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United States Representative

Jeffrey Haggitt (C)



Occupation:
Instrumentation Technician

Town of residence:
Mountain View

Office running for:
U.S. House of Representatives

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

As a third-party candidate in a two-part system, my role in this election is to give people a choice. We are falling off a fiscal cliff as a nation. The two parties keep kicking the deficit can down the road because to do what is necessary would be politically painful. People want stuff and politicians are more than

happy to spend money we don't have in hopes of getting their vote.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I am the current Wyoming Constitution Party State Chairman. I have served on the United Way of Southwest Wyoming's Uinta Advisory Council and am an alumnus of the Uinta County Leadership Institute class of 2016. I have taken a constitution class from Hillsdale College online. I graduated Phi Theta Kappa from Western Wyoming Community College with a degree in Industrial Electricity.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

It would be extremely difficult to pick the most important issue, so I will limit it to two: The government must not get involved in what it perceives as mis or disinformation. Think George Orwell's book, '1984'

The other would be protecting our Wyoming values and wide-open spaces for all to enjoy while protecting our various industries.

Harriet Hageman (R)



Occupation:
Member of Congress

Town of residence:
Cheyenne

Office running for:
U.S. House of Representatives

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I am running for re-election to continue to fight back against Joe Biden's broken immigration system, terrible economy, and woke nonsense. Wyoming needs a champion to protect our western way of life.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I attended Casper College on a livestock judging scholarship and earned both my bachelor's degree (1986) and law degree (1989) from the University of Wyoming. I spent 34 years as litigator and became nationally known for challenging federal overreach, for protecting water rights and users, for exposing federal land and wildlife mismanagement, for protecting private property rights, and for fighting back against the unconstitutional and unlawful acts of unelected bureaucrats.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Stopping the war on the West. The House Republican majority has been pushing and passing legislation that will make our everyday lives better: HR1- would unleash our domestic energy production, including my bill the COAL Act, HR2- the strongest border security bill ever passed by either chamber, the Parents Bill of Rights- to allow parents to have an active voice in their children's education. I have also submitted legislation to block both the Buffalo and Rock Springs RMPs, to require country of origin labeling on all imported beef, to eliminate the mandate that our ranchers use EID eartags, and to allow individuals to sue unelected bureaucrats who infringe upon their First Amendment rights.

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United States Representative

**Kyle
Cameron (D)**



Occupation:
Program Manager

Town of residence:
Laramie, Wyoming

Office running for:
US House of Representatives, Wyoming at large District

These combined experiences have given me the skills to understand constituents' concerns, collaborate effectively, and advocate for policies that benefit all Wyomingites.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

If elected, I foresee the most important issue impacting my office will be balancing economic development with the protection of individual freedoms, particularly in Wyoming's evolving landscape. The state faces the challenge of transitioning from traditional industries like coal, oil, and gas to sustainable sectors, such as renewable energy. This transition must ensure that Wyomingites are not left behind, and that industries such as wind, solar, and geothermal create new jobs.

To achieve this, I would advocate for job training programs and apprenticeships in growing sectors like technology, healthcare, and clean energy. Ensuring that Wyoming workers are equipped for the future is critical, and collaboration with community colleges and vocational schools would be key to this effort.

Another major issue will be expanding economic opportunities for small businesses. These businesses are the backbone of our state, and I would work to provide them with grants, tax incentives, and access to non-dilutive funding. By reducing regulatory burdens, we can empower entrepreneurs and create a more dynamic economy that fosters job growth.

Wyoming's infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, is another priority. Improving broadband access and transportation will attract businesses and remote workers, stimulating local economies in underserved regions. Expanding tourism and outdoor recreation projects, as well as investing in healthcare infrastructure, will also create jobs while addressing long-standing barriers to healthcare access in rural communities.

Additionally, I will focus on protecting individual freedoms from government overreach, particularly in areas such as bodily autonomy and gender identity. Safeguarding personal rights and addressing climate change through conservation and infrastructure development will also be crucial during my term. These issues require a balanced and collaborative approach to ensure Wyoming's future is both prosperous and respectful of individual liberties.

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I decided to run for the U.S. House of Representatives because I saw a lack of true democratic representation and equality in Wyoming. The political landscape here has become dominated by one party, which limits the diversity of voices and perspectives inactivated to ensure a more inclusive government that upholds the core values of honesty, hard work, freedom, conservation, and community, and to bring genuine representation to the people of Wyoming.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

My qualifications for the U.S. House of Representatives come from a blend of professional expertise, educational accomplishments, and personal experiences. I hold a BA in Social Science from the University of Wyoming, an MS in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University, and a Masters in Philosophy from Walden University. These degrees have sharpened my understanding of people, systems, and leadership.

Professionally, I have extensive experience in managing budgets, from household finances to overseeing annual budgets. I currently assist small businesses in securing non-dilutive funding for research, which has given me deep insight into economic development and job creation. My work in the Office of Rural Health included securing funding for rural hospitals, improving healthcare access and sustainability, which directly benefits Wyoming communities.

Additionally, my personal experiences, such as homeschooling my children for 15 years, leaving domestic abuse, and rebuilding my life with the help of support systems, have made me resilient and empathetic. I've been an active volunteer and advocate, serving as the Wyoming Democratic Party Labor Caucus Chair for four years and working on various local campaigns.

Wyoming voters are required to show an acceptable form of identification when voting in person.

There are many ID options for you to use to prove your identity. Any of the following documents 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
- Valid Wyoming Concealed Firearm Permit

United States Senator

Scott Morrow (D)



Occupation:
Retired President of the largest APWU chartered Retiree Chapter in this area

Town of residence:
Laramie, WY

Office running for:
United States Senate

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

When I retired in 2004, after research, I moved to Laramie. By the time I completed the moving process, John Barrasso was appointed to the vacant Senate Position due to the untimely passing of Senator Thomas who at the time was beating leukemia. From day one, Barrasso was disingenuous with me and his constituents. I realized this when I attempted to no avail to participate in what he called "telephonic town halls". After his special election to fill the term of Thomas, Barrasso immediately began to lie about Obama. At about this time, I was elected as the President of the Retiree Chapter chartered by the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) where I have been re-elected every three years since. My primary constitutional duty enumerated in our constitution and bylaws that were democratically approved by my constituents, is to promote the political and legislative agenda of the APWU Legislative and Political Department. In that role I have contacted Barrasso's office hundreds of times, many of those contacts to try and get some relief for my constituents who continue to this day to pay the highest prices in the world for live saving medications (Barrasso has voted 100% of the time with his Big Pharam out of state donors and 100% of the time against lower drug prices), have their Medicare part B, et al premiums increase way beyond the Cost of Living Adjustment they receive, every year. For example, I have contacted Barrasso's office multiple times during the 118th Congress (January 3, 2023 to present) to get him to co-sponsor S 597, the social security fairness act. He has responded one time in writing stating that despite the fact S 597 has zero effect on the US budget nor any language requiring tax increases, he can not support it because it might raise taxes for his constituency, the rich and powerful. This incumbent Senator has voted 100% of the time against my constituents and then lied about his reasons for the NAY votes, etc. He has voted 100% of the time against equality in the equality state, most recently NAY on a woman's right to birth control, repeal of Dobbs (597 U.S. 215 (2022), IVF, the Equal Rights Amendment and reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that has saved millions of women's lives. He has voted against every one of the over 200 judicial nominees of the current POTUS averring not a single one met his standard for judicial appointment even though he voted for every one of the previous POTUS nominations including some who were rated as NOT qualified by the American Bar Association. This political whore has no business representing us in the US Senate, his actual actions are untenable for me and thousands of Wyominites. For those that believe in term limits, let us limit the 18 year term of this corrupt, uncaring, cruel and mean spirited Senator.

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What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
I did cover this in the previous question. I have been elected to President and Director of industrial relations of the ninth largest APWU local in the USA. I am

currently constitutionally mandated as President of the Retiree Chapter to be involved in legislative and political actions that affect my constituents. I have reviewed the 99 page rules for the US Senate and have employed many of those rules thousands of times as the chair of meetings, all of which require an understanding of Robert's Rules of Order and/or a parliamentarian to conduct. I have contacted US House members and Senators from both sides of the aisle thousands of times, corresponded by mail hundreds of times and by email thousands of times. Since part of my commitment to the people of Wyoming is a single Senatorial Term, I will be able to avoid Senate members number one activity, dialing for dollars, to get their next term from the voters. I will be able to work 100% of the time on the issues that affect Wyomingites and all Americans while serving.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Equality in the Equality State. We must ensure that in Wyoming and hopefully in all of the USA, that we adhere to article one, section 38 of the Wyoming Constitution (Each competent adult shall have the right to make his or her own health care decisions. The parent, guardian or legal representative of any other natural person shall have the right to make healthcare decisions for that person.) to begin adherence to equality in the equality state. It is untenable that the incumbent Senator and the State Legislature purposely and willfully ignore their own state constitution to take freedom away from over half of the population with the totally disingenuous claim that women's reproductive health care is not health care (see Court filings in Case # 18853 in the Ninth District Court). Barrasso did not utter a single objection to the two criminal laws enacted against women's health care decisions. Silence is the same as agreement. Next the federal government needs to ban states from passing these multiple anti LGBTQ laws criminalizing who you may love. This list goes on and on and this forum is insufficient to cover every unequal segment of governance in the state and in the Senate promulgated by the republican majority lead by Barrasso.

Banning children going to bed hungry, banning hunger in the richest country in the history of the world instead of the push by Barrasso and his right wing extremists to ban books. And I suppose, burning those books is next on their fascist agenda. Why are we electing a Senator to three consecutive terms when he votes against hungry children 100% of the time? Why do we continue to send him to the Senate when he votes 100% of the time against the 37% of our population who are poor while voting 100% of the time for his true constituents and donors, the rich and powerful? It is untenable that in 2024 we still have kids going hungry and teachers paying for them to have breakfast out of their own pockets. NO person in Wyoming or the USA should go without ample nutrition, healthcare or housing.

This list also can go on and on. But we must give a raise to those hard working tipped employees who for 28 years have NOT had a raise and continue to try and exist on \$2.13 an hour. Barrasso has voted 100% of the time against raising the minimum wage and 100% of the time for tax cuts for the rich and powerful. This is just the top three important issues that will impact my office in the Senate. I shall work tirelessly for the poor, the least among us, the middle class and equality for everyone. Freedom, real freedom in actions that back up the words, for everyone. It does not matter what party you chose to register with, who you love, what your gender, what color your skin is or where you or your family immigrated from, you all have a right to equality in every aspect of your lives. I will work for everyone despite who they are or what party they registered with.



United States Senator

**John
Barrasso (R)**



Occupation:
U.S. Senator / Orthopedic Surgeon

Town of residence:
Casper

Office running for:
U.S. Senate

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

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

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

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

As an orthopedic surgeon who practiced for 24 years in Casper, I've had decades of experience caring for patients and families across Wyoming. Before serving in the U.S. Senate, I represented Natrona County in the Wyoming State Senate. The Wyoming Legislature trained me to effectively represent the interests and advocate for the issues that matter most to our state.

In the U.S. Senate, I'm proud of my strong, conservative record that puts Wyoming first. I serve on committees that directly impact our state's energy industry, public lands, national parks, and trade. With my leadership positions, I've successfully promoted Wyoming's economy and natural resources, strengthened our national security, cut wasteful Washington spending, and fought against overreaching regulations.

There is more work to be done. If re-elected, I will continue to fight for Wyoming every day.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Whether it is coal, oil, or natural gas, Wyoming's energy powers the nation. The Biden-Harris administration has declared war on American energy. They've put in place barriers and restrictions to stop energy production and development. It is hurting our economy and jobs in Wyoming. In the Senate, I'm working on federal legislation to strike Washington's stifling energy regulations and to expedite the federal permitting process.

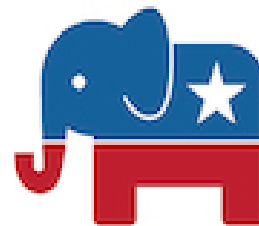
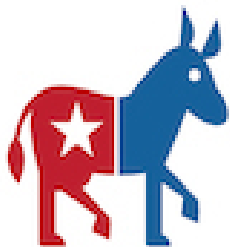
In Wyoming, our livelihoods depend on preserving the health of our federal lands. Wyoming landowners and leaseholders have proven to be the best stewards of the land. Despite our incredible track record, the Biden administration continues to roll out rules and plans aimed at turning Wyoming's federal lands from "multiple-use" to "non-use." We depend on access to these lands for energy and mineral production, grazing, and recreation. I'm leading the fight to stop this attack on our Wyoming way of life.

I'll continue to do everything in my power to roll back the harmful rules and regulations that are blocking access to our federal lands and energy production across Wyoming.



Remember to Vote!

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The following candidates did not return their questionnaire by press time:

Richard Brubaker - US Representative
 Jeremy Haroldson - State Representative
 Charles Randolph - State Representative
 Clinton Butler - Town of Wheatland Council
 Jason Evans - Town of Wheatland Council
 George Pile - Town of Wheatland Council
 Dale Harris - Town of Guernsey Council
 Josh Hansen - Town of Chugwater Council
 Gary Anderson - PCSD No. 2 Board
 Cassi Butcher - PCSD No. 2 Board
 Michelle Fross - PCSD No. 2 Board
 Timothy Howe - PCSD No. 2 Board
 Robert Ibarra - PCSD No. 2 Board
 Jason Goertz - Resource Conservation District
 Jennifer Reyes-Burns - Resource Conservation District
 Keith Ockinga - Fire District 1F
 David Windmeier - Fire District 1F
 Jay Collins - Fire District 2F
 Anthony Laffitte - Antelope Gap Fire District
 David Weber - Antelope Gap Fire District
 Holly Crowley - Chugwater Cemetary District
 Ruth Vaughn - Chugwater Cemetary District
 Dean Webster - Chugwater Cemetary District
 Michael Passaretti - Y-O Ranch Improvement & Service District
 Donald Trump - US President
 Kamala Harris - US President
 Chase Oliver - US President

State Senator

*Darin
Smith (R)*



Occupation:
Attorney, Business and Non-Profit Executive

Town of residence:
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Office running for:
Wyoming State Senate District 6

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

The battle is no longer in DC. It has come here. I decided to run for Wyoming State Senate District 6 to protect our state's core Conservative values and ensure that our local government remains accountable to the people. Wyoming's

heritage of strong families, personal freedom, limited government, and fiscal responsibility is something I deeply cherish and strive to uphold. As a lifelong Wyomingite, I've witnessed the positive impacts of Conservative policies firsthand.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I began my journey at the University of Wyoming, where I wrestled and earned recognition as a 2X Honorable Mention Academic All-American. I have maintained an entrepreneurial law practice from 2000 to the present. In addition, I built an investment business that specialized in 401k management and sold it in 2005 when I went to work as an executive with the Christian Broadcasting Network, where I played a key role in drilling thousands of water wells and sending countless doctors on medical missions around the world. Since 2018, I have worked with the Family Research Council, an organization dedicated to advancing pro-family and freedom policies in the halls of government. My work with these two organizations has provided me with invaluable executive experience. I have become an expert at finding simple solutions to complex problems. My wife Alicia and I are deeply involved in providing leadership to our community—whether it is coaching wrestling, serving as a Cubmaster, or volunteering as the Children's Pastors at our local church - we get in and roll up our sleeves. These experiences have reinforced my commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

God. Family. Country. Key priorities include DEFENDING THE COAL INDUSTRY, reducing property taxes, enhancing parental rights and school choice, and safeguarding Wyoming's mining, energy, and agricultural industries from federal overreach. I am also a strong defender of our Second Amendment rights and the sanctity of life. I will uphold Conservative values and continue building a free and prosperous future for all of Wyoming.

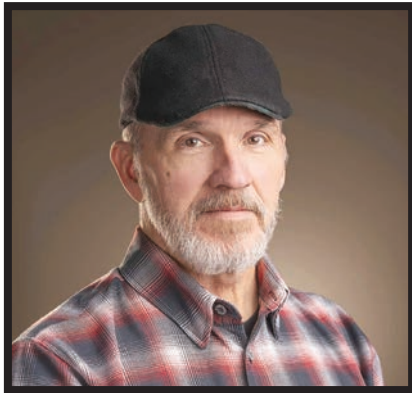
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VOTE

Town of Wheatland Council

Kelly Mixson (R)



Occupation:
Retired, currently working part time at Interstate Gas

Town of residence:
Wheatland

Office running for:
Wheatland Town Council

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

To be honest, I had no intention of running. But after having several town residents ask me to run, I decided to speak with my wife and pray about this decision. We both came to the same answer, which is "If I can help the town

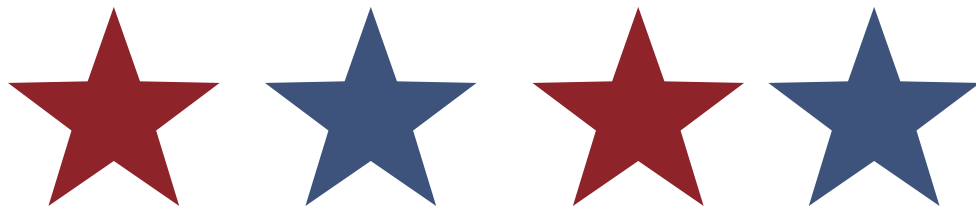
in any way, then I need to run and use my education and training to benefit our residents." I have been in public service, one way or another, since I was old enough to work. And this is another way I can serve our community where we can address issues in a logical manner.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

USAF after 22 years and 9 months where I served as a Security Policeman and retired as a First Sergeant. In the USAF I have managed over 100 people in many different shops and jobs. I then worked here in Wheatland as a police officer then transferred to the DoD where I held various positions from police shift supervisor, police trainer, resource advisor and finally as the Government Purchase Card Program Manager at F.E. Warren. I then retired from the DoD in 2022. I completed all training as a Contract Specialist, and I have a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Homeland Security. I tend to look at things analytically as opposed to emotionally. I understand the letter of the law, but we also need to understand the intent of the law. I have managed multi-million-dollar budgets, overseen government contracts, and facilitated improvements to spending and saving money. If elected I believe I would be an asset with our future infrastructure projects, competitive wages for town employees, and our overall wellbeing.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

I believe we need to look at the infrastructure of the town, and how we can improve on what we have and have a plan for future projects. We also need to address some of the outdated town ordinances. Are they enforceable, outdated, need revision or just need to be removed? And finally, we need to delve into our high turn around rates in our various town departments. Why are we losing our trained personnel to other towns and agencies? And what can we do to keep them here?



County Commissioner

Jeb Baker (R)



Occupation:
Semi-retired Contractor

Town of residence:
Wheatland

Office running for:
Platte County Commissioner

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

Back in May I was approached by several lifelong county residence to run for this office. During my decision making process, many other people reached out to me with words of encouragement. I am grateful for the opportunity to campaign for this position. I take very seriously the

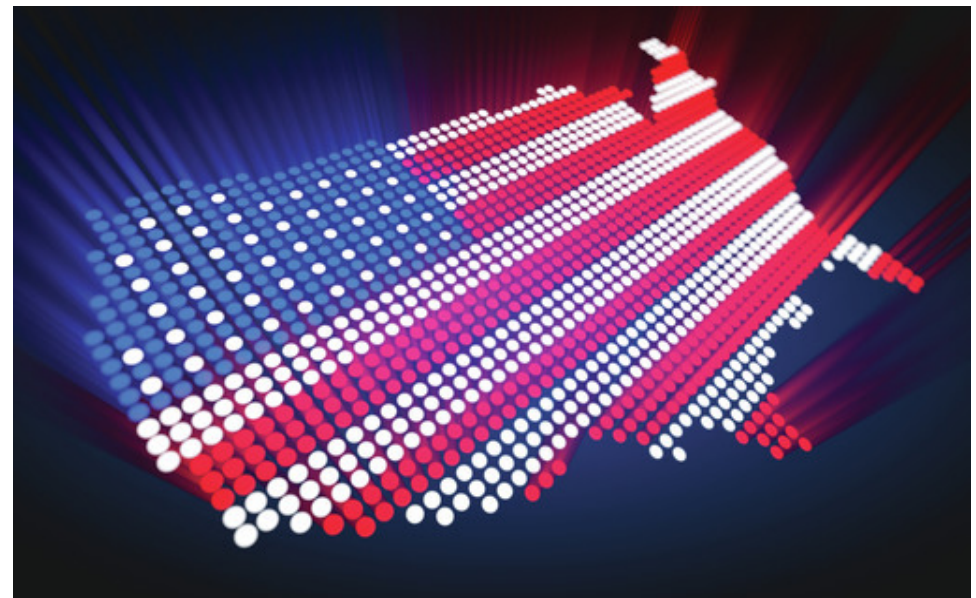
responsibility of this job. I'm looking forward to working with current elected officials and staff to best serve the people of Platte County.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I will bring more than 40 years of business experience to the table. This includes being a self-employed contractor, small business and management positions in big business. I take pride in being straight-forward and focus on common sense approaches and solutions. I am currently operating a small family farm organic wheat operation near Slater.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

I have a clear understanding of our local resources and needs; I'm deeply rooted in our local culture. I believe Platte County is destined to grow, but grow the right way. I am committed to putting in the time it takes to be an effective commissioner. A steadfast fiscal constative. I am committed to be a good steward of the taxpayers resources. I'm resolute to serving Platte County effectively. I'm eager to listen to the people to find the best resolution on the pressing matters that face the county. To quote Ronald Reagan, "There are no easy answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right." Thank you for the opportunity to serve YOU as your next commissioner.



Chugwater Mayor

Joshua Hopkins



Occupation:
Senior Data Engineer, Tri-County Mercantile Partner

Town of residence:
Chugwater, Wyoming

Office running for:
Mayor

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

In 2020, Chugwater recorded its lowest census since it was incorporated in 1919. Every census that records a lower number brings us a lower share of tax dollars to run our town and loses us more of what makes our town great; its people. Big spending projects using Federal and State grants haven't worked for Chugwater

in the past 30 years and I would like to bring some new ideas to our town government that work not from the outside-in, but from the bottom-up with the tools we already have. I believe Chugwater needs a more traditional solution in planning for its future to fill our empty lots and abandoned houses in town and set new policies that encourage traditional growth. I love and believe in this town so much that I took a risk to open a small store that would meet the needs of this town on a daily basis with two good friends and life long area residents. As I have learned from the success of that business I would like to continue to serve my community by working to help secure Chugwater's future as its next Mayor.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I have been studying urban planning and the core functions that make a town not only thrive, but be a desirable place to live for over a decade. I have visited towns of similar size to Chugwater in all 50 states of the US, with a specific

focus on observing what works and doesn't work and what can help make life in our town better for our current and future residents. I am a member of Strong Towns, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that advocates and provides guidance for a "pattern of development that is financially strong and resilient" and states that "financial solvency is a pre-requisite to long term prosperity." I am chiefly responsible for financial reporting and bookkeeping activities at the Tri-County Mercantile and providing projections on revenue and expenditures as well as accounting for long-term expenses and state and federal compliance. As a Senior Data Engineer, I have a decade of experience analyzing large amounts data professionally for some of the largest Hospitals in the United States. This experience has given me the skills to make projections on items in our town budget as well as program visuals to better explain complex problems to a wide audience. I also hold a Bachelors degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Our town has very restrictive policies on the books that make it difficult for the average person to build something as simple as a fence, and nearly impossible to build housing that is affordable for young people fresh out of school or families looking to move in. We have an abundance of job opportunities in town, but nowhere for anyone to live who wishes to work here and would be able to afford housing on a local pay scale. Chugwater needs common sense reform of its ordinances and particularly its zoning and building laws to make it easier for people to make better use of their privately owned land in our town and encourage more traditional development patterns that created towns like Chugwater to begin with. Our town budget needs a lot of work for better transparency, accountability, and simply good accounting so the average resident can examine it and understand how their tax dollars are spent. I see the job of the Town Governing Body during my term as needing to work on common sense reform of our zoning laws to allow small time developers to once again build and rehab housing within our platted town, as was the standard of development prior to the Great Depression. This will create small and incremental free-market based solutions that are more resilient and help boost our population, increase our labor pool, and increase our tax revenue to secure our towns ability to pay for its most basic services residents have come to expect and rely on.

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General Election Day

November 5

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Steven Kelley



Name:
Steven Kelley

Occupation:
Telephone and Internet technician

Town of residence:
Chugwater

Office running for:
Mayor

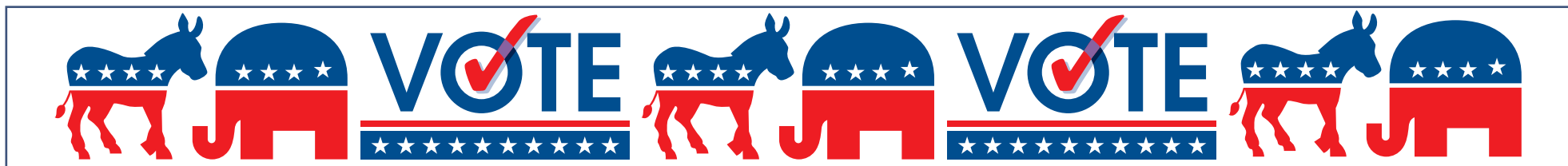
Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I decided to run for office in this election due to my desire to serve the

people of the Town through sharing vast institutional knowledge of the town operations and my vast working knowledge of rules and statutes governing the town

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

The most important issue impacting the office of Mayor is proper leadership to keep the budgets in reason while dealing with the ever increasing costs of conducting business and in doing so keeping the town prosperous financially, morally and physically.



Town of Chugwater Council

Myra Wombaker



Occupation:
Retired

Town of residence:
Chugwater, WY

Office running for:
Chugwater Town Council

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I think, I could do some good on the Chugwater, WY Town Council

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I worked for the Town of Chugwater on reading water meters, in well house, watching over water tanks, etc. in the late 70's. Also I was a municipal judge in Chugwater for about 11 years.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Important issues to me are day to day operations and economics and the budget for the Town of Chugwater.

Vicki Klein



Occupation:

I am a twenty – plus year employee of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT). I work as a Senior Fuel Tax Examiner in the Fuel Tax Administration Program at WYDOT.

Town of residence:
Chugwater

Office running for:
Town Council

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I have been very active in learning about Chugwater since we relocated here 4 years ago. I have spent a great deal of time attending town council meeting, volunteering in various ways, and I was the Town Clerk. I was strongly encour-

aged to run for town council based on my interest, my ideas and my action-oriented personality. I want to make a positive impact on the community in which I live, and I am committed to making Chugwater a great place to live, work and raise a family. I'm not interested in making Chugwater look like where I came from, but rather enhancing what it already is which is why we move here in the first place. I possess the three characteristics that I believe make an effective public servant: I'm passionate about serving the public, I'm excited to make possibilities a reality, and I'm action-oriented.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

My vast experience in state government operation, matched with my skills in problem solving, accounting, auditing, and customer service make me an ideal candidate for the position of town councilperson. Working for state government has allowed me to learn the intricacies of how things get accomplished in government setting versus in the private sector. This experience and knowledge, as well as the network I have developed over the years, can be very beneficial to me as a Town Councilperson for Chugwater. Additionally, as a former small business owner, I have an appreciation for what small business needs

Benjamin Glenn



Occupation:

US Navy Chief Warrant Officer (Retired)
Special Warfare Combat Crewman (SWCC)

Town of residence:
Chugwater

Office running for:
Councilperson

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I want to help promote Honesty, Openness, Integrity, and Fiscal responsibility into a historically struggling city government that at times has become almost deceptive and sometimes volatile towards its citizens that try to understand or question the direction that we are being led. I believe that your job as an elected official is to help the people of our town understand what is coming at them or opportunities that may become available to make our village better.

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What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I retired from the United States Navy in 2015 after 26 years of service. I served in numerous operational and administrative positions both here in the United States and overseas. I am a Global War on Terrorism Veteran, and I have led Special Operations forces on the oceans and rivers around the globe. I graduated from Vincennes University with a Science degree in 1998.

When I am not feeding cows or chopping ice, I am providing free notarial services for people around Chugwater. I am currently serving as a Legionnaire in McDonald & Voight Post #75 as the Commander and was the Post Adjutant over the past 6 years during which time I was appointed to the position of District#2 Chaplain in 2022. I was later appointed State Chairman for the American Legion Department of Wyoming High School Oratorical competition in 2023. Recently, I was elected at the American Legion State Convention to the position of Department of Wyoming American Legion 2nd Vice Commander on June 22nd, 2024. My service in the American Legion has provided me with more leadership opportunities and has provided me with greater knowledge and visibility of what's going on globally and within communities across the State. The town of Chugwater faces many challenges just like other cities in our State. When elected, I will do my best to look out for all citizens of Chugwater and face any challenge head on!

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from its local government, and I committed to making those processes more seamless for small business.

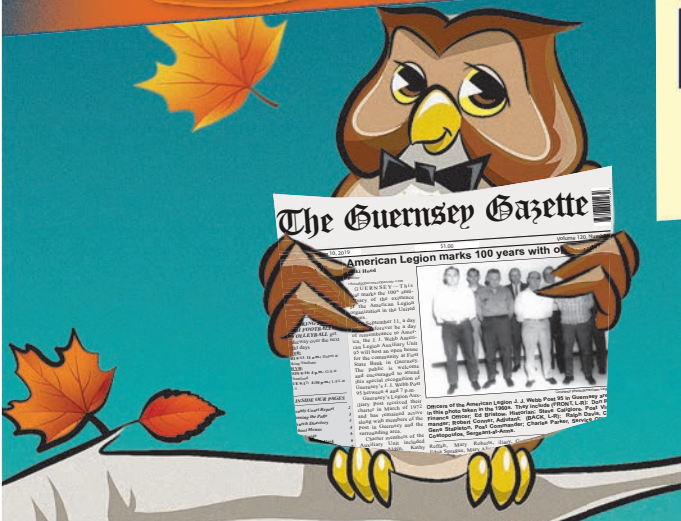
If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Water and sewer issues continue to be high priority issue to address for our small community, of course the town budget is a top priority as well and education in all forms will continue to be top of mind for all the towns' leaders and residents alike. I hope to bring measure of compromise to Town Hall where we encourage all involved parties to see all perspectives and arrive at solutions that can be more win/win rather than the win/lose mentality to permeate our society.

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Town of Guernsey Council

Jeremiah Fields



Name:
Jeremiah Fields

Occupation:
USMC retired

Town of residence:
Guernsey

Office running for:
Guernsey city council

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I've decide to run for city council as I see a need for change. In order for change to happen sometimes you need to be the change. Additionally, I have a passion for public service and a desire to give back to my community. I believe that my background and experience make me well-

equipped to handle the responsibilities of a city council member. I have a strong work ethic, excellent communication skills, and a commitment to transparency and integrity in government.

I want to be a voice for the people, listen to their concerns, and work towards solutions that benefit everyone. I believe that by working together, we can create a stronger, more vibrant community for all residents. I am dedicated to serving the community and making a positive impact on the lives of those who call this city home.

Overall, I decided to run for city council because I believe in the power of local government to make a difference in people's lives. I am committed to working hard, advocating for the needs of the community, and being a responsible and effective leader for the city. I am excited about the opportunity to serve and make a positive impact, and I am ready to work tirelessly to make our city a better place for all.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I graduated a semester early on December 19th 2002 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps 2 months after turning 18. I shipped off to boot camp on January 21st 2003. I found my calling in the Marines. I rose through the ranks quickly and achieved the rank of Staff sergeant. I was a platoon leader and had 47 Marines under my command. In 2009 while conducting combat operations in Iraq my vehicle struck a IED(improvised explosive devices) which ultimately

and untimely ended my honorable and decorated career in the Marines. I was forced into early retirement in January 2011. I continued serving after leaving the Marines by volunteering at my local Veterans Affairs office in Colorado helping other veterans in their transition to civilian life.

In 2022 I moved to Guernsey and immediately fell in love with the town and the amazing people in it. After becoming settled in I felt the calling to serve and need for purpose again. Through my experiences volunteering at the food bank, picking up trash along the river, attending city council meetings, and being one of the founding members of the neighborhood watch program, I have gained a deeper understanding of the issues facing our town and the ways in which we can work together to address them. I am passionate about making Guernsey a safer, cleaner, and more inclusive community for all residents. I believe that my dedication to service, my willingness to listen to others, and my proactive approach to problem-solving make me a strong candidate for city council. I am committed to working collaboratively with my fellow council members, city officials, and community members to make positive changes and improvements in Guernsey.

I am excited about the opportunity to continue serving the community in a new capacity as a city council member. I am confident that with my passion, experience, and commitment to the town, I can make a meaningful difference and help shape a brighter future for Guernsey.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

To address the issue of lack of quality law enforcement personnel and resources, I plan to work closely with the police department to assess their needs and advocate for increased funding and resources from the city budget. I will also work to establish partnerships with neighboring law enforcement agencies to provide support and assistance when needed. Additionally, I will work to implement community policing initiatives to improve relations between law enforcement and the community.

To address the issue of infrastructure upkeep and improvements, I plan to work with city officials and community members to prioritize projects that are most urgently needed. I will work to secure funding through grants and partnerships with private organizations to ensure that necessary improvements are made in a timely manner. I will also work to ensure that responsible financial management practices are in place to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used efficiently and effectively.

Overall, I am committed to serving the residents of Guernsey and working to address the issues that are most important to them. I believe that my background in leadership and community service make me well-equipped to serve on the city council and make a positive impact on the community.

Election Day

2024



Tuesday, November 5

PCSD No. 1 Board

Clay Becker



My name is Clay Becker and I am running for Platte County School District #1 School Board member. I work for Wheatland Rural Electric Association as an Engineering Technician, working with our members to accommodate their power needs as well as staking powerline to ensure the stability of our power system. My family and I live north of Wheatland but have been part of the community since 2018.

Over my career I have been part of multiple boards and have tried to be an active member of the communities that I have lived in. Most recently I have been a member of the Town of Wheatland Planning and Zoning Committee. I also volunteer with Platte County Parks and Recreation as a coach. I want to do my part for Platte County and help our youth succeed. My wife and I have three children

in PCSD#1, and are very active within the school district. We recently had the wonderful opportunity to participate with the foreign exchange student program and welcomed a student from Denmark. The education of our children is very important to me, as is education in general. I want to support the families, students, and staff of PCSD#1 as a board member. I feel that we all need to use our skills to help others succeed. Over the years I have learned how to listen to understand, to work toward solutions. I have learned how to be level headed and see all sides of a situation. I enjoy working with others to find solutions to problems and utilizing the resources we have available to us. I am running for PCSD#1 School Board because I want to support the district in helping our students grow, our educators succeed, and our community thrive.

Diane Haroldson



Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I decided to run in this election because being in this position the last four years has given me more understanding of the needs and the processes at Platte County School District #1. Also, I feel available in this season of my life as I am fully aware when people are holding down jobs and raising children, it's difficult to take on one more thing. I feel the need to stand up and serve our community.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I feel having a heart for children is one of the best qualifications for this job. Our kids need a quality education to be successful in our changing world and with our great team they receive that and so much more to champion their individual strengths.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting

your office during your term?

I do see many divisive issues filtering down through the education system that needs a watchman to protect our greatest asset, our future generation, from confusion and lies. I hope to be part of that team. I also know that we have need to raise the bar for our student performance and with our excellent superintendent, Mr. John Weigel, we are on the path to achieve that goal.

Mike Haroldson



Occupation: Retired

Town of residence: Wheatland

Office running for: Platte 1 School board trustee

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I had a very positive public-school educational experience in Minnesota and I believe that I can bring some good ideas to the table.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

My 40 years of experience in the trades will bring incite to our district's educational program as I feel the trades are a fit for many students and would meet a great need in our community and beyond.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Issues of concern like biological boys competing in women's sports and other liberal influences will be important to me.

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PCSD No. 1 Board

Douglas Weaver



Occupation:
I am an attorney

Town of residence:
I live in Wheatland and have continually lived here since 1982 after my wife, Cathy, and I attend the University of Wyoming.

Office running for:
I am running for one of the school board positions open in Platte County School District # 1.

Why did you decide to run in this Election?
I decided to run for the school board because I thought I owed something back to the community. I attended all twelve years in the Wheatland school system as did our children. Myself, my wife and both of our children received a well-rounded education attending the public schools in Wheatland. I feel my background as an attorney and a CPA will be an asset to the board.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
I feel that my training has taught me to listen carefully to all points of view and process that information so I can make an informed decision. I also understand that it is not for the board to micromanage the district.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?
There are a number of important issues that face the district and some of them are:
a. Making sure we have sufficient funding to educate our young people.
b. Making sure the district continues to hire top notch staff.
c. Addressing the four-day school day.
d. Making sure the public schools are where the parents want their children to attend.

Chugwater Cemetary District

Michael Kelley



Occupation:
Master Electrician, Skilled Trades Manager (Retired / WYDOT)

Town of residence:
Chugwater, WY

Office running for:
Chugwater Cemetery Board Member

Why did you decide to run in this Election?
I was asked by the Chugwater Cemetery Board to fill a vacant position on the board that was open due to a resignation. I've been serving on the Board for the past four months completing that term until the November election. Since I am now retired from the Wyoming Department of Transportation I have time to give back to the Chugwater community where my wife and I have lived for almost 24 years.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
My career in construction and facility management provides me with skills appropriate for a position on the Chugwater Cemetery District Board. The primary duties include management of the facilities (including buildings and grounds) and of public funding through developing and managing a budget. I have real world experience in both areas.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?
The Chugwater Cemetery District has seen rapid increases in expenses due to inflationary pressure. This was especially noticed in the increased cost of insurance for the facility. I think we are all dealing with the impact of inflation on our budgets and the Cemetery District is not exempt from those same pressures. Good fiscal discipline will be necessary to properly maintain the facilities and still operate within funding limitations.

Y-O Ranch Improvement & Service District

Larry Hobbs



Occupation:
Retired

Town of residence:
Wheatland Y-O Ranch Subdivision

Office running for:
Y-O Ranch Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?
I saw the opportunity to give back to this community which has given me so much.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
I have been a board member on other boards and have learned from this experience. I have been a home owner and involved with construction which should help me with this job.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?
The money collected is put to use for the most people.



PCSD No. 2 Board

Zane Walker



Occupation:

1. State of Wyoming Natural Resources Specialist
2. Wyoming Air National Guard

Town of residence:

Hartville, WY

Office running for:

PCSD #2 School Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

My kids go to school in Guernsey and I've seen first hand how nepotism, favoritism and bias has permeated throughout the current administration and councils within Guernsey. The decisions made by current elected and appointed officials

are driven by corruption and bias and that has no place in our community. I'm running to help eliminate the unethical practices that continue to poison the potential of the children in our communities and to hold people accountable for their actions.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I have been in the Air Force for 14 years and have been to numerous professional education courses to be an instructor and leader within the military and community. I currently work with and have worked in the past with incredible state and military leaders who have taught me a lot about accountability, leadership, fiscal responsibility and integrity.

My civilian education includes an Associates of Science degree, a Community College of the Air Force degree, trades certifications, Insurance Licenses and years of professional education. I have been given the privilege of using government funds to responsibly make purchases on behalf of the government.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

The most important issue facing the PCSD#2 School Board today is integrity, accountability and nepotism. People looking after the education, safety and well-being of our children and their future need to be able to do what's right, no matter the consequences. They need to put aside their grievances, friendships and relationships for the greater good of the children.



Kevin Gross



Occupation:

Human Resource Business Partner

Town of residence:

Hartville

Office running for:

PCSD2 School Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I served in the Air Force for 12 years and separated at the end of 2020. Since separating from the military, I've still held the passion to serve the people around me in pursuit of a better tomorrow, which led me to run for a 2-year seat on the PCSD2 school board in 2022. I have lived in the district for 10 years, and currently have three children in the district and the fourth one starting next year. I have a vested interest in PCSD2 and want to ensure that our students are given every opportunity to succeed beyond high school, which is why I am passionate about providing skilled trades and certification opportunities to children who are not interested or eligible for college or the military.

As someone who graduated with a one-point-something GPA in high school, I knew that college was not for me, and that if I wanted a meaningful and stable career, I needed to join the military. I left for the military two months after barely graduating high school, where I served in multiple states and went on two tours overseas. During my tenure in the military, I was met with a lot of challenges and situations that forced me to mature and take my life seriously, because I knew I had nothing to fall back on if I were to be discharged early. At 12 years in, I thought I was at a point in my life that I could be successful without the military, so I separated. Since I didn't have any applicable skills or education to do much outside of the military, I quickly realized that my likeness and my work ethic alone were going to get me very far, so I started a bachelor's degree program in organizational leadership at 30 years old, because I knew I had that experience, but not much documentation to prove it.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I believe that my knowledge and experience in public service, leadership and management are what makes me most qualified for the PCSD2 School Board. Since serving on the PCSD2 board for the last two years, I've completed a bachelor's degree in organizational management and a master's degree in human resource management, and I believe that I've made a positive impact on our district and would be honored to continue serving the parents of the Guernsey, WY community.

I think you will find that I am passionate about accountability, integrity, ethical behavior, and transparency and I work hard to ensure that the organizations that I represent also exemplify those qualities.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

If reelected, the most important issue that I intend to pursue during my next term is ensuring the safety and security of our students and staff. Over the last two years, we have made great strides in ensuring the safety and security of our students and staff through hands-on training with security consultants, hiring a full-time school resource officer, adding ballistic protection systems, and creating memorandums of understanding with local law enforcement and military facilities for additional options during dangerous situations. However, there is always room for improvement, such as exploring more robust camera systems, improving visitor registration processes and physical security measures at the main offices, arming staff members, conducting vulnerability assessments, and initiating field training exercises to test our security measures and response to find areas for continuous improvement to the safety and security of PCSD2. At the end of the day, children are the world's most important resource and its best hope for the future.

PCSD No. 2 Board

**Sarah
Seyfang**



Occupation:

Owner/Artist of PineCone Pottery and Gifts

Office running for:

Platte County School District # 2 board member

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I am running in this election asking you, my stakeholders, to reelect me as a Platte County School District # 2 Board Member. I have spent the last four years listening to you and building trusted, open relationships with two different superintendents, Principals, staff, and students. Developing these working relationships helps the board and stakeholders collaborate in a productive and cohesive way allowing for exponential growth throughout the district. I am very passionate about the work I do on this board and in the community. I am a Guernsey-Sunrise alumni and after attending college my husband and I decided to move back to Guernsey to start a family. I have four children and am very dedicated to making sure that our district thrives and is a place that our children can be proud they are from. The best way for me to ensure that this happens is to be involved and volunteer my time and talents to support the growth of our District and this community. In many small towns in Wyoming the school district is the hub, it is the major employer and offers support for the families whose children attend. Therefore, it is imperative that we establish a strong, safe, caring school district that prepares our students for their futures whether that is a pathway to college or the workforce.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

After graduating School in Guernsey, I attended college for education. Even though I did not continue down that pathway I was able to attend enough classes to understand the foundation of a school district. After moving back to Guernsey I was employed in the District for a brief time allowing me to collaborate with some great leaders. Since that time, I have been an active community member. I have been the education coordinator at the Catholic church for the last 15 years and now I sit as one of the church trustees. I have been the Girl Scout leader in Guernsey for the last 10 years. In the last 4 years while on the school board, I have spent my time serving on committees, boards and attending training, giving me the opportunity to serve Platte County School District # 2 in a positive way. Our district is a member of the Wyoming School Board Association, they offer numerous classes and trainings for board members and over the last 4 years I have taken every opportunity to attend these courses, conferences and what I would call masterminds of Wyoming's educators. Even through covid I attended Zoom courses, including mini lunch hours class and 4-hour board chair training. I continue to stay abreast of legislative bills and laws passed that

affect our schools. School board members must know our legislators and build relationships to help lobby for our public schools and what is best for the children. We at the local levels know what our Districts need, and we should maintain those rights to choose. At the local level working with staff to build and update policies relevant to our district's needs is crucial. The most important experiences I have had as a school board is the opportunity to build relationships and work with amazing students and staff on committees. I have served on the Calendar Committee alongside administration and GSEA officers for the last four years, ensuring everyone has a voice on our yearly school calendar. For four years I have served on the Negotiation Committee, helping to collaborate with Superintendents, our business manager, GSEA officers and more recently a department lead from all employees to help decide our teacher contracts. I have also had the privilege to serve as the school board liaison on the Tri City Park and Rec Board over the last four years. I am an officer with the Viking Community Volunteers, a group of teachers, parents and community members that support our schools, students, and community. I take a lot of pride and integrity when serving our district and this community and I hope to have your vote so I can continue to support and serve you, our stakeholders, for another four years.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Over the last four years I have seen so much growth and change within Platte County School District #2 that it is hard to narrow it down to just one issue when everything is symbiotic. School safety, student achievement, cultivating a healthy, positive learning environment for students and staff, teacher salaries and benefit packages, preparing our students for their future, and the list goes on and on. We can never stop evolving and providing opportunities for our students and staff to grow. We as a community, a state and a nation depend on these young minds to step into leadership rolls, become our workforce and productive citizens and their foundations start at home and right here at Platte County School District #2. If reelected I will continue to support the districts' work with Tac One, allowing us to empower our staff, students, and community through school safety training. I will continue to support the Career Tech Education (CTE) program and our partnership with Eastern Wyoming Community College allowing us to develop and offer college level courses, internships, CDL and CNA certifications as well as our new entrepreneur and graphic design classes. I will support our work with the Governors new RIDE program. A program allowing us to change the way we deliver education. I will support our continued work to increase test scores and will support staff to help raise our student achievement levels. I will continue to support our food service program and their hard work to provide free school lunches, ensuring that our students needs are being met. I will continue to support the hiring of certified, dedicated educators and staff to provide the best for our students. If reelected, I will continue to support the growth and development of a solid foundation for our students.

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Senior Citizen Service District

Rose Martinez



Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I have been an elected member of the Platte County Senior Citizens Services District Board for 10 years and for many of those years have been Board President. I strongly believe in

the goals of the law governing the Senior District Mill Levy and our Board: to provide funds and manage those funds to enhance health, nutrition and transportation services provided by local senior centers (Services for Seniors) to seniors in Platte County. As a resident of Guernsey, I feel I can give the perspective of seniors who live in the small communities as well as the county as a whole. I am a 54 years resident of Guernsey and Platte County. I personally make use of many of the services provided by the Senior Center.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

Besides my 10 year experience on this board, I am a member of Guernsey Economic Development and Tourism and the Guernsey Community Federal Credit Union Boards, and am an officer on both. I was the Administrative Assistant at Wyoming Child and Family Development for 22 years and have a good understanding of financial reports and fund management. I have a BA from Southern Illinois University.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

The citizens of Platte County have always supported the mill levy because they know the value of services provided locally in hopes of keeping seniors in their own homes as long as possible rather than in a nursing home. During my time on the board, I have seen the District Board's contribution to Services of Seniors' annual budget go from 23% to nearly 50% in order to maintain quality services. This rise in need is due to federal and state grant cuts over the years. Covid also impacted availability of equipment and supplies. For example, the SFS was to be granted DOT funds for a new handicap accessible bus five years ago, but there were no new ones available for DOT to purchase. Our board was able to find two such used busses and two used transportation vans (also wheelchair accessible), which we purchased outright with savings. We also bought a new meal delivery van for Guernsey. We will continue to purchase kitchen equipment and appliances, repairs, etc. that are needed and beyond what is in the SFS regular grant funding.

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Sarah Taylor



Occupation:

Office Assistant/Mapping Coordinator –
Platte County Weed and Pest

Town of residence:

Wheatland

Office running for:

Platte County Senior Citizens Service
District Board; re-election

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I am running for re-election because I'm passionate about continuing my service on the Platte County Senior Citizens Service District Board, where I've had the privilege of serving as Treasurer since 2022. This board plays a critical role in

our community, providing nearly half of the budget for Platte County Services for Seniors, which supports vital programs that many of our elderly residents rely on.

When I first ran, I believed—and still do—that it's important for younger generations to get involved in local politics. I'm the youngest member on this board by nearly 30 years, and I feel a deep responsibility to bring fresh perspectives while honoring the work that began long before I joined. With over 80% of Platte County's population being over the age of 60, this board's work is essential, and I'm eager to continue ensuring that our seniors receive the resources and care they deserve. Being part of this process has been incredibly rewarding, and I look forward to the opportunity to keep making a difference in the lives of our residents.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

Currently serving as Treasurer of the Platte County Senior Citizens Service District has given me valuable experience in managing financial responsibilities and ensuring effective resource allocation. This experience, paired with similar duties in my regular job, which is also for a Platte County Special District, has given me confidence in my ability to perform my duties in a thorough and efficient manner. I've developed strong skills in budgeting, financial oversight, and strategic planning, which are essential to maintaining and enhancing the services our board provides.

Additionally, my broader involvement in the community has deepened my understanding of local governance, allowing me to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the table. These experiences have equipped me with the tools needed to continue making meaningful contributions to the board.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

If elected, I see the potential changes or reduction in property taxes in Wyoming as the most pressing issue for our board. Since our funding relies heavily on these taxes (Mill Levies), any changes could jeopardize the financial resources we distribute for vital services that benefit Platte County's senior citizens. I feel a strong responsibility to help safeguard these funds and ensure they are distributed effectively to continue supporting our community.

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Hospital District

**Lisa
Millikin**



Occupation:
Rancher

Town of residence:
Glendo

Office running for:
Hospital District Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I decided to run so I could be involved in our local hospital district. I believe it's important to be actively involved and be transparent to our community. It's also important to be involved in our Hospital and Nursing Home, to help them in any way possible.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

My experiences ... My education is business administration. I worked for the Platte County Sheriff's Office as Administrative Assistant for ten years. From there I went to Probation and Parole for seven years and worked in the front office. I decided that I wanted to be home full time and have been here working the ranch with my husband Tim. I actively volunteer with the Glendo Volunteer Ambulance as an EMT and have been with the service since 2011.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

If elected, I believe in a balanced budget, keeping our local hospital and nursing home functioning so our residents can stay local in our County for their needs.

**Tiffany
Dean**



Occupation:
Funeral Director

Town of residence:
Wheatland, Wyoming

Office running for:
Hospital District Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I am running for re-election for this board position. I think the Hospital District Board does a lot of great work when working with the Hospital and the Platte County Nursing Home.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I have been on the board for about a year and a half. There is a lot to learn with this board and all the great things they do. In my profession I work closely with both the hospital and the nursing home. They both do a great job in our community and offer a lot great things to all of us.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

If elected the most important thing is to maintain the great relationship we have with both the hospital and the nursing home.

**Elaine
Daly**



Occupation:
Precision Agriculture Engineer & Ranch Owner/Operator

Town of residence:
Glendo, Wyoming

Office running for:
Platte County Hospital District Director

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I decided to run in this election for this office because another member was retiring and had mentioned that Glendo needed representation on the hospital board. After investigating into the office, I chose to apply for this year's election.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

As a community member, wife and parent, I have seen the challenges of healthcare first hand. As a business manager, I have seen the challenges faced to keep employees and their families healthy in rural areas. I have compassion and understanding for the effort that people are making to continue to live in this rural Wyoming environment and hope to assist.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

The most important issue impacting the Platte County Hospital is continuing to provide affordable health services to community members including the aging population that are more remote that are challenged with home health care, hospice care, retirement services.

**Rod
Vineyard**



Name:
Rod Vineyard

Occupation:
Rancher

Town of residence:
Wheatland

Office running for:
District Hospital board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I would like to try and make sure the residents of Platte County are getting what they are paying for in relation to our hospital and nursing home.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I have lived and paid taxes in Platte county for the past 44 years and have the opportunity to experience the good and bad in our local hospital and nursing home.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

To see the continued success and betterment of the health care system in Platte County.

Hospital District

Lori Modesitt



Occupation:
Retired

Town of residence:
Wheatland

Office running for:
Platte County Hospital District Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I have served on the Hospital District Board for the past 15 years, and would like to continue to work to improve healthcare in Platte County for all of our citizens. One of the things I am proudest of is working with the other members of the Board as we came together to fund, build, and pay off the Legacy Home so that the people who have paid taxes in Platte County all of their lives are able to stay close to their families and friends as they grow older and need care.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I have worked in the medical field in two hospitals; as an office manager/real estate associate broker; Episcopal priest, and director of education for the Diocese of Wyoming.

I have been the treasurer of the Hospital District Board since I joined the board in 2009, preparing the budgets for the Board as per the State of Wyoming Department of Audit requirements, working with the Board's auditor for their reports, and preparing the monthly financial reports for the Board.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

I believe the most important issue for our communities is to keep and enhance quality healthcare for all ages; to explore ways to offer more services and treatments in Platte County so that our residents don't have to travel out of town for healthcare; to keep the Legacy Home the 5-star facility that it is.

John Watson



Occupation:
Farmer/ Rancher

Town of residence:
South of Guernsey, East of Wheatland

Office running for:
Hospital District Board

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I believe that boards should have board members that have some skin in the game. While we all have health needs from time to time and use the services of medical clinics and hospitals, I also have my Mom in the Legacy Center's Assisted Living, so I felt like I could use my board experience on the Hospital Board.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I was on The Platte County #2 School Board for 16 years, the Wheatland Coop Board for 9 years, and the Wyoming Wheat Growers Board. I am currently on the Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission, the Platte County Weed and Pest Board (for the past years), and various boards of the Wheatland Bible Church since 1978.

These experiences have helped me learn the budgeting process, how to deal

Tracy de Ryk



Occupation:
Director, Platte County Economic Development Corporation

Town of residence:
Wheatland

Office running for:
Board of Directors Platte County Hospital District

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

I was appointed to this board, and I am finishing the term of a board member who, sadly, passed away. I decided to run for another term on the Platte County Hospital District board because I see the value of having a strong healthcare system in Platte County.

I have learned a great deal and would like to continue to serve on the Hospital District Board. The Platte County Memorial Hospital and the Legacy Home are essential components of Platte County's health and well-being. I've learned a lot about the hospital district in terms of funding model and the duties and responsibilities of the hospital district. This includes the working relationship between the Hospital District, the Legacy Home and Banner Health. The Board is responsible for the maintenance of the hospital building (not the daily operations) and the maintenance and daily operations of the Legacy Home. It is the duty of the Hospital Board to ensure that the mill levy money collected from Platte County residents for the Hospital District is spent appropriately.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

As the Director of Platte County Economic Development, I see the huge financial impact that a strong healthcare system has on our county. In terms of job creation, the Legacy Home employs over 80 people and Banner Health employs nearly 150 people. I have served on other local and statewide boards and understand the value of being open-minded to new ideas, willing to listen to people, and having a solid understanding of being fiscally responsible.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Until I was on the board, I didn't realize that our hospital could not function without a large healthcare provider. The mill levy money collected does not go to Banner Health for daily operations and Banner Health bears financial responsibility for the hospital income or losses. Banner Health has contributed millions of dollars to the improvement of the hospital facilities, these improvements would not have been possible with only the current mill levy tax collected. I see the most important issue is maintaining a good relationship with all healthcare providers in our county and offering services at the Legacy Home (which includes nursing care, assisted living care and hospice care.)

with the people administrating the organizations, and how to deal with the people receiving the service provided.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

The most important issue would be making sure that the citizens of Platte County receive the best medical care that can be provided with the resources available and that the residents of Legacy Center receive the care and respect, with dignity, that they deserve in their later lives.

Hospital District

Walt Thornton



Occupation:

Lead Lab Technician at Laramie River Station

Town of residence:

Wheatland, WY

Office running for:

Hospital District Director

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

Platte County, as a community, needs an active, involved board that is willing to tackle the complexities of managing and overseeing the Platte County Legacy Home, the only nursing home in the county, and to manage the assets and guide Banner Health regarding the Platte County Memorial Hospital. Over the last

several years, I have been a primary caregiver to my dear wife regarding end-of-life care and all that it entails. I have been very involved in her care in areas that the average resident of our county hopefully never has to be involved in surrounding home care, hospital, and nursing home care. Many along this path have encouraged me to share my experiences and what I have learned along the way that they and I feel can be very advantageous to the Platte County Hospital District Board by running for this position. I believe that our county residents need a board that can be representative to members of our community and offer the best medical and health care available for our area and be fiscally responsible for families and the community at the same time. This desire has prompted me to seek a position on this board.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

Since 2020, I have negotiated and advocated for my wife in many aspects involv-

ing around her health and end-of-life care. This ranges from understanding as much as possible around home health care, nursing home care, and, currently, hospice care. The details include billing, insurance, Medicare, advocacy groups, researching treatment and medical assistance, durable medical equipment, and long hours of communication with medical professionals, staff, doctors and other specialists. I feel these experiences would be a huge benefit to this board and the residents of this county. I advocated to help get a home hospice program back into our county through the Platte County Hospice Task Force and Central Wyoming Hospice, and I presently sit on the Platte County Hospice Task Force board. I was active in the push to get Platte County Legacy Home and Central Wyoming Hospice to bring their expertise together to offer a hospice program inside the facility which began in August of this year.

My education includes a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a minor in Agri-Business and an equivalent of a minor in Chemistry. I have been in management and supervision in past jobs, including the United States Marine Corps, and presently am a leadman for a crew of lab technicians at Laramie River Station. Those experiences, I feel, will be beneficial to be an advantageous member of this board.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

In watching the daily operations of PCLH during my wife's stay over the past 15 months, staff turnover rate has been excessive. I believe that management within PCLH and the board can curb this issue but if this topic is left unattended, the quality of care that residents receive will just deteriorate more as time progresses. I believe that the entire medical industry is being affected by this topic but, if managed correctly, this topic can turn around in having potential employees seeking employment here compared to the opposite. Employee retention can be improved if managed correctly but suffer if not considered as an important topic. Patient advocacy is another area that needs improvement and if left unattended, will dwindle to nothing. As well, having a backup overseeing physician would be a goal that should be pursued, even though it will be a struggle.

Jalea Brockman



Occupation:

Nurse, Ranch Wife and Mother

Town of residence:

Wheatland

Office running for:

Hospital District Director

Why did you decide to run in this Election?

With my past experiences as an RN and medical administrator, the Hospital District Board is a good place for me to help serve our community. As a wife, mother, and nurse I am enthusiastic to help lead our community in a positive and productive direction.

Dickinson State University, where I earned my RN. After graduation, I worked as a surgical nurse on the West Coast and as a travel nurse before returning to Montana. I then stepped into a nurse manager role at Billings Clinic, where I led a significant project to implement pharmaceutical and supply automation – an experience that profoundly impacted my career moving me to the corporate world.

Until 2022, I worked for a nationwide pharmaceutical company as a Senior Manager. I successfully managed large teams, budgets, and cost-saving initiatives for healthcare systems. I take pride in mentoring others and ensuring that quality patient care remains a top priority.

Recently, I worked per diem as an RN at the Platte County Legacy Home. I was grateful to make connections with the wonderful people in our community and understand first-hand the strengths and challenges our local healthcare system faces.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Healthcare is complex and constantly evolving, with changes in regulations, staffing, and budgets. I am confident that my background and experience would make me a valuable addition to the Hospital District Board.

I look forward to continuing the good work Platte County has already accomplished in healthcare and helping our medical resources grow and change for the better of our tight-knit community.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. 307-331-9658 or jaleafranz@yahoo.com

I would appreciate your vote!

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I bring over 20 years of hands-on healthcare experience along with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Masters in Healthcare Administration.

My journey in healthcare began in high school as a CNA in a nursing home similar to ours in Platte County. This inspired me to pursue my nursing degree at

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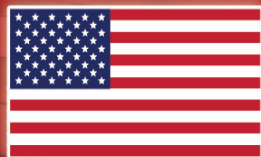


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