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Greene County officials to honor longtime election judge

Willard resident Marjorie Shelton is being recognized for serving 65 years as a Greene County election judge.

Election judges help ensure the fairness and integrity of election results, and Shelton first started serving in this capacity in 1954 when election results were tallied by hand on chalkboards. Now, at age 90, she can say she has witnessed the broad evolution of the election process from the early days with chalk and blackboards, to punch card ballots and now results tallied electronically at each precinct.

A special proclamation by the Greene County Commission honoring Shelton's outstanding longtime service will be read at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 25 at the Greene County Elections Center located at 1126 N. Boonville Ave.

"Marjorie is a shining example of an engaged citizen who cares about her community and who has dedicated her time over many years to make sure Election Day runs smoothly," said Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller. "It has been a real pleasure to get to know her over the years and we are grateful for the difference she has made as an election judge."

Shelton has lived on the same farm in northern Greene County since she was 17. She is a 1946 Willard High School graduate who worked at Lily Tulip and as a travel agent, as well as served as the president of the Chamber of Commerce Women's Division. She and her husband, Roy, have two children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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