

Past Meets Present at Clay County SOE Office

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Yesterday, Today, or Tomorrow: In the end, it's all about the results

On Tuesday April 30, 2019, Clay County Supervisor of Elections, Chris H. Chambless, unveiled a photograph provided by Ann and Mason "Eddie" Wiggins. Taken in 1992, the photo captured the end of a 20-year tradition. It featured Monica Boccieri writing election results on a chalkboard, as Mason "Eddie" Wiggins observed and rain poured down. It was the last time the chalkboard was used to post election results.

To commemorate the picture, Supervisor Chambless invited Mr. Wiggins and Mrs. Boccieri to recreate it- with a modern twist. As both guests stood together again, a digital background scrolled results from the most recent election. Though the chalkboard has long been retired, and results are now posted electronically, waiting for the numbers to roll in continues to be tradition.

It just goes to show, nothing beats the excitement of Election Day, whether the results are handwritten or digitally displayed. The picture will hang in the Supervisor of Elections Training Center which is used for community events and meetings, located at 500 N. Orange Avenue in Green Cove Springs. It will serve as a reminder of the past and hope for the future that voting remains a strong tradition in Clay County.

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