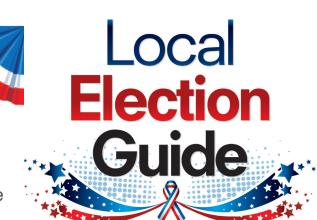
# DECISION THE CANDIDATES **ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS**



# Casting your vote: General Election 2024: Tuesday, Nov. 5 Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m

NOTE: Identification is REQUIRED to register and to vote. Call the Weston County Clerk's office at (307) 746-4744 to learn what forms of identification are acceptable.



# **Weston County**



2 Candidates: Both Republican (2) Four-year Terms

#### **MARTY ERTMAN**

I am a native of Wyoming, born in Basin, Wyoming. My family moved to Newcastle when I was 3, and it has been home ever since. I graduated from Newcastle High School and the University of Wyoming. I am married to Ted Ertman and we have four children and eight grandchildren. I have owned and operated a small business in Newcastle for almost 36 years.

#### Why are you running for office?

I am running for office because I am deeply committed to addressing the pressing issues facing our county. The county budget and infrastructure need immediate attention, and I believe

cation can make a positive difference. It's time to focus on our county and ensure that our local needs are prioritized.

#### Why should people vote for you?

Honestly, I am thrilled when people participate in voting! It is a privilege we should never take for granted. It has been and will always be an honor to serve this wonderful county.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

Keeping spending low is always a challenge but necessary in these changing times. Maintaining and improving our infrastructure within our that my experience and dedimeans is also a high priority.

#### **ED WAGONER**

I have been a resident of Newcastle and Weston County since 1992. I have been married to my awesome wife for almost 45 years. We raised our four grown children here in Weston County, who all went through our local school system. We are grateful they have blessed us with 12 wonderful grandchildren.

#### Why are you running for office?

I have always believed if vou don't put anything into a community, the community will give you nothing in return. I have been involved in this community since I arrived here back in 1992. I truly care about this county and all the residents that live in it.

#### Why should people vote for you?

Because of my experience and knowledge, having served on the Newcastle City Council four years, and six years as Newcastle's mayor. I am a past member of Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department where I held the position of captain, treasurer, assistant chief and chief. I have been the chairman of the Weston County Solid Waste District since it was formed nine years ago. Also, I have operated a successful family owned business for 23 years. I am active with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association and represent Weston County on their executive board. I have served your county for the past eight years and it would be an honor to serve another 4 years.



**Ed Wagoner** 

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

Funding to keep Weston County operating has been a challenge, and with some of the current tax relief bills that are not back filled with state funding the county does not know how much revenue will be lost when our residents take



**Marty Ertman** 

advantage of the tax breaks that have been put in place. Also, if Amendment A which is on the general ballot this November — passes, there will be more lost revenue to our county to operate on. As a financially challenged county it will hit us right away where some of the larger counties they might not feel the impact

2 Candidates

# City of Newcastle

Mayor

# **TYREL OWENS**

training and airborne school in the U.S. Army. I worked for the City of Newcastle at the city shop from 2011 to 2020 in the maintenance department. I married my wife — who was born and raised here — in 2011 and we are raising our three children in our community.

#### Why are you running for office?

I am running for mayor because I believe that I will provide honest leadership for the council and I want to impact positive change in our community. I would like to continue to work for the people of Newcastle the way I have as a former employee

of the city, and as a sitting member of My family moved to Newcastle the council. I am proud of our comin 1998 when I was between basic munity and would like to continue working toward seeing it flourish.

#### Why should people vote for you?

People should vote for me because I want to continue representing the interests of my constituents the way I have since I was sworn onto the council in January of 2021. I believe my honesty, integrity, and willingness to serve the people of Newcastle sets me apart as a candidate for mayor. I truly enjoy serving the public and I believe it shows in the way I conduct myself on the city council.

What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office



**Tyrel Owens** 

# you are running for?

One of the biggest challenges is trying to find people who want to be actively involved in the betterment of our community. We need more people to come to council meetings so that we have a more well-informed



Pam Gualtieri

public who bring their ideas that could help us solve the problems that we are facing in our community. Another challenge is finding outlets for funding. Weston County is one of the poorest counties in the state of Wyoming and it is going to take a

creative and well-trained council and staff to pursue the funding required to continue with infrastructure and community improvement projects. I believe that we will find solutions to these problems if we maintain our

(1) Four-year Term

as soon.

# PAM GUALTIERI

positivity and work together.

My children, Caitlyn, Jacob, Caden, and I planted our roots in Newcastle in 2008. I married longtime Newcastle resident Chris Gualtieri. We are longtime proud business owners in Weston County.

Editor's Note: There was no response from Gualtieri before press deadline. Biography information was obtained from previous Q&A published on Aug. 8, 2024.

# City of Newcastle

City Council



# 6 Candidates (3) Four-year Terms

# **CHRIS KENNEY**

My name is Chris Kenney. I was born and raised in Newcastle, a 1993 graduate. I live with my wife, Raimee, son Austin, and daughter, Moriahn. I work in safety for Wyoming Refining Company, and have been a member of the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years, currently serving as assistant chief.

#### Why are you running for office?

of Newcastle City Council member to be a voice in finding solutions to issues that Newcastle faces. About a year ago there was some discussion about getting rid of the police department. I decided at that time I needed to do something, so I started to attend the city council meetings on my own. During this time, I noticed there were only a few members of the council who were actually participating on



**Chris Kenney** 



**Jeffrey Hall** 



**Thomas Voss** 



**Karl Lacey** 



**Kevin Kringlie** 



**Daren Downs** 

a regular basis, and I felt at times decisions were being I am seeking the office made in haste. I want to be part of the discussion on how Newcastle can be a destination for travelers and businesses. I call Newcastle home and want to see it flourish.

#### Why should people vote for you?

Caring and compassionate; for a good portion of my life, I have worked and volunteered in places I can help others. My background in fire rescue and the many different roles I

have held groomed me to stay calm and collected in stressful situations. I have strong ties to Newcastle, my mom, brother, and I were all born and raised here and once I settled down I chose to raise my kids here, too. Over the years I have noticed a lot of changes in our little town, and of recent it makes me sad to see just how many. I would like to see how I can make a difference to make Newcastle what it once was. Build Newcastle Back!

What are the biggest

#### issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

Editors's Note: Daren Downs declined to participate in the News Letter Journal Candidate Q&A.

The first would have to be budget issues. Obviously, without seeing the city budget as a whole, it is hard to find a fix on what, if any, cuts could be made. With that being said, I feel another problem the city faces are manpower issues, both with the city workers as well as on the police department. I feel if both entities were fully staffed it would benefit the city with less overtime being paid out as well

as being more productive. I would look at more of what is a need for new equipment rather than what is a want, and these would have to be justified. Lastly, water rates, something must be done.

**JEFFREY HALL** 66-year-old Republican, conservative, patriotic, dependable and Christian. I'm a good neighbor. I lived in the Midwest most of childhood and early adulthood. Texas was home most of my adult life before purchasing a

home in Newcastle four years ago, but I got here as quick as I could.

#### Why are you running for office?

First, I have the time to dedicate myself to running for city council, being retired. Having over 20 years in management, making critical decisions in oil and gas consulting, healthcare sales, supply chain, materials management and procurement in the industrial sector would

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# U.S. Senate Wyoming



# 2 Candidates: 1 Republican, 1 Democrat (1) Six-year Term

#### JOHN BARRASSO - R

As an orthopedic surgeon who practiced for 24 years in Casper, I've had decades of experience caring for Wyoming patients. Before serving in the U.S. Senate, I represented Natrona County in the Wyoming State Senate. In the U.S. Senate, I'm proud of my strong, conservative record that puts Wyoming first.

#### Why are you running for office?

In Wyoming, we face many difficult challenges and I am committed to finding solutions. I am focused on eliminating barriers, diversifying our economy, and increasing opportunities for folks in Wyoming. I will always stand up for Wyoming values, protect our freedom, and uphold the foundation of our country.

Despite the challenges ahead, I'm more excited about Wyoming's future than I have ever been. Our state has a strong and dedicated workforce, an incredible energy industry that powers America, and an education system that provides the next generation with a solid foundation. We have a rich history and a bright future.



John Barrasso-R

#### Why should people vote for you?

My priority is the people of Wyoming and helping them create a better future. In the U.S. Senate, I serve on committees that directly impact our state's energy industry, public lands, national parks, and trade. With my leadership positions, I've successfully promoted Wyoming's economy and natural resources, strengthened our national security, cut wasteful Washington spending and fought against overreaching regulations. There is more work to be done. If reelected, I will continue to fight for Wyoming every day.

What are the biggest issues or challenges

Scott Morrow-D

#### facing the office you are running for?

Wyoming's energy powers the nation. The Biden-Harris administration has put in place barriers and restrictions to stop energy production and development. I'm working on federal legislation to strike Washington's stifling energy regulations and to expedite the federal permitting process. In Wyoming, our livelihoods depend on preserving the health of our federal lands. Wyoming landowners and leaseholders have proven to be the best stewards of the land.

Despite this, the Biden-Harris administration continues to roll out regulations aimed at turning Wyoming's federal lands from "multiple-

use" to "non-use." We depend to ensure that the Equality on access to these lands for energy and mineral production, grazing, and recreation. I'm leading the fight to stop this attack on our Wyoming way of life.

#### **SCOTT MORROW - D**

Scott Morrow is a fighter. With a career dedicated to representing workers as a union officer and president and director of Industrial Relations, Scott fought for fair treatment in cases involving the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Merit Systems Protection Board, Social Security Disability Insurance, unemployment compensation, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### Why are you running for office?

Frustrated by decades of being ignored by Wyoming's senators, Scott felt he had no choice but to take up the fight for everyday Wyomingites by running against John Barrasso. Unlike Senator Barrasso, Scott is committed to serving the people, not the rich and powerful. He will work tirelessly

State lives up to its promise of true equality for all. For example, the incumbent has only answered three of Scott's hundreds of calls and letters during the 118th Congress. IE, his response to Scott begging him to co-sponsor S597. The Social Security Fairness Act, was his disingenuous claim that this legislation would increase taxes on his constituents, the rich and powerful. That claim is patently false.

#### Why should people vote for you?

My vision for the future of Wyoming and the nation couldn't be more different than my opponent's. I am focused on banning hunger, John Barrasso wants to ban books.

I want everyone to have access to quality healthcare. John Barrasso has voted numerous times to repeal the Affordable Care Act (PPACA also known as Obama Care). I want my fellow retirees to be able to afford their life-saving medication. John Barrasso has voted against lowering drug prices 100% of the time. I fully support women's access to reproductive healthcare. John Barrasso has voted not only against codifying the freedom women lost in the Dobbs decision, but against protecting access to birth control and IVF (three times).

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

My first challenge will be to digest the 99 pages of Senate rules so I can more effectively represent regular people. Secondly, the outdated filibuster must go. This remnant of the civil war days should no longer be available to obstruct legislation like voting rights and equal rights over and over again. While I can introduce legislation, support legislation and co-sponsor to represent you the best I can, getting it on the floor for a vote is now a huge challenge.

Working across the aisle will be paramount to getting anything done and in today's Senate that will be the most prolific challenge. I can and will do so, starting with Senator Lummis, whom I look forward to working with in a bipartisan manner.

# **Wyoming House of** Representatives District 1





**Chip Neiman** 

Editors's Note: Chip Neiman is running unopposed.

# **CHIP NEIMAN**

Born and spent the first four years of my life on the ranch on Skull Creek, Upton, before moving to the ranch on Belle Fourche River in Hulett. Beautiful wife Joni, two children, and five grandchildren all work with us on the ranch.

# Why are you running for office?

I'm running for office to try to represent the people of my district. I want to go down there and take conservative values to the legislature because I think people want that. I'm doing this for my grandkids,

future generations to be able to enjoy the things that I have. I like freedom. I like our Constitution, and I think we need to protect it and enjoy it.

# Why should people vote for you?

I think people should vote for me because I will listen. I respect their views and values. I will do everything in my power to protect our Constitution, both state and federal, our Bill of Rights and Constitution. I believe in life, liberty and being able to pursue happiness. Those people, and I believe that, I understand that, and I respect that.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

There are so many different issues. We've got an agenda being thrust upon us from the federal government that is basically to undermine and harm Wyoming's ability to protect itself and provide jobs and security for its people, undermining what we're blessed with through coal. are the foundational principles of the oil and natural gas. We need people in spending down in the state and keep more to protect their future. I want to preserve Republican Party. I'm accountable to the Wyoming to stand up for that and fight for money in people's pockets.

Wyoming and what it produces. Wyoming provides clean, reliable, affordable and consistent power not only to our state, but to the country.

(1) Two-year Term

1 Candidate: Republican

I'm also a staunch advocate for life, I believe that life begins at conception. I believe our Constitution makes it very clear that the government's job is to protect life. Another major issue facing us is the issue of biological males in women's sports and needing to protect women's rights so that they can compete on a level playing field. I also believe we need to get

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be beneficial to the city council. Giving back to my community is very important to me; I have been given friendship by most everyone I've met since moving to Newcastle. Being involved with your neighbors and community is the best way to collaborate, and collaboration is how we come together. I believe helping your community is very challenging although very rewarding. Please consider me for representation in the Newcastle City Council.

#### Why should people vote for you?

I have a strong community focus. Currently I serve on the Board of Directors at Weston County Senior Services. I try to look for practical solutions rather than, "This is how we've always done it." Being accountable and transparent are qualities I've always believed in, and it would be the same in the city council if elected. Personally I love to talk, although I would put listening and engaging with constituents first and speaking second. I currently see Newcastle as a retirement community, although we have nothing but growth opportunity before us. I'd like to participate in the transition by being a representative of our city council. I'm mindful and thankful.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

How to make the tax dollars stretch to meet the needs of Newcastle. Everybody wants to have a great police department, fire department, great roads, great water and sewer services, and all these departments need tax revenue to run. What do we do to meet the needs of all the departments in our town? That's the main challenge for this position in the city council. How do we encourage small businesses to come to Newcastle?

on Main Street. This would offer us more options, while increasing the tax base as well. Taxes needed to keep our utilities, streets and sanitation and police up to date. Tax growth improves by adding new businesses.

# KARL LACEY

My wife Dayle and I have lived in Newcastle 40 years. We raised two sons here, John and Patrick, graduated at Newcastle High School. We have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I am a retired coal miner and she retired after 30 years at Decker's Market.

#### Why are you running for office?

I would like to see a change in the way city business is done. Paying more attention to how what is proposed and enacted can affect the future. I do not believe raising rates or taxes is the answer to short-sightedness on the part of governments. It is time for new ideas that will help the city to run more efficiently. We can find answers here instead of looking to what other towns our size do and adopt their ideas because it is easier. Look to the past and see where the council has wasted our tax dollars. Think it is time for new ideas and faces in your city government?

#### Why should people vote for you?

I have a direct common-sense approach to problems. I believe in limited government and less regulation. I know the people of Newcastle are not lacking in common sense and do know what is best for our town and families.

I am currently a member of the Newcastle Planning Commission and have been involved in recommending ideas and changes for the council to adopt into ordinance. There are also

We'd all love to see more services citizen requests for variances and special adjustments to regulations. I have experience in a supervisory capacity, work force and budgetary requirements at a coal mining company.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

The budget is the biggest challenge in our future. Continued increases in product prices and services make it difficult to plan for emergencies.

# **KEVIN KRINGLIE**

I have been a Newcastle resident for over 20 years, raising a family and restoring an historic house on the corner of Main Street. We moved to Newcastle for the educational opportunities for our children. Our daughters have returned to Newcastle, and we now have two grandchildren growing up here.

# Why are you running

for office? I was written in during the Primary Election this year, and then encouraged by friends, family, and coworkers to contend for the position. It would be a privilege to utilize my skills and experience to work with the city council and our community to make necessary improvements that benefit all residents of Newcastle. Because this city has been so beneficial for the growth of my family, I would like to continue to make it a community that gives its youth the opportunity to play, learn, and grow.

#### Why should people vote for you?

Years ago, my wife and I were drawn to Newcastle by the quality of the people and the beauty of the landscape. With 35 years of experience in the mining industry, including 17 in management, I know that good

tackle even the toughest challenges. I want to bring that experience to the city council, focusing on better engagement with residents and businesses. I'm committed to making water and utilities more affordable, and finding solutions that work for everyone. Newcastle is a community of talented, hardworking individuals, and by working together, we can build a brighter future. It would be my privilege to serve and help create the best possible Newcastle for all.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

I believe the biggest issues facing our city are communication, affordability, and activity. The city has struggled with transparency and community involvement as residents are of the out of the loop about city events, meetings, and decisions. A good portion of Newcastle residents are on fixed incomes and require the city to act with this in mind. Dedication to seeking grant funds for city projects, and keeping a transparent and balanced budget to prevent residents from facing unexpected cost increases is a must. Lastly, it is important to always look out for the next generation and ensure that they have the activities, businesses, and spaces necessary to grow in our community.

# **TOM VOSS**

My family came to Wyoming when I was 6 years old. All of my years of education except for grade 1 were spent in the schools of Wyoming. I am a graduate of Newcastle High School and the University of Wyoming. The hospitality business and the oil and gas industry were endeavors throughout my life. I served several civic organizations: former president of the Newcastle Jaycees, Weston

communication and teamwork can County Hotel/Motel Association, and Weston County Arts Council: former VP and precinct committeeman of Weston County Republican Party, former chairman of Weston County Planning and Zoning, and presently, city councilman for the City of Newcastle.

#### Why are you running for office?

I am a candidate for office in order to remain in my seat on the Newcastle City Council so that we may complete the good works for Newcastle's future we began in my last term.

#### Why should people vote for you?

My candidacy is to now and always represent the people. I am retired and therefore I am not influenced by any business concerns. I truly am a nonpartisan conservative who has real experience in government. There are people running for city council who have never or have very rarely ever attended a meeting of that council, let alone understand its workings. I am experienced in the office.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

First, our way of life in oil and gas, coal, and beef cattle are being attacked. At the candidate's forum of July, 2024, I spoke about "capacity building." What that means is for the people of the city to come and work together to expand skill sets and strengths to obtain higher levels of income for the entire whole area. The question is, what can we learn or develop to assure a good economy for our area in the future? Secondly, we must continue the work with streets, water and sewer for a good picture far out into the future. And finally, we must seek and find new sources of revenue for our city.

# Wyoming House of Representatives District 2



# 1 Candidates: Republican (1) Two-year Term



JD Williams

#### **JD WILLIAMS**

My family is Wyoming agriculture: four generations on one side, three generations on the other. I am a lifelong Wyoming rancher/cowboy. I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree

in Agriculture Economics from the ranching world and the legislature. A passionate and intelligent legis-University of Wyoming in 1997. I have been ranching near Mule Creek Junction between Newcastle and Lusk since 2000. My wife of 29 years, Lisa, and I have three grown children we raised here in eastern Wyoming.

#### Why are you running for office?

The next generation is the reason I am running for House District 2 Representative. Whenever we take our eyes off of the next generation and start thinking about the next election, we run the risk of putting our politics over our principles. Wyoming deserves the truth from their legislators, not East Coast talking points. Common sense goes a long way in the

When we have good years, we can afford to invest in Wyoming. When we have lean years, we know how to tighten our belt. I am frugal but not stingy. I have proven "you cannot starve the profit out of a cow." When I consider my responsibility to the next generation of Wyomingites, I understand it is more economical to responsibly maintain a cow, a ranch, or the state of Wyoming than defer maintenance for my generation's short-term gratification.

#### Why should people vote for you?

My objective in all things is to be effective. I doesn't matter how right we are if we aren't effective.

lator can be rendered ineffective by lack of communication skills, lack of manners, or lack of respect for the institution and for their peers. House District 2 deserves honest, effective representation. House District 2 only has one vote. Your legislator must be in a position to garner support from the rest of the legislative body to pass legislation meaningful to our district. Political theater is not to be confused with effective representation.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

nomic pressure from the Biden administration's economic policies. Inflation

Wyoming is under a lot of eco-

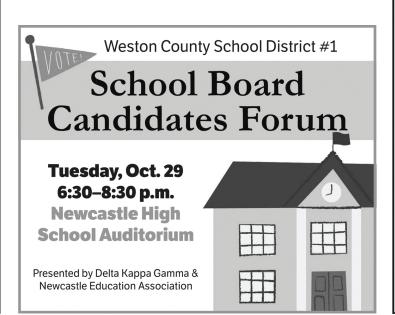
is nationwide and our core industries of coal, oil, and gas are being choked by the Biden Administration's permitting games. We are also getting market pressure from consumers who, for reasons many of us can't relate to, have carbon on their minds. Coal, oil, gas, trona, tourism, and agriculture have historically supported Wyoming citizens and the State of Wyoming budget. Every policy the legislature crafts must take these industries into consideration. Anytime we can support these industries, we must. Any policy that puts more pressure on our proven industries is unwise. Biden's open southern border has made every state a border state. This is a very expensive situation that we will be dealing with for the foreseeable future.

# **PRIMARY ELECTION** TUESDAY,

Nov. 5, 2024 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Weston County Events Center**, **Osage Fire** Hall, **Upton Community** 

Center





#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 5, 2024

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the Wyoming Constitution by providing for the assessment of residential real property as a separate property class for the purpose of taxation. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, two-thirds of all

the members of the two houses, voting separately, concurring therein: Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 15, Section 11 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority

of the electors at the election: Article 15, Section 11. Uniformity of assessment required. (a) All property, except as in this constitution otherwise provided, shall be uniformly valued at

its full value as defined by the legislature, in three (3) four (4) classes as follows: (i) Gross production of minerals and mine products in lieu of taxes on the land where

produced; (ii) Property used for industrial purposes as defined by the legislature; and

(iii) Residential real property; and

(iv) All other property, real and personal.

(b) The legislature shall prescribe the percentage of value which shall be assessed within each designated class.

All taxable property shall be valued at its full value as defined by the legislature except agricultural and grazing lands which shall be valued according to the capability of the land to produce agricultural products under normal conditions. The percentage of value prescribed for industrial property shall not be more than forty percent (40%) higher nor more than four

(4) percentage points more than the percentage prescribed for residential real property or more than forty percent (40%) higher nor more than four (4) percentage points more than the percentage prescribed for all other property other than minerals.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection the legislature shall not create new classes or subclasses or authorize any property to be assessed at a rate other than the rates set for authorized classes. The legislature may create a subclass of residential real property for owner occupied primary residences.

(d) All taxation shall be equal and uniform within each class and subclass of property. The legislature shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, real and personal.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

The adoption of this amendment would separate residential real property into its own class of property for purposes of property tax assessments. The amendment would authorize the legislature to create a subclass of owner occupied primary residences

**BALLOT PROPOSITIONS** 

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**NONPARTISAN OFFICES** 

WRITE-IN

#### SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING **NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**ELECTION JUDGE INITIALS** 

# **INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS**

- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark the oval (●) immediately adjacent to the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. • To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided for that purpose

and mark the oval ( ) immediately adjace	tional amendment, initiative or referendum, or d'For' or 'Against'.	
FEDERAL OFFICES	STATE OFFICES	JUDICIAL RETENTIONS
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE (1) PAIR	STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT #2 TWO (2) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE (1)	FOR JUDGE B OF THE DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A REGULAR SIX (6) YEAR TERM SHALL JUDGE JAMES MICHAEL CAUSEY BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?
REPUBLICAN DONALD J. TRUMP JD VANCE	REPUBLICAN JD WILLIAMS	
DEMOCRATIC	NOTE III	O YES
KAMALA D. HARRIS TIM WALZ	WRITE-IN	FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE OF THE
CHASE OLIVER	COUNTY OFFICES	SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FOR A REGULAR FOUR (4) YEAR TERM
MIKE TER MAAT	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)	SHALL JUDGE WENDY M BARTLETT BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?
WRITE-IN	REPUBLICAN ED WAGONER	○ YES
	REPUBLICAN MARTY ERTMAN	○ NO
UNITED STATES SENATOR SIX (6) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE (1)	WRITE-IN	FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FOR A REGULAR FOUR (4) YEAR TERM
REPUBLICAN JOHN BARRASSO DEMOCRATIC SCOTT D MORROW	WRITE-IN	SHALL JUDGE LYNDA R BUSH BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?
0		○ YES
WRITE-IN	JUDICIAL RETENTIONS	O NO
	FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, FOR A REGULAR EIGHT (8) YEAR TERM	NONPARTISAN OFFICES
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TWO (2) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE (1) REPUBLICAN HARRIET HAGEMAN	SHALL JUSTICE KATE M FOX BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?  YES	CITY OF NEWCASTLE COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE (3)
DEMOCRATIC KYLE G. CAMERON	O NO	O DAREN L. DOWNS
LIBERTARIAN RICHARD BRUBAKER	FOR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT,	O JEFFREY HALL
CONSTITUTION JEFFREY HAGGIT	FOR A REGULAR EIGHT (8) YEAR TERM	CHRIS KENNEY
$\circ$	SHALL JUSTICE JOHN G FENN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?	C KEVIN S. KRINGLIE
WRITE-IN	O YES	C KARL LACEY
	O NO	C THOMAS A. VOSS
STATE OFFICES  STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT #1 TWO (2) YEAR TERM	FOR JUDGE A OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FOR A REGULAR SIX (6) YEAR TERM SHALL JUDGE MATTHEW FG CASTANO BE	WRITE-IN
VOTE FOR ONE (1)	RETAINED IN OFFICE?	WRITE-IN
CHIP NEIMAN	○ YES	0
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WRITE-IN		

TOWN OF UPTON COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A
FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)	THE ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY INTO ITS OWN CLASS OF
O JUSTIN NORMAN	PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS. THE AMENDMENT
RICK ROTHLEUTNER	WOULD AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A SUBCLASS OF OWNER OCCUPIED PRIMARY RESIDENCES.
WRITE-IN	○ FOR
0	○ AGAINST
WRITE-IN	PROPOSED BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1
CITY OF NEWCASTLE MAYOR FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE (1)	SHALL WESTON COUNTY CONTINUE TO IMPOSE A LODGING EXCISE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR PERCENT (4%) UPON THE SALES PRICE PAID FOR LODGING SERVICES, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS FOR LOCAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION?
TYREL OWENS	FOR COUNTY LODGING TAX
0	AGAINST COUNTY LODGING TAX
WRITE-IN	PROPOSED BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AT-LARGE FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5)	SHALL WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING CONTINUE TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE PERCENT (1%) UPON RETAIL SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, ADMISSIONS AND SERVICES MADE WITHIN THE COUNTY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL
PAUL BAU  BILLY FITZWATER	REVENUE?  O FOR THE COUNTY SALES AND USE
BILLY FITZWATER      STEVEN GALE	TAX
O TYLER J. MILLS	AGAINST COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX
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O DANA MANN-TAVEGIA	PROPOSED BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 3
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WRITE-IN	COUNTY HOSPITAL, THE WESTON COUNTY MANOR AND WESTON COUNTY HOME HEALTH?
WRITE-IN	○ FOR HOSPITAL DISTRICT MILL LEVY
WRITE-IN	AGAINST HOSPITAL DISTRICT MILL LEVY
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AT-LARGE FOUR (4) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO (2)	
CURTIS RANKIN	
O DIANA WHITE	
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#### NOTICE OF CHANGE PROPOSED BALLOT **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Shall Weston County continue to impose a lodging excise tax in the amount of two percent (2%) upon the sales price paid for lodging services, the primary purpose of which is for local travel and tourism promotion?

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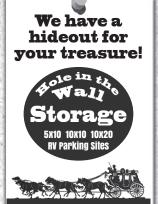
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# Weston County School District No. 1

**Board Member At-Large** 

6 Candidates (5) Four-year Terms

#### **WILLIAM P. FITZWATER**

My name is Billy Fitzwater. I married my wife, Michelle, in 2006. We have two daughters, Preslee, 16, and Addison, 14, attending Newcastle High School. In January 2024, I accepted a position with Wyoming Refining Company. Prior to this position, I worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 26 years.

#### Why are you running for office?

I am currently finishing my fouryear term on the Weston County School District No. 1 Board and seeking reelection for a second term. With the challenges we face in today's world, I am proud to help provide a safe environment and solid foundation for education of current and future graduates of WCSD No. 1. Our children are our most important asset. I have firsthand knowledge with my daughters the opportunities that are afforded to any student who attends our schools. As a board member, I am visible and approachable, and welcome any conversation, as all constituents' concerns are important.

#### Why should people vote for you?

I have four years' experience serving, during which I was instrumental in organizing and implementing a beef donation program to ensure nutritious lunches. I am willing to listen to concerns and ideas. I truly have our students' best interests at heart. There is nothing more important than a healthy, safe, and excellent education for our students. We need to strive to have WCSD No. 1 graduates be prepared to continue their education, make their way, and become successful at whatever walk they choose in life. I believe a strong board of trustees behind the educational staff of our schools can accomplish this endeavor, and I feel I have been an asset as one of your board members.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

district and to continue offering the is key to doing a good job. opportunities we have in a school our size requires us to continuously address this. Workforce shortage and how to recruit and keep qualified staff. Security in our schools is a constant endeavor, requiring a proactive stance to protect our students and their future as we face the uncertainty of the world today. The government restrictions placed on our school lunch program ties our hands in many ways, and it is a topic that should be addressed and produce alternative ways to feed our children nourishing, filling lunches.

# **DANA MANN TAVEGIA**

My family attended schools in this district for four generations, including my son, Taylor. I attended Gertrude Burns, Tongue River High School, and Bryn Mawr College. My work has been in banking, civil engineering, technology, and ranching with my husband Harry. Volunteering with local groups is important to me.



**Billy Fitzwater** 



**Dana Mann Tavegia** 





Paul Bau









Stephen Gale

Why are you running for office?

Public education is the foundation of a thriving community, state, and nation, absolutely vital for our future. Students, staff, and parents deserve the very best we have to give. I benefitted a great deal from my Wyoming public education, and paying it forward is important to me. The WCSD No. 1 Board of Trustees will always need dedicated, caring people who value open communication, transparency, quality education, and who are not afraid to ask hard questions. I have done my best in every situation that has come before the board in the last eight years. Serving kids and community is something I value.

#### Why should people vote for you?

My experience as a board member of local, state, and national groups focused on K-12 and community service, including the Weston County Library, Jr. Rodeo, chamber, WEBT, WSBE, NASBE, WCUG, WPEA, Universal Promise, etc. is beneficial. I do understand what Wyoming Open Meeting Law requires. I always read the board documents, and I spend hours each week expanding my knowledge of K-12 education, including following state and federal legislative action. I am proud that we have improved communication in the district. I fully believe in community, parent, and student engagement, and that is why I removed barriers to the public speaking at board meetings. A strong commitment to always Funding is a huge concern for our improve myself and our organization

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

Declining enrollment and declining funding will continue to be an issue for us. We have made many improvements to security at our schools, and it has been effective. We face increasing attempts to take away local control by some legislative power. These are the same people we cannot convince to spend a single hour in one of our classrooms watching our superb students and staff. Unfunded mandates and exceedingly large state reporting requirements take time and money that should be going to classrooms. I also believe that a strong parent-teacher organization would benefit our district and community, and I would be happy to help establish one.

# **PAUL BAU**

I was born in Newcastle and raised in Osage. I graduated from

Newcastle High School in 1994 and I have lived here most of my life. Both of my children have attended school in Newcastle. My daughter, Ivy, is a senior, and my son, Simon, is a junior.

#### Why are you running for office?

I wanted to give back to the district that gave me so much, so I decided to run. I feel I have a lot left to offer and would consider it a privilege to continue serving and representing as a trustee.

#### Why should people vote for you?

I have always done my best to represent the people of this district. I have tried to always put the students and employees as the top priority in every decision and every vote. Sometimes making decisions is tough — but they have to be made. With the way things are, the best we can do is all we can do.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

In this day and age it is tough to pick just one. As long as we can take care of our teachers and staff, they will take care of our kids. Staff retention is hard in all vocations and places. We need to keep our outstanding employees and attract new ones that give our students every advantage in learning and becoming adults. With inflation and our current economic situation, we need to stay vigilant and make sure our decisions provide for our children's educations. Funding is going to be an issue in the foreseeable future. We need to be prepared for whatever may come.

# STEVEN GALE

I was born and raised in Rawlins, Wyoming, and graduated from Rawlins High School in 1992. I went to Casper College and the University of Wyoming, studying to be an art teacher. In my final year I couldn't afford to do my student teaching, so I worked a summer in the oil field and got pulled in for 20 years. I left to run my own photography/fine art business and work as a custom cabinet maker and EMT four years ago. I now work for Wyoming Refining Company. My wife Tracy and I moved to Newcastle over three years ago so that we could raise our kids, Maddie and Robbie, in a community that had the values we believe are important.

Editor's Note: There was no response from Gale before press deadline. Biography information was obtained from previous Q&A published on 2022.

#### **SUSAN PILLEN**

Being a resident of Newcastle for more than 50 years, I have raised five children here and have always been an active community member. I have worked as a registered nurse in various settings for almost 35 years, so public service and helping others is a strong passion of mine.

#### Why are you running for office?

I attended school in Newcastle, and graduated from Newcastle High School. My children all graduated from NHS, and I currently have grandchildren in the school system, who are the fifth generation to attend school in Newcastle. I have a vested interest in the educational system, and I want to help shape the future of education in Weston County, ensuring that our schools are the very best they can be for our staff, our teachers, and our students! I have a desire to serve all stakeholders of WCSD No. 1 and the community, and I have a strong belief in the value of public education.

#### Why should people vote for you?

Possessing a background in business and community relations has prepared me to serve as a board member. I believe that a great school system is facilitated with competent and devoted members who are willing to advocate for positive changes that impact student environments and achievement. I feel that board members should work to be the voice of the community, leading staff and students toward excellence, by making choices that reflect the community's vision for student success and performance. I feel that by being on the board I can help to set clear expectations, create conditions for success, assist with accountability, build connections with our stakeholders, and ensure student learning and staff satisfaction by being a contributing member of the team.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

I feel the biggest issues or challenges facing the office I am running for are creating a culture of belonging and fairness among staff members and empowerment to be able to do their jobs. Inequity and inconsistency in the workplace can become barriers to effectiveness. Right now, I see those as the most significant challenges facing our district and its stakeholders.

# **TYLER MILLS**

I was born and raised in Newcastle. A 2005 graduate, I went into the U.S. Navy after graduation. After nity they can to succeed.

my service, I went to tech school at Universal Technical Institute for mechanics. I came home to work at the family business. I currently have a daughter enrolled at Newcastle Middle School.

#### Why are you running for office?

I see the world around our small piece of paradise and look at some of the "chaos" that happens, and am proud that it has not made its way here ... yet. I want to see the kids at WCSD No. 1 schools become the best in classrooms, sports, and all-around successful people. I want to continue the traditions and quality of education our district has to offer. Our children's education should be a top priority for everyone involved, from parents, teachers, and school administrators. I am running to ensure that our quality of education and traditions continue here at WCSD No. 1, for the betterment of our students.

#### Why should people vote for you?

If there is anything I have learned in life, is to expect the unexpected. I am not one to just go with the flow in every situation. I am very inquisitive on things I do not understand and continue to delve into the problem until I reach an understanding and can give solid answers. I am not afraid to go against the status quo, and that, I think, is what is needed on any type of board. You have to be able to make multiple informed decisions, that may not agree with the "norm," but is in the best interest of our students.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

Honestly, there are so many issues facing school districts these days. Basic reading, writing, and math are true concerns for our students. Most younger people who just come out of high school cannot count change, their handwriting is atrocious, and do not possess the self-knowledge of how to operate without some form of technology.

Now, I'm not saying throw all technology out, but we need to do better with our students in teaching them the simple stuff. Staffing issues have become a problem around the nation, and are going to hit home soon, not because of things like CRT, ideologies, etc., but because some of our educators are close to retirement. We need to ensure that we can recruit and retain educators to do the best for the students. Students are the future and need to be given every opportu-

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# U.S. House of Representatives Wyoming



4 Candidates: 1 Republican, 1 Democrat, 1 Libertarian, 1 Constitution (1) Two-year Term

#### **KYLE G. CAMERON -DEMOCRAT**

I am the Democratic candidate for Wyoming's U.S. House at-large seat. A long-time activist, I am deeply committed to issues like reproductive rights, healthcare, workers' rights, clean water and housing, and environmental conservation. I serve as the chair of the Wyoming Democratic Party's Labor Caucus and I am active in local Democratic initiatives. Raised in Cheyenne and with degrees from the University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, and Walden University, I bring a wealth of experience, including work as a census taker, grant administrator, and collaboration to my candidacy.

#### Why are you running for office?

I am campaigning for this office to advocate for the values I hold dear: reproductive rights, workers' rights, and protecting democratic integrity. Motivated by the challenges facing Wyoming and the nation, I seek to bring a collaborative, solution-driven approach to Congress, focusing on conservation, honesty, freedom, hard work, and enhancing community well-being.

#### Why should people vote for you?

People should vote for me because I am committed to advocating for Wyoming's core values: honesty, hard work, freedom, and community. With a background in activism, leadership in the Wyoming Democratic Party, and a focus on workers' rights, reproductive rights, healthcare, housing, transportation, I am dedicated to bringing real progress to Wyoming. My inclusive approach and focus on democratic integrity make me the right choice to represent the state in Congress.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

The biggest issues facing Wyoming's at-large U.S. House seat include economic diversification, conservation of natural resources, and protecting workers' rights. Wyoming's reliance on energy extraction demands a focus on sustainable development and renewable energy to create jobs and protect the environment. Addressing infrastructure needs, such as improving broadband access, clean water systems, and transportation networks, is crucial for economic growth. On immigration, balancing border security with humane policies is critical. I advocate for comprehensive solutions that ensure border security while respecting human rights and supporting labor needs in critical industries.

#### HARRIET HAGEMAN — **REPUBLICAN**

I grew up on my family ranch in Fort Laramie and attended Lingle-Fort Laramie High School. I have spent considerable time in and around Newcastle, Upton and Moorcroft and, as an attorney, represented clients from

#### Why are you running for office?

Our responsibility is to represent our constituents and to focus on the issues that are important to them. Congress has largely abdicated its legislative responsibilities over the last 30 years by allowing the administrative deep state to adopt rules and regulations well outside of their authority and to legislate in our stead. Congress must become much more aggressive at using the power of the purse to rein in and control the administrative state, while also pro-



**Kyle Cameron-D** 



Harriet Hageman-R



Jeffrey Haggit-C



Richard Brubaker-L

tecting American citizens.

#### Why should people vote for you?

My experience. I spent 34 years as a litigator protecting water and property rights, exposing federal land and wildlife mismanagement, and fighting back against the unconstitutional and unlawful acts of unelected bureaucrats. I have relied upon this experience as Wyoming's lone congressional representative, focusing on those issues that are critically important to our legacy industries and protecting our constitutional liberties.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

I will continue to focus on those issues I have championed during my first term in office: limiting the size and scope of the federal government, taking power from unelected bureaucrats and restoring Congress's authority as the legislative branch, holding the Biden/ Harris administration accountable, and protecting our energy and ranching industries. I will continue to work to promote and protect Wyoming. In the Republican-led House, we have passed the most conservative legislation ever seen to protect the border, protect parent's rights, and unleash domestic energy production.

#### JEFFREY HAGGIT -CONSTITUTION

I graduated Phi Theta Kappa from Western Wyoming College in 1978. I am an alumnus of the Uinta County Leadership Institute Class of 2016 and have served on the United Way of Southwest Wyoming's Uinta County Advisory Council.

#### Why are you running for office?

I am the current Constitution Party of Wyoming state chairman, and I am running to serve as Wyoming's at-large U.S. House representative because I believe that elections are about choices. It is my intention to provide the citizens of Wyoming an opportunity to vote for someone from other than the two-party system and work to restore the multitude of liberties robbed from them through political sleight of hand in the name of security.

#### Why Should people vote for your?

People should vote for me because I believe the government is too big and

has acquired powers unto itself that the Constitution forbids. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution enumerates the powers of Congress. When Congress operates outside of its limitations, it is usurping responsibilities from the states. The U.S. debt is north of \$35 trillion and growing fast which proves the point that this country has been poorly governed for a long time.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

The biggest issues and/or challenges will be fighting the entrenched system of political elitist that has taken over Washington. Aside from that, we need to stop funding the Ukraine war, stop funding the W.H.O., disassociate ourselves from the United Way and secure our nation's borders. No mandatory vaccines. There is a very real problem with lawfare in this country. Judges acting outside their roles and code of conduct and acting as prosecutors are a threat to justice and domestic tranquility.

Editor's Note: NLJ reached out to Richard Brubaker, Libertarian Party candidate, but did not receive a response prior to press time.

# Town of Upton

**Town Council** 





Justin Norman

# **JUSTIN NORMAN**

Wife, Katie, three daughters, Avril, Ella and Jaxynn, and a son, Landon. I have lived in Weston County for more than 30 years. I studied at the University of Wyoming earning a bachelor of science double major in finance and

political science. I'm currently running K&D Perforatos, Inc. and raising my family in the Town of Upton.

#### Why are you running for office?

I'm running for my third term to still give back to the community. I feel like it's the best way I can do something to help the Town of Upton.

#### Why should people vote for you?

People should know I am going to make decisions that are the best for everyone that lives in Upton. I am going to listen to everybody and make sound decisions that are

impactful to all citizens.

#### What are the biggest issues or challenges facing the office you are running for?

2 Candidates

The biggest issue currently is hiring a solid police force. Our town deserves community policing that will continue to help the security of our citizens. A major goal for our council is continuing to look to improve our infrastructure for continued growth in our town.

Editors's Note: Rick Rothleutner is also running for this position, however, NLJ did not get a response before publication deadline.

# WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 MEMBER AT LARGE

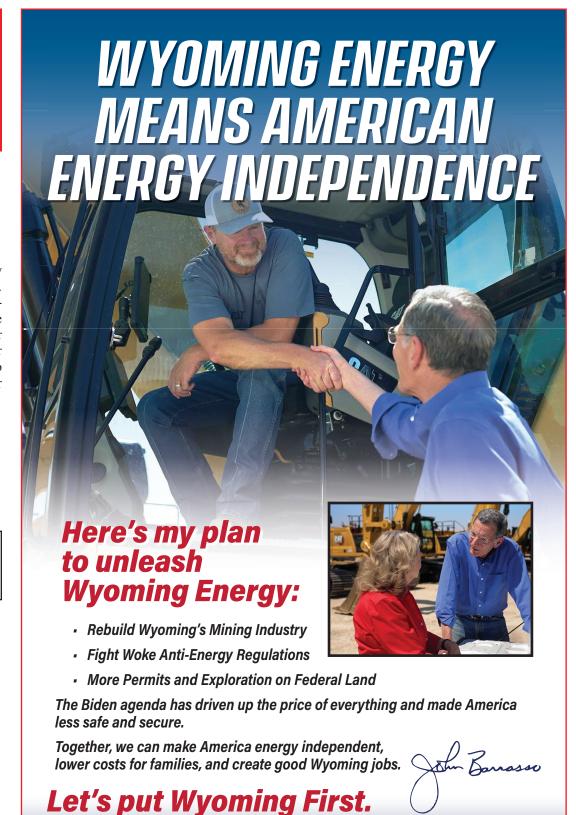
Editors's Note: There are two candidates on the ballot for WCSD No. 7, Curtis Rankin and Diana White. Neither responded to the News Letter Journal's Q&A request before press time.

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