



# THE CHOICE IS YOURS

## 2026 General Election Voter Guide

Candidates respond to questions posed by News Letter Journal and Buffalo Bulletin

GENERAL ELECTION 2026 TUESDAY, NOV. 3 • POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 7 P.M

Weston County

Commissioners

3 Candidates  
(3) Four-year Terms

NLJ CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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Vera Huber

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I am a longtime resident of Weston County and currently have the privilege of serving as one of your county commissioners.

My background includes real estate, county government, human resources, and financial administration. I bring practical business experience, knowledge of county operations, and a strong commitment to serving the people of Weston County.

**Answer:** One of our greatest challenges is maintaining essential county services while working within a tight budget. As a commissioner, I will continue to carefully weigh priorities, make responsible financial decisions, and work to provide stable, effective county government while being mindful that the dollars we spend belong to the taxpayers.

Garrett Borton (incumbent): No response received.

Nathan Todd: No response received.

Weston County

Clerk

2 Candidates  
(1) Four-year Term



Amber Prell Green



Tricia Baumann

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Amber Prell Green

Born and raised in Newcastle, raised two children here, and worked as a special education paraprofessional for 14 years in the school district before the seven years in the Clerk's Office.

**Answer:** The county clerk serves as the budget officer, chief election officer, the county's primary record keeper, clerk to the board of county commissioners, a supervisor, and public servant. Each of these duties is essential to the effective operation of the Clerk's Office. As interim clerk, I helped create a positive, transparent, and welcoming environment. I want to restore that level of service.

Tricia Baumann

I am a retired coal miner. I operated equipment and was interim mine dispatcher. My education is in math/biology with an emphasis on English. As a teacher, I also served as athletic director. Past state chapter president for the South Dakota National Wild Turkey Federation. I am well rounded!

**Answer:** I will provide exceptional skills in multi-tasking the following: Upgrade of trust in our elections. Office staff trained in best practices. Adherence to state statutes. New eyes on the budget and its format. Timely access to Planning & Zoning Board. An audit of county records — AND MORE!

Weston County

Sheriff

1 Candidate(1) Four-year Term

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Bryan Colvard

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My wife and I made this area our home, where her family has deep roots and we raised our family. I have served the public for 34 years, including nearly 16 as Weston County sheriff, leading through difficult times while protecting public safety and individual liberties.

**Answer:** Taxes, cost of living and limiting federal overreach are a few concerns that we are facing. I will make responsible use of available resources, prioritizing options that deliver value without imposing significant additional costs and protecting local authority from undue federal involvement. I will continue to lead with honesty and integrity.

Weston County

Coroner

1 Candidate  
(1) Four-year Term

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Scott E. Beachler

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I was born and raised in Indiana. We lived in Wisconsin for nearly 11 years, and moved to Weston County in March of 2007. My wife, Charlene, and I have two married children and two grandchildren. I am currently the Weston County coroner.

**Answer:** I feel that the coroner's office is not partisan or partial to any political party as far as service to the constituents.

I want to make sure that the decedent receives a proper and complete investigation into their death, and that the body is treated with respect. I try to treat each decedent as a family member.

I feel that continuing education and training along with networking with other Medicolegal Death Professionals helps us become better. This is something I try to do at every opportunity.

Town of Upton

Mayor

1 Candidate(1) Four-year Term

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Ty Kennedy

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I have lived in Upton and been employed in leadership roles most of my adult life. I have been a member of the Upton fire department since 2023 and the Deputy Fire Chief for the last year. I am a dedicated husband and father of 2 little girls. I want to protect and teach our community's values and make the town I love a little better every day.

**Answer:** I believe as mayor getting the community better involved before decisions are made is the major goal of mine. Communications and seeking a better system for hearing voter opinions and ideas is paramount. Politicians should not have agendas, just open minds and open doors.

Tiffany McMillan: No response.

GENERAL ELECTION 2026: WHO'S ON THE BALLOT?

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| <b>COUNTY RACES</b><br><b>Commissioners (three seats)</b><br>Nathan Todd (incumbent)<br>Vera Huber (incumbent)<br>Garrett Borton (incumbent)<br><b>Sheriff</b><br>Bryan Colvard (incumbent)<br><b>Clerk</b><br>Amber Green<br>Tricia Baumann<br><b>Unopposed candidates for county offices</b><br>Attorney: Michael Stulken<br>Treasurer: Susan Overman<br>Assessor: Kara Lenardson<br>Coroner: Scott E. Beachler<br>Clerk of District Court: Riki Kaiser<br><b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b> | <b>WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AT-LARGE (four seats)</b><br>Jason Jenkins<br>Scott W. Johnson<br>Richard Joe Prell<br>Sean Crabtree<br><b>WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AT-LARGE (three seats)</b><br>Justin D. Mills<br>Mark Mitchell<br>Ty Miller<br><b>MUNICIPAL RACES (NONPARTISAN)</b><br><b>NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL (three seats)</b><br>Don Steveson (incumbent)<br>John Butts (incumbent) | Wyatt Voelker<br>Pam Gualtieri<br><b>CITY OF UPTON MAYOR (1 seat)</b><br>Ty Kennedy<br>Tiffany McMillan<br><b>UPTON COUNCIL (2 seats)</b><br>Ryan Barber<br>Tom Johnson<br>Joe Watt<br>Kelly Wozney<br><b>LEGISLATIVE RACES</b><br><b>House District 1</b><br>Troy Claycomb<br><b>House District 2</b><br>J.D. Williams (unopposed)<br><b>Senate District 1</b><br>Ogden Driskill (unopposed)<br><b>Senate District 3</b> | Cheri Steinmetz (incumbent, unopposed)<br><b>STATEWIDE AND FEDERAL CANDIDATES</b><br><b>Governor</b><br><b>Republican</b><br>Eric Barlow<br><b>Democrat</b><br>Kenneth Casner<br><b>Constitution</b><br>Rebecca Bextel<br><b>Secretary of state</b><br><b>Republican</b><br>Robert Short<br><b>Democrat</b><br>Bryan McCarty<br><b>Constitution</b><br>Tamara Trujillo<br><b>State auditor</b> | Kristi Racines (unopposed)<br><b>State treasurer</b><br><b>Republican</b><br>Curt Meier (incumbent, unopposed)<br><b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b><br><b>Republican</b><br>Steve Harshman<br><b>Democrat</b><br>Ana Cordova<br><b>U.S. House of Representatives</b><br><b>Republican</b><br>Chuck Gray<br><b>Democrat</b><br>Lisa Kinney<br><b>Libertarian</b><br>Shawn Johnson<br><b>Constitution</b> | Jeffrey Haggit<br><b>U.S. Senate</b><br><b>Republican</b><br>Rep. Harriet Hageman<br><b>Democrat</b><br>James Byrd<br><b>JUDICIAL RETENTIONS</b><br><b>Supreme Court</b><br>Bridget Hill<br>Robert C. Jarosh<br><b>Judge D of the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District</b><br>Michael J. McGrady<br><b>Judge of the Chancery Court</b><br>Ben Burningham<br><b>Circuit Court Judge of the Sixth Judicial District</b><br>Greg R. Steward |
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Newcastle City Council

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4 Candidates  
(3) Four-year Terms

**Pam Gualtieri**

I am a Newcastle small-business owner, former Newcastle City Council member and mayor, substitute teacher, wife, mother and grandmother.

I have spent years serving our community through local government, business, schools and community organizations.

My experience has taught me to listen, ask hard questions and work with people to get things done.

**Answer:** Newcastle faces aging infrastructure, rising costs and the challenge of creating opportunities for future generations.

I will prioritize responsible spending, infrastructure, transparency and thoughtful economic growth. Most importantly, I will listen, ask tough questions and work with others to make informed decisions that serve our entire community.

**Don Steveson**

I have been married to my wife, Jennifer, for 28 years. Together we have four children: Jesse Blanchard, Ryan Steveson, Lauren Steveson, and Alaina Anderson.

Newcastle and Weston County have been my home for 55 years. During that time, I have proudly served on the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department for 42 years and as chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the past 18 years. These roles have given me extensive experience serving our community and working with others to address local needs.

My experience and long-standing commitment to Newcastle give me the knowledge and perspective needed to make informed decisions. I have been involved in many aspects of our community, and strive to be fair, honest, approachable, and responsive



**Pam Gualtieri**

to the people I represent.

Serving on the Newcastle City Council has been an honor. I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue representing the residents of Newcastle with fairness, honesty, and a commitment to responsible decision-making.

**Answer:** The most pressing issue facing voters is the property tax reduction on the ballot. I believe property taxes should be reviewed so that homeowners are not placed at risk of losing a primary resi-

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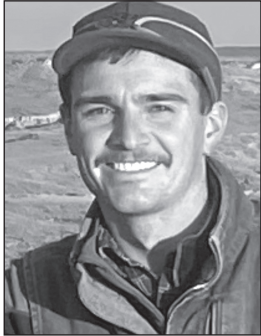


**Don Steveson**

dence because annual taxes continue to increase after the property has been paid for.

At the same time, property tax revenue helps fund day-to-day operations and the services residents rely on. As a council member, I would listen to residents, evaluate how proposed changes could affect city services, and work responsibly within the council's authority to protect both homeowners and essential services.

A council member must also listen carefully to the people they represent. Because we



**Wyatt Voelker**

are members of this community, we have a responsibility to hear residents' concerns, consider their ideas, explain the choices before the council, and make decisions that serve Newcastle's best interests.

**John Butts:**  
No response.

**Wyatt Voelker**  
I was born and raised in Newcastle, by Ryan and Donna Voelker, and I was fortunate to get a job back in Newcastle

after college. Currently, I serve on the Newcastle Country Club board and I do not have any prior experience serving on the city council.

**Answer:** The poor retention of young people moving back to Newcastle is the most pressing issue facing voters. We need to look at establishing incentives for businesses to build in our town, whether that be cutting regulatory red tape or tax breaks while also supporting our current businesses here.

Weston County  
**Attorney**

1 Candidate  
(1) Four-year Term

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**Michael Stulken**

I am married to Jenifer Stulken, with five children, three grandchildren, a dog named Rosco, and a cat named Hector. I have been a Weston County resident more than six years, and my wife is a Weston County native.

**Answer:** The goals of being county attorney in Weston County are to continually improve the services the County Attorney's Office provides and make our small community better as a whole, within

the bounds of the law.

We have developed a strong relationship with law enforcement and most other county officials. We consistently seek new ways to further these goals in any matter possible, not only including education, but utilizing other resources to aid us in these goals.

Our mission is to not become stagnant and complacent, but to progress as need be in order to better our public service to the community.

Weston County  
**Assessor**

1 Candidate  
(1) Four-year Term

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**Kara Lenardson**

I grew up in rural Weston County. My husband and I live southwest of Newcastle, raising two wonderful children. I have worked in the Weston County Assessor's Office for 10 years, as the county assessor for half of that time.

**Answer:** I believe the most important issue facing voters is learning the facts, firsthand. It's imperative that voters educate themselves and form their own opinions on issues and candidates. I am happy to share any information requested by voters regarding property taxes or related issues.

Weston County  
**Treasurer**

Susie Overman, running unopposed, did not respond.

Upton Town Council

Ryan Barber, Tom Johnson, Joe Watt, and Kelly Wozney: No response.

Weston County School District No. 7

Justin D. Mills, Mark Mitchell, Ty Miller: No response.

House District 2

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1 Candidate; (1) Two-year Term

**J.D. Williams**

I am a generational Wyoming rancher who legislates with the next generation in mind.



**J.D. Williams**

I am very aware that the policy decisions made by the legislature directly affect Wyoming's

economy. Mineral income, and the interest paid on past mineral income that we have saved and invested, is responsible for two-thirds of the State of Wyoming's revenue. Tourism and agriculture are our second and third largest industries. Wyoming must continue to lead the nation in the production of energy. Energy security is national security. Wyoming must remain OPEN FOR BUSINESS so that our children and grandchildren don't have to go somewhere else to make a decent living.

I am accountable to the voters of House District 2. Political parties and caucuses have their place, but I answer to my constituents. My legislative email is jd.williams@wyoleg.gov, my phone number is 307.340.6006. If I am out of service or in a meeting I will call you back. Our best days are still ahead of us.

**Editor's note:** Some bios and information were obtained from candidate websites, or from the NLJ Primary Election special section. Questions were posed by the NLJ editorial staff, and the staff of the Buffalo Bulletin.

Clerk of District Court

1 Candidate  
(1) Four-year Term

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**Riki Kaiser**

My name is Riki Kaiser, and I have called Weston County home since 2005. My husband, Mason, and I are proud to raise our two children here.

I began working in the Clerk of District Court's office in 2020, became deputy clerk in 2021, and

was appointed Clerk of District Court in January 2025.

**Answer:** One of the greatest challenges facing the Clerk of District Court's office is balancing growing responsibilities while maintaining accurate records, meeting deadlines, and providing excellent public service. My priority is to ensure an efficient, organized office that upholds accuracy, confidentiality, accountability, and professionalism while adapting to evolving court processes and technology.

Senate District 3

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1 Candidate; (1) Four-year Term

**Cheri Steinmetz - Republican**

My husband Corey and I have been fortunate to live in Goshen County for most of our lives. We have raised our family and built our businesses here among family, friends and neighbors. We have a deep appreciation for our independent rural way of life, our community and the land.



**Cheri Steinmetz**

I represent Goshen, Niobrara, and House District 5 from 2015 to 2018. More information may be found at wyoleg.gov.

Appropriations Committee and previously served on the following Senate committees: Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources; Transportation, Highways, & Military Affairs; and the Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology and Process. I began serving in the Wyoming State Senate in 2019. Previously, I represented

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Weston County

School District No. 1

4 Candidates

(4) Four-year Term

**Sean Crabtree**  
Sean R. Crabtree was born and raised in Weston County and has spent his life working here. He owns and operates local businesses, stays active through youth sports and community giving, and served one term on the school board. For Sean, Weston County isn't just home, it's his purpose.

**Answer:** Weston County schools face declining enrollment. A practical solution is to expand skilled trades programs, preparing students for local careers that support our community. By creating pathways to good-paying jobs here at home, we can encourage young people to stay, build

their futures, and raise the next generation in Weston County.

**Scott Johnson**  
I grew up in Newcastle and graduated from NHS in 1998. I currently work at Renegade Paint and Pipes and have worked as a collision repair tech for the last 24 years. I also own and operate K&M Apiary LLC located here in Newcastle. My wife also grew up in Newcastle, and we have two daughters that attend Newcastle High School and Middle School.

**Answer:** As a board member I would like to push more CTE classes. I believe you can be just as successful working in career and trade jobs as you can getting



Sean Crabtree



Scott Johnson

a job after a four-year degree. I feel that budgeting has become more important than ever for schools in Wyoming as well. We are facing a time where tough decisions will need to be made. We must work together and do what is best for our school

systems to grow and succeed under these unforeseen circumstances. I will strive to do what is best for our children, teachers, administrators, and families that are affiliated with WCSD#1. I am excited to work with the schools to help them

succeed the best we can.

**Jason Jenkins:** No response.

**Richard Joe Prell:** No response.



**PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE BILL TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3, 2026**  
*Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.*  
People's Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming through a Homeowner's Property Exemption A BILL for

AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a homeowner's exemption for primary residences; providing a penalty for false claims; and specifying applicability.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Wyoming:

**Section 1.** W.S. 39-11-105(a) by creating a new paragraph (xliiii) is amended to read:

**39-11-105. Exemptions.**

(a) The following property is exempt from property taxation:

(xliiii) A portion of property used as a primary residence as a homeowner's exemption. The following shall apply to the homeowner's exemption:

(A) For property used as a primary residence, fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the primary property is exempt from property taxation as a homeowner's exemption. Not more than one (1) homeowner's exemption shall apply to the same property in any year and no owner shall claim more than one (1) homeowner's exemption in any year including property that is improved by a residence that houses more than one (1) family. To claim a homeowner's exemption the person shall have been a resident of this state for not less than one (1) year prior to claiming an exemption under this paragraph and shall have resided in the applicable primary residence for at least six (6) months of the immediately preceding tax year. To claim a homeowner's exemption, the owner of the property shall submit a sworn claim to the county assessor not later than the fourth Monday in May on forms provided by the department of revenue demonstrating that the person is the owner of the property, and that the property is the person's primary residence. False claims are punishable as provided by W.S. 6-5-303.

(B) After filing a sworn claim pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, in subsequent years the claimant shall remain qualified for the homeowner's exemption provided by this paragraph providing that the claimant in subsequent years contacts the assessor's office by telephone, mail or other communication method on or before the fourth Monday in May and confirms that the claimant continues to meet the requirements set forth in this paragraph:

(C) As used in this paragraph:

(1) "Primary residence" means a house, trailer house, mobile home, transportable home or other dwelling place;

(2) "Homeowner" means any of the following provided that no other person who may qualify as an owner or joint owner shall apply for a homeowner's exemption for the same property in the same year:

(1) A person who occupies and owns a primary residence either solely or jointly with other owners;

(2) A person who occupies a primary residence as a vendee in possession under a contract of sale;

(3) A person who occupies a primary residence owned by a business entity primarily formed for the purpose of farming or ranching if the person is a shareholder or partner of the business entity or is related to a shareholder or partner of the business entity.

(D) This act is applicable to tax year 2025 and thereafter.

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▪ Weston County Event Center ▪ Osage Fire Hall

▪ Upton Community Center

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**WYOMING'S MONEY.**

**WYOMING'S FUTURE.**

**A MESSAGE FROM STATE TREASURER CURT MEIER**

Thank you, Wyoming Republicans, for your support. I'm humbled by your confidence and proud to serve as your Treasurer.

The Wyoming State Treasurer's Office manages more than \$35 billion in investments. Those assets represent an important financial resource for Wyoming and help support public services through investment earnings.

**My priorities for the coming term focus on three areas:**

**GENERATING LONG-TERM INVESTMENT INCOME**

Promoting the proposed Wyoming Generational Investment Fund as a way to pursue higher long-term returns while managing investment risk.

**STRENGTHENING INVESTMENT GOVERNANCE**

Exploring a governance structure similar to the Wyoming Retirement System's model, which separates investment oversight and policy from day-to-day professional investment decisions.

**MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF TRUST LANDS**

Working with fellow members of the State Board of Land Commissioners to identify responsible opportunities to increase the value and sustainable income generated by Wyoming's state trust lands.

Thank you for allowing me to continue working on Wyoming's financial future.

**CURT MEIER**  
WYOMING STATE TREASURER  
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3 Candidates: 1 Repub.; 1 Dem.; 1 Constitution

Governor

(1) Four-year Term

Eric Barlow - Republican

Biography and statement of why you are running for public office:

I'm Eric Barlow, a fourth-generation Wyoming rancher, veterinarian, Marine Corps veteran, small business owner and state senator. I was born and raised near Gillette, and Kelly and I raised our family on our family ranch. I've served Wyoming on the Livestock Board and in the legislature, including as Speaker of the House. I'm running for governor because I want Wyoming to remain a place where our kids and grandkids can choose to stay, work, raise a family and build a life.

What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming now, and if elected, what would you do to address that challenge?

The most pressing challenge is keeping Wyoming communities strong so our kids and grandkids can choose to stay, work and build a life here. That means keeping our economy strong, improving access to affordable healthcare and making sure communities have the infrastructure and services they need. As governor, I will bring state government closer to Wyoming communities and make sure local concerns are heard sooner. We have already begun that work on healthcare by bringing people from across Wyoming to the table to identify solutions on access, affordability and workforce.

In June, Gov. Mark Gordon signed an executive order to manage data center growth in the state. What legislation would you champion to ensure that Wyoming communities, citizens, and natural resources do not suffer unintended consequences from the construction of data centers?

Data center proposals should be decided locally by the communities that will live with them. Not every project belongs everywhere, but when one is the right fit, Wyoming should work to get to yes. I will support thoughtful legislation that protects Wyoming's water, keeps existing ratepayers from paying for the power and infrastructure demands of data centers. Communities should make decisions based on good information and have a meaningful seat at the table. Where impacts extend beyond one community, the state should set clear guardrails while working with local leaders, utilities and developers to solve problems without shifting costs or risks onto Wyoming families.

Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?

Wyoming's public lands are not for sale. I sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 9 to reaffirm Wyoming's opposition to the broad sale or transfer of federal public lands and support public access and multiple use. As governor, I will work with our congressional delegation and make sure local governments, landowners, sportsmen, producers and other public-land users have a seat at the table when discussions occur and decisions are made. I support targeted land exchanges when they improve access or solve a specific management problem, but not broad transfer or dis-

posal of our public lands.

Workforce and attainable housing remains a critical need in many Wyoming communities. What role do you believe the state can play in addressing issues of housing affordability and access?

Housing is a local challenge with state-wide consequences. If teachers, nurses, first responders and young families cannot afford to live in a community, that community cannot thrive. The state can help remove unnecessary barriers, support the infrastructure needed for housing and use tools like the State Loan and Investment Board and Wyoming Community Development Authority to help locally supported projects move forward. There is no one-size-fits-all solution. Local leaders, employers, builders and residents should drive the approach, with the state helping communities solve the challenges they identify.

Kenneth Casner - Democrat

No response.

Rebecca Bextel - Constitution

Biography and statement of why you are running for public office:

For more than 20 years, Rebecca has called Wyoming home, raising a family and operating small businesses with her husband, Jonathan. She understands the hard work, independence, and responsibility that define Wyoming. Rebecca entered politics to challenge wasteful spending, insiders, and threats to Wyoming's conservative values. She served as a Republican precinct and state committeewoman and alternate delegate to the 2020 and 2024 Republican National Conventions, electing principled conservatives. Rebecca knows calling yourself a conservative is easy. Standing firm when the pressure comes is what matters.

As Governor, she will defend limited government, fiscal responsibility, energy independence, the Second Amendment, property rights, the sanctity of life, parental rights, and Wyoming's Western heritage. She has spent years fighting for accountability and conservative principles. Now she's ready to bring that conviction to the Governor's Office and keep Wyoming independent and free.

What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming now, and if elected, what would you do to address that challenge?

Our most pressing issue is the rising cost of living and the burden the government places on hard-working families. Property taxes, housing costs, and everyday expenses make it harder for WY families to stay in the communities they love.

We are blessed with tremendous natural resources, hardworking people, and opportunities that other states can only dream of. Yet we have allowed the government to grow increasingly complicated, expensive, and involved in picking winners and losers.

As governor, my priority will be lowering property taxes and making the government more accountable to the people who

pay for it. As I have outlined in my 100 day plan, I will conduct a comprehensive review of state agencies, boards, and commissions to identify waste, eliminate duplication, and reduce unnecessary spending.

I will also work to unleash our energy industry, remove unnecessary barriers, and create an environment where small businesses and families can prosper without government interference.

In June, Gov. Mark Gordon signed an executive order to manage data center growth in the state. What legislation would you champion to ensure that Wyoming communities, citizens, and natural resources do not suffer unintended consequences from the construction of data centers?

I believe in free enterprise, but Wyoming taxpayers should not subsidize wealthy technology companies at the expense of our families and small businesses.

As governor, I would champion legislation requiring:

First, data centers must pay the full cost of additional power generation, transmission, and infrastructure. Wyoming families should not face higher utility bills to benefit billion-dollar corporations.

Second, protect Wyoming's water resources by requiring full disclosure of water usage, compliance with existing water rights, and sustainable water plans.

Third, eliminate unfair tax exemptions and subsidies that favor large corporations over Wyoming businesses.

Finally, require financial bonding so taxpayers aren't left paying for abandoned facilities or infrastructure.

Wyoming welcomes business and investment, but not at the expense of our taxpayers, natural resources, or communities. We need enforceable protections, not empty promises.

Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?

Wyoming's public lands are part of our heritage, our economy, and our way of life. They provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, recreation, grazing, and responsible energy development. We must protect them at all costs.

When I am governor of Wyoming, Game and Fish will be doing their job which is to protect public access to public land. They will not work on behalf of just wealthy landowners.

Workforce and attainable housing remains a critical need in many Wyoming communities. What role do you believe the state can play in addressing issues of housing affordability and access?

I have seen firsthand in Jackson how government involvement in housing development can become expensive, complicated, and disconnected from the people it is supposed to help. I have dedicated a tremendous amount of time and resources to hold shady developers and corrupt politicians accountable.

I do not believe the solution is simply throwing more taxpayer money at developers or creating additional government housing programs. The state's responsibility should be to remove barriers that make housing unnecessarily expensive.

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Secretary of State

(1) Four-year Term

Robert Short - Republican

Biography and statement of why you are running

I grew up in Glenrock and learned the value of persistence, work and honesty on the Duncan Ranch. I worked in mining before getting an education in electrical engineering and computer science. I had a 20-year career in nuclear physics and chemistry and, built many successful businesses in Glenrock. In 2014 I was elected as County Commissioner in Converse County. I've served on many boards across the state



Robert Short

and nationally serve as vice chair for telecommunications and technology policy steering committee. I'm the vice-president of the Wyoming County Commission Association and championed a congressional training initiative to educate Washington, D.C., staffers here in Wyoming to help us have a voice in policies that impact our lives. Douglas is home where my wife and I raised our 4 kids and our four-legged companions. I call, visit and serve my mother regularly as a good son will and support many charitable organizations that help people in need, those less fortunate and kids.

Critics have raised concerns that Wyoming's business-friendly laws can be exploited by bad actors seeking anonymity or facilitating fraud. Do you believe Wyoming's current registered agent requirements are sufficient, and if not, what changes would you advocate?

In some cases, the laws as they exist are likely sufficient in others, not so much. I would like to see a situation where those folks utilizing a registered agent are also required to provide a 'real-life' contact who would be responsible for the operational choices of the organization should the organization be operating in a way that harms Wyoming or our people. I will advocate for a working group of stakeholders to develop the criteria and methods to accomplish this accountability piece. If it was easy, it would already be done.

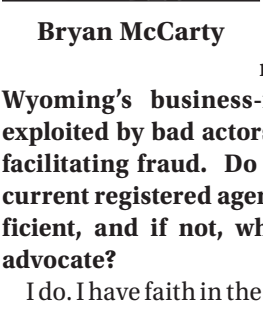
Why are you the best candidate for the job?

Being from Wyoming, coupled with my business experience, election judge work, financial expertise, local government service as a County Commissioner, and my desire to see Wyoming thrive, makes me the best qualified candidate to serve the people of Wyoming as Secretary of State. My approach is straightforward, listen, understand and do the work to serve the people.

Bryan McCarty - Democrat

Biography and statement of why you are running

Save our democracy. Private sector. MBA, Mensa, Marquee employers, internal audit, Six Sigma green belt, cultures of integrity and compliance.



Bryan McCarty

Critics have raised concerns that Wyoming's business-friendly laws can be exploited by bad actors seeking anonymity or facilitating fraud. Do you believe Wyoming's current registered agent requirements are sufficient, and if not, what changes would you advocate?

I do. I have faith in the office's civil service staff.

With my background and the office's existing mandate, I believe we can root out and impose appropriate sanctions on problem businesses.

Why are you the best candidate for the job?

I am not a Republican. They control all three branches federally, and Wyoming for decades. Whatever comes to mind when you consider 'our situation' that personally keeps you up at night at your kitchen table, they would have you believe more of the same of how we got here is now the solution to it. The voters of Big Wonderful Wyoming know better.

Tamara Trujillo - Constitution

Biography and statement of why you are running

I've always wanted to serve people. I did that as a representative, and when the opportunity came to keep serving, I took it. The integrity and transparency of this office matter to the people and need someone like me: a grassroots voice for everyday Wyoming people.

As Secretary of State, I'll hold a vote on the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB), which helps decide how state lands and funds are invested and how grants and loans reach our communities. After 21 years in auditing and accounting, I know how to follow the money and ask the right questions, and I'll bring that care to every vote.

Critics have raised concerns that Wyoming's business-friendly laws can be exploited by bad actors seeking anonymity or facilitating fraud. Do you believe Wyoming's current registered agent requirements are sufficient, and if not, what changes would you advocate?

No, I don't believe our current requirements are enough. Right now, a registered agent only has to keep contact information for the businesses they register. They don't have to know who actually owns them. That gap has let fraud take root, from fake filings at Wyoming residents' addresses to companies tied to foreign adversaries.

I'd advocate two things. First, a little more record keeping from registered agents, so they know who their clients really are. That information should stay private and be available only during a lawful investigation. Second, giving the Secretary of State's office the tools and authority to investigate fraud and shut down bad actors.

After 21 years in auditing, I know good records are the first line of defense. We can protect honest businesses' privacy and Wyoming's filing revenue while closing the door on the people abusing our system.

Why are you the best candidate for the job?

I believe I'm the best candidate because I'm not a career politician. I'm a regular Wyoming citizen who has worked in both the corporate and blue-collar world. I spent 21 years in auditing and accounting, including at the Cheyenne refinery, working alongside people from every walk of life. That taught me how to listen, how to follow the facts, and how to keep things honest and transparent.

Wyoming is my home; it's also home to my children and my five granddaughters, and I want it to be a place they're proud of and want to stay and contribute to our communities. At the end of the day, I believe we should all take care of our neighbors, and I consider everyone in this great state my neighbor.

Senate District 1

1 Candidates; (1) Four-year Term

Ogden Driskill

I am a sixth-generation rancher. I am married for 44 years to Rosanne Shoop (Lysite, WY), three children, three grandchildren. I am a businessman and rancher, a graduate of Hulett High School, Casper College, and attended UW.

My top priorities are continuing meaningful property tax reform while protecting the essential services our communities rely on, including local governments, fire departments, EMS, hospitals, and county and city services. I believe decisions affecting our communities should be made by locally elected



Ogden Driskill

officials, not through one-size-fits-all mandates from Cheyenne.

I also want to create more good-paying jobs and strengthen our local economy. I have already been a leader in delivering results by helping pass property tax relief, securing infrastructure funding for Upton, Newcastle, and Osage, playing a key role in bringing rare earth processing to Upton, helping the Upton Rail Park succeed, and supporting the formation of the Northeast Wyoming Solid Waste District. I will continue delivering practical, conservative results for Senate District 1.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction

2 Candidates: 1 Democrat; 1 Republican (1) Four-year Term

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Steve Harshman - Republican

Biography and statement of why you are running for public office.

Thank you to the Buffalo Bulletin for providing this opportunity to share a few words in this special issue.

My name is Steve Harshman, I am a native, lifelong Wyoming educator with 40 years of experience and a veteran legislator. I grew up in Midwest, (Go Oilers). In addition to being a native, a product of our schools, and an educator, I am the only candidate in this race who has worked on an oil rig and docked sheep.

I'm running because I believe in the Wyoming I grew up in, where Becky and I raised our four kids. A Wyoming of conservative values where every child has the opportunity to succeed and live the American Dream, regardless of zip code. Working together, we can keep Wyoming schools great and prepare the next generation of Wyoming leaders, workers, and citizens.



Steve Harshman

What is your position on using public dollars to fund private school programs and services that are not accountable to the state, through education savings accounts or by providing funds to the student through a voucher that may be used for educational purposes?

The Wyoming Constitution, Article 1 Sec 7, Article 3 Sec 36, Article 7 Sec. 8,11,& 12 prohibits giving out state money to people, entities, organizations not under the control of the state. Article 16 Sec 6 allows these appropriations for the necessary support of the poor. The initial bill passed in 2024 included income requirements to help the poor. However, as we see now in politics it is about more, more, more. Unfortunately, inexperienced legislators, many from out of state, went down this trail and here we are. When I last checked there were 445 education service providers on the website run by an out of state corporation at 400k per year and only

61 of the 445 providers were schools. Most are out of state. No accountability. Its waste, fraud and abuse. Wyoming deserves better!

Do you think Wyoming public schools are adequately funded? Why or why not?

Is the overall funding the right amount? Yes I think we are close. It is ongoing work that never ends. Is the new funding model set up to distribute that amount of funding in an constitutional, equitable and adequate way? No. The latest recalibration of school funding created these problems: Change from 3 year to 2 year rolling average for ADM, \$60m cut to health insurance, state taking 50% of district investment income. Regional Cost Adjustment is unfair and does not fit Wyoming. Increased class size, cuts 450+ teachers from the model. Salaries not adjusted for experience, education, responsibility. Taking control from local school boards. Activity and gifted/ talented cuts. No work on court directives, security, food service and technology. This new funding model is a top down spending model from inexperienced legislators.

Why are you the best candidate for the job?

As a native, I have been blessed to serve this precious state. I have been a champion of education policy for decades. I authored full day kindergarten and the Hathaway Scholarship. I saved CTE education at UWYO. I have spent years working on our state lands and investments as well as our school facilities. I know the budget, the law and will follow our Constitution. As your Superintendent I will focus on our kids, our schools and our future. Wyoming's future is built by strong families and strong teachers in our classrooms. I will bring a steady, experienced hand to our Department of Education—one that focuses on student achievement and respects the hard work and concerns of our parents, educators and local school boards. Because, when Wyoming's students succeed, Wyoming succeeds!

Ana Cordova - Democrat

I'm Ana, a 3rd generation Wyomingite from Cheyenne. After graduating from Cheyenne Central High, I pursued higher educa-

tion, resulting in a Bachelors (Biochemistry), and two Masters (Human Genetics, Law). My career has spanned a variety of non-profit education-focused organizations, primarily in DC, where I instructed medical school students, developed middle and high school science curricula, and supported law schools across the nation. I've been heavily involved in Wyoming nonprofits and community organizations for over 20 years.

I am running because I believe in the transformative power of public education, and I would bring trusted, demonstrated leadership and experience to this opportunity.

What is your position on using public dollars to fund private school programs and services that are not accountable to the state, through education savings accounts or by providing funds to the student through a voucher that may be used for educational purposes?

I am absolutely opposed to using public funding for the

above programs, full stop. Public money is to be used for public schools, it's that simple.

Do you think Wyoming public schools are adequately funded? Why or why not?

I agree with the Wyoming Supreme Court that the Legislature has not adequately funded public schools, and that strides need to be made to ensure that our schools are funded at the levels needed to meet the constitutional mandate of quality public education across the state.

Why are you the best candidate for the job?

I bring leadership, experience, and a commitment to Wyoming communities. I don't believe that education is a partisan issue, and would like to work with all Wyomingites to ensure that students continue to receive amazing opportunities through our public schools. We have a legacy of excellence in Wyoming schools, and I look forward to continuing that service to our state.



Ana Cordova

U.S. Senate Wyoming

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

Harriet Hageman - Republican

Biography and statement of why you are running for office

I practiced as a water, natural resources and constitutional trial attorney for over 30 years, defending private property rights, fighting bureaucratic overreach and working on policy for a variety of clients. I advocated for regulatory reform and adherence to our constitutional framework. I represented the State of Wyoming, farmers, ranchers, municipalities, counties, trade organizations, and small businesses, among others. I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2022, and I am in my second term. I have secured more than \$40 million in community project funding for local projects throughout the State, and I have passed 41 legislative wins over my 3 ½ year tenure. I look forward to continuing my service if I am fortunate enough to be elected to the Senate.



Harriet Hageman

What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming, and if elected, what work will you do on the federal level to address that issue?

I was elected to the House of Representatives four years ago on a promise to fight the bloated administrative state and preserve our western way of life. We should be looking for ways to make life better, not more difficult. As a U.S. Senator, I will continue to fight for regulatory reform, permitting modernization, funding for local infrastructure projects, highway safety, and adherence to our Constitution. The administrative state continues to reign as the common denominator complicating all of those issues. I will continue my crusade against an overbearing bureaucracy by confirming qualified nominees for federal appointments while building on my record in the House to pass common sense reforms to tame the administrative state.

Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?

I have consistently advocated for the "multiple use and sustained yield" approach to land and water management, prioritizing access, responsible development, and effective conservation. Local input and expertise is critical to land management decisions, and I will continue to work to ensure that our voices are heard. This philosophy has guided my tenure in the House, and I will continue to guide my approach to public lands if I am honored to be elected to serve in the Senate.

James Byrd - Democrat

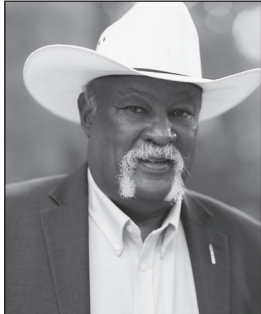
Biography and statement of why you are running for office

James Byrd is a fifth-generation Wyomingite,

professional geophysicist, tech consultant, and former State Representative (2009-2019). Son of pioneering state legislator Liz Byrd and police chief Jim Byrd, James brings a technical, data-driven approach to public service. Built on his core philosophy that "Everybody Counts," he is running for the U.S. Senate to offer independent, unscripted leadership that puts Wyoming working families ahead of Washington political games. His campaign focuses on easing the "Daily Squeeze" by lowering living costs and protecting rural healthcare clinics, keeping public lands strictly in public hands for recreation and grazing, and advancing an all-of-the-above energy strategy that protects traditional energy workers while driving next-generation nuclear technology and carbon storage.

What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming, and if elected, what work will you do on the federal level to address that issue?

The most pressing issue facing Wyoming is the "Daily Squeeze"—the crushing cost of living driven by soaring prices for groceries, housing, and healthcare, which threatens the survival of our small towns and working families. On the federal level, I will address this by fighting corporate healthcare consolidation and securing essential federal funding to keep local clinics and hospitals open across all 23 counties. I will champion kitchen-table economic policies to curb price-gouging and lower everyday expenses. Furthermore, leveraging my background as a geophysicist, I will advance an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that protects traditional energy workers, expands next-generation nuclear technology and carbon storage, and lowers utility bills to ensure long-term economic stability for Wyoming families.



James Byrd

Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?

I strongly oppose all proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control. Wyoming's public lands are the cornerstone of our heritage, economy, and way of life, providing essential space for hunting, outdoor recreation, and agricultural grazing leases that sustain local family ranches. Transferring these lands would create massive administrative costs our state budget cannot support, inevitably forcing land sales to out-of-state private developers and locking out the public forever. In D.C., I will fight to keep public lands strictly in public hands, defending local access, fully funding federal land management, and ensuring federal agencies collaborate directly with Wyoming ranchers, outdoor enthusiasts, and local communities to protect these sacred spaces for generations to come.

U.S. House of Representatives

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

Chuck Gray - Republican

Biography and statement of why you are running for office

I'm running to bring leadership to the US Congress that reflects our Wyoming values. As both Wyoming Secretary of State and a state legislator, I have a track record of advancing the priorities of the people of Wyoming, and getting things done. As Secretary of State, I worked to pass proof of citizenship for registering to vote. In addition, I have a track record as a State Land Board member of keeping public lands in public hands. As a state legislator, I was the lead sponsor of voter ID.

Wyoming needs a representative who will work with others to advance the priorities of the people of Wyoming to the finish line. I will continue that work in Congress. I will work to make life more affordable, as well as ensuring that there is access to health care across Wyoming.

What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming, and if elected, what work will you do on the federal level to address that issue?

The most pressing challenges that Wyoming faces today are affordability as well as the constant attacks on our core industries. We must address affordability by lowering the cost of fuel, groceries, health care, and other items. We must also make health care more accessible. We must also defend our core industries including ranching and farming, coal, oil and gas, and soda ash. For our producers, I will work to bring back country of origin labeling, address the screwworm outbreak, and go after the meat packing monopoly. We must stop the out-of-control importation of foreign beef that is hurting our producers. I will work to ensure that west coast states open their ports to Wyoming coal. By expanding our core industries, Wyoming will grow our economy. I will roll back domestic regulations to make sure our local industries prosper. We must also address affordability by lowering inflation through reductions in the deficit.



Chuck Gray

Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?

Public lands must remain in public hands. I know how important our public lands are to our Wyoming way of life. That's why I'm opposed to the transfer of public lands to state ownership. I'm also opposed to the transfer of public lands to private control. We must ensure that our public lands are open for recreation and for our economy. The usage of our public lands is key to our people's happiness and prosperity.

Jeffrey Haggitt - Constitution

No response.

Lisa Kinney - Democrat

Biography and statement of why you are running for office

Lisa Kinney was born and raised in Laramie and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wyoming, her master's degree from the University of Oregon and her law degree from the University of Wyoming.

She owned the Summit Law Review, worked at the law offices of Corthell & King as well as the American Heritage Center and served as Director of the Albany County Library. For over 20 years, she was employed as a financial advisor for VALIC/AIG/Corebridge where she traveled the state meeting in schools, hospitals, cities and counties to assist employees with their financial planning.

She was elected to the Wyoming State Senate from Laramie and served for ten years from 1986-1996 where she served as minority floor leader from 1994-1996. She worries about the issues that are affecting Wyoming citizens and wants to improve the lives of everyone in Wyoming. There are real issues that need to be addressed in this country and they have been ignored for far too long.

What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming, and if elected, what work will you do on the federal level to address that issue?

The Iran war needs to be stopped, tariffs need to be removed, and friendships with our allies need to be reinstated. AI data centers have to be regulated to reduce costs to communities, and AI global accords should be considered. Social Security is in danger of running out of funds, but if the income cap is removed it can be saved for our children and grandchildren. There are real issues that need to be addressed in this country and they have been ignored for far too long.



Lisa Kinney

Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?

We cannot sell, transfer or repeatedly sever our public lands like recent actions in Bears Ears, Yosemite, and Alaska. I oppose all efforts to transfer or sell our public lands.

Shawn Johnson - Libertarian

Biography and statement of why you are running for office

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I am a Wyoming native, attorney, husband, and father. I have spent my life serving Wyoming. I served 21 years in the Wyoming Army National Guard as a combat medic, including a deployment to Iraq, and spent 13 years with the Natrona County Sheriff's Office. I also served eight years on the Casper City Council, including as vice-mayor, where I saw firsthand how government decisions affect Wyoming families.

Today, I practice law in Wyoming, focused primarily on criminal defense, after also practicing family law and civil litigation.

I am running for Congress because Wyoming deserves a representative who answers to Wyoming—not Washington or a political party. I want to defend our constitutional rights, protect individual liberty, reduce wasteful spending and debt, and make sure federal policy works for Wyoming families, workers, ranchers, and communities. I am running to bring Wyoming's independent spirit and common sense to Washington.

**What is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming, and if elected, what work will you do on the federal level to address that issue?**

The most pressing issue facing Wyoming is the rising cost of living and the growing federal burden on Wyoming families. Wages are not keeping pace with the cost of housing, healthcare, food, energy, and other necessities, while Washington continues to spend and regulate beyond its constitutional role.

If elected, I will work to reduce unnecessary federal spending, oppose policies that drive up costs, protect Wyoming's energy and natural-resource industries, and return power to the states and the people under the Tenth Amendment. I will fight for policies that allow Wyoming families, small businesses, farmers, and ranchers to keep more of what they earn and make their own decisions. Wyoming does not need Washington to solve every problem. We need Washington to stop creating new ones.

**Public lands are an important part of Wyoming's economy, culture and recreation opportunities. What is your position on proposals to transfer federal public lands to state ownership or private control?**

Wyoming's public lands are central to our economy, culture, recreation, and way of life. I oppose transferring federal public lands to state ownership or private control. These lands belong to the American people, and they should remain accessible for hunting, fishing, recreation, grazing, energy development, and other lawful uses.

That does not mean Washington should have unlimited control over them. If elected, I will fight for greater local input and management policies that recognize Wyoming's unique needs. I will work to reduce unnecessary federal restrictions, improve responsible resource management, and protect public access. Wyoming should have a strong voice in how these lands are managed, while keeping them in public ownership for future generations.

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**State Auditor**

1 Candidate; Four-year Term

**Kristi Racines**

I'm a 4th generation Wyomingite born in Casper and raised in Bar Nunn, Evanston, and Riverton, with family roots in ranching and oil and gas.

Transparency, transparency, transparency! When I took office, I inherited a public records lawsuit from my predecessor, and within 30 days produced and turned over six years' worth of state spending data. The lawsuit was quickly dismissed, saving taxpayers thousands in legal fees. Six months later, my office debuted WyOpen.gov — Wyoming's online checkbook. This ground-breaking website provides expenditure data for the state on a daily basis.



**Kristi Racines**

Last year, I worked with the legislature to enshrine WyOpen.gov into law, ensuring this high level of transparency cannot be undone. We always go above and beyond with public records requests, and I am currently working with stakeholders to further strengthen and improve Wyoming's public records laws.

While this job is political, the state auditor is the state's chief accountant, payroll officer, and is responsible for producing the financial statements for the state — this demands a high level of technical competence. The state

auditor, by law, must oversee the state's internal controls, as well as the state's electronic accounting system. This is a highly sophisticated system that is responsible for capturing and reporting on every dollar that flows in and out of state coffers. As state revenues and outflows evolve, and as fraudsters continually become more clever, the auditor's office must keep up. We maintain an environment of continuous improvement, and are always assessing the needs of users and constituents.

I have a heart for Wyoming, and the expertise to do the job! After earning my accounting degree from University of Wyoming, I worked in public accounting in Cheyenne and became licensed as a certified public accountant. Performing in-depth audits of small businesses, nonprofits, and governments gave me a critical understanding of accounting principles, financial statements, internal controls, and federal funds management. Later on, I began my public service career with Wyoming's judicial branch, and ultimately served as the chief fiscal officer and director of Human Resources. In that role, I prepared and managed a state-wide budget of \$80 million and oversaw the human resources affairs of over 300 employees.

**House District 1**

1 Candidate; Two-year Term

**Troy Claycomb**

Troy is a lifelong Wyoming educational leader, and small business owner who understands the realities of rural communities. After 35 years serving in Wyoming schools and running a business, Troy is stepping forward to ensure District 1 has a strong and dependable voice in Cheyenne.

An Upton High School graduate and University of Wyoming alumnus, Troy has spent 35 years in education as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent. His work has always focused on sup-

porting students, strengthening schools, and working closely with families.

In addition to his career in education, Troy has operated a small business. This gave him firsthand insight into the challenges local business owners face every day.

He understands what it takes to manage budgets, serve customers, and keep things running.

Troy is a devoted husband to his wife Cheri and a proud father of three. His commitment to family and community is at the center of everything he does.



**Troy Claycomb**

What Troy stands for:

- Decisions should stay in the hands of local communities—not expanded government control.
- Standing up for energy, agriculture, and the small businesses that power rural Wyoming.
- Practical, experience-driven solutions that support students, teachers, and families.
- Government should be accountable, efficient, and focused on the people it represents.
- After 35 years of service, Troy isn't stepping away; he's stepping forward.

He's running for House District 1 to ensure rural Wyoming has a strong, dependable voice in Cheyenne.

**State Treasurer**

1 Candidate; Four-year Term

**Curt Meier - Republican**

Lifelong Wyoming agriculture producer, businessman, husband, father and grandfather. I've spent more than 40 years serving Wyoming and remain committed to protecting our state's future for generations to come.

The state treasurer's job is to protect the people's money, maximize returns through disciplined investing, return unclaimed property to its rightful owners, and strengthen Wyoming's long-term financial future. During my tenure, Wyoming's investment earnings became the state's largest source of revenue for the first time in



**Curt Meier**

history, generating nearly \$1.9 billion last year. My office has also returned record amounts of unclaimed property while maintaining Wyoming's reputation for sound financial stewardship. I continue advocating for a Wyoming Generational Investment Fund that will create another long-term revenue source to help pay the state's bills without increasing taxes. Every investment dollar earned is one less dollar that has to come from taxpayers.

The state treasurer is Wyoming's chief financial steward. The office is responsible for safeguarding billions of taxpayer dollars, investing those funds prudently, managing state cash flow, protecting

public retirement assets, returning unclaimed property to its rightful owners, and serving on boards that shape Wyoming's financial future. Just as importantly, the treasurer must faithfully uphold the Constitutions of the United States and Wyoming, and honor the oath of office. Every financial decision should protect taxpayers, strengthen Wyoming's independence, and preserve the state's ability to fund essential services without placing unnecessary burdens on future generations.

Experience and proven results. I have spent more than

40 years serving Wyoming, including over two decades in the legislature and the past eight years as state treasurer. Under my leadership, investment earnings became Wyoming's largest source of revenue, demonstrating what disciplined financial stewardship can accomplish. I have consistently defended Wyoming's mineral industries, supported responsible energy development, protected taxpayers, and remained committed to the Constitutions of the United States and Wyoming.

Managing billions of dollars requires experience, judgment and a steady hand. Wyoming doesn't need on-the-job training in the treasurer's office — it needs proven leadership that continues building a stronger financial future for our children and grandchildren.



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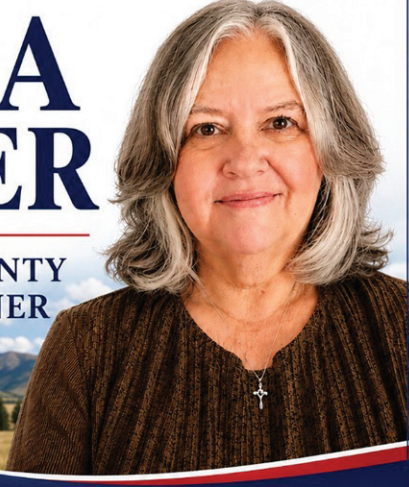


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