

ELECTIONS

The Elections Department had a very busy year in **2008!** We had 23 candidates file for office and conducted four elections throughout the year:

- An ABC Election for the City of Locust was held on **2/5/2008** and **902 ballots** were cast
- Primary Elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties were held on **5/6/2008** and **13,101 ballots** were cast
- 2nd Primary Elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties were held on **6/24/2008** and **2,612 ballots** were cast
- The General Election was held on **11/4/2008** and **28,816 ballots** were cast

A total of 45,431 ballots were cast in Stanly County in 2008!

We also saw a much larger number of Absentee ballots in 2008. A total of **20,768** of the ballots cast during the year were absentee ballots which include Absentee Ballots submitted by mail and the One-Stop Early Voting Absentee Ballots. The breakdown of Absentee Ballots cast per election is as follows:

| <u>Election</u> | <u>Absentee Ballots Cast</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 2/5/2008 | 23 |
| 5/6/2008 | 2,381 |
| 6/24/2008 | 574 |
| 11/4/2008 | 17,790 |

Voter Registration numbers were up this year as well. The Elections Department held **8 Voter Registration Drives** in September and October of 2008 and a total of **4,541 voters registered** throughout the entire year! Our Voter Registration Drives included booths at the following events: *Albemarle Cruise-In*, *Best of Badin Festival* and the *Stanly County Business Expo*. We also held Voter Registration Drives at several of the local Food Lion stores in the county to offer citizens more opportunities to register to vote before the **October 10th deadline**.

We received a total of **\$55,798.45 in grant funds** to improve the elections process and put it to good use:

- *Laptops were purchased for poll workers to use at each of the 23 Precincts in the county to assist voters in finding their correct polling places.*
- *The grant monies also provided funding for our One-Stop Voting Site staff, supplies, setup and informational signs*

Over 500 Precinct & One Stop Officials were trained for the 2008 Elections. Anyone interested in working as an official in future elections should contact our office.

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