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“Will You Do Me a Favor?”

It's generally not my norm to ask for favors. But this one won't cost you anything and you don't have to do it today (more about that later). We are now just 26 days away from Election Day. Here are a few things to re-emphasize as we approach November 5th.

1. There are 14 physical locations in Henry County. The polls will be open from 7:00AM until 7:00PM at each location. If you are a registered voter in Henry County, you have been assigned to vote at one of those locations. If you have questions about your voting location, please contact the Henry County Registrar's office at (334) 585-6080.
2. If you are not a registered voter, the deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 21st. You can register at the Registrar's office on the 2nd floor of the Henry County Courthouse.
3. If you wish to vote absentee, you have most of October to apply for an absentee ballot. To get the official deadlines and requirements, contact the Henry County Circuit Clerk's office at (334) 585-2753.
4. There have been many questions about the ability to 'split' your vote between parties. Yes, you CAN do this in a General Election. Email me if you have any questions about this: davidmoney3737@gmail.com.
5. You MUST have a state issued photo I.D. before you will be allowed to vote.
6. The taking of photos or videos inside the voting precinct will be prohibited.
7. We are anticipating (and hopeful) that there will be a large voter turnout. It has been my experience that lines are longest between 7:00 and 8:00 in the morning when the precincts first open and then again between 3:00 and 6:00 PM when school ends and when citizens are getting off work.

The subject of voter turnout leads me to the request for a favor. In the past few elections, Henry County has led the Wiregrass in the percentage of registered voters who actually voted. In the Spring Primary Elections, the average turnout throughout the Wiregrass was around 20%. If memory serves, Henry County was between 25% and 28%. My goal for the General Election is that a minimum of 65% of registered Henry County voters exercise their right to vote on November 5th. When I look at the state of affairs in our country today and ponder what lies ahead for our children and grandchildren, it is my personal opinion is that this may be the most important election of our lifetime. The favor is simply this: PLEASE VOTE!

30 Day Review:

- Probate cases in August: five wills probated, five estate administrations, five final settlements, eight miscellaneous hearings, three guardianships, five involuntary mental commitments, one name change, and six marriage certificates recorded
- November is the final month to renew commercial tags.
- Sept. 12 – Karen and I attended a dinner for retiring probate judges in Tuscaloosa
- Sept. 17 – great start to the Leadership Henry program – orientation at the ATTA
- Sept. 18 – I served as a panelist during a presentation sponsored by the Wiregrass Estate Planning Council in Dothan.

- Sept. 19 – September commission meetings. We were excited to honor Dr. Linda Young upon her retirement.
- Sept. 21 – Abbeville Methodist Church and Celebrate Recovery sponsored a program on Mental Health.
- Sept. 25 – EMA Director Matt Hatcher facilitated an in-person (and virtual) weather webinar in advance of Hurricane Helene.
- Sept. 26 – declared an emergency commission meeting to issue a local weather declaration to the governor’s office
- Sept. 27 – Wiregrass Forum breakfast – Ozark – speaker: Adam Hartzog, Director of the Dothan Regional Airport
- Sept. 27 – Liberty Methodist Church sponsored a fish fry for Henry County jail personnel and inmates.
- Sept. 30 – FY 2021-2022 Commission Exit Audit meeting
- Sept. 30 – Henry County Health and Rehab board meeting
- Sept. 30 – met with 3Fold Plus regarding the former Camp SAYLA property
- Oct. 1 – attended the STEM Ecosystem Design Studio at the ATTA
- Oct. 2 – virtual meeting of broadband plans for Henry County
- Oct. 3 – jail pre-construction bid conference – Herndon Building
- Oct. 3 – I spoke at the ‘Role of the Commission Chair’ conference in Prattville
- Oct. 4 – met with the Board of Examiners of Public Accounts in Montgomery
- Oct. 8 – bid opening for the Henry County Jail project – Herndon Building

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 12 – ‘Harvest Day’ Festival in Headland
- Oct. 15 – Leadership Henry ‘Law and Government Day’ – Henry County
- Oct. 16 – poll workers appointment meeting – Herndon Building – 10:00 AM
- Oct. 17 – October Commission Admin meeting – Herndon Building – 9:00 AM
- Oct. 17 – October Commission meeting – Annex Building – 11:00 AM (Note: this will be the final commission meeting for Commissioners Reynolds and Beasley).
- Oct. 22 – Henry County Youth Leadership ‘Agriculture Day’ – Henry County
- Oct. 23 – public testing of voting machines – Henry County Courthouse
- Oct. 24 – Wallace College Foundation’s Scholarship Gala – “A Night in Hollywood” – Dothan Civic Center – 6:30 PM (contact me for tickets and sponsorships).
- Oct. 29 – General Election poll workers training – Abbeville Methodist Church
- Oct. 30/31 – ACCA Legislative Conference – Embassy Suites – Montgomery
- Oct. 31 – Henry County Youth Leadership ‘Community Service Day’
- Nov. 5 – **ELECTION DAY!** Polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM
- Nov. 13 – November Commission Admin meeting – Herndon Building – 9:00 AM
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