



## Voter registration strategies were discussed

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CRESTVIEW — The Okaloosa County Democratic Party held a community leadership event Friday morning.

Around 30 people attended the event at Evelenar Baptist Church to discuss strategies on how to get more voter turnout in the upcoming 2020 election. An announcement was made that the Florida Democratic Party has set a goal to get 200,000 new people to vote.

Strategies such as making sure people are registered to vote, talking with people about the issues and keeping up with relevant voting information were discussed.

Phil Ehr, a candidate for Florida's First Congressional District seat running against Matt Gaetz, attended the event and spoke briefly on his support of the efforts of the Okaloosa County Democratic Party.

"We are the people and these things matter," Ehr said. "You don't do it just for the adventure. You do it for a purpose and that purpose is wrapped up in the preamble of the Constitution."

Ehr wanted to ensure that people in Okaloosa County and surrounding areas know that what happens in Washington does make a difference in the Panhandle.

Helen Butler, director of the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, discussed ways the state of Georgia keeps up voting numbers and also explained why doing these types of things are important for the community.

"From the day you are born to the day you die, your life is impacted by public policy," Butler said. "It is time that we bring our democracy back to everyone and it is time for you to get involved and take accountability and responsibility."

Tracey Trapp, chairwoman of the Okaloosa County Democratic Executive Committee, echoed Butler's sentiment.

"If not us, then who?" Trapp said. "If not now, then when?"