

DECISION

2022

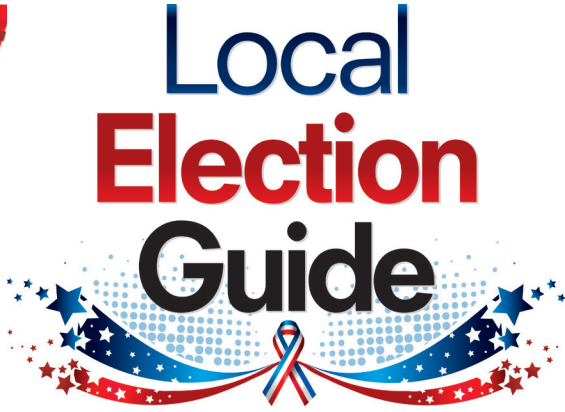
THE CANDIDATES
ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS



Casting your vote:

Primary Election 2022: Tuesday, Aug. 16
Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m
See Page E9 for poll locations

NOTE: New registrations and registration changes are permitted at the polling place on Election Day. 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

Commissioners

8 Candidates
(3) Four-year Terms



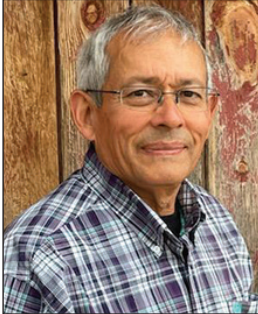
Garrett Borton



Vera Huber



Henry Nessul



Ed Quinones



Chad Sears



Nathan Todd

Editor’s Note:

Mike Harris is a late write-in candidate. Candidate Justin Liggett did not respond to request to answer questions. Candidate Shane Crawford has withdrawn.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

GARRETT BORTON

Garrett Borton, owner of Renegade Paint and Pipes for the past 15 years, is a lifelong resident of Weston County. His grandpa Clete Highland, also a lifelong resident served our community as the City Shop supervisor here in Newcastle. Even further back in 1902, Garrett’s great-grandpa, John Toth was born in Cambria. His great grandpa Borton homesteaded north of Jay Em just south of Weston County establishing deep roots on both sides of his family tree.

Although he carries great pride in his roots, his true passion lies in the future he has prepared for here in Weston County. That future includes his wife Holly and their girls Braylee and Carlee, both of which attend the Newcastle Elementary School.

VERA HUBER

I moved to Newcastle from St. Onge, S.D., with my parents as a young lady. I met my husband, Richard, at school and we have been married 46 years and have three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. We are a Christian family with strong conservative values and our family has called Weston County home for seven generations.

I have been a Realtor in our county

for almost 17 years and owned my own business for 13 years. My work background also includes 12 years in financial institutions working in all aspects of banking, eight years at Jacobs Ranch Mine working in human resources, security, engineering, and maintenance, and two years in the Weston County Assessor’s office.

HENRY NESSUL

I moved to Wyoming with my wife of nearly 32 years, so we could live in a place that mirrors our values: integrity, hard work, faith, and freedom. I was born in Washington, D.C., and lived in Maryland most of my life. After a 20-year career as a firefighter/paramedic I was retired due to injury. I worked in the federal government and private industry for 23 years before retiring again. We moved to coastal Virginia where I opened a small gun store and repair business. When the political winds shifted, we chose to move to Wyoming.

ED QUINONES

Hello, I’m Ed Quinones, a Conservative Christian Republican. My parents migrated from Venezuela to find a better life. I’m also an immigrant, we landed in Michigan. I consider Kalamazoo, Mich., as my hometown, but we went westward towards Saint Joseph, a coastal town

of Lake Michigan (50 miles across to Chicago). Graduated and went to work in the corporate world. Where I developed a very interesting set of skills that would serve me well (managing inventory, purchasing millions of dollars of electronic products and parts, negotiating contracts and later years was involved with computer systems and security).

Was at Whirlpool Corporation for almost 10 years, they promoted the idea and passion for serving others and that set the stage in my life for serving others.

Most people know me to be a Constitutionalist Republican and I have sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution when I became a citizen in 1976, that was a very special year, our 200th birthday of our great nation. Like our founding fathers I will give my life to defend it and to defend your rights.

Felt led to go west and settled in Weston County in 2010. The first couple of years I was glad to live in this county for its “care for people.” At Frontier Hardware, I saw first hand how people cared for others need. Two families lost their home to fire and the community came to their aid. This was the place I wanted to be a part of. Before I joined Frontier Hardware, I did have an opportunity to work for the Geier Ranch for about four years.

Sometimes, in living life we take things for granted and my love for history and coming from a foreign country has given me an interesting perspective, not only on our nation but also what made it great, our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I have been blessed to live in this great country, in which I was able to raise my family of seven children and five have gone to be successful in their own right, the other two are still young. Having said that I felt a need to give back that blessing by serving as a board member of the Osage Water District, the Osage Improvement and Service District and would like to extend that to serving Weston County as a commissioner.

My core belief:

I believe in the God of the Bible, who has blessed and guided our Founding Fathers to create the greatest document “The Constitution of the United States” the world has ever seen and with that the greatest nation.

I believe in the Holy Bible, God’s word, the greatest book ever written, a guide for our soul but also for ethics, morals and laws, our Founding Father sused it as their guide.

I believe in The Constitution of the United States, The Bill of Rights and The Declaration of Independence.

Because of those core belief: I believe in the Republican Platform

100%; Limited government; Limited regulations; Protection of our individual freedom; Protection of our unalienable rights; Control spending.

CHAD SEARS

I am a fifth-generation rancher in Weston County. I was born in Newcastle. I graduated from Niobrara County High School and spent every summer at the family ranch on the Cheyenne River in southwest Weston County. I joined the Army serving in the artillery and as a mechanic on Apache helicopters. I graduated at the top of my class from both of these schools earning the title “Distinguished Honor Graduate.” I also completed the Army’s Primary Leadership Development Course. I received an Honorable Discharge in 2004. My wife Gill and I moved back to Newcastle to the 4W Ranch after serving eight years in the Army to take over the family ranch. In 2008 we welcomed our daughter Laynie, the sixth generation on the ranch.

NATHAN TODD

I am a current county commissioner in Weston County. I have two occupations, working on the family ranch in western Weston County that has been in operation for over 100 years, and helping my wife Chelsie who teaches in Upton raise our three daughters.

WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

Borton: I am a qualified elector,

and I have Wyoming board knowledge that will improve the current commissioner board in Weston County. One of my goals is to bring communication improvements to the Weston County Commissioner board, along with deep rooted problem solving skills relying

on Godly morals.

Huber: I am running for Weston County Commissioner because I love our county and the people who live here. I do not consider myself a politician. Like you, this is my home. We hope to leave our children and grand-

children the wonderful legacy that is life in Weston County and Wyoming.

My background, life experience, and maturity would be an asset working with the other commissioners, elected officials, and our citizens. The ability to listen to others and

work to find common ground is crucial for restoring trust in our local government. We must find a way to put the past behind us and move forward with better communication.

Nessul: After hearing of the plan to develop a second dis-

patch center in Weston County, I became interested in county governance. I began attending commission meetings to learn more, and was disappointed in, what I see as a lack of accountability and fiscal management.

— Commissioner, Page E10

Cheri

STEINMETZ

SENATE DISTRICT 3

★ RESPONSIBLE REGULATION

★ PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM & ENTERPRISE

★ LOCAL CONTROL

★ DISCIPLINED SPENDING

RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL REPRESENTATION FOR GOSHEN, WESTON & NIOBRARA COUNTIES

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Vote

Vera Huber

Republican Candidate for

Weston County Commissioner

A Better Choice for the People’s Voice

Character
Commitment
Community

As Your Commissioner, I would strive to

- Develop better communication between the commissioners, citizens, and board members
- Ensure transparency and accountability are always a vital part of the commissioners’ service to our county
- Utilize new tools and technology to make budget decisions and all other information clear and accessible
- Determine new ways to address fiduciary responsibility in funding and budget decisions

Read more about my background and my proposals at voteverahuber.com

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Re Elect

Bryan Colvard

for Sheriff

❖ Proven Record

❖ True Leader through tough times

❖ Strong Interagency relations throughout the State

❖ Strong Family Values

❖ Fiscal Responsibility

❖ Continue to Stand and Defend the Constitution of the United States

Thank you Weston County for your continuous support!

I would appreciate your vote Aug. 16th!

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City of Newcastle

City Council

3 Candidates

(3) Four-year Terms

Ann McColley

Donnie Steveson

Editor's Note:

Levi Tacy is a late write-in candidate.

VOTE

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

ANN MCCOLLEY

I have been retired since 2019, after having worked for over 45 years. I am a lifelong citizen of Newcastle and am married to Rick McColley, also a long-time resident of Newcastle. We have three children and seven grandchildren.

DON STEVESON

Process Safety Manager/Plant Fire Chief for Wyoming Refining Company. Wife, Jennifer; daughters, Alaina Steveson, Lauren Steveson, Jessie Steveson Blanchard (Husband Jarret and Granddaughters Jayden, Jersey, and Jordan); son, Ryan Steveson (wife Jamie and Granddaughter Aliyah and Grandsons Tyson and Max); mother-in-law, Debb Proctor.

Mike Harris

Write-in Candidate, Weston County Commissioner

Christian, conservative, Republican with strong Wyoming values. 40+ years as a successful business man and rancher in Weston County. You may know me from ranching or church. You may have watched the Dino Hunters on Discovery. If you know my name, please write it in when you vote on Aug. 16.

As your commissioner, I will work hard to:

• Keep your property taxes low.

• Make business wise decisions with your tax dollars.

• Make commissioner decisions more transparent to the public.

• 100% accessibility to public for your opinions.

• Keep woke agendas out of our schools.

• School safety, including keeping males out of female restrooms and out of female sports.

Paid for by Candidate

ROGER CONNETT

CANDIDATE FOR SENATE DISTRICT 1

It would be an honor to be elected your senator, and have an opportunity to take your voice to Cheyenne.

A TRUE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN

REPUBLICAN

I STAND FIRM ON THESE ISSUES:

☒ The Second Amendment

☒ Family Values & Parental Rights

☒ Medical Freedom

☒ Reducing Dependency on Federal Money

☒ Push Back on Federal Overreach

☒ Private Property Rights

☒ Election Integrity

I'm Roger Connett and I would appreciate your vote on or before Aug. 16.

Paid for by Committee to elect Roger Connett SD1

WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

McColley:

I am running for Newcastle City Council for my second term. I believe I bring experience and stability to the Council. I do not have an agenda, but only a love for our town.

Steveson:

I am and have been very involved in the community affairs in one way or another. I am "Experienced, fair, honest, and committed to this community for 50 years."

I believe I have been looking out for what is best for the residents of the City of Newcastle and the county for many years and want to see the challenges we face to keep Newcastle growing. I have been on the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department for 34 years and held the fire chief's position for two terms and dealt with budgets within. I am currently the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) chairman and have held this position since 2008. I understand the budget and have been one of the members to help institute the chip seal program again for street maintenance.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

McColley:

I believe one of the biggest issues we are facing right now is trying to play catch-up on important issues that have either been put on hold or have not been a priority for many years. We are dealing, along with many others, with staff shortage. People apparently don't feel like they need to work anymore because they get so much "help" from others. Hopefully this will begin to change.

Steveson:

City: Aging infrastructure. We are dealing with a large amount of water line, sewer line and streets that need to be replaced and with the rising cost of materials and labor this has increased the cost to repair or replace.

beliefs without degrading someone else's in the process." — Tomas Spath and Cassandra Dahnke, Founders, Institute for Civility in Government.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

McColley:

I believe civility in government is very important and that we should be totally transparent and treat each other with respect and kindness. We don't all need to think the same way but we all need to be able to listen.

Steveson:

This is very important as we deal with the public and everyone will have a different opinion. We all need to try to come to a common ground with certain or specific topics. We all need to understand the facts and not judge from only partial facts to comments to fully understand the issues.

It is all about agreeing or disagreeing without disrespect. We all have opinions, and we need to listen to the public to reach a resolution to what is best for the community and not what a minority wants but the majority. We need to listen to everyone, but in the same time we can be teaching the public to do the same by listening to all sides of an issue to learn the full facts. "Civility is claiming and caring for one's identity, needs and

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

McColley:

One of my main priorities when I ran for this office four years ago was to do what I could to clean up our town. I have found that that isn't as easy as I thought it would be, but it is still at the top of my list. I will try to do what I can to make this town one that we are proud to live in and to call our home.

Steveson:

I have been actively involved in our community infrastructure. Many street projects have been completed along with chip seal program instituted to preserve streets for a longer period of time. Have been involved to help plan for additional projects for water, sewer and street repairs/replacements for The Avenues, which will be well over \$7,000,000 projects. Will continue to work for grant assistance for these large projects as we can't do these alone. I feel I am a very active council member that gets involved with the city's business to make Newcastle a better place to live and to help promote economic development.

Editor's Note, Local Races:

• There are no candidates for the position of Upton Mayor.

• There were no responses from candidates for the Upton City Council. Those candidates are Delane Haynes and Joe Watt.

• There was no response from candidate Tina Cote, who is running unopposed for Clerk of District Court.

Weston County Sheriff

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3 Candidates, (1) Four-year Term

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

SUSAN BRIDGE
I am the mother of six children. I have 19 years of law enforcement experience including dispatch, patrol, administration, school resource officer, investigations, and special task force. I am currently a guest instructor in a cadre for the domestic violence section at the WLEA. I am the Police Chief in Upton.

BRYAN COLVARD
I was raised in Colorado on a small ranch west of Denver. After graduating from Evergreen High School, I attended MSC where I received my Private Pilots License. I then enlisted in the USN. In 1993 I married my wife, Cary. In 1996, I completed my

active-duty obligation with the USN, and we moved to Newcastle where my wife’s family is from. We live west of town, where we raised two amazing boys, Dusty, and Clayton. Dusty is currently in the USN as a CTT. Clayton and his wife Katy have two kids, Will and Eunella. I absolutely love being “Papa.”

RICHARD A. HILLHOUSE II
I was born and raised in Phoenix, Ariz., where I lived until 1998. I moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where I was introduced into law enforcement, when I worked as a security officer for the largest mall in Alaska. After only a few months, I promoted to security sergeant tasked with managing six security staff members. In 1999 I moved to Rawlins, Wyo., where I

started out as a Wyoming Department of Corrections correctional officer. A year into my new career at WDOC, I was promoted to trainer tasked with training 400 correctional staff at the newly built High Security Special Needs prison.

I promoted to corporal quickly and was tasked with assisting the sergeant in daily management of a prison unit of over 150 inmates and five staff. I promoted to the newly created Internal Affairs K9 Handler position, tasked with completing IA investigations, as well as providing K9 detections services to state agencies, local and county LE departments around the state. I assisted with policy creation and implementation for WDOC’s IA department.

I worked for several departments in Wyoming, before finding my



Susan Bridge



Bryan Colvard



Richard Hillhouse

dream job at the Newcastle Police Department. I worked many positions with the Newcastle Police Department, as a patrolman, corporal, sergeant as well as detective before deciding to retire.
Family: I’ve been married for 13 years to Heather M. Hillhouse, the most wonderful woman in the world and

together we have three trouble making children Jordan, 10, Avery, 7, and Jackson, 4. Avery is currently fighting a rare bone disease called CRMO, which she is involved in monthly chemotherapy style IV infusions for treatment. She is my hero, so tough and never complains about the medications and how it makes her feel.

WESTON COUNTY SHERIFF QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

Bridge: The need to prepare, train and focus on the foundations yet prepare for the tumultuous situation our country is in is a job I know I can do as your sheriff.

Colvard: I am running for re-election of Weston County Sheriff because I believe that the sheriff’s badge is a symbol of public trust and to serve is an honor and a privilege. I have 24 years in law enforcement, P.O.S.T Certified Wyoming Peace Officer and over 1,800 hours of certified training. I have been on the Wyoming Association of County Officials for eight years and I am currently the board president. I have proven that I will stand up for citizens individual rights and I am not afraid to stand between you and our government.

Hillhouse: Qualifications: 22 years in Wyoming Law Enforcement, with promotions to supervisory positions; currently a Wyoming Certified Peace Officer, with over 3300 hours of LE training; in 2018, I completed my Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Central Christian College of Kansas with a 3.91 GPA; five years of Internal Affairs and K9 investigation experience; seven years as a Field Training Officer and Law Enforcement Academy certification as a supervisor; managed daily operations for multiple LE agencies, with policy creation and implementation; 10 years of work experience in the Newcastle Police Department as well. With

this experience, I know the changes that need to be made to streamline the department into having a positive well motivated culture. I would also implement the broken windows philosophy of law enforcement. The small crimes need to be investigated and the laws enforced. All violators need to be held accountable, which will contribute to a peaceful community that Weston County deserves. I am a 2017 graduate of the Leadership in Police Organizations-International Association of Chiefs of Police 120 hour certification class.

I decided to run for sheriff of Weston County to help create a better place for the citizens of Weston County. If elected I would create the Northeast Wyoming Drug Task Force to fight against the drug problem that plagues this region. As an officer within Weston County, I witnessed first-hand how the drug problem with methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl has effected this community.

Why does the WCSD have such high turnover rates where they had fantastic deputies just leave? A recent Facebook post created by Mr. Tony Rose, a former patrolman for the WCSD, discussed why the turnover is too high, POOR MANAGEMENT and the Good ol’ Boy system are a start of the problems. If elected, I would create a better environment to reduce the turnover and evaluate staffing issues to fit the need of the county.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

Bridge: This country is facing attack from many angles. The most alarming is the blatant over reach of the federal government. This is impacting city, county and state. To carefully and mindfully process each issue as they arise, seeking

information to address the issues as quickly as possible to protect the citizens of Weston County is what I believe is extremely important as sheriff.

Colvard: At the local level our biggest issue is governmental overreach especially at the federal level. There is a constant barrage of executive orders, hidden agendas and pass-through rules that continually threaten our way of life, whether it be agriculture, business, education, environmental or our basic liberties. The complete lack of border security and defense has literally opened the flood gates allowing drug trafficking, human trafficking and many other criminal activities to surge into this country almost completely unimpeded affecting every community in this country including ours.

Hillhouse: As sheriff, I would be a bridge between the City of Newcastle and Weston County government. I believe Weston County, Newcastle and other communities can work together to make improvements to city and county related issues. A good example is the recent discussion for a new dispatch center. As I am not privy to where the process is with the approval with contracts, equipment and personnel, I feel a larger issue is the poor condition of the Weston County Detention Center. We should be researching grants into the construction of a new facility, not using millions of dollars in taxpayers funds for new dispatch center that will we just have to move in a couple of years. Once the new facility is built, then the dispatch issue can be revisited and discussed for viability.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Bridge: Civility in government is important, creating a respectful atmosphere in which all persons can speak and be heard is vital to continuing in the way of the Constitution of the United States. I will work to encourage and protect the rights and freedoms of all that want to freely work in the processes of our governmental system to serve this county.

Colvard: Civility in government is extremely important. If you have not read “Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation” by George Washington, you should. Civility in government is more than just politeness. It is about disagreeing without disrespect and seeking a common ground. As an elected official, comes the responsibility to build relationships, be respectful and to actively listen to various viewpoints. To have empathy, and compassion without compromising values. Civility in government is no different than in everyday life. Respect the rights of others, belief in the inherent good of all people, dignity, and dignified behavior.

Hillhouse: In my personal opinion, this county’s biggest issue is lack of common decency and civility. The City of Newcastle and Weston County should be focusing on combining efforts to make this county the best in Wyoming. I have had first-hand working knowledge of the dispatch discussion, I must note that there were no problems until staff at the Weston County Sheriff’s Department made them. I was involved in hearing the complaints as sergeant with the Newcastle Police Department during this time. It’s time to stop blaming each other and to figure out how to work together, both the way it is now with

the WCSD singling out and going after other staff from other departments, like I have experienced. I feel I can be a common sense, critical thinking focal point, so as to calm the high stress issues that are slowly destroying the two departments, governments and lowering the quality of services provided to all in this great county.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public’s money? Why/why not?

Bridge: As Sheriff, the managing of the monies given to this office to oversee the multi-faceted responsibilities is no small matter. There are many different needs of the community that the sheriff’s office is the steward of, so to say that this is “no small matter” is an understatement. In Upton I have taken this to heart and know that this is my money as well as those of the county and manage as such. I will always be looking for mindful ways to be fiscally transparent and responsible.

Colvard: At the local level I feel that we tend to do a pretty good job (not perfect), however as we move up toward the state level and then to the federal level it progressively gets worse. I believe we need to specifically focus on the state level spend and keep that in check while continually finding ways to more efficiently and effectively utilize funding at the local level.

Hillhouse: I will quickly move to find the grants needed to build a new detention facility as well as balance a budget to the point of finding consistent raises as well as holiday bonuses for staff. If I can’t balance the WCSD budget so as to find holiday bonuses, I will

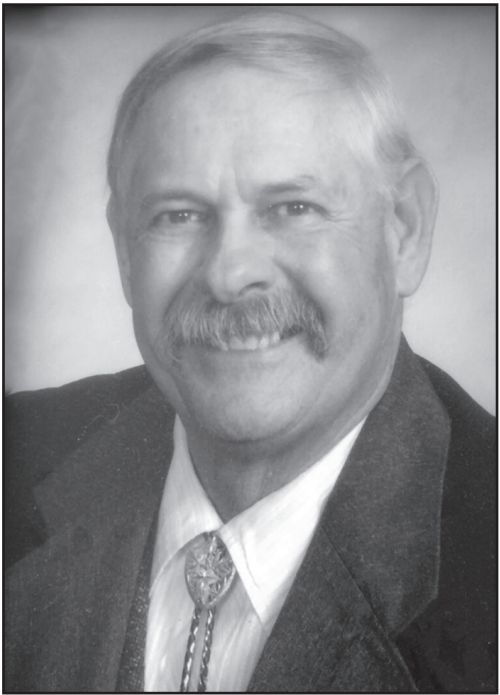
pay out-of-pocket bonuses to each WCSD employee myself. As for the country’s current tax dollars being spent, I do not agree with the current direction of this country and this administration’s focal points. I do not agree the current legislation agenda to limit the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms against a tyrannical government. There is also talk of the government looking into seizing private lands, which I will stand shoulder to shoulder with all county citizens in the fight against government over reach.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Bridge: As your sheriff, my main priority during my term is to work towards building stronger relationships between the Weston County Sheriff’s Department and the members of the citizens, the local and state agencies and also the many wonderful community support programs in our county. To have a reachable and approachable law enforcement agency county wide.

Hillhouse: My main focus if elected is to improve the poor culture/turnover of the department and locate grant funds for a new detention facility. I will also be totally transparent with all aspects of the department and the public and be available to sit down with every person that has a question or a concern. Specifically with regards to fixing staff turnover, by lowering the budget by purchasing more fuel efficient smaller SUV style vehicles, which will sure up the fuel expenses by an estimated 15-21%. Be an actual working sheriff all four years of my elected status, not the last six months of holding office before an election, as I have seen the last 10 years.

BILL FORTNER: A TRUE CONSERVATIVE VOICE FOR SENATE DISTRICT 1



In response to the flyer sent out last week:
“Bill Fortner, All Hat No Cattle.”

I have the second best record in Cheyenne on parental rights in education, cutting taxes, reducing spending, and reducing hardships on the hard-working men and women of Wyoming.

Not Ogden Driskill. The fact is, if you view wyorino.com you can see I am rated 100% conservative, and Ogden Driskill is 50% conservative. In June, Ogden was Rino of the month. Make no mistake, he is a full-blown Liberal. This smear job was done by an out-of-state PAC trying to protect the establishment better known as the swamp in Cheyenne. They know I and others around the state are a threat to doing business as normal.

I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE ON OR BEFORE AUG. 16.

Paid for by Bill Fortner for Senate District 1.

VOTING AT THE POLLS WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

YOU WILL NOW NEED TO SHOW ID WHEN VOTING IN PERSON IN WYOMING



Here's What to Expect:

1. **Check In to Vote** - When you first arrive at your polling location, you will be asked to provide your basic information, such as your name and address, to ensure the poll worker can find your record.
2. **Show Your ID** - Next, you'll need to provide a poll worker with one of the acceptable forms of identification for voting.
3. **Get Your Ballot** - And....

VOTE!

What type of ID do I need to show?

There are many types of IDs for you to use to prove your identity. Any of the following forms of identification will be accepted:

- ★ WY Driver's License or ID Card
- ★ Tribal ID Card
- ★ Valid US Passport
- ★ US Military Card
- ★ DL or ID Card from Another State
- ★ University of Wyoming Student ID
- ★ Wyoming Community College Student ID
- ★ Wyoming Public School Student ID
- ★ Valid Medicare Insurance Card
- ★ Valid Medicaid Insurance Card

What if I don't have my ID with me on Election Day?

If you do not have your ID with you, you can leave to get your ID and return to vote or vote a provisional ballot.

A provisional ballot allows you to vote right then and there, but you will need to bring your acceptable identification with you to your County Clerk's office by the end of the next business day in order for your vote to count.

I don't have any of those IDs. What can I do?

You may obtain a FREE identification card from your local Driver Services office. For more information on this process, please visit: sos.wyo.gov/Elections/VoterID

What if I am voting by absentee ballot?

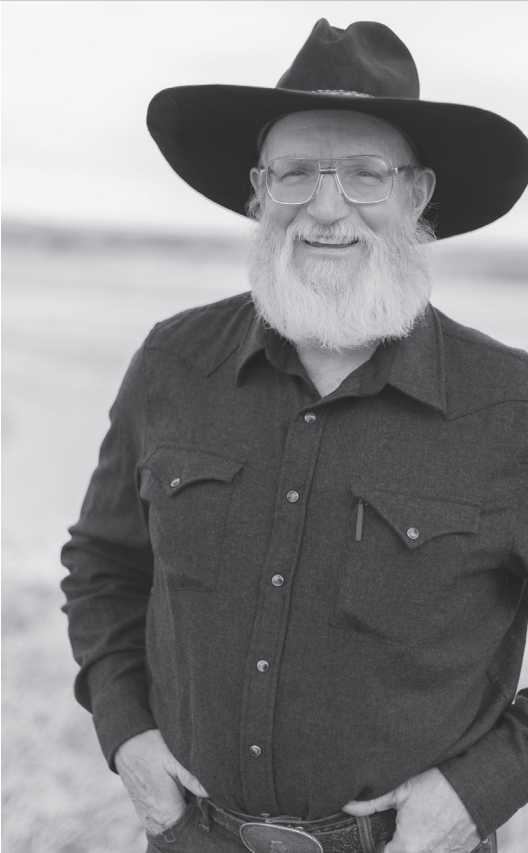
Voters who vote by absentee ballot are not required to provide any additional form of identification.

Allen Slagle for House District 2

**PRO-LIFE.
PRO-GUN.
PRO-FAMILY.**

I decided to run for House District 2 because we need more Conservative voices in Cheyenne to stand for liberty and maintain the Wyoming way of life. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy the same freedoms we have.

Vote Allen Slagle for House District 2 on Tuesday, Aug. 16



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Look for election results online at newslj.com!

JD WILLIAMS

A Proven Conservative Champion

A black and white portrait of JD Williams, a man with short hair, wearing a light-colored cowboy hat and a light-colored button-down shirt. He is standing in front of a dark wooden fence. The photo is tilted slightly to the right.

3rd Generation Wyoming Rancher

Wyoming is the last best place on earth and we all feel our responsibility to preserve the Wyoming we love for the citizens of the future. I have the courage to stand for Wyoming liberty. My character is illustrated and vouched for by my family, my business, my employees, and my neighbors. I bring the practical common sense of Weston, Niobrara, and Goshen Counties to the Wyoming House of Representatives. My objective in all things is to be effective. If re-elected, I will continue to effectively represent House District 2 as I have in the past.

Courage: JD's record shows he has the courage to stand tall for what is fair and what is right. Sometimes he stands alone, but he stands alone without regret.

Character: Actions speak louder than words. JD's character is evidenced by his reputation in House District 2 and the State of Wyoming. What could be more "Wyoming" than being a good neighbor?

Common Sense: JD says "Government is not the answer. Often, government is the problem. We will get along just fine if we can keep the government in its place, out of our way."

Effective: JD Williams is conservative without being contrary. He disagrees without being disagreeable. Effective leaders understand that manners matter.

ON AUGUST 16, VOTE JD WILLIAMS FOR STATE HOUSE!

PAID FOR BY JD WILLIAMS

Weston County Treasurer

1 Candidate, (1) Four-year Term

SUSIE OVERMAN

I am a lifetime resident of Wyoming and Weston County. I am married to Craig Overman, and we were blessed with two children, Matt and Kayla, along with two grandchildren, Hayden and Payton.

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

I am the current Weston County Treasurer and I am seeking re-election. I have 22 years of experience in the Weston Treasurer's office, 13 of those years as the treasurer. I believe my experience in the office prepares me for the Treasurer's position. I have the ability and energy to lead the Treasurer's office forward to meet the challenges that are ahead, along with the knowledge and experience to work with continually changing laws and regulations. I enjoy working with the public and find the work exciting and challenging.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

The current government lacks leadership, and stability and doing what is best for America. The results of this have caused more homeless people, nobody wanting to work, rising prices

and the possibility of a recession and depression.

How important is civility in government? And what can you do to encourage that?

Friendly service with a smile is my goal. I intend to provide a pleasant, friendly and understanding environment for all customers. When working with the public, a person needs to be friendly, honest, and considerate and treat all customers equally and fairly. I will listen to the concerns of the citizens of Weston County and resolve any issues in a fair and friendly manner.



Susie Overman

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money?

Yes, there are rules, regulations, checks and double checks that the governments have to follow in order to prevent the misuse of monies that belong to the government. There are times when the governments use the monies in a frivolous manner, which are not really necessary.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

To continue running my office in a customer friendly environment.

Weston County

Coroner

1 Candidate, (1) Four-year Term

SCOTT E. BEACHLER

Born and raised in Indiana. Lived in Wisconsin for nearly 11 years. (May of '96 to March of '07.) Moved to Wyoming in March of '07. My wife Charlene and I have two married children and 10 grandchildren. We own and operate SCB Sales & Service. I manage the Carquest store in Newcastle. I work part-time at Meridian Mortuary.

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

I was approached by a Crook County deputy coroner to consider running for coroner. (Crook County is currently handling Weston County calls.) I talked with some of the local law enforcement and medical personnel about it and also received encouragement from them. After praying about it we felt that God and I would work at this together.

I feel that some of my experience and training in emergency services will help qualify me for the job. While living in Indiana, at the age of 16, I got a part-time job driving ambulance and helping with funeral home services. At 18, I joined a volunteer fire department where I served for 11 years, advancing to position of assistant chief. I also served: on a county fire association as vice president, on a county fire investigation team, on a county haz-mat team, advancing to technician level. I worked full time for a private EMS service for about two years. While living in Wisconsin, I served: on a volunteer fire department for 11 years, advancing to captain; on an ambulance service, holding positions of vice president and president; on a county haz-mat team, holding position of assistant chief. This haz-mat team operated under the jurisdiction of the county Emergency Management Office where I assisted with training, record keeping, communication equipment, annual budgeting, emergency response plans, mutual-aid agreements, and many other related functions of that office.

Here in Wyoming, I am currently serving on the Weston County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Team. Current positions: secretary/treasurer, chairman of communications sub-committee, chairman of finance committee, member of executive board, Cadet Program advisor.

I am the Church Safety Team director at Gateway Fellowship Church near Newcastle. I am an assistant to the Weston County Emergency Management coordinator. I have recently (Feb.

reason for this is that the ways of Satan are more appealing to our human appetites. (Greed, fiscal abuse, abortion, alternate lifestyles, human trafficking, anti-God indoctrination, and more issues too numerous to mention here.)

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Civility in government is very important. I would like to add that civility in general is important. But, civility should never be used as a compromise for the truth. The best way to encourage this is to practice it in everyday life.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

No. Most government agencies I have had any experience with and some that I have observed, have had pet projects, kick-backs, insider trading, and a general attitude of it's not their money and if they don't use it they will lose it.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?



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ATE HOUSE!

time at Meridian Mortuary in
Newcastle.

**What is the biggest issue
facing the city/county/
state/nation? Why?**

The biggest issue facing
government at all levels, and
even humanity at large, is the
lack of involving God in the
decision-making process. The

tant priorities as a coroner. 1.
I want to make sure that the
victim receives a proper and
complete investigation into
their death. And that the body is
treated with respect. 2. I want to
consider this office as an oppor-
tunity to provide support to
the victim's family and friends,
with concern about culture and
religious practices.



A black and white photograph of a woman in a dark dress pushing a baby in a stroller. She is standing next to a sign that reads "VOTE CONFIDENTLY WYO" with three stars below it. The background features a large "VOTE 2022 Wyoming" logo and the Wyoming state seal. The text "Sponsored by the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office." is visible at the bottom left of the image. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "DON'T FORGET YOUR I.D." with an upward arrow and a person icon.

PRIMARY ELECTION TUE., AUG. 16TH

Governor Wyoming

6 Candidates: 4 Republican; 2 Democrat (1) Four-year Term

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

MARK GORDON, R
I'm a lifelong resident of Wyoming, growing up on my family ranch near Kaycee. In time I bought my own place near Buffalo. My wife Jennie and I have four children and four grandchildren. Jennie and I still ranch in Johnson County and currently serve as your Governor and First Lady.
Prior to serving as governor, I was elected as Wyoming's State Treasurer and served on the Johnson County School Board and Powder River Conservation District. I have a broad range of experience in the fields and industries among the most important to our state.

REX RAMMELL, R
Veterinarian. Married to my wife Lynda for 39 years. We have four children and eight grandchildren. I grew up 12 miles from the southwest corner of Yellowstone Park. The Rammells homesteaded there in 1898. I have been a small businessman for over 30 years. We have a ranch and raise horses and cattle. I have hunted and fished since I was a small boy. I have a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, a Master's and a Bachelor's in Animal Science.

GOVERNOR OF WYOMING QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

Gordon: I love Wyoming and want to make sure it remains free and a place where future generations can build businesses and enjoy opportunity. I was raised on the family ranch in Kaycee and have been ranching all my life, built small businesses, and worked for a fortune 500 oil and gas company. I have served on boards ranging from our local conservation district and school board to park boards and mental health boards. I am a lifelong Conservative, staunch defender of Second Amendment rights and endorsed by the NRA. I am an advocate for smaller government closest to the people.

Rammell: To make Wyoming sovereign over all its land and natural resources and the billions and billions of dollars that go with it. I am a constitutional scholar. I have advocated for state sovereignty for over 20 years. I have spoken at constitutional conferences and authored the book, "A Nation Divided: The War for America's Soul," a thesis on the constitution and state's rights. A free copy of my book can be found on my website RammellforWyoming.com.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

Gordon: I have fought to

expand Wyoming's economy, especially our legacy industries of agriculture, timbering, mining and tourism while fighting the Biden Administration to reopen our tremendous energy resources to benefit all of America. Wyoming exports more energy than any other state and we are proud to power the nation with abundant and reliable energy. I have led 26 Republican governors in an all-of-the-above energy strategy which will make America energy independent again and restore our economy. I am currently working with Governor Noem to protect the industries that count on the use of the Black Hills Forest for their livelihoods.

Rammell: We are facing a constitutional crisis. The constitution is hanging by a thread and unless the states rise up against the federal government and its usurped power, I believe we will lose the America we all love.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Gordon: Civility is key to effective communication, especially when debating ideas and issues in the public forum. I am a lifelong Conservative and a strong believer in free speech and protecting our First Amendment rights. Censorship of speech whether online, on campus, or on politics undermines our great Republic. Healthy, civil debate from all viewpoints concerning

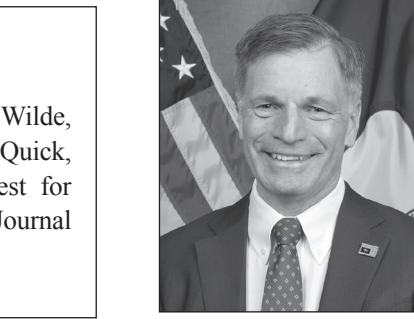
Editor's Note:
Theresa Livingston, D, Rex Wilde, D, Brent Bien, R, and James Quick, R, did not respond to request for answers to the News Letter Journal candidate Q&A.

all the issues Wyoming and our nation is dealing with makes for a healthy society and nation.

Rammell: I believe men and women can agree to disagree. We have a representative form of government. Our elections must be fair and if they are, our representatives should conduct themselves with honor, but strongly argue their positions.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

Gordon: I believe good stewardship of the public's money on any level depends on who the public elects to spend their money. I have guided our state through the largest drop in state revenue in our history due to the worst pandemic in a century. This year I signed a budget \$400 million less than 2020, cut taxes and made our state government the leanest it's been in a decade. Transparency is also important because in this era of revenue uncertainty,



Mark Gordon



Rex Rammell

it is more important than ever to know exactly how much is being spent and where.

Rammell: "He who governs least, governs best." Government to date has been very wasteful. I want an efficient government that leaves most of the citizens money in the citizens hands. I believe in a limited government that only does those things that citizens cannot do for themselves.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Gordon: Gas and groceries are not luxury items, which is why I've been fighting Biden's overreaching policies since, on day one, he ended new oil and gas leasing on most of Wyoming's public lands leading to the worst inflation in 40 years. It seems every day that Biden is attacking Wyoming.

I successfully fought Biden's push for school closures, vaccine mandates and other excessive requirements. Just

look at our record: Wyoming led the nation with more in-person school days during the worst of the pandemic. All of these are cornerstones of diversifying Wyoming's industries and providing for a more stable future.

Rammell: I have pledged on Day 1 to sign an executive order ordering the state police in conjunction with the sheriffs to walk all federal land managers out of their offices. The BLM, the Forest Service, the Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and others...GONE! Wyoming will finally be sovereign over all its land and natural resources. I believe that there will be millions and millions of dollars left over after we pay management costs to offset property taxes. At a minimum we should eliminate all property taxes on anyone 65 years of age or older and ideally eliminate property taxes all together. Counties would function on land use taxes and sales tax. After we become sovereign and reform property taxes we next need to tackle education and health care reform.

State Representative

House District 1

1 Candidate: (1) Two-year Term

CHIP NEIMAN
Family: Wife, Joni; daughter, Hailey; son-in-law, Jared Wagner; grandson, Jaden; grand- daughter, Shaye; son, Preston; daughter-in-law, Doni Neiman; granddaughters/ Lucille and Evelyn. Occupation: Rancher/farmer/ small business owner. Education and/or Experience: Graduate of Hulett High School. Workforce. Rancher/farmer and small business owner

Why are you running for office/ what are your qualifications?

First of all, I am running to protect the rights we have as Americans. That is the critical part, to make sure my children and grandchildren are able to enjoy the same rights that I have.

The only way to do that is to get involved and push back where we need to push back and encourage when we need to.

That is the driving force, my kids and grandkids.

I also understand the problems people face as I have been in agriculture, I have been in business, I have owned a business and managed people and that

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/



Chip Neiman

nation? Why?

Property taxes, these folks are getting hammered here. So many people are moving in from out of the area. They are moving here and pushing up the prices of our properties, astronomically. It is making it almost impossible for people to stay in their homes. We have to look at property tax and reevaluate how we assess and levy it. We have to be looking for ways to reduce spending to keep from overloading the people.

Other issues facing the state include the size of government, school choice, the attack on the

abortion trigger bill, transgenders in women's sports and protecting the second amendment.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Civility is crucial. We've got to work together if we can and be respectful. Civil discourse is how we are supposed to do business. Key being the word civil. I believe treating folks with respect is critical. Recognizing each other's differing points of view yet still being able to share facts without fear of persecution. That is how I prefer to operate. Truth must be the hallmark of any decisions made. Seems Truth is the thing that is under the greatest attack today

Do you believe the state/city/ county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

That is a tough question. I have dealt with some agencies that are diligent about how they spend the public's money and others who have no care for the dollars and how hard they are to come by. I think there is room for improvement. There are places doing a great job and places that need to be more efficient. We need to look at each entity individually to address their efficiency and redundancies. To make sure money is being spent wisely and there is accountability for the spending. We need to operate government like a business, especially when people are struggling.

State Representative

House District 2

2 Candidates (1) Two-year Term

ALLEN SLAGLE
My grandfather homesteaded in Niobrara County in 1920 and my family moved to Weston County in 1973, where I have lived ever since. My whole life I have been a rancher with strong ties to the land. My wife Ann and I have raised nine children here on our ranch and continue to make our living on the ranch.

JD WILLIAMS
I grew up in a ranching family in Carbon County, Wyoming. My ranch management degree was earned at the University of Wyoming. Lisa, my wife of 27 years, and I have been ranching in northern Niobrara County since 2000. We have one son and daughter-in-law who operate a small welding business in Buffalo, Wyoming. We have two daughters, one who is attending the University of Wyoming, and one who is a senior at Niobrara County High School.

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

Slagle: I decided to run for House District 2 because we need more conservative voices in Cheyenne to stand for liberty and maintain the Wyoming way of life. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy the same freedoms that we have. I have been involved in the

Republican Party for over a dozen years and have been involved in politics at the grass-roots level, which involves the helping fill vacated government positions at all levels.

Williams: I am running for re-election for the sake of House District 2 and the State of Wyoming. This is the last best place on earth and we all feel our responsibility to preserve the Wyoming we love for the citizens of the future. I have the courage to stand tall for Wyoming liberty. My character is illustrated and vouched for by my family, my business, my employees, and my neighbors. I bring the practical common sense of Weston, Niobrara, and Goshen counties to the Wyoming House of Representatives. My objective in all things is to be effective. I will continue to effectively represent House District 2 as I have in the past.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

Slagle: The biggest issue facing Wyoming is the size of government. The bigger the government is the more they spend, tax and the more willing they are to take our liberties in an attempt to protect us from ourselves.

Williams: Federal gov-



Allen Slagle



JD Williams

ernment overreach and inefficiency affects us every day. Inflation, high energy costs, high food costs, attack on fossil fuels, and illegal immigration are all characteristics of our current feckless federal administration. Americans have stood tall against adversaries without and within since the birth of the Republic. Wyomingites have a long tradition of being good neighbors as well. If we hope to survive we must continue to stand tall, together. The division we see within our nation and our state does not lend to our longevity. We cannot continue to attack each other over the issue of the day, the week, or the decade and overlook the consequences of such short-sighted behavior. Even in a state such as Wyoming that is overwhelmingly Republican, we can fall into the trap of picking on each other rather than standing together. It is unwise to express our frustra-

tion with the federal government by attacking each other.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Slagle: Civility in government is important. This involves the First Amendment — freedom of speech; we need to be willing to hear from all sides without silencing anyone.

Williams: Effective leaders understand that manners matter. To be effective on the floor of the House of Representatives, I must maintain a level of respect with my colleagues throughout the process of legislating. A passionate and intelligent legislator can be quickly rendered irrelevant by their lack of civility. My life experience has proven that there is no better road than the high road. Your Representative Williams is at liberty, at this very hour, to call up any and all of the 59 other

representatives in the House and ask for their opinion, council, support, or reference. I refrain from long-winded pontificating and from headline-seeking bluster, neither of which lend to effective legislating. I subscribe to the wisdom of "speak softly and carry a big stick."

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

Slagle: For the most part I don't feel the city, county, state or nation are good stewards of the public money. The further away from the people you get the less accountability you have. The beginning of this problem is that all this money comes by taxation, it is a legal plunder. The state has taken our money to redistribute it to others in the way they feel is best.

Williams: The economic policy of the nation and of the State of Wyoming are not to be confused with each other. Our federal government continues to prove itself to be a poor steward of our tax dollars. Wyoming is a strikingly different story. All government is inefficient, but ours is less so. Regardless, constant vigilance against government waste must be maintained, even in a state such as ours whose constitution

requires the governor to submit a balanced budget.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Slagle: If elected I will work with other legislators to continue to look at how to get the state on a cash-based budget, where we budget based on the money that came in the previous year, and also work to ensure Wyoming is following our constitution and not placing more mandates on us.

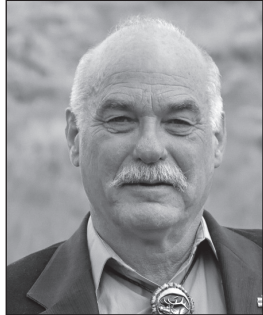
Williams: If re-elected, I will continue to effectively represent House District 2. Effective leadership is hallmarked by proactively serving with the end in mind. This hinges upon clear priorities and finding solutions that minimize unintended consequences. Intelligent, dignified discussion and debate with all stakeholders facilitates practical, common sense legislation. Oftentimes, a legislators' greatest work is to stand against unneeded and illogical legislation. I will continue to operate in the best interest of House District 2 and Wyoming. This calling requires me to operate independent of the partisan bickering we have become all too familiar with. As always, we will get along just fine if we can keep the government out of our way.

Secretary of State Wyoming

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3 Candidates (1) Four-year Term

Editor’s Note:
Dan Dockstader has withdrawn from the race.



Mark Armstrong



Chuck Gray



Tara Nethercott

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

MARK ARMSTRONG
Fourth-generation Wyomingite, great-grandson of Coach Corbett. My grand-

father Jack Corbett was superintendent of schools in Albany County. I attended Colorado School of Mines, University of Wyoming (Petroleum Engineering and Geology), and Stanford University. State

Committeeman for Albany County.
Work History: 1992–Present, Earth Engineers CEO/Principal Geologist
Diverse experiences in the environmental investigations,

oil and gas exploration, and arguments in SCOTUS have increased my areas of expertise. Courtroom experience, winning a case against the Wyoming AG’s office.
Environmental Resolutions Inc. Operations Manager
Managed operations, environmental investigations, and cleanup, including emergencies response, for refineries, distribution terminals, landfills, etc.
Managed over 40 professionals.

CHUCK GRAY
I’m Chuck Gray. I’m a

Christian, a small business person, and have represented portions of Casper in the state legislature since 2017. I have a consistent record as a grassroots conservative. I started a radio program in 2014 focused on advancing conservative values in Wyoming. Wyovote.com, the American Conservative Union, and Wyoming Right to Life have all recognized my conservative track record. Please contact me any time at 251-1372 and I ask for your support.

TARA NETHERCOTT
I am a fifth generation Wyomingite, having been

raised throughout Wyoming and graduating Riverton High School. I graduated from the University of Wyoming and am a proud UW Cowboy. After college, I became a practicing attorney, small business owner and active community member. I come from a family of public servants with both my father and husband police officers. In 2016, I was elected to the Wyoming senate and serve as the chairman of the judiciary committee and serve on the corporation and elections committee, capital finance and investments, and many others.

SECRETARY OF STATE QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/ what are your qualifications?
Armstrong: Government is not as efficient or effective as it should be for the people of the State of Wyoming. We are losing our freedom to taxes and overregulation. If you think government is perfect, vote for one of the other two; if you think government needs improving, vote for me. I have 38 years of experience fighting government overreach and bureaucratic abuse. We need good ethics in politics and government. I will push to get money out of politics. I know the problem and I know how to fix it.

Gray: A key duty of the Secretary of State’s office is overseeing elections. While serving in the State Legislature over the past six years, I’m the only SOS candidate with a proven conservative record and a proven record regarding election integrity. I was the lead sponsor of the voter ID bill, which passed in the 2021 session and was the principal election integrity bill to pass the legislature in the last decade. My work has always been dedicated to giving power and accountability back to the people from which it’s being taken away by big-government policies, self-serving politicians, and bureaucratic overreach.

Nethercott: I am running to build a stronger Wyoming. My experience as a small business owner and practicing attorney in corporate formations combined with my passion for election integrity and consumer/investor protections make me qualified. I have worked and advanced every election and corporation related law that has been enacted for past six years. I served on task force to replace voting equipment, ensuring Wyoming’s voting equipment is secure. I am formally educated in securities regulation and have represented victims of financial crimes. I serve on the

capital finance/investments committee, overseeing state’s \$25 billion investments, the SOS also serves on the State Investments Board.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?
Armstrong: The debt and government spending, especially spending driven by the Green New Deal. Having no restraint on government spending is detrimental to our children’s and grandchildren’s future. The idea that we can abandon fossil fuels and switch to wind and solar is poor planning and will hurt our future. This will hurt our economy. Withdrawing oil from the strategic reserve and selling it to China instead of producing American oil is wrong thinking. Every rig that is staked out is 100 families without an income. This wrong thinking also reduces our national security.

Gray: A key issue facing our state is out-of-control property taxes and the economy. I’ve led on fighting out-of-control property tax increases by bringing the property tax cap bill in the 2021 session. Unfortunately, a coalition of the insiders and the Democrats stopped that bill. That coalition stops many common-sense conservative pieces of legislation that need to be passed. But that cap bill has become the framework for the property tax reduction efforts that are gaining momentum. We must also stop the Left’s attack on our key industries. The radical Left wants to stop us from reaching our full potential by attacking coal, oil, gas, agriculture, and more.

Nethercott: The main issue facing the state right now is increasing inflation and a challenged economy. Wyoming’s hard-earned dollars are not keeping pace with the costs of daily life. Our Wyoming families are struggling, and I am committed to solving these concerns as your next Secretary of State. My role as a member of the State Land and Investment Board can

help by getting those state dollars out of Cheyenne and into rural Wyoming to help alleviate these financial stressors. Ensuring that corporate registrations are increasing and raising revenue is vitally important as that means less taxes for Wyoming families.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?
Armstrong: Honesty in politics would lead to honesty in government. Politics should be public policy discussed in public, in the light of day. Not backroom deals made in smoke-filled rooms with groups of good old boys. Sign wars, name calling, and the inability to discuss hard issues are things mature people should have left behind in elementary school. We need to elect better representation. Pointing out facts is not uncivil; name calling and disrespecting others is.
Journalists should take some responsibility: if someone says something off the cuff, and it is not helpful to public understanding, they should not print it!

Gray: I believe in civility in government. However, it is pivotal that we have a clear and honest dialogue about the issues. I’ve become tired of candidates who do one thing at election time and then do something entirely different during the legislative session in Cheyenne. There is nothing wrong with talking about the voting records of those in government and in discussing the differences that candidates have on the issues. I also believe that all public officials should be on the record for their votes and positions. That’s why I’ve consistently called for recorded votes as a member of the legislature.

Nethercott: Civility in government is critical to productive healthy discourse where the best ideas and solutions can rise to the top through different viewpoints. The Institute for Civility in Government defines civility as “more than just politeness, although politeness is a necessary first step. It is

about disagreeing without disrespect, seeking common ground as a starting point for dialogue about differences, listening past one’s preconceptions and teaching others to do the same. Civility is the hard work of staying present even with those with whom we have deep-rooted and fierce disagreement.” I can encourage this by living the example.

Do you believe the state/ city/county/nation is a good steward of the public’s money? Why/why not?
Armstrong: Waste and ineffective government is not a good steward of public funding. The government accounting system, where you spend it or lose it in the next budget cycle, is not appropriate budgeting or managing of public funds. Growing government to increase bureaucrats’ wages is moving in the wrong direction. I just came off a fire (as a volunteer firefighter) where over a million dollars was spent to control the fire and it was essentially out, but then an additional burn was started to fill-in. Now additional millions will be spent to control the box burn and bonus acreage.

Gray: The state and federal governments exhibit massive overspending and waste. Democrats and insiders spend money recklessly, and although the federal budget is the worst, I’ve seen this problem at the state level as well. The insiders, the Democrats, and much of the liberal media want us to believe that there is no room for reductions but there is. The efficiency study from 2019 showed over \$400 million per biennium of reductions in state government just through efficiencies. We need to cap the growth in spending, because one of the favorite tactics of the coalition of the insiders and Democrats is to grow spending tremendously when there is an influx of mineral revenue.

Nethercott: Generally, the state is a good steward of the public’s money. Every biennium, the legislature and

the governor work tirelessly to provide a balanced budget that also balances the need for a healthy savings while still investing in necessary infrastructure, people, and projects.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?
Armstrong: The PEOPLE, not the bureaucracy. I’m not running for this office as a stepping stone to run for another office, but for the people. The people deserve better governance, and I will work hard every day for the people.

Gray: The Secretary of State is Wyoming’s chief election officer. There are many common-sense reforms we must make to our election processes. We must ban ballot drop boxes. These ballot drop boxes are unattended and open up our elections to ballot harvesting fraud. We must move to an election with entirely paper ballots with no exceptions. There also needs to be an audit of each election. The state needs to fight to protect the voter ID law I led on. These issues can be addressed by the office under its current authority in statute. In addition, there are many items that need to be addressed via state statute. We must ban crossover voting and also have run-offs. We must also ban the third-party interference in elections, the Zuckbucks that Zuckerberg, Soros, and others have injected into elections across our country.

Nethercott: Increasing voter confidence in our election process must be a main priority. Our system of government and very liberty depend on free and fair elections. I will fight to protect your vote and election integrity. I will continue to provide education and outreach about Wyoming’s election process and invite those to volunteer and participate with their local county clerks as poll workers and election judges. As a sponsor of voter id legislation, I know how important this issue is to Wyoming voters.

State Senator Senate District 1

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3 Candidates (1) Four-year Term

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

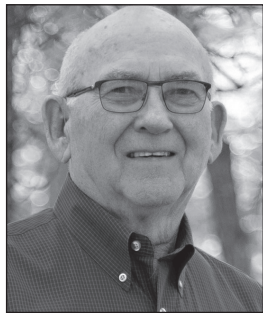
ROGER CONNETT
I am married, have four daughters and nine grandchildren. I moved from Riverton, Wyo., to northeastern Wyoming in 1979. I have worked in the mining industry 40+ years, starting as an equipment operator and then in various levels of management, including Mine Manager. My career took a turn when I went to work for a mining equipment company, as their Western Regional Manager. After a short time, I was promoted to the U.S.

& Mexico Customer Support Manager and I oversaw multiple operations, both domestic and internationally. After my retirement from mining, I worked for the local John Deere dealer as an equipment salesman.

OGDEN DRISKILL
I am a sixth generation rancher in northeast Wyoming. My mother’s family were early pioneers in Newcastle (Horton family). I am a graduate of Hulett High School and Casper College (AAAgriculture/Business) and attended the University of Wyoming.

I have been married for 40 years to Rosanne and have three children and three grandchildren. With our children, we operate a cow-calf operation and campground/café/gift shop at Devils Tower, Wyo. I also operated a large vegetation management business prior to going in the legislature, working on utilities, oil field, mines and agriculture. I have been a small business owner for over 40 years.

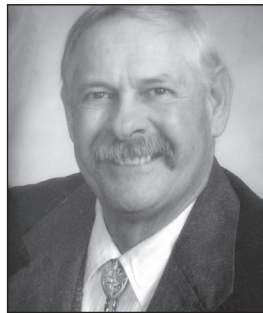
BILL FORTNER
I am a fifth generation Campbell County native on my mother’s side,



Roger Connett



Ogden Driskill



Bill Fortner

however I’m a fourth generation on my father’s side. Both sides were ranchers. I’ve worked in coal, oil, gas, and ranching most of my life. I retired

from coal mining in 1999, and then I worked in the gas fields in Wyoming, and Montana, as well as the oil industry where I still do contract work today.

SENATE DISTRICT 1 QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?
Connett: Like many of the residents of northeastern Wyoming, I am disappointed with our legislature. We live in a very conservative state, but our legislature is a liberal one that doesn’t seem interested in the issues that are important to the people of northeastern Wyoming. I am the most qualified candidate because of my business background and experience in development and

management of multimillion dollar budgets. I have served on many boards and commissions and was the Crook County Republican Party chairman for six and a half years. My commitment to representing the people of Senate District 1 as a conservative legislator is unwavering.
Driskill: I am running again because I want to continue to provide quality representation to the people of northeast Wyoming. I want to continue to cut state budgets and trim wasteful spending, continue to reduce government regulations and burdens on citizens and

business, continue to expand school choice (I passed charter schools), work on capping or reducing property taxes, continue to work on run-off elections and crossover voting. I am the most qualified candidate, and my record shows the ability to move a conservative agenda. I am respected by the body as a leader and am in line to become the President of the Senate.
Fortner: I’m running for Senate District 1 because I don’t feel the citizens are getting what they deserve. Someone who’s truthful, honest, and transparent in leadership. I have been a House Representative

of District 52 for the last two years. I feel I know enough about the process to serve Crook, Weston, and Campbell equally, and responsibly.
What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/ state/nation? Why?
Connett: There are several issues that will require action in our next legislature. We must change the model we use for assessing property taxes. Current assessments are based on fair market value, which is driven by unprecedented high prices. A more reasonable approach would be a model based on our acquisition cost

(with reasonable escalators). We are currently being taxed on unrealized income and the only way to realize it, is to sell our homes. We must also address the Legislatures addition to federal funding (with all the strings attached), fairness in women’s sports issue, school choice and school funding.
Driskill: The biggest issue facing all entities across the board is our economy. Whether a city, county, state or national, we need a stable and growing economy. Our President and national leadership have destabilized the economy and declared war on nearly everything that

our economy is based on in Wyoming. Without a strong economy, almost everything is irrelevant. Jobs, taxes, services and almost everything we do require a strong economy to function. In Wyoming and locally we need to focus on a lean efficient government and keep regulations and impediments to our citizens and business to a minimum.
Fortner: The biggest issues facing the cities, counties, and state is the federal government takeover with grants, and all strings attached. As far as
— Senator, SD1, Page E10

State Senator

Senate District 2

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2 Candidates (1) Four-year Term

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

MARTY ERTMAN

Wyoming native and have lived in Weston County since 1968. Graduated both from Newcastle High School and the University of Wyoming. County commissioner for three terms. A small business owner since 1988. Married to Ted. I have four children and eight grandchildren.

CHERI STEINMETZ

Occupation: Retail Business Owner. Town of residence: North of Lingle Wyoming. Office running for: State Senate District 3: Goshen, Niobrara, Weston Counties/

Biography: I am a fourth generation Wyoming native, small business owner and past Ag producer. My husband Corey and I live north of Lingle and have been fortunate to live in Goshen County for most of our lives. We intentionally raised our family and built our businesses here in Wyoming among family, friends and neighbors. We have a deep appreciation for our independent rural way of life, our small close-knit communities and the blessing of stewarding the water and land.

My leadership, bill sponsorship and voting record reflect my commitment to faith, traditional family values, private property rights, limited government, local control, responsible regulation, disciplined spending, individual freedom and enterprise. For more information about me, you can visit my website at steinmetzforsenate3.com.

SENATE DISTRICT 2 QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

Ertman: I am currently in my 12th year as a county com-

missioner. After that amount of time, I felt it was time for new ideas to come to the commission. I chose to seek the position of Wyoming State Senator District 3 because of my years of experience at the local level. County commissions do not have ‘home rule’ (the authority to pass ordinances). We are only allowed to do what the state legislature allows us to do. Therefore, county government is considered the ‘long arm of the legislature’ and at times, it felt like there was quite a disconnect between the two governing entities. Often, it felt like the counties were handed legislation that wasn’t well thought through. I stepped up to be an additional voice for the government closest to the people.

Steinmetz: Clearly challenges lie ahead and we are equal to them. As a free people we have the responsibility to decide what kind of country we will live in, what society we will tolerate, and what legacy we will leave our children, grandchildren and all yet to come. As Americans we also have the ability to act upon those decisions. We must return to the roots of our Republic, protect the unborn, defend our freedom, and unify as One Nation Under God. Now is the time and we are the people. Like you, I want to make sure Wyoming remains a state where we defend the foundations on which our faith, freedom, and prosperity rest. Our children, our families, our way of life, and our State are worth fighting for. Future generations are depending on us.

I was elected to the State Senate in 2018. Currently I serve on the Appropriations and Select Water Committees as well as three select committees. I was elected in 2014 to the State House as the representative for Goshen County in House District 5.

What is the biggest issue

facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

Ertman: Federal overreaching is threatening to take away everything we hold so dear here in Weston County and Wyoming. We watched it with the mismanagement of the Thunder Basin Grassland and we fought back. We experienced it with COVID lockdowns and we fought back. The Wyoming Constitution is six times larger than the U.S. Constitution which means we here in Wyoming have more closely defined our rights. We need to be better at making sure any legislation adheres to those principles set forth. We need to stop with ‘hot button’ legislation and get serious about solving Wyoming’s problems. Finding ways to help our folks with property tax issues, and the war on our energy production, are two of many issues that should and have to be on our radar.

Steinmetz: We must push back against the overreach of the federal government. It is unacceptable that any agency withholds federal funding if we don’t comply with the radical “woke” agenda of the Biden administration. It is unacceptable that the federal government infringe upon the Second Amendment or other unalienable Constitutionally guaranteed rights of American citizens. It is unacceptable that the federal government sacrifice our mineral, oil, gas and agricultural industries at the altar of climate change.

State legislators must stand strong, defend our people and businesses, uphold the Wyoming Constitution and State statutes and find creative ways to fund the necessary functions of government (without raising taxes). We can’t do it alone. We need your help and all hands on deck at this critical time.

At the state level we must require transparency, account-

ability and efficiency in government. We must make our budgeting process easier to access, understand and utilize. We need to “right-size” government and evaluate our spending priorities. Wyoming should remain a business friendly environment by keeping taxes, fees and regulations minimal. Businesses looking to call Wyoming home should be the right fit both economically and culturally. We should not recruit or subsidize businesses that will be a drain on our tax structure. Wyoming must respect the basic building block of society, economics and government which is the family. State law should not threaten or harm traditional family values, personal or cultural virtue, or freedom of conscience as we govern our society and educate our children. Wyoming water is more valuable than gold. We must protect, utilize and defend it.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Ertman: Civility is the only way to get goals accomplished. Healthy debate is required and no idea should be discounted just because it may come from ‘the other side.’ One of the most vital keys to understanding is listening. The other key is extensive research that includes opinions from all viewpoints. The one piece of the puzzle may be right in front of our eyes but if we only choose to see through blinders, we may miss the obvious. Hiding behind a computer screen has caused a great divide. I would like to see us go back to the town hall meetings, and scheduled meetings with local officials to find out, face to face, the issues that people deal with every day in their lives.

Steinmetz: Decorum, which deals with appropriateness of behavior or conduct, propriety or the conventions or require-



Marty Ertman



Cheri Steinmetz

ments of polite behavior, is critical at all levels of government. It shows respect for the office which is held in trust by those elected on behalf of the citizens. I intend to hold myself and fellow legislators to a high standard of decorum which shows respect for our constituents.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public’s money? Why/why not?

Ertman: The federal government is not required to have a balanced budget but Wyoming, per her Constitution, is. That being said, it is my opinion that waste is rampant. Too many regulations hamper the free enterprise system which made this state and country prosper. Government serves a purpose but money changes the equation. We need to get back to what level of government is required to do and limit it to only those. Too often ‘special interests’ shape and form legislation and it needs to be closely examined to see if it fits within the confines of not only the U.S. Constitution but more importantly, Wyoming’s as well.

Steinmetz (combined answer with last question): This question requires much more discussion than we can give in this short answer. Some departments are doing well, others are not. Over regulation and the implementation of liberal ideology give way to inefficient and ineffective government for

the citizens. Agencies must continually be reminded that they work for the people not the other way around. We need to identify what the proper use of public funds looks like across the board. For example, currently the University of Wyoming is expending public funds for gender studies degree programs and diversity coordinators. This liberal college at the University should not be the responsibility of the taxpayer to fund. We should fund the classical forms of education on which society relies and we can all see benefit from. We should not fund cultural Marxism or fictitious liberal gender ideology. It is not a proper use of public funds. Water infrastructure, sewers, and roads we all use them, we all need them, we should fund them.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Ertman: My priority is the three pillars I learned through being a Republican my entire life: smaller government, fewer restrictions/regulations, and more personal freedom. We can do this without destroying the beautiful experiment this county was based upon. Hard work, research, and a determination to listen with the intent to understand are what I will bring to the Wyoming State Senate. It’s been the highest honor to serve as a county commissioner for 12 years and I have learned so much. I would be further honored to bring that knowledge and experience to the state legislature.

State Auditor

Wyoming

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1 Candidate: (1) Four-year Term

KRISTI RACINES

I hold a degree in accounting from University of Wyoming and I am a licensed CPA. In private practice, I performed audits of Wyoming businesses, nonprofits, and governmental entities. Later, I served as the Chief Fiscal Officer and Director of Human Resources of Wyoming’s judicial branch, managing an \$80 million statewide budget and overseeing the human resource function for over 300 employees. I’m a fourth generation native and my family has been in agriculture and oil and gas. An avid sportswoman, I enjoy hunting, fishing, and camping. My husband and I wouldn’t raise our two children anywhere other than Wyoming.



Kristi Racines

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

I’m running for reelection as State Auditor because I am committed to the future of Wyoming. I believe in a government that is effective, efficient, and serves the critical needs of our citizens. As a financial professional, I firmly believe any entity, from the smallest business to our entire state, must have its fiscal house in order to operate effectively. When it comes to the Auditor’s position on the State Loan and Investment Board and the Board of Land Commissioners, I will continue to foster a Wyoming where our children and grandchildren want (and will be able) to stay.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation?

Wyoming will continue to struggle with intense volatility in our revenue streams, particularly with the uncertain economic outlook. Like other states, we have received, and will continue to receive, unprecedented amounts of COVID-19 relief and infrastructure funds. This is not free money — it is critical that we are responsible in our choices so that our grandchildren will not be paying the price. Infrastructure in our small communities and access to healthcare in rural areas will be of importance to me — and will help paint a vibrant future for our state while maintaining our character.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

I have rarely seen a group of people

who all think exactly alike and agree on everything solve a tough problem. However, it’s impossible to benefit from folks’ different experiences if you can’t be in the same room! Spirited debate, disagreement, and brainstorming on issues makes us better — name calling doesn’t. I hope I set a good example of civility in government, and I will continue to do my best to do so.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public’s money?

Some governments are better than others, but this is certainly something our federal government is failing at. The Auditor sits on the State Loan and Investment Board, which manages over \$25 billion in investments, and also on the Land Board, which manages state trust lands to fund public education. Every dollar earned by investments or lands is a dollar that doesn’t have to be paid by taxes. I cut the Auditor’s Office

budget by 10%, and we are able to provide the same services to Wyoming citizens through increased efficiencies — this is something that all governments can improve upon.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

When I took office four years ago, I inherited a lawsuit in regards to state expenditures. I immediately produced and turned over six years worth of expenditure records. To be more proactive, I put Wyoming’s checkbook online six months after taking office (at WyOpen.gov), at no additional cost to the Wyoming taxpayer. My office prides itself on responding to public records requests quickly, efficiently, and accurately, which I promise to continue. WyOpen has received over 200,000 visits since inception. I will continue to fight for transparency in government from top to bottom over the next four years.

BRIAN SCHROEDER ENDORSEMENT

Vision • Resolve • Effective

As the Representative for House District 2 to the Wyoming State Legislature, I have had opportunity over the past six months to meet regularly with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Schroeder.

While interacting with him during this very challenging time, I have been impressed with his vision, his resolve, and his effective approach to dealing with the issues of our day. As an experienced educator and leader, he is standing tall and making a difference for Wyoming’s upcoming generations. Superintendent Schroeder has led and will continue to lead Wyoming education in the direction that reflects our Wyoming values and way of life. When you vote, I invite you to join me in supporting Brian Schroeder for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

— Thank you, Representative JD Williams, House District 2, Wyoming State Legislature

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Wyoming Voting Laws

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION

Wyoming allows same-day voter registration.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

To register to vote in Wyoming, you must be a resident of a precinct in the state. State law does not specify a length of time for which you must have been a resident to be eligible.

VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP

See also: Laws permitting noncitizens to vote in the United States. Wyoming does not require proof of citizenship for voter registration.

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

Wyoming requires voters to present identification when voting.

The following list of accepted ID was current as of April 2021. Click here for the Wyoming Secretary of State’s page on accepted ID to ensure you have the most current information.

- (I) A Wyoming driver’s license as defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(xxv);
- (II) A tribal identification card issued by the governing body of the Eastern Shoshone tribe

of Wyoming, the Northern Arapaho tribe of Wyoming or other federally recognized Indian tribe;

- (III) A Wyoming identification card issued under W.S. 31-8-101;
- (IV) A valid United States passport;
- (V) A United States military card;
- (VI) A driver’s license or identification card issued by any state or outlying possession of the United States;
- (VII) Photo identification issued by the University of Wyoming, a Wyoming community college or a Wyoming public school;
- (VIII) A valid Medicare insurance card. This subdivision is repealed effective December 31, 2029;
- (IX) A valid Medicaid insurance card. This subdivision is repealed effective December 31, 2029. [22]

EARLY VOTING

Wyoming permits early voting. Learn more by visiting this website.

Source: ballotpedia.org and sos.wyo.gov

U.S. Representative Wyoming

8 Candidates: 3 Democrat; 5 Republican

(1) Two-year Term

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

ROBYN BELINSKEY, R

I have been a Wyoming resident for over 30 years. As an owner of two small business located in Sheridan, I am keenly aware of the issues facing our state and nation.

LYNNETTE GREYBULL, D

Born in Pasadena, Calif.; went to college at Mount San Antonio College in Southern California. My mother grew up on the Wind River Reservation,

which I visited many times before moving here five years ago. I'm the founder and director of Not Our Native Daughters, and have over 10 years of experience as a tribal liaison on land use and law enforcement, leader on Indian Affairs, helping incarcerated women, and as a consultant on environmental protection.

HARRIET HAGEMAN, R

I am a fourth-generation Wyomingite, grew up on a ranch near Fort Laramie, attended Casper College on a Livestock Judging Scholarship,



Robyn Bellinskey



Lynette GreyBull



Harriet Hageman



Steve Helling

Editor's Note:

Meghan Jensen, D, Anthony Bourchard, R, Liz Cheney, R, and Denton Knapp, R, did not respond to requests for answers to the News Letter Journal candidate Q&A.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/ what are your qualifications?

Belinskey: I am running for the U.S. House of Representatives to make a difference for Wyoming and be the voice of commonsense and reason. I am a "relatable" candidate as I deal with the same everyday issues and challenges voters do and am prepared to work for the regular Wyoming citizen. I hold an Associates of Applied Science Degree specializing in Paralegal studies.

GreyBull: Wyoming needs an experienced leader, a representative for working families, indigenous people and other minority communities, and for those who don't normally get a seat at the policy table. I have years of experience working with local, state and federal bodies on human trafficking, environmental protection, economic development, crisis advocacy, rehabilitation, and missing and murdered indigenous people.

Hageman: Wyoming only has one Congressional representative, and we must make it count. We are entitled to be represented by someone who understands Wyoming and has Wyoming values. I have been fighting on behalf of Wyoming's most important industries for over 25 years, protecting our families, small businesses, farmers, ranchers, and energy companies from federal overreach. I have worked tirelessly to protect Wyoming's water interests, and have a deep understanding of federal land issues. I have made a career of challenging unlawful administrative power, with successful lawsuits against the EPA, USDA, USFWS, USFS, and other federal agencies.

Our Constitution limits the power and scope of the federal government, with the vast amount of power being reserved to the States. Our federal government is too big and has subsumed far too much control over our everyday lives. We must dramatically reduce the size of our federal government, limit the power of the administrative agencies and unelected bureaucrats, and return to our constitutional foundation of separation of powers — with Congress making the laws and being accountable to our citizens.

Helling: Like most persons, I do not like the direction this country is headed. I think our country is in trouble. I want to bring civility and healing to the country. I have not been a politician and do not want to spend the rest of my life as a politician. As such, I have signed up for a commitment that would be limited to two years. I am trying to blur the lines between Republicans and Democrats. In the event I were given the opportunity, I would try to get the country to move on from the 2020 election, including the ending of the Jan. 6 Commission.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

Belinskey: Nationally, close the borders. No illegals! The important issue facing our state is our land and water. Our revenues and royalties for natural resources of coal, oil and gas have been destroyed. The current administration is all too happy to undermine our ability to be "Energy Independent," ushering in possibilities of billionaire influence for nuclear at our expense while making them wealthier and the state of Wyoming a nuclear dumpsite. Other states benefit from energy power from proposed retrofitted coal mines to accommodate nuclear instead. Our ground water is at risk as well as revenues and jobs.

No more federal government overreach. Federal interference hinders Wyoming to effectively manage state mineral resources and maintain wildlife. "30/30" land grab rule which is fraudulent in nature and forcibly done without regard of the private landowners.

Farms/ranches are a pivotal part of Wyoming's economy. Protecting our family owned/operated farms and ranches add to the economy of Wyoming and nation. We need to insure Wyoming's production of grains, produce and meats to sustain our independence from foreign dependence.

GreyBull: Climate crisis and a transition to green energy. It's important that Wyoming communities have realistic chances of success in the coming energy transition. It's time for our elected officials to stop lying to their constituents: coal, oil, and gas are not viable energy sources in the long-term, environmentally or economi-

cally. We can make Wyoming into the most competitive renewable energy producer in the nation, while taking care of our working families. I will not leave a single worker, family, or community behind as we push forward for a prosperous and clean future.

Hageman: The three issues of most concern to Wyoming voters are inflation, rampant and uncontrolled illegal immigration, and protection of our energy industry and jobs.

Helling: Inflation and the environment are equally important. We need to have policies that will result in downward inflationary pressure, such as sufficient energy resources and energy independence, while at the same time protecting our valuable land, water, and wildlife resources.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Belinskey: Civility in government, at all levels, cannot be overstated. Political infighting leads to complete disfunction. As a Congresswoman from Wyoming, I will be the voice of reason and common sense in government. As I travel Wyoming, the citizens I have had conversations with are very clear that they are not satisfied with their representatives and feel their voice is not being heard or vote not counted. I am for "We The People," not special interest government nor endorsements to be beholden too.

GreyBull: Civility is important, but transparency and accountability are more important. All of these goals can be met if we remember that the purpose of government is to bring stakeholders to the table to solve our problems collectively. I have a long track record of doing that.

Hageman: One of the problems with the way Washington, D.C., operates is that very often talk of "civility" means capitulating to Democrats, whose policies have created the problems we now face. I am not interested in furthering those policies that brought us rampant inflation, a crisis at our southern border, and \$30 trillion in national debt. That's not what Wyoming's only House member should be doing. Our lone representative should fight for the strong, conser-

vative ideas and ideals that made our state and country great. Our member of Congress should fight the ceaseless overreach by a federal government which usurps our rights, and challenge leftist causes. When in Congress, I will always fight for Wyoming and America First values, and never forget who hired me for the job.

Helling: We can all act civilly to encourage civility in government. It will take a commitment by those involved and perhaps a suggested code of conduct that could be supported on a bipartisan basis. It is an important step in improving the public's perception of our dysfunctional government.

Do you believe the state/ city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

Belinskey: Governmental waste is at an all-time high at present with current administrations. As a state/ city/county/nation we cannot sustain current reckless spending for special interest pet projects. Need to take care of our country and respective states first.

GreyBull: As a Native American, I am familiar with the U.S. government mismanaging funds dedicated to Indian affairs. But history is also filled with examples of responsible use of public money. The keys are transparency, oversight, and protection for whistle blowers, folks who point out malfeasance, often at a very high personal cost.

Hageman: Our federal government is not a good steward of our money, being over \$30 trillion dollars in debt (which does not count the unfunded liabilities). Our government must live within its means. Every dollar that the government takes from us is one less dollar that we can spend on our own priorities.

Helling: There is tremendous waste in government and excess spending has created significant upward inflationary pressure and threatens to do major damage to our economy.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Belinskey: My main priority is to represent the citizens of Wyoming as

ates from the University of Wyoming and were married on Pershing Boulevard in Cheyenne. I am a former prosecuting attorney and ethics commission chairman.

State Treasurer Wyoming

2 Candidate: (1) Four-year Term

CURT MEIER, R

I live in LaGrange, Wyo., with my wife of 41 years, Charlene, a school teacher who retired after 44 years of service to Wyoming's youth. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from the University of Wyoming, where I attended school on an academic scholarship.



Curt Meier

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

I am running for re-election as your State Treasurer. I've served in that job for the past

3 1/2 years, and prior to that I ran a multi-million dollar agricultural enterprise with retail, rental, and lodging offshoots for 36 years. I also spent 24 years in the legislature including two committee chairmanships and time on the Appropriations Committee and the Retirement Board as a Legislative liaison. Prior to that I was on the State Board of Education.

What is the biggest issue facing the state? Why?

The mismanagement of the Biden administration's over-

supply of federal stimulus, coupled with a Federal Reserve Board who did not have their eye on inflation and supply present challenges to our state, but our office has made substantial efforts to mitigate the outcome of a downturn. We hired managers who do better when the market has a downturn, increased our diversity and made changes in asset allocations which are not as sensitive to stock market fluctuations.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

In nearly a quarter-century in the legislature I was always willing to find solutions with other legislators to do good work for the people of Wyoming, as



long as I didn't have to compromise my Republican principles. I've brought the same attitude to the Treasurer's office, and it continues to produce positive results for the people of our state.

Do you believe the state is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

I can assure you the State Treasurer's office acts as good stewards. We addressed many issues in our first term, beginning with the performance of the state's investments. Institutional Investor Publication nominated our investment team for "Best Turnaround" for Wyoming's Private Equity Fund after returns climbed from 7.2% to

39% in one year and 37% the year after. We've also adopted a new accounting software system to replace the one I inherited (from 1996), and addressed staffing needs in our accounting department so we will be able to provide faster reconciliation, verification and accountability to taxpayers.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

I am committed to accomplishing all the inherent, implied, characteristic and core duties laid out for my office in the Wyoming constitution, as set forth in Powers vs Mead as described by the Wyoming Supreme Court. During the next two years, there will undoubt-

edly be opportunistic circumstances that can offer substantial risk-based returns, but it is not something that should be done lightly. I'm confident in our teams ability to take advantage of the current market based on their past performance. Our Unclaimed Property Division also break records each year for the number of checks issued and dollars distributed to Wyomingites, and I plan to continue that trend.

Editor's Note:

Bill Gallop, R, did not respond to requests for answers to the News Letter Journal candidate Q&A.

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Senator, SD1 from Page E6

the nation goes, I believe the world banks, and globalization will be the downfall of it. We are at nearly 31 trillion in debt, so to me our nation is in for hard times now. and in the future.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Connett: If we are going to accomplish important things in our legislature it will be by collaborating with other conservatives to successfully move our state in a more conservative direction. We cannot let those who choose to argue and be obstructionists set the tone for debate on important issues. I believe that when we disagree, we must work through our differences respectfully. We can work together for the common good, without compromising our values or position. That is what happens in business and managing the state is managing a business, the business of the people.

Driskill: Civility is of extreme importance. Effective government cannot function well in an environment of incivility. We have seen this increasing in recent years. Many legislators are treated with public disrespect and many have had physical/death threats. It is hard to have great people run when there is no respect for the position. I am in a position to play a major role with senators and to a degree with all legislators. Should I become President of the Senate, I will have a hard-fast policy that legislators treat each other with respect and there is zero tolerance for personal attacks.

Fortner: To me, when I hear the word civility in government it brings to mind political correctness. And I believe that makes it very difficult to be truthful, honest, and transparent. This leaves the door wide open for poor representation, lying to yourself and those

who put you in office. I have seen this in Cheyenne over the last two years.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

Connett: I do not believe that our legislators have been good stewards of the state finances. The legislature has many individuals who know how to spend money, because we have been blessed with abundant revenue in the past, but those days are gone. Now we need legislators who know how to control spending, set priorities and understand fiscal responsibility. Our state is going to be faced with difficult decisions to control spending and we need to demand accountability from all departments. Good budget management and fiscal responsibility is imperative, instead of the thought that increasing taxes is the only option.

Driskill: On a federal level: Unbelievable disrespect for taxpayers and our future generations. They are on the road to spending our way into poverty, inflation and wars. I don't think they could do much worse in any fashion.

On a state level: We have done some great things — cut the budget close to one billion in the last 12 years — and grown the state savings from 14 billion to 25 billion. With that being said, there is still a lot of fat and unnecessary spending that we need to continue to work on.

On county and city: I trust those we elect to do a good job.

Fortner: I don't believe the cities, counties, or state are good stewards of public money. When they tax and take in more than they need, then they turn around and hire investment firms to invest excess tax revenue, or put it in lavish savings accounts, all the while applying for federal

grants, therefore eliminating some of our constitutional rights. I believe in what Calvin Coolidge said, If government taxes any more than necessary that's legalized larceny or basically (robbery).

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Connett: My commitment is to always represent the people who hired me, my constituents from Senate District 1. It is time to elect people of integrity who are true to their word to join the other conservatives that represent the people and bring our state back to its conservative roots and values. My goal is to be a legislator, a voice for the people, not a politician. We need to keep our elected officials in check and "term limit" those who ignore the voice of the people. Any elected position can be term limited with our votes. Please vote on August 16.

Driskill: First priority will be property tax reform — there

are lots of proposals from only using purchase price (with a cap on increases), to caps, to reductions. I will work tirelessly to solve the problem. It has immediate impacts on all taxpayers and must be stopped or moderated. We also must figure a way to get a handle on education spending/funding. If we can't get them to live within their means the same as the rest of state government — it is a given that taxes will rise, something that won't happen on my watch. Continue to work on election reforms.

Fortner: I will pursue doing away with federal money that has strings attached, as well as bills I ran the last two years, along with pushing for Senior Citizens Tax Exempt at age 65. HBO146: Personal property tax depreciation. HBO147: Education expense tax credit (school choice). HB0027: Visitation rights. H80026: Dual public employment and office holdings.

Commissioner from Page E1

My background and work history give me a wealth of experience that prepared me to serve as a commissioner. As a firefighter/paramedic, I handled emergencies and major incidents. As a government manager, I oversaw people, projects, programs, and multi-million-dollar budgets. I held a security clearance so I underwent regular background checks to verify my honesty and integrity.

Quinones: I would like to give back to my community and to this great nation for all the blessings I have been given. During my years working in a large corporation I developed an interesting and diverse set of skills that will allow me to serve Weston County very well. I believe my knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and my common sense approach to life will be an advantage as I serve the people of Weston County.

Sears: I have served on the Weston County Planning & Zoning Board, the Thunder Basin Grazing Association Board, and the Weston County Farm Bureau Board. Through these boards, I have learned how they work, the rules they are governed by, and the laws they must follow. In the past, our board of commissioners has not always been open, transparent, and honest with the citizens. Not all of the commissioners have done the work of the people of Weston County with honor and integrity. The need for open, transparent, honest elected officials at all levels of government is desperately needed today.

Todd: I believe this county needs a voice that will listen to and represent the entire population, neither the loudest nor the most empowered. I want to continue the work on the upkeep of our county buildings, roads and bridges and hope to continue to work to keep them in good operating condition.

I have a Business degree from the University of Wyoming. I focused on economics while in Laramie. I served a four-year term on the Upton Town Council. I have worked in a number of positions that required supervision of up to 100 employees in a large construction company and gas fields following college and before coming home to work at the family ranch.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

Borton: Currently, on a local note, it is dispatch and the unnecessary need for two at the expense of the taxpayers. Nationally, it's the disconnect and division we have created in our country produced by poor Presidential agendas and lack of leadership.

Huber: As a conservative Republican, I feel our vote for this midterm is crucial. Americans cannot continue to stand by and watch as our nation is destroyed from within. We must as a nation, state, and county, go to the poles and take back our country restoring the strength of the house and senate both in Wyoming and Washington.

In our local area, the people of Weston County have concerns about their representation. Serious issues have arisen regarding our commis-

sioners' ability to communicate with the citizens and the decisions made while representing the county. The resulting turmoil has cost time, and money, and has damaged the trust of the people. Leaders must be accountable for decisions and take responsibility for their actions.

Nessul: The economy and the federal government's war on fossil fuels are major concerns for our nation, Weston County, and Wyoming. Inflation, driven by Federal Government spending and policies, hurts our hard-working community. Since January 2021, the attack on the fossil fuel industry cost many jobs in Wyoming and Weston County. The price of gasoline and diesel hurts farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and all of us every day as we buy groceries, fuel our cars, and pay our utility bills. Your county commissioners must plan budgets and expenses for future costs vs income, and keep the need for government income low.

Quinones: I would identify the biggest issue at this time is the Dispatch issue. Since Newcastle is a part of Weston County it seems unnecessary that the city and the Newcastle tax payer would be paying for two dispatches. Surely, using common sense, such as establishing a Joint Powers Board, this issue can be resolved in an amenable manner between the parties involved, ending the controversy and setting up a dispatch entity in a relatively short period of time. Another issue would be to ensure transparency of all decision by the Commissioners is to post minutes of the meetings not only in writing form but also digitally PDF and/or MP3(sound) asap.

At the national and state level, we should be concerned that our Federal and State Constitutions are being ignored and the over reach of unappointed bureaucrats and their agencies. Only congress has the constitutional right to make laws. Examples of overreach: CDC, mask mandates; DOJ, not giving the Jan. 6 members a speedy trial as guaranteed by the Constitution; Dr. Anthony Fauci, Vaccine mandates.

Sears: I believe the biggest issue facing the county will be property tax increases. Commissioners will need to make decisions to mitigate these increases so that people don't lose their homes and people's rent doesn't climb. They will also need to have the courage to possibly make cuts in certain areas of the budget & decrease certain mill levies to keep property taxes down.

Todd: Continuing the lifestyle we have become accustomed to will be a tough issue, the state/county has relied heavily on the mineral industry. The national level is increasingly pushing for green energy and it is trickling into everyday life through corporate and grass root green initiatives. While driving up fossil fuel energy prices and putting into effect crippling costs on our nation's energy producers, Weston County sits right in the cradle of these affects.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Borton: Extremely important! It is how we respect our freedoms as a nation and considering that our neighbors also

exercise their freedoms in their beliefs. My character is one that civility will be encouraged not only in our meetings but outside as well.

Huber: Civility is a choice, and in my book, respect and civility go hand in hand. You cannot have open communication or do any problem solving without the mutual respect of those involved. First, we must all have an understanding and respect for the purpose and function of our local government. Second, we must work to grow in mutual respect for each other. "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." — Bryant McGill. Once earned, respect can only grow with continued communication, honesty, and accountability on both sides of any relationship, and that I believe, includes our local government.

Nessul: Civility is critically important to effective governance. Taxpayers deserve respect from and to be heard by their Commissioners. In turn, elected representatives must earn the respect of those they represent through honest and calm interactions. When there is anger or a lack of respect on either side, it becomes impossible to listen to and hear each other. I will first and foremost take the time to listen in order to encourage meaningful dialogue between commissioners and residents. While you may not always get the answer you want from me, you will always get a response to your question or concern.

Quinones: Civility is very important. Getting ideas or the pulse of the people is very important, we are to be working for the people who placed us in office not the other way around. The way to encourage that would be by listening and brainstorming issues with the citizens of Weston County. Lack of civility begins when elected officials threaten the citizens by placing a state statue on the bottom of the commissioners agenda. That is a step in the wrong direction. I don't want truth to be sacrificed at the altar of civility, lest we forget that our founding fathers were uncivil towards the crown of England.

Sears: Civility is very important in government. While in the Army, the brass came out with the acronym: LDRSHIP. Loyalty. Duty. Respect. Selfless Service. Honor. Integrity. Personal Courage. The need for open, transparent, honest elected officials at all levels of government is desperately needed today. People who have the honor, integrity, and personal courage to do what is right for the people of Weston County and are loyal to and respect their constituents are what is needed if we want to change the dysfunction in our political system and this must start at the local level and that is why I am running for Weston County Commissioner.

Todd: I think about how I raise my children, treat others the way you want to be treated and as my mother always told me if you can't say something nice or constructive don't say anything at all. I believe civility and listening to understand the other perspective is extremely important.

Do you believe the state/city/

county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/why not?

Borton: I do believe in GOOD upper management. I believe money needs to be managed through our upper management entities, but I also am a believer in voter education and the individuals that are affiliated with those positions need to be ones of honor, transparency, and respect. Earned by them through their dealings and decisions they have proved to others in their past.

Huber: I think that overall, our local government strives to spend our tax dollars wisely. It is problematic that the availability of funds fluctuates because of economic changes at the county, state, and national levels. Decisions made at the state level regarding taxation and funding add to the strain felt by the individual counties when trying to meet fiscal responsibilities.

We will undoubtedly continue our struggle with the growing demand for funds and the ever-shrinking supply of money. Along with the day-to-day business of the county, there is an endless list of repairs and projects that must be evaluated and dealt with. We must be ready to make difficult decisions when necessary and explore new ways to cut spending and lower costs.

Nessul: Tax dollars are often spent on programs or items that are not essential to the functions of government. I believe the primary purpose of taxes is to fund public safety, public health, infrastructure, and education. Some elected officials push "pet projects" that benefit only a few while the rest of the county has needs that may not be funded. Weston County taxpayers deserve equal access to county resources and services from their taxes paid. My priority is to be a good steward of your tax funds and to treat all Weston County residents fairly and equally.

Quinones: I do not believe that any present government whether local, county, state, or national have been good stewards of our public's money. Look at our present dilemma with the two dispatches, our national debt and you don't have to look far to see other irregularities. We send more of the public's money out of the country than helping our own citizens.

Sears: No. At all levels NO! The federal government's published debt is over \$31 trillion. According to truthinaccounting.org, the actual number with Social Security and Medicare promises is over \$143 trillion. The State of Wyoming has received "F" grades for transparency when it comes to looking at the state's checkbook. At the county level, the current slate of commissioners voted to pay \$20,000 for "education" because they were getting sued knowing that three of their terms were up and two-thirds were not running for re-election.

Todd: I think there is work to do at every level to be a good steward of the people's money. I like taxes about as much as going to the dentist, but I do see them as a necessity to ensure the public has benefits that are not met by the private sector.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Borton: Non-dramatic county service. Godly morals first, U.S. Constitution second, State Constitution third. In that order, topics of Weston County will be considered if I have the honor in representing you as County Commissioner.

Huber: As your county commissioner, I will look for ways to improve communication between the county commissioners, citizens, and other entities that work within the county government and benefit from our tax dollars. I will do all I can to ensure transparency and accountability are a vital part of the county commissioners' service to our county and our citizens. I will strive to determine new ways to address fiduciary responsibility in funding and budget decisions using more oversight and regularly scheduled reviews. The duties of a commissioner are complex and if done right, time-consuming. If elected, I plan to make the responsibility of being your commissioner my top priority. I will do my best to listen to You and respect the opinions and concerns of ALL the citizens of Weston County.

Nessul: My main priority will be improving how the budget is developed and executed. The current process does not appear transparent to the public. Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is spent. Weston County does not appear to analyze spending trends over time or to regularly review actual spending against budgeted amounts. Both are needed for sound fiscal management of tax funds. Weston County needs better long-range planning for replacing vehicles and equipment; maintaining roads, bridges, and buildings; and economic development. My goal as Commissioner is to make the budget process more transparent and accountable to the taxpayer.

Quinones: Priority No. 1 would be seeing that the two dispatch issue is resolved as quickly as possible, having a fiscally responsible working budget and listening to the concerns of the citizens of Weston County and then act upon the concerns as appropriate.

Sears: I have several priorities if elected. I want to come up with a fix for the dispatch so the people of Newcastle, Upton, Osage, and Weston County can rest knowing that if they can dial 9-1-1 it will be handled properly and their tax dollars are not being wasted. I would like to open up communication between the board and the heads of the departments, a theme I have heard is that there is a severe communication breakdown. And I want to restore faith and trust in local government and that has to start with honesty and transparency.

Todd: Ensure the county stays on track of what the commission is supposed to work towards. County buildings and roads are maintained without being excessive, our libraries remain intact, the county employees remain in a good work environment and we help provide a safe and secure place for all Weston County residents and visitors.

Weston County

Assessor

1 Candidate

(1) Four-year Term

KARA LENARDSON

I grew up in rural Weston County, where I learned early on the importance of actively working to serve the communities in which we live. Both of my parents have been involved in public service, at the local and state level. Their influences have inspired me to serve the residents of this county, and to do my job effectively and with pride. I graduated from Newcastle High School in 2000, University of Wyoming in 2004 and National American University in 2006. My husband, Tony, and I live southwest of Newcastle, and are raising two wonderful children.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Civility is not only imperative in government, but all aspects of social circumstances. The ability to work together, or engage in discussion with open-mindedness is crucial to further understanding all sides of an issue. Everyone is deserving of respect, despite differences. A person can be courteous and understanding without compromising core values. I personally feel that acting in such a manner can make an impact; to lead by example is the best way I can encourage that.



Kara Lenardson

Why are you running for office/experience?

I am seeking the assessor position because it is my current position and I enjoy it. I began working within the assessor's office in 2016, as assistant field appraiser before becoming deputy assessor in 2018. The previous assessor, Tina Conklin, retired in December 2021 and I was appointed to fulfill her term. I have participated in several assessor training courses, as required by the Department of Revenue. As a result of this, I am considered permanently certified as a property tax appraiser by the State of Wyoming. I'm also a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO).

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

There are several issues presenting challenges to our nation, and/or the state/local community. One of which, however, is the lack of unity amongst Americans. When members of society (especially policy makers) disagree so strongly, and without compromise, very little is accomplished.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public's money? Why/Why not?

Fiscal responsibility across all levels of government should be carried out by elected officials and administrators in a prudent manner. The voters are responsible for choosing individuals who will take great consideration into how the public's money is utilized. This requires not only the administrators to use collective judgment, but also citizen involvement. If voters are concerned about expenditures, they are encouraged to attend budget meetings or other platforms to stay informed and discuss financial concerns with their representatives in government.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

My priorities will remain the same since the time I've been in the assessor's office: To be fair and consistent in property appraisal, maintain positive relationships with the public and employees, and dedicate time to education in our field.

Weston County

Clerk

2 Candidates

(1) Four-year Term

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:

TRICIA BAUMANN

I was raised northwest of Custer, S.D. I was an avid runner, and eventually was awarded the SD Student/Athlete of the Year in 1984, as well as being student body president. I attended BHSC and achieved a math major, biology minor with an emphasis on English. I taught school for four years before becoming a self-employed scrimshaw artist. At the same time, I volunteered as local chapter and state chapter president of the National Wild Turkey Federation. In 2002, I was hired as a coal miner at Jacob's Ranch, and remained there until 2021. I am once again self-employed and own a water system, vacation home rentals, and a custom hay business.

BECKY HADLOCK

I have proudly worked in this position for

the last four years. I have been married to my husband Tracy for 14 years. I have five amazing kids, Thomas, Christina, John, Alana and Leah. My parents are John and Denise Thompson of Upton and I have one brother, Shane. I am proud to be a fourth generation lifetime Weston County resident. I graduated from Upton High School in 1997.

WESTON COUNTY CLERK QUESTIONS & RESPONSES:

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

Baumann: I am running for office in the hopes of serving my community. I feel that the citizens of Weston County should have much more access to information and services. The commissioners should have access to more information and to a well-planned agenda. Election integrity is also a strong focus of mine. Leadership qualities were instilled in me from childhood along with a strong work ethic laced with empathy and integrity. I am organized, able to multi-task, and have a deep compassion to do things correctly. I work hard, I pray hard, and I care hard.

state/nation? Why?

Baumann: The biggest issue facing USA citizens is a straying from the Constitution of the United States by over-reaching politicians and by unelected bureaucrats in the name of greed and corruption. Now the states are straying from their own Constitutions.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Baumann: Civility is claiming and caring for one's identity, needs and beliefs without degrading someone else's in the process. In government, civility is disagreeing with respect, seeking common ground, and avoiding preconceptions. If all servants of the people had civility, we would reach utopia. All one person can do is to be civil himself, and teach others to be civil as well. That will be my civic duty.

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Throughout this journey I have been blessed by the wonderful citizens of Weston County. I would like to thank all of the genuine people that I have had the honor to visit with. I had hoped to get to each home and will continue with that goal. The experience of listening and learning from you all has set my determination to serve this great county with **Courage, Temperance, Wisdom and Justice**. With **Courage** I will set to each task; with **Temperance** I will listen and patiently serve; with **Wisdom** and **Justice** each and every person will be guaranteed respect. I have enjoyed each experience and this has taught me to remember that each day is a gift. **It is an honor to serve the people of Weston County.** I have heard you and I will use my training and experience to secure your rights and freedoms. I will strive for reasonable response times, and courteous service from deputies. I will make certain that all calls will be taken seriously. I will stand for your rights as I did during Covid-19; I will protect you as you freely move about your daily lives, and protect our resources on a county level as I did locally for the citizens of Upton. I am asking you to choose me as your Sheriff and allow me to serve and protect.

I encourage you to reach out to me with questions and concerns at 307-746-5012.

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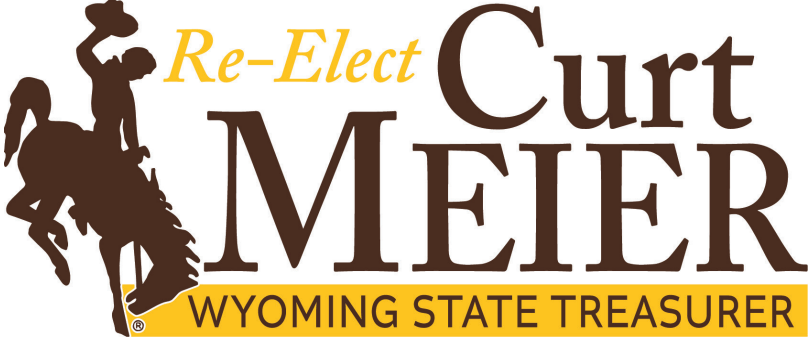
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Weston County Attorney 1 Candidate (1) Four-year Terms

MICHAEL STULKEN

My name is Michael Stulken. I am 43 years old, originally from Spearfish, S.D. I grew up in Spearfish and attended Black Hills State University. Then I obtained my law degree from the University of Wyoming. Since 2005 I have worked in the legal field in Casper, Green River, Gillette, and now Newcastle. My wife’s name is Jenifer and she is from Upton. Together we have five children and our goofy poodle named Rosco.

Why are you running for office/what are your qualifications?

I am running for office because I care about Weston County, the people of Weston County, and making Weston County a better place to live every day. I am especially dedicated to ensuring that victims of crime are taken care of in the most appropriate manner possible. I have been dedicated to Weston County for the two and a half years that I have lived here and I continue that dedication.

What is the biggest issue facing the city/county/state/nation? Why?

That is nearly an impossible question to ask, as the issues are overflowing and running rampant.



Michael Stulken

Imbedded in all of the issues that our city, county, state, and nation face is my observation that individuals are having a more difficult time engaging in meaningful discourse with others in which they disagree. I believe that many of our issues would not be as large if individuals considered the opinions of others and engaged in meaningful discourse notwithstanding their differences.

How important is civility in government? What can you do to encourage that?

Civility is imperative to ensuring that those in our community work together to ensure that our community is the best that it can be. As I’ve already stated, individuals need to work together to ensure that we can all function as we need to and ensure that citizens are served in the best manner possible according to our capabilities.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

My main priority is to publicly serve the citizens of Weston County to the best of my abilities. I wholeheartedly endeavor to ensure that the Weston County Attorney’s Office will ethically, faithfully, and effectively fulfill this public service.

Clerk from Page E11.....

Hadlock: This is very important. Every customer who walks through my door is treated the same. I do not ask them what their beliefs are, what party affiliation they are associated with, or where they stand on certain topics. I work for every single person, no matter their opinions on anything.

Do you believe the state/city/county/nation is a good steward of the public’s money? Why/why not?

Baumann: I do not believe that the federal government is a good steward of public monies. Some public individuals may be, but not government as an entity. Government

is accountable to no one. The U.S. government was designed to protect the citizens, and to regulate trade between the states. On state and county levels, as well, government has become bloated. The People have allowed this for decade after decade. But the People are awakening. I am one of them. The People have a lot of work to do to clean up this mess. I am rolling up my sleeves as we speak.

Hadlock: Yes, I believe the county works hard to make sure the public’s money is spent accurately and efficiently. These expenditures are listed at the bottom of the first commissioner meeting every month, making the spending of all public money completely

transparent.

If elected, what will be the main priority during your term?

Baumann: The main priority of my term will be to clean up records, to work with the county budget, to open our local elections to scrutiny, to work with other offices in the courthouse, to provide the commissioners with solid information and an achievable agenda, and, maybe most importantly, to train others to fill my shoes.

Hadlock: If elected I will continue working to serve the citizens of Weston County as I have for the past four years. I hope that I have your continued support and vote on Aug. 16.



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