Check out our website at www.govote-okaloosa.com for additional information or email me at phollarn@co.okaloosa.fl.us any time.

Sincerely,



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FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

Florida is a closed primary state. Only the two major parties (Republican and Democrat) have primaries, which are nominating elections, and you have to be registered as a member of the party whose primary in which you wish to vote. Pursuant a recent change in election law, registered minor parties are now eligible to have primaries also. However, all registered voters, regardless of party, vote in a primary on the nonpartisan races, such as school board members, judges, and referenda. The only exception to the closed primary is for a Universal Primary Contest.

THE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST

If, in any race, only candidates of one major party have qualified, and there are no minor party, independent, or write-in candidates for the general election, that race will be on the primary ballot for ALL registered voters of the jurisdiction, regardless of party registration.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

In order to ensure that no eligible voter is turned away, the law provides for a person whose eligibility may be questioned at the polls for several reasons. If no final determination can be made at the time of voting, or if the voter disagrees with a determination of eligibility, he or she may vote a provisional ballot. This ballot is secured in an envelope and the canvassing board will determine whether it is to be counted after research is completed by the elections office. In addition, the voter has until 5 p.m. on the third day after the election to provide any further evidence he or she may have to prove his or her eligibility. All provisional voters are given written notice of free access to information on the disposition of his or her own provisional ballot.

Please note: Voters who fail to bring photo and signature ID when voting are now required by law to vote a provisional ballot. Voting by affirmation for lack of ID has been repealed.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will **not** be conducted at either Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections' offices. The Supervisor of Elections office will limit voting in the offices to picking up "traditional" absentee ballots. Hopefully voters will request their absentee ballots to be mailed to them by simply calling, emailing, or using the website request form.

There are two early voting sites:

- Robert L.F. Sikes Public Library, 1445 Commerce Dr, Crestview
- Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach

Early voting will be August 11 to August 23, Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All voters (registered as of July 28 book closing) from any precinct may vote at either location.

Early voters will be using optical scan ballots, but to serve all voters from all precincts requiring all 137 ballot styles to be available, we will be using the new Ballot-on-Demand printers and scanners. Each polling place will be equipped with one touch screen machine, which is capable of allowing voters with disabilities to vote secretly and independently, without assistance. This is a requirement of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and conforming Florida legislation.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

"Traditional" absentee voting is by paper ballot (optical scan) using the envelope process. The most convenient way to obtain an absentee ballot is to contact the elections office by phone, email, web form, letter, or in person. No one can pick up a ballot for anyone else, except an immediate family member of a voter who designates that person in writing, and that can only be done on the fifth day prior to and up to election day.

Deadline for requesting a ballot to be mailed is the sixth day prior to the election (August 20) and the last day ballots will be mailed out is the fourth day prior (August 22). Absentee ballots must be received in the elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots may not be turned in at the precinct polling places or early voting sites.

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

- Use a **BLACK** Pen.
- If you make a mistake on the ballot, you may request a new one.
- Mark only one choice per race when “Vote for One” is indicated.
- If a race is marked: “Vote for No More Than Two” (or three or four), you may vote for fewer than indicated and your vote **WILL** count (Undervote)
- If you mark more than indicated, your vote in that race **WILL NOT** count. (Overvote)
- You **MUST** completely fill in the oval (as shown below) for your vote to be counted.
Any other mark **MAY NOT BE READ** by the scanner.




Republican Ballots R1-52: This composite ballot is for all
Republican voters county-wide.

SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
REPUBLICAN PARTY
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
AUGUST 26, 2008**

SAMPLE

TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL  NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.
Use only a dark pen or pencil. If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot.
If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

CONGRESSIONAL

Congressional race will appear here
Only those voters in Congressional District 2
will have a primary race.

STATE

**PUBLIC DEFENDER
1st JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|--|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> James Owens | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Kelly Merritt Richards | REP |

LEGISLATIVE

House race will appear here
Only those voters in House District 1 or 5
will have primary races.

COUNTY

**SHERIFF
Universal Primary Contest
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|--|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> Charlie Morris | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Bill Patterson | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Robert L. Thacker, Jr. | REP |

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
Universal Primary Contest
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|--|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> Rhonda G. Cawthon | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Graham W. Fountain | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Doug Hutcheson | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Paul Lux | REP |

**MEMBER, BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT 1
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|---|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> Tommy Carmical | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Wayne Harris | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Ralph H. King | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Andrew (Andy) Wheeler | REP |

**MEMBER, BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT 5
Universal Primary Contest
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> James Campbell | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Kathy Foster | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Larry W. Hines | REP |

PARTY OFFICES

**STATE COMMITTEEMAN
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> Steve Czonstka | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Tom D Godbold | REP |

**STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN
(Vote for One)**

- | | |
|--|-----|
| <input type="radio"/> Jane K Dale | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Caroline S. FitzGerald | REP |
| <input type="radio"/> Hulda E. Mahlum | REP |

Congressional District 2

Precincts: part of 25; all of 26, 40, 46, 49
and part of 50.

CONGRESSIONAL

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
DISTRICT 2
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ **Eddie Hendry** REP
- ☐ **Mark Mulligan** REP

House District 1

Precincts: all of 1, 2, 3, 4, 9; part of 13 and 45.

LEGISLATIVE

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 1
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ **Greg Evers** REP
- ☐ **Ryan L. Gilbert** REP

House District 5

Precincts: all of 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12; part of 13, 14, 23, 26,
31; all of 34; part of 42, 45, 46, 47; all of 51 and 52.

LEGISLATIVE

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 5
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ **Sherry Campbell** REP
- ☐ **Brad Drake** REP

**This amendment will appear on the back side
of the Republican ballot for
North Okaloosa Fire District:**

All split Precincts parts of: 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12,
13, 45, 51 and 52

**NORTH OKALOOSA FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL REFERENDUM**

**NORTH OKALOOSA FIRE DISTRICT (NOFD)
AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE WAY THE
DISTRICT ASSESSES PROPERTY OWNERS**

Do you approve amending the NOFD charter to authorize
levy and collection of millage (ad valorem) assessments
not to exceed 3.75 mils on all taxable properties in the
NOFD for the purposes of constructing, operating and
maintaining District fire and emergency services,
manpower, facilities, and equipment with the
understanding that setting the milage rate cap does not
mean that the District will immediately implement the
cap rate for millage?

- ☐ **YES**
- ☐ **NO**

**The races on this page appear ONLY
in the precincts, or parts of
precincts, as indicated.**


SAMPLE

Democrat, Minor or Non-Partisan Ballots N1-52: This composite ballot is for Democrat voters county-wide and for all voters in a minor party or with no party affiliation.

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UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTESTS
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REP

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REP

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REP

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

**Universal Primary Contest
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REP

☐ **Graham W. Fountain**

REP

☐ **Doug Hutcheson**

REP

☐ **Paul Lux**

REP

**MEMBER, BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT 5**

**Universal Primary Contest
(Vote for One)**

☐ **James Campbell**

REP

☐ **Kathy Foster**

REP

☐ **Larry W. Hines**

REP

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☐ **YES**

☐ **NO**

**The amendment above will appear
on the ballot for voters in the
North Okaloosa Fire District:**

**All split Precincts parts of: 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12,
13, 45, 51 and 52**

The races listed above will
appear on **ALL** ballot styles.

OTHER IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION



You will be asked for photo and signature ID (which may be on one ID) by the election official.

Approved forms of ID include:

- Florida Driver's License
- Military ID
- Current US Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Student ID
- ID Card issued by HSMV
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Retirement Center ID

If you do not bring any ID, you will be allowed to vote; however, you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

ADDRESS CHANGE?



If you have moved recently and have a new address other than the one in the poll register you will be asked to see the Clerk to determine if you are in the correct precinct. It is a third- degree felony to vote in a precinct you do not live in.

If you are asked to go to another precinct, you will be given a special form to take with you so the Clerk at the new precinct won't have to call the office. If you'd like to verify your address with our office before Election Day, just call or e-mail us!

NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLS?



Need assistance to vote? You can bring a friend or family member, but poll workers are all trained and qualified to assist as well.

All polling places are accessible to voters with special needs and new electronic machines are available for disabled voters to vote secretly and independently as well.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY



THE BAILIFF

I'm a special deputy who will greet you at the door and provide assistance when needed. I'll remind you to have your ID ready!



THE GREETER

I'm especially helpful to first-time voters, giving ballot demonstrations and answering most questions. I even have special ballots for the kids too!



BOOK INSPECTOR

I have the poll register with your name in it. I'll ask for your ID and check your signature before giving you a ballot ticket. I should never tell you that you can't vote!



BALLOT INSPECTOR

I take your ballot ticket and give you your ballot. I will say out loud which party ballot you're getting. Then I'll point your way to the voting booth.



THE TOUCH SCREEN

The law now requires each precinct to have a touch screen voting machine for voters with special needs. Each precinct has one poll worker just to run it.



VOTE!

Vote your secret ballot in the booth provided. ***If you make a mistake please ask for a new ballot!*** All done? Put your ballot in the folder and head for the Accu-Vote machine.



BALLOT BOX INSPECTOR

I stand near the ballot box to assist voters should a problem arise. If one does, I can always call the clerk!



NEED ASSISTANCE?

If you have any special needs that will make your voting experience easier and faster, just ask! There are plenty of friendly poll workers waiting to help!



THE CLERK

I'm in charge of the precinct. If you have any questions or need extra assistance, I'll be happy to help. There's no problem I can't solve!



SOLICITATION

Equally popular and unpopular, the law no longer allows any form of solicitation within 100 feet of your polling place.



THANK YOU!

After you slide your ballot into the top of the Accu-Vote tabulator you're finished! Don't leave without your "I Voted" sticker and wear it proudly!

PCT #	PCT NAME	POLLING PLACE
1	Baker	Baker Area Recreation Assn. Bldg., Hwy 4, Baker
2	Blackman	Blackman Community Center, 7590 Hwy 189 N, Blackman
3	Milligan	North Okaloosa Fire District Station #3, 5241 Hwy 4, Milligan
4**	Holt	First Baptist Church of Holt, 532 Hwy 90 W, Holt
5	Laurel Hill	First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill, 3972 2nd Ave, Laurel Hill
6	Garden City	Auburn Pentecostal Ministries, 6144 Hwy 85 N, Crestview
7	Dorcas	Dorcas Baptist Church, Education Bldg, 5880 McCallum Rd, Dorcas
8	Honey Creek	Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3252 James Lee Blvd E, Crestview
9	Yellow River	Charles Walthall Bldg, 5479 Old Bethel Rd, Crestview
10	West Wright	The Covenant Community Church, 1007 Gospel Rd, Ft Walton Beach
11	East CV	First Assembly of God Church, 400 Ferdon Blvd S, Crestview
12	West CV	Carver Hill School, 461 School Ave W, Crestview
13	North CV	Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 Ferdon Blvd N, Crestview
14	West NV	St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 200 Partin Dr N, Niceville
15	Valparaiso	Mitchell Center Community Room, 459 Valparaiso Pky, Valparaiso
16	Shalimar	Meigs Middle School, 150 Richbourg Ave, Shalimar
17	Central Wright	Calvary Independent Baptist Church, 529 Clifford St, Ft Walton Beach
18	Ocean City	Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2 Woodham Ave, Ft Walton Beach
19	East FWB	Beulah First Baptist Church, 109 McGriff St, Ft Walton Beach
20	West Destin	Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave, Destin
21	Mary Esther	First Baptist Church, 28 North St, Mary Esther
22	S. Central FWB	Fred Hedrick Recreational Bldg, 132 Jet Dr, Ft Walton Beach
23***	Eglin	West Gate Chapel, Eglin Blvd - Bldg 2574, Eglin AFB
24	West FWB	FWB Shrine Club, 227 Carol Ave, Ft Walton Beach
25	N Central NV	Rosemont Baptist Church, 1601 27th St, Niceville
26	Seminole	North Bay Baptist Church, 4681 Hwy 20 E, Niceville
27	Cinco Bayou	Cinco Bayou Town Hall, 10 Yacht Club Dr, Ft Walton Beach
28	Garniers	Cinco Bayou Town Hall, 10 Yacht Club Dr, Ft Walton Beach
29	Golf Course	Trinity United Methodist Church, 403 Racetrack Rd NW, Ft Walton Beach
30	Okaloosa Island	Elks Lodge, 1335 Miracle Strip Pky, Ft Walton Beach
31	Longwood	Bob Hope Village Welcome Center, 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar
32	Ferry Park	The Church of Christ, 232 Hollywood Blvd SE, Ft Walton Beach
33	Rocky Bayou	First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Pky, Niceville
34	Florosa	St. Peter's Catholic Church, 100 Francis St., Mary Esther
35	North Destin	Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr, Destin
36	South NV	Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1200 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville
37	Lake Lorraine	Shalimar Baptist Church, 17 4th Ave, Shalimar
38	North Gate	Church of the Living God International, 716 Edge St, Ft Walton Beach
39	E Wright	Sons of Italy Bldg, 808 South Dr, Ft Walton Beach
40*	South Bluewater	Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church, 1028 White Point Rd, Niceville
41	N Central FWB	Fred Hedrick Recreational Bldg, 132 Jet Dr, Ft Walton Beach
42	New Heights	Abundant Life Church, 233 Hill Ave N, Ft Walton Beach
43	S Central NV	First Baptist Church of Niceville, 622 Bayshore Dr, Niceville
44	Central Destin	Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 307 Beach Dr, Destin
45	South CV	St. Mark United Methodist Church, 2250 PJ Adams Pky, Crestview
46	North Bluewater	Bluewater Baptist Church, 4580 Range Rd, Niceville
47	Wynnehaven Bch	Florosa Baptist Church, 102 Church St., Mary Esther
48	Westwood	Westwood Retirement Resort, 1001 Mar Walt Dr NW, Ft Walton Beach
49	East Destin	Destin Middle School, 689 Regatta Bay Blvd, Destin
50	South Destin	Village Baptist Church, 101 Matthew Blvd, Destin
51	Airport Rd	Church of Christ-Airport Road, 2845 Airport Rd, Crestview
52	Live Oak	Live Oak Baptist Church, 4565 Live Oak Church Rd, Crestview

POLLS OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM

* Indicates new polling place for Precinct 40 (formerly Bluewater Bay Elementary School)

** Indicates new polling place for Precinct 4 (formerly Holt Community Center)

*** Indicates new polling place for Precinct 23 (formerly Eglin Elementary School)

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Your vote counts!
A **SAMPLE BALLOT** is enclosed!
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