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## STONE COUNTY LEADER ANNOUNCEMENT

Robert Huckleberry of Fox announced at the recent Stone County Republican meeting his decision to run for Stone County Judge.

Robert's family history in Fox goes back to the mid to late-1800s when the Harpers were one of a handful of families who settled the area. Today, the Huckleberrys live on Harper's Bluff where his grandfather logged and milled lumber in the 1930s. It is told, the Harpers had a say in naming Fox and even served as the first Fox Post Master. His mother (Edith Harper) left the area and joined the US Air Force as soon as she turned 18 in 1949. Edith eventually returned to the Fox homestead in the 1980s to retire, as many do in Stone County.

Robert married his High School sweetheart, Susan Deneen of Victoria Texas, and after 34 years they enjoy four children and seven grandchildren. He enlisted in the Air Force and culminated a 27-year career as a Lt. Colonel. He was an avionics technician and later went to Officer Training School to become a Space Operations Officer. During his tenure, he operated satellite ground stations, communication satellites, and became a Launch Controller. Colonel Huckleberry was a certified war-planner, professor of leadership, and a Commander. His degrees are: BS in Industry, MA in Literature, MS (leadership planning), and a Doctorate in Ministry (servant leadership). Robert is a business owner, served as Justice of Peace for District 4, was College Director, Chamber Board member, President of West Stone County Water Association, and a volunteer organizer/shooter for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks show at Fox and Mtn View.



Dr. Huckleberry subscribes to the Arkansas Republican Platform found at [www.arkansasgop.org/platform.html](http://www.arkansasgop.org/platform.html) and is currently putting together a "We the People Platform" with inputs from the citizens of Stone County. "The last thing we want is someone to come in and tell us their vision for our County," said Robert. He continues, "The people of Stone County are in a remote area for a reason. They want to enjoy their life without interference from anyone else, especially the government. We face challenges from the national political climate that have no business in Stone County. We are patriots, conservatives, and neighbors who look out after each other regardless of affiliation."

This decision to run comes with an excitement for the future along with a concern for the change we need to protect our quiet "Mayberry" lifestyle in Stone County. No one likes change. That is why we need to protect what we have while networking more closely as a community. Presently, each agency does their own thing: county does county, city does city, churches and school district do their own thing, and so on. We can accomplish more together without losing our distinctiveness.

On the eve of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there are three questions we need to answer: 1. What we like best about our life in Stone County (our Values/DNA). 2. What would get us excited about the future in Stone County (Possibilities), and 3. What should the County's top 2-3 priorities be in the next term

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(Strategy).” Citizens are encouraged to send their responses to [rvhuckleberry@gmail.com](mailto:rvhuckleberry@gmail.com) to be incorporated into the We the People County platform.

Robert’s personal priorities are: God, Family and Community. He is a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2d Amendment supporter; Pro-business; Pro-revitalization; and Pro-education with workforce trade certifications and free tuition for concurrent and dual-enrolled classes while in High School.

“I’ve served our Country 27 years in the US, Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, and Middle East. It’s time to serve at home, where our hearts reside.”

If you believe, like I do, that the government serves the pleasure of its citizens -- I’m your Huckleberry!

Feel free to contact Robert at the above email address or leave a voice mail at 870-363-4830.