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**2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Primary Election Section Overview:** Candidates for each office are listed alphabetically by last name.

The Saratoga Sun emailed questions to each candidate. Separate groups of questions were used for each office sought. If a candidate responded directly to our questions, those questions will appear in italics.

**Party Affiliations:** (C) Constitution, (D) Democratic, (L) Libertarian, (R) Republican

# U.S. SENATOR

**One open seat • Six-year term • Seven candidates**

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY *(One candidate for the party's nomination)*

**Gary Trauner (D)** P.O. Box 1870, Wilson, WY 83014 [gary@traunerforwy.com](mailto:gary@traunerforwy.com) 307-699-5091

*Why have you decided to run for election?*

In a nutshell, I am running because I am deeply concerned about the future of our country for my kids, their kids and their kids' kids. To elaborate just a bit more, what is taking place in Washington, DC right now is not normal and should not be tolerated. Party loyalty and corporate interests rule the day, while most politicians are more concerned with holding on to power than representing the people they were elected to serve.

*What experience do you have for this election?*

I have deep experience in business and the private sector: co-founder, CFO and

Board member of a Wyoming-based Internet Service Provider, co-founder of a Wyoming-based financial services Trust Company, and the COO of St. John's Medical Center. I have deep experience in local elected office and community service: former elected Chair of the School Board, current elected Chair of a Water & Sewer District, founding Board member, Executive Director and coach for one of the largest youth sports programs in Teton County, former Vice Chair of County appointed Pathways Task Force. However, the most important attributes I possess to be a U.S. Senator are common threads throughout all of the endeavors mentioned above: leadership

ability, courage and integrity, all of which are in short supply in Washington.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

Sadly, there are a multitude of critically important issues today – including unaffordable healthcare, our skyrocketing national debt, energy, jobs and the boom/bust cycle, education and ever-growing inequality and lack of opportunity. We need to fix the root cause of many of our problems. Therefore, I would prioritize:

1) Removing the influence of money in politics, especially dark money. "Big money" skews our policies and laws, resulting in seniors paying more for their drugs on Medicare

and Wall Street hedge fund managers paying lower tax rates than Wyoming teachers, miners and ranchers; prioritizes policies that put profits of artificial entities (corporations) over real people; and results in widening inequality, lower tax collections, and a ballooning national debt.

2) Ensuring that elected officials play by the same rules as the rest of us. This would entail passing laws that ensure that federally elected officials do not have access to special pensions, healthcare, harassment rules, investing rules or any other rules that regular citizens do not have. Aligning the interest of elected officials with the rest of us would align their incentives for passing



laws that benefit the rest of us instead of just themselves and their financial patrons.

3) Putting Country over Party. George Washington's biggest concern in his Farewell Address in 1796 was that people would put party before country, corrupting our system. Blind allegiance to party leads to division, acrimony and bad policy.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY *(Six candidates for the party's nomination)*

**Anthony L. Van Rissenghem (R)** 2113 Thomes Ave., Apt. 909, Cheyenne, WY 82001 [anthonyvanforussenate@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyvanforussenate@gmail.com) 307-314-4569

*Why have you decided to run for election?*

The reason why I have decided to run for US Senate is to give Wyoming an actual voice in Washington D.C. while protecting our rights and freedoms as American citizens. Lately, there has been more and more push to give up our liberties for safety and security. Thomas Jefferson said, "I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery." Sadly, we are moving closer to the peaceful slavery than anything else. Especially with open Democratic Socialists running for office in other states. Also, with the fact that



some of these people in office are running up the debt while saying they can't afford to

live off \$176,000 a year and want higher pay. We need people that are financially responsible, able to adhere to a balanced budget and willing to pay off debts owed.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

My main experience will be from helping my father run his own business. I've seen the red tape and regulations in running a business. Even at my current employer, I'm trained as a back up department supervisor to help when supervisors go on vacation. I understand the working of managing people and finances

from a business standpoint. Honestly, it about time government is ran like a business.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

One thing is vote against any more infringements upon our rights. Second, start pushing for a balanced budget to pay off the debts. Far as direct impact to Wyoming would be to set up the Department of Education to give money to the states based on a set amount per student. Standardized testing is good to see where we are at but should not have any influence on the money schools receive. Fur-

thermore, I would ask that federal government give up lands that they aren't managing properly back to the states to manage. Opening them up for proper logging, grazing and recreational uses that the states can gain revenue off of. Logging industry can help support the maintenance of roads in these areas, clear out over grown undergrowth, thin out trees and remove beetle infested trees. Forest fires have been worse in recent years due to the mismanagement of national forest that directly put in danger communities like Saratoga, Encampment and Centennial.

**Charlie Hardy (R)** P.O. Box 32, Cheyenne, WY 82003 [charlie@runwithcharlie.com](mailto:charlie@runwithcharlie.com) 307-365-2792

*Why have you decided to run for election?*

I have been motivated by my belief that our nation will be stronger if: everyone is entitled to good healthcare (most bankruptcies in the U.S. are due to health problems), everyone has access to college or career education (the average college graduate leaves almost \$40,000 in debt); a 40-hour workweek with a livable wage is the norm (the minimum wage has not been raised in nine years); we get big money out of politics (former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson says it is

the number one problem our nation faces. Senator Barrasso has almost \$7,000,000 for this campaign, 98 percent of it from contributors outside of Wyoming, and much coming from pharmaceutical companies); and, we make friends instead of enemies around the world (our military budget is greater than the next 8 countries combined; including Russia, China and Saudi Arabia. Most of this money goes to the industrial-military complex and not to the servicemen and servicewomen of our country and our veterans).

*What experience do you have for this position?*

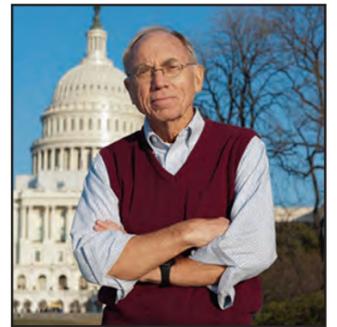
I was born in Cheyenne, the child of immigrant parents from Austria. I have dedicated my life to listening to people, accompanying them in their struggles and searching for solutions to their problems. I have traveled thousands of miles on Wyoming highways, have visited all 50 states and over 30 countries—to listen to the ordinary person.

I have a M.A. from UW and was superintendent of Wyoming Catholic schools.

Being an active Catholic priest for 29 years, including

the eight years I lived in a cardboard shack in South America, brought me in constant contact with suffering people. Since marrying in 1994, I have had a variety of jobs. Testing officers and seamen for use of drugs, I have been on board over 200 ships (oil tankers, cargo ships) and platforms in the ocean. For the past six years I have been a substitute teacher for junior-high and high-school students in the Cheyenne public schools.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*



I will fight for the objectives I mentioned above, which will benefit not only the people of Wyoming but all the people of our nation.

**Dave Dodson (R)** P.O. Box 2849, Cheyenne, WY 82003 [dave@putwyomingfirst.com](mailto:dave@putwyomingfirst.com) 307-299-3929

*Why are you running for office?*

My generation may become the first in our nation's history to leave the country in worse shape for our children than what our parents left for us. Nationally, we have accumulated a bone-crushing level of debt that our politicians lack the courage to address, and our senate can't get along with one another long enough to pass an immigration reform, a health-

care bill, an infrastructure plan or save Social Security. In our state, we ranked last in the nation economically, and even more concerning, Wyoming had the most people leave to find work. Our healthcare costs have increased this year 69 percent and are now set to increase an additional \$2,066 in 2019! Our current senator has done nothing to address this emergency and I do not think even notices.

As someone with a family history in coal I am also disappointed in our senator who failed us in our fight to keep coal part of the nation's energy solution, which has put our state finances at risk as well as communities like Gillette.

Since career politicians have had their chance, now it's time for them to step aside and let some of us from the private sector clean up the astonishing mess they've created. I am the



only candidate in this race that is presenting to voters a com-

prehensive plan on what I will do if elected. In Dave's Plan to Put Wyoming First, I spell out in detail not just my qualifications, but what I will do, how I will do it and deadlines when appropriate. It's a booklet that you can use to hold me accountable and one that treats voters with the respect they deserve.

*What experience do you have*

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for this position?

I grew up south of Cheyenne near LaPorte, Colo., a town with a population of about 500. It was like Wyoming back then. Most of our politicians were Republican, there were wide-open spaces and the economy was based on ranching and farming. Mom taught 8th grade science and my dad made farm equipment for the sugar beet industry. My parents raised me to work hard and shoot straight. If I was bored, they sent me out to the lake to fish for crappies. I'm a child of rural America. I grew up in a farming and ranching community, hunting and fishing, was an Eagle Scout and later in life successfully smuggled fireworks into Colorado without ever getting caught.

After receiving a degree in economics, I worked in the oil & gas industry for a few years, but the timing was bad – mid-80s. I returned to university to earn a degree in business, then went out on my own for 35 years building companies in industries like trucking, auto parts and waste management, helping to create 20,000 jobs in 22 states. I also have been active in starting about 100 companies.

About thirty-five years ago,

as Colorado got crowded, my mother, stepfather, brother, sister and her in-laws moved to communities around Jackson—not as elites to retire, but as a family with no real money who simply had a need to work hard and had a love for the outdoors. I have been a taxpayer here for 22 years. Wendy works tirelessly with me on this campaign and I have three daughters.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

Wyoming Families deserve something besides lots of yard signs when deciding who to vote for. That's why I developed Dave Dodson's Plan to Put Wyoming First where I outline six areas of focus: campaign finance reform, term limits, creating a healthy Wyoming economy, health-care reform, saving coal and preserving public lands. In every case I outline specific steps I would take and, where possible, deadlines for myself. For example, in building a healthy economy I cite specific things I will do in my role as a US Senator, for our beef and agriculture industry to capture more of the value of our products.

Healthcare reform and pro-

tecting public lands are the two most pressing issues. Healthcare costs have tripled since John Barrasso became our senator, they increased 69 percent in the last year, and are projected to go up by \$2,066 next year! Our senator had done nothing to address this emergency, meanwhile, in Dave's Plan to Put Wyoming First, I propose eleven steps we can take TODAY to lower our premiums.

I want to protect our state's wide-open spaces for our great-grandchildren, but our public lands are under attack by John Barrasso and special interests who want to cut us off from our own land. They plan to do this by shifting control of Federal lands to our state, which is an easier target for them to lobby and manipulate (to try and take our land for themselves). Under financial pressures there can be no guarantee a future state governor or legislature won't make concessions to special interests in return for short term economic gain. The temptation is too great, the role of money in politics too enormous. We must keep public lands in public hands, because once they are gone, we can never get them back.

**John Barrasso (R)**

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*Why have you decided to run for re-election?*

I decided to run for the U.S. Senate because I care deeply about the future of our state and protecting our Wyoming way of life. I fight every day for limited government. The Constitution makes clear that the federal government is to provide a common defense and to ensure its citizens rights. Not to interfere with your life.

We've seen the federal bureaucracy grow too large and too encompassing. We've seen Washington, DC not listening and not working. As a result, too often the federal government issues a one-size-fits-all approach to solve a problem. Time and time again we see this approach fail and our individual rights put at risk.

I believe in a government of, by and for the people. I believe a smaller government creates more jobs and interferes less with personal freedoms. And I believe when we downsize the federal government we are safer, more prosperous and live more free.

*What do you bring to the table with your experience in*



*the Senate versus the new faces vying for your seat?*

Nothing has prepared me more for serving Wyoming than the years I spent as a medical doctor, a state legislator and volunteer in our state. These experiences and jobs prepared me to contribute conservative ideas to the broad set of issues and challenges we face. They taught me the important lessons of hard work and community that lead to solutions closest to the people. These jobs taught me to listen first. Most importantly, I learned why it is so critical that we guide our own future

and not leave decisions about our lives, our resources, our freedoms to Washington.

*What goals do you hope to accomplish for the people of Wyoming in the term coming up?*

Providing a pro-growth, pro-American economic climate to create and maintain good paying jobs for Wyoming people is a top priority. The Obama administration took direct aim at Wyoming's economy. It saddled our state and country with new taxes, new mandates and oppressive federal regulations that burdened Wyoming families and small businesses.

Working closely with the Trump Administration, I successfully fought to cut taxes, so Wyoming people keep more of what they earn, and unleash America's private sector economy. We slashed billions in excessive Obama-era rules and regulations that targeted Wyoming jobs, and we opened new opportunities overseas for Wyoming's natural gas and coal. This is good for our economy, Wyoming jobs and our national security.

**John Holtz (R)**

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I am an Eagle Scout and a member of the Christian Legal Society since law school. I obtained the first double-digit firm fixed-price contract in the history of the Hughes Aircraft Company; I was the head of the committee to re-design the fire control system consisting of the laser range finder, ballistic computer and thermal imaging system of the Army's main battle tank, the M60A3. I was in the Electro Optical and Space Division of the Hughes Aircraft Company. The Tomahawk missiles that recently hit Syria were once made by the

Hughes Aircraft Company. At one point, almost half of the geosynchronous satellites in the world were made by Hughes.

I was one of the youngest judges in Wyoming history and helped establish the Circuit Court system of today. I was president of my college fraternity and the president of the Alumni Association of the Delta Gamma chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Wyoming from 1988 to 1992.

I was instrumental in placing the carrying of concealed weapon without a permit for



Wyoming residents on the Wyoming Republican platform in 2010.

I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit.

**Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente (R)**

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Mr. De La Fuente did not respond to repeated emails from the Saratoga Sun.

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2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

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**DEMOCRATIC PARTY** (Two candidates for the party's nomination)

**Greg Hunter (D)** P.O. Box 1326, Laramie, WY 82073 greg@hunterforwyoming.com 307-760-8705

Greg Hunter is one of two Democratic primary candidates seeking to represent Wyoming in Washington D.C. in the House of Representatives. According to Hunter, he has spent 30-plus years working for federal agencies and public lands.



"I have the skills and experience to protect our lands, navigate legislation, and save

taxpayer money," said Hunter.

The Laramie-based Democratic candidate believes that Wyoming and America are "at a crossroads."

"We can either turn to fear and hate or embrace humanity and people," Hunter said.

Hunter stated that, as Representative, he would support "maximizing revenues from

energy, agriculture and tourism" and use it to fund technological infrastructure, public education and health care.

"Diversification leads to a healthier economy and jobs for future generations," said Hunter.

Hunter believes that, when it comes to helping the people of Wyoming, the most important challenge will be working

with the energy, agricultural and tourism industries to find a way to diversify the economy and keep Wyoming graduates employed within the state.

"Wyoming needs to be more inclusive so that people want to be here as much as the business want to come here to live, work, play and excel as human beings," said Hunter.

**Travis Helm(D)** P.O. Box 1587, Laramie, WY 82073 travis@helmforwyoming.us phone not provided

An immigration lawyer, Travis Helm was born and raised in Rawlins before moving to Laramie. According to Helm, a group of concerned citizens approached him to run for Wyoming's only seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

when your neighbors ask for your help, you do everything you can to give a hand."

Helm points to his Wyoming upbringing as qualifications for running for the seat currently held by Cheney.

"I grew up pulling calves in spring snowstorms before going on to law school in my mid-30s," Helm said. "In between, I worked in residential and commercial construction, painted and repaired cars and worked in the Sinclair oil refinery (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company)."

According to Helm, he still has friends and family working in all the aforementioned jobs and believes that his connection and commitment to them is something that is not often seen in modern politicians. Helm points to yearly meetings with Wyoming Senator Mike Enzi for his ability to reach across the aisle.

"I annually travel to DC to discuss immigration issues," said Helm, "Senator Enzi meets with me and has engaged discussions on the issues. I appreciate this and will do the same

when I get to Washington."

As for the people of Wyoming, Helm stated that he would work to represent the state with "pride, commitment and integrity" while refusing to take orders from his national party.

"I will make myself an expert on the issues at hand and make decisions with the best interests of Wyoming at heart," Helm said. "I'll do my best because I care about these communities, this is where I'll be living when I'm done in Washington, this is my home."



**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (Three candidates for the party's nomination)

**Blake E. Stanley (R)** P.O. Box 21146, Cheyenne, WY 82003 website not provided phone not provided

Mr. Stanley did not respond to questions mailed to him from the Saratoga Sun.

**Liz Cheney (R)** P.O. Box 236, Wilson, WY 83014 liz@cheneyforwyoming.com 307-247-1414

Elected in 2016, Liz Cheney is Wyoming's single representative in the U.S. House of Representatives and feels that she has kept her campaign promises to reduce the size of government and rolling back what she sees as harmful regulations that hurt Wyoming's economy.

repeal of the Dodd-Frank regulations as further progress made during her first two-year term.

"These efforts are already working to expand economic growth, create more jobs, increase paychecks and make the tax code simpler for all Americans," Cheney said. "Since the beginning of this Congress, these reforms have led to more than 2.6 million new jobs, the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years and driven small business confidence to an all-time high."

Cheney stated that, if re-elected, she would continue to roll back regulation and stop "federal overreach into



the lives of our local fossil fuel, agriculture, ranching and business communities."

For her experience for the position, Cheney points to the conservative reform she

championed in her first term including fighting to "restore the strength and power of our nation's standing in the world."

"As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, I have protected local decision making when it comes to our public lands by introducing legislation, that was signed into law by President Trump, repealing BLM Planning 2.0. I have also supported repealing Waters of the U.S. and its detrimental impact on our farmers and ranchers," said Cheney.

Cheney also pointed to legislation she co-sponsored "that would crack down on illegal

immigration, preserve the constitutional rights of gun owners across America by expanding concealed carry reciprocity and protect life with bills that expand the Hyde Amendment, defund Planned Parenthood, and ensure Obamacare doesn't provide taxpayer funds for abortion."

According to Cheney, Wyoming needs someone in the House of Representatives with a proven track record to educate people outside of Wyoming. The congresswoman added that Wyoming needed the strongest voice possible to fight for "our farmers, ranchers, families and workers."

**Rod Miller (R)** 2803 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001 rodsmillerwyo@yahoo.com 307-343-5527

Rod Miller is probably not what most people envision when they think of a political candidate. A ten-gallon hat, long hair and braided beard make the Wyoming-born candidate for the U.S. Representatives easy to spot. Having grown up in Carbon County, Miller now resides in Buford, between Laramie and Cheyenne. After serving on the staff of two Wyoming governors, Miller considered himself a

"recovering politician" until he decided to run for United States House of Representatives.

"Wyoming has but a single voice in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Miller, "and I, like many Wyomingites, am disenchanted with the performance of our current representative. She seems to have lost touch with the people who elected her and is representing corporate and national

interests rather than those of her constituents."

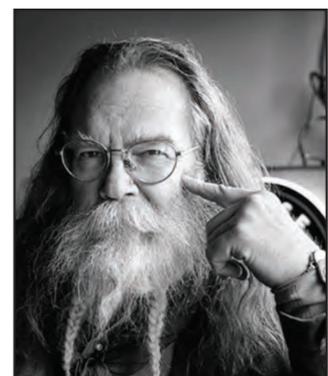
Miller added that "instead of grouching and grumbling" he would run for office. The Albany County based Republican points to his time on the staff of Governors Ed Herschel and Mike Sullivan as experience accrued for the position he is seeking.

"My duties included following Congressional legislation at all levels of the process and

providing testimony to Congressional committees. I believe that experience, coupled with a lifetime in Wyoming, qualify me for the office."

Miller also stated that he would "provide effective representation by staying in touch with the people of Wyoming."

"If elected, I will be beholden to no one but the citizens of Wyoming and they will have my full attention in office," concluded Miller.



WYOMING GOVERNOR

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**DEMOCRATIC PARTY** (Two candidates for the party's nomination)

**Kenneth R. Casner (D)** P.O. Box 136, Elk Mountain, WY 82324 kcass@union-tel.com 307-348-7478

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Elk Mountain resident Ken Casner has run for every office in the state of Wyoming from Governor down to town council. In 2016, he led an unsuccessful bid as the Democratic challenger to Representative Jerry Paxton for House District 47. This election he is running as a Democratic candidate for Governor - his second attempt at the position. His first attempt was in the 2002 election which ultimately went to Dave Freudenthal.



"I have had this planned for a personal task," said Casner. "I wanted to speak for Wyoming and my home. I have ran for every office from the city to Governor, so I know 16 years of politics. Kenneth R. Casner still cares for Wyoming and I choose to speak not from the parties or the money, just me on what I have learned these past 16 years."

Among the experience he has acquired in the 16 years since his last bid for Governor, Casner points to his time serving as a town council member as well as holding multiple board positions including Wyoming Business Council and the High Country Joint Powers Board.

"Who really has the experience? For no one person can do that position," said Casner.

Casner added that, to be able to help the people of Wyoming, he would listen to them as well as explain any actions and de-

isions he made.

"They deserve their voices back and to entrust that they will be heard," Casner said.

For Casner, those voices will be important when it comes to the task of diversifying Wyoming's economy. The Elk Mountain resident stated that he would need the people of Wyoming to speak up and resist being apathetic or complacent, adding that demanding decisions would have to come through them.

Finally, Casner stated that he felt that the current Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) program was not the right path to bringing Wyoming into the 21st century.

"I would like to change it into this phrase: Every New Decision Offers Wyoming a world of opportunity," said Casner. "It is time we moved forward."

Mary A. Throne (D)

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Ms. Throne did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

Michael Allen Green (D)

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Michael Green currently lives in Rock Springs and is one of four Democratic candidates for governor during the 2018 Primary Election. Green is a native Wyomingite, having lived in the state all of his life.

"I understand what it takes just to live and work in the state," said Green. "I feel like I can offer that for the people of Wyoming."

Green feels, as governor, that he would be more for the poorer people of Wyoming.

"I'm not any rich person or anything," Green said, "so I just understand the day-to-day consequences of what it takes to live and work in the State of Wyoming."

The Rock Springs resident feels that his experience of having been through meetings of working on a senate district and selecting a new senator give him some qualifications for the role of governor. In the past, Green has served on the Board of Trustees for Western Wyoming Community College.

Green stated that he would

like to diversify the economy.

"The economy is not going as well as the Republican and the ones that control what's going on say it is," said Green. "It's pretty sad out there."

When it comes to diversifying the economy, Green feels that the best way to go about that would be to utilize the skills of the people and even look into establishing more schools that could focus on trade skills.

"We don't have to be that pick and drill kind of attitude that we're going through right now. It's fine to have that if it's steady, but it's not steady. The economy booms and busts," Green said.

Finally, Green feels that for Wyoming to move into the 21st century it needs to move away from the "pick and drill attitude" that he feels has led to the boom-and-bust cycle that has plagued Wyoming's economy. One of the direct ways he feels that Wyoming can move into the 21st century and diversify the economy is by following the lead of other states and legalizing marijuana.

Rex Wilde (D)

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website not provided 307-365-0386

Rex Wilde currently lives in Cheyenne, but has spent plenty of time abroad having worked at a winery in Italy. Due to his time in the European country Wilde speaks Italian along with his native English and he also believes that his time abroad gives him experience to run for governor.



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Appear before the court in preliminary examinations	✓
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Give legal opinions in writing upon the request of any county officer	✓
Examine the bonds offered by every county officer	✓
Give advice to and coordinate with law enforcement agencies	✓

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"Safety of the residents of Carbon County is my priority. My husband, Bob, and I are raising our family here, and I am committed to keeping our community safe and secure by holding offenders accountable for their actions, and to seek appropriate and fair sentences."  
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## Robert "Bob" Davis

### Carbon County Commissioner

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**#1 Natural Resources**

I have worked in the oil and gas field around Baggs for 30 years. As owner of Davis Construction I have first hand knowledge to help the people of Carbon County with future oil and gas development. I know what it takes to run a profitable business and can make the hard decisions when necessary.

**#2 Tourism**

My wife and I own the Cowboy Inn (8 years) and Country Inn (20 years) in Baggs. I know how important it is to grow not only the tourism base but also the oil, gas and wind energy workforce and to keep the money in our communities.

**#3 Ranching**

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## WYOMING GOVERNOR ... CONTINUED

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Wilde is still a working man and he feels that that is something that he can use to help represent the people of Wyoming as governor. The

Cheyenne resident is a proponent of tourism and feels that it should be utilized more to help diversify the economy of Wyoming.

Along with using tourism, Wilde also believes that the legalization of marijuana is something that can help the State of Wyoming with its

budget shortfall. According to Wilde, and to data made available through the State of Colorado website, tax revenue from the sale of marijuana

totalled \$24.7 million. Wilde feels that, if legalized, the tax revenue could add up to nearly \$2.47 million for the Cowboy State.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (Three candidates for the party's nomination)**Bill Dahlin (R)**

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I believe we should all serve our community, state, or country in whatever fashion we feel suited for. I was born and raised in Sheridan. My experience as a businessman ... transportation, logistics and energy meld with Wyoming. The only candidate to have actual first hand knowledge of these sectors.

My backbone experiences and Wyoming's match, unlike the other candidates.

Because of this understanding I know the importance to diversify our economy. No more talk, it needs to be done.

My experience as a businessman will be beneficial for Wyoming. All of us working together can accomplish anything. One example as a catalyst to diversify our economy I bring up often is Industrial Hemp. On top of that is fiscal responsibility. Identify convenience vs need,



a token example ... get rid of the 3M/year expense of the two state jet airplanes.

The WBC was established 20 years ago for one purpose, diversify our economy. After about a billion dollars of expense, we are still 70 percent dependent on the energy sector. Now we double down on a failed model with ENDOW. They need to be abolished. I'll work with legislation to direct funding and authority

to the municipalities so they can best diversify their communities.

Moving into the 21st century is a relative term. What best suits this is focus on our economy. As a businessman, I see it as the only issue that touches all of us and every other issue. It is important you vote August 21st or before.

**Foster Friess (R)**

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Why have you decided to run for election?

For over a quarter of century, Lynn and I have raised our family and built our business in Wyoming—we want our grandkids to be able to stay in Wyoming and raise their families here.

In life, there is a learning phase, building phase and serving phase. I now am in the serving phase with no children to raise, no businesses to lead, nor calves to brand. So, I can work 100 percent for the interest of my fellow citizens of Wyoming.

I have been blessed with tremendous success over my life—To whom much is given, much will be required (Luke 12:48). I will put the skills I developed over the last 40 years building a \$15 billion company to use for Wyoming at these critical crossroads.

Thanks to my financial success, I am not accepting special interest or PAC money and will donate my salary, meaning I cannot be bought and will only do what is best for Wyoming's hardworking families.

What experience do you have for this position?

In my past business life, I built and managed a \$15 billion company. Recognizing this was not a one-person job, using the aptitude and skills I had developed, I recruited a team capable of quickly gathering

and analyzing mass quantities of information to come up with well-thought-out, well-researched decisions efficiently.

The efficacy of this information gathering capability was confirmed on June 8, 2018, when *Forbes* named me, along with John Templeton and Warren Buffet, as one of the top ten-star investment managers for this generation.

While I cannot diversify Wyoming's economy, upgrade its infrastructure or reduce the costs of healthcare on my own, I will bring these same skills to the Governor's office and be the catalyst that makes it happen.

As a proven salesman and Governor of Wyoming, I will make our state a global brand. With significant national connections in Washington, D.C., I can also add access to what our congressional delegation has done to solve problems in Wyoming that are tied to national policies.

What can you do for the people of Wyoming?

Our number one focus has to be on creating a pro-business, pro-job environment. Our state budget is closely tied to how well our businesses do. Improved performance provides more tax revenue.

Along with creating an environment where the private sector can thrive, we must get

our financial house in order.

I will aggressively work to have Wyoming become the 48th state to reveal its checkbook to the people. It is an embarrassment to the state that we have not done so.

With the little financial data the state does release, we found that the Department of Education spent \$35,000 on a magician to entertain teachers during a STEM conference. Another \$717 million dollars was spent on "no-bid" contracts. Many were out-of-state vendors.

With a lean budget, I can do what I do best—sell. Wyoming has the tax structure, available land, natural resources and hard-working people necessary to build a stable economy on its own. We just need to get government out of the way.

The primary role of the government is to create a conducive environment in terms of taxation, infrastructure and education so that the private sector is encouraged to develop and create the high paying jobs for Wyoming families.

Managing over \$15 billion was not a one-person job and neither is being Governor. Together, we will empower each part of the state to pursue their community's economic visions by: improving our state's infrastructure, expanding access to high-speed internet, fast-track-



ing "shovel-ready" sites

How can you help Wyoming diversify its economy?

The primary role of the government is to create a conducive environment in terms of taxation, infrastructure and education so that the private sector is encouraged to develop and create high paying jobs for Wyoming families.

With 40 years of business experience, I have the unique opportunity to attract new businesses from all over the world to Wyoming and help existing Wyoming businesses expand.

By diversifying we will supplement core industries: energy, tourism and agriculture

While extending efforts to diversify our economy, we cannot lose sight of the importance of our key industries, primarily

oil and gas, which generate such a huge percentage of our revenues. Our first focus should be to make sure the oil, coal and gas industries are enhanced and nurtured by making their activity to drill and produce easier.

Taking the mineral industry's share of the state's revenue from 70 percent to 80 percent would require less effort than trying to get an extra 10 percent from new businesses.

In order to take the boom/bust phenomena out of our budget, we simply budget for the low periods and, when the boom period comes along, we put the money into a "rainy day fund."

How can Wyoming move into the 21st century?

First and foremost, we must improve broadband access throughout the state, which will allow Wyoming's businesses to compete around the world at the touch of a button and will also improve access to telehealth and online education programs.

By opening the state financial books and disclosing each expenditure, we can have an honest discussion with the public about what is nice and what is necessary and reorganize the budget to ensure we have the funds available to fund education and our health care system adequately.

**Harriet Hageman (R)**

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Why have you decided to run for election?

First, we must fix the federal/state relationship and rebalance the power between Wyoming and Washington, D.C.

Second, we must reform the federal and state regulatory environment and return to the practice of "good government," meaning that we should strive to ensure that our government is open, transparent, effective, efficient, accountable, responsive and responsible.

Third, we must put Wyoming's fiscal house in order. We have a \$1.15 billion-dollar structural deficit. We must cut spending, simplify our budget and budgeting process, and prioritize government services.

Fourth, we must fight for, protect and advocate for our "legacy industries," of minerals, agriculture and tourism (including hunting and fishing). When these industries are strong our state is strong.



What experience do you have for this position?

I am a water and natural resource attorney. I grew up on a ranch near Fort Laramie, attended Casper College and the University of Wyoming. I have practiced law in Wyoming, Michigan, Colorado, and Nebraska.

I have spent twenty years fighting for Wyoming and our citizens related to water, land use, federal lands and other public policy issues.

I have a long history of protecting Wyoming's businesses, farmers, irrigation districts and citizens against the arbitrary power exercised by federal agencies. I have also spent considerable time researching and exposing the extent to which the federal government has far exceeded its authority.

I have a proven record of leadership, commitment, integrity, hard work, decisiveness and loyalty to Wyoming. I am the

only candidate with the vision to build upon Wyoming's successes and to move us forward.

What can you do for the people of Wyoming?

I have met with a wide array of individuals in all professions. I have heard of incredible successes and other stories that have broken my heart. It has made me proud to call myself a Wyomingite, where people have both an independent spirit and an unrivaled support system through churches and communities.

I have laid out my vision for the State of Wyoming and listened. I have learned of a myriad of challenges that we face, but have also witnessed the opportunities that we have in the great State of Wyoming. I am optimistic about our future. I believe that we have the resources and infrastructure to make Wyoming the very best state in the nation.

How can you help Wyoming diversify its economy?

We should focus on the value-added approach of attracting businesses that are "upstream and downstream" of our three legacy industries. Minerals severance taxes account for 70 percent of our general fund. The recent REMI report concluded that attempting to expand our economy through other types of businesses, say technology services, may create some jobs. Unless we "expand" our tax base through a personal or corporate state income tax, there will be no benefit to state coffers. I do not support raising taxes.

One complaint that I have heard on the campaign trail relates to the fact that the State of Wyoming competes with the private sector. We need to focus upon making Wyoming the most business friendly state in the nation. We can do that by prioritizing spending, reducing regulations, streamlining gov

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ernment, and focusing upon providing those services that a government should provide. The remainder should be left to the private sector.

Under the guise of economic development, the state has provided low cost loans/grants to attract other types of industries, e.g. technology centers. While I laud the efforts to bring in these more unique industries, such state grants have involved the expenditure of literally millions of dollars targeted to particular companies. The promises regarding job creation have often been left unfulfilled, with “hundreds of jobs” in theory turning into just a handfull of jobs in reality—and with the local communities fully understanding the risk that such companies will leave Wyoming just as soon as they are offered more incentives elsewhere. That approach does not represent good government and does not seem to be the “success story” that we should be demanding.

Diversifying local economies should be based on the type of jobs that a particular community needs, as well as those industries or businesses that provide high-paying jobs for infrastructure and services. We must also look at the available workforce to take those jobs. In fact, the current low unemployment rate has made finding qualified workers even more difficult, demonstrating that we should look to our actual needs and demands within our communities, rather than focusing upon bringing in a new industry that is not in high demand. We should focus spending on meeting demand and solving actual problems— using the money in a practical way to provide services that our citizens want and need, and providing the infrastructure that would draw workers to our state.

*How can Wyoming move into*

*the 21st century?*

Wyoming is deep into the 21st century. Many of our K-12 students attend brand new, state-of-the-art schools. Technology is a big part of the way students are educated regardless of where they attend school.

Touring the large mines, oilfields and construction sites gives you a good idea of the way those industries have changed in the last 20 years. State government has updated computer systems, old buildings have been upgraded and all new buildings are state-of-the-art.

We often talk about the need for airport infrastructure. The fact is that we have such infrastructure in place in many of our communities. We should look to the private sector to meet the demand for commercial air service.

I believe that one area where we need to improve is in our transportation infrastructure. I will advocate for constructing an additional rail line to southwestern Wyoming. This will allow us to attract more manufacturing and other industries.

Unfortunately, there are some areas of the state that do not have access to broadband internet. I see that as a basic utility, much the same as electricity, and crucial to all types of businesses. I support efforts to give all citizens access. Traveling 34,000 miles around Wyoming has given me a clear picture of the areas that do not have cell service. I see this as a detriment to business expansion and safety issues. Finally, not all of our communities have access to medical, including mental health, services. Small populations make it difficult to attract providers. I would like to see the state work to provide solutions (regional care centers, traveling medical teams, and the use of technology such as TeleDoc services).

Mark Gordon (R)

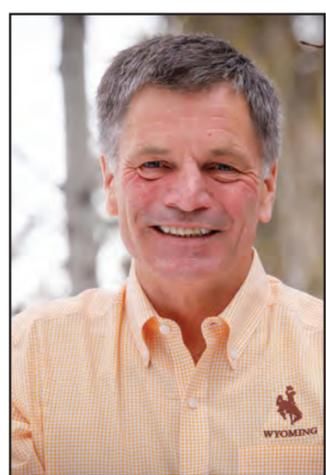
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*Why have you decided to run for election?*

Wyoming is at a crossroads right now. We're facing a lot of change here in the state, across the country and around the globe. That's why it is more important than ever to have a proven conservative leader with the knowledge, experience and dedication to fight for Wyoming and its people every single day. I have a broad range of experience in the fields and industries among the most important to our state – from running a family ranch; working for the energy industry; protecting the state's interests against federal overreach; and safeguarding taxpayer dollars as Treasurer.

As Governor, top priority will be building a strong foundation for prosperity so your family, friends and neighbors can seize their next opportunity. This means making tough decisions about spending to ensure Wyoming is living within its means; eliminating barriers at the state and federal level to strengthen existing Wyoming industries and attract new ones; and providing exceptional educational opportunities for our kids and important job training for our citizens.

*What experience do you have for this position?* I grew up on my family ranch outside of Kaycee and currently serve as your Treasurer. I'm a lifelong conservative, staunch defender of Second Amendment Rights and an advocate for smaller government closest to the people. I



served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City as the advocate for small business. I have a broad range of experience in the industries that are important to our state – from agriculture to energy to tourism. I have been volunteering with important Wyoming causes for nearly forty years, including the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust and Johnson County School Board.

As Treasurer, I've grown state funds by \$5 billion, modernized the office to do more with less, ultimately positioning Wyoming to benefit further from investment income in the years to come. My efforts to improve transparency surrounding the state's financial portfolio resulted in Wyoming being ranked number one in the

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TURTLE JOHNSON

for COUNTY ATTORNEY

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“Hello, my name is Seth Johnson, but I go by Turtle ... My family has been in Carbon County for six generations and I’m asking for your support in this years upcoming primary election. I have decided to run for County Attorney because there is a real need for leadership that is willing to embrace modern technologies, and new ideas for treating old problems. Carbon County should be a place where all residents have access to the programs that are put in place for their benefit by our legislature. Technology is developing rapidly, and Carbon County is sadly referred to as “The Land that Time Forgot” when it comes to embracing programs that would increase efficiency in nearly every aspect of our practice. This must be improved. Please take this opportunity to get to know me; and take the time to ask questions that you may have concerning my potential upcoming work as your County Attorney. Up until election day I will be answering questions from the public regarding my views on how we can work together to improve Carbon County for all residents and build an infrastructure that will not only allow for greater efficiency in the practice of law, but entice other businesses to locate here and offer employment opportunities to members of the community that currently have less than adequate chances to find sustainable jobs. These answers will be published here, in the paper, every Wednesday. Those questions that are not answered publicly will be answered as individual responses. So, if you, like me, are tired of the “same old/same old; one size fits all – cookie cutter approach” to enforcing the laws of Wyoming in Carbon County, take the time to make a change and Vote Turtle for County Attorney on Tuesday, Aug 21st, 2018.”  
Thank you, and Sincerely, Turtle

**Q:** “There has been confusion at forums lately as to what a diversion program is, and what is available to the residents of Carbon County. Can you explain what a diversion is; and what, if any is the difference between a 301 and 1037 diversion?” - Robert O. (Saratoga)

**A:** “For years Carbon County residents have been denied the opportunity of deferred prosecutions being available to first-time, non-violent offenders. The legislature created a mechanism through which these offenders can accept responsibility for their actions, be placed upon a term of probation and, if successful, have their cases dismissed and the end of the probation. Known as the 301, this deferral requires the Prosecutor’s consent, which under the current administration isn’t available. My opponent will tell you that her office “offers” a lot of deferrals on simple drug possessions under another deferral statute known as the 1037 statute. The 1037 statute doesn’t require the prosecutor’s consent and when defense counsel asks for a 1037 it is rarely agreed to by the current administration. However, under the 301 deferral, available for really any first time, non-violent offense, this administration does not consent, ever. This is contrary to every other jurisdiction in the State of Wyoming.”

**Q:** “What are the benefits of ‘modern technologies’, as you mentioned in last Wednesday’s paper, that you are planning on brining to Carbon County?”—Janet J., Saratoga

**A:** “We live in a large county. In fact, one of the challenges to practicing in Carbon County are the distances between our outlying communities and Rawlins, where the courts are located. There exists ample technology which, when implemented will allow for the electronic filing of pleadings and other court documents. The County Attorney’s office cannot afford to wait any longer on brining itself up to date with this technology. The Wyoming Supreme Court is but a few years away from mandating e-filing statewide. Counties such as Sweetwater and Fremont have made great efforts in going to paperless offices. The entire State of Colorado is now using e-filing and the Federal Courts have been e-filing for over two decades. We need to start implementing this technology now. Thank you to Janet and Robert for taking the time to ask these questions!”

**Q:** “Please explain how cash-only bonds are used detrimentally? And please offer some type of solution; it is easy to point out problems, but what do you intend on doing to make changes regarding cash-only bonds...” —Shelby H., Encampment

**A:** “Thank you, Shelby , I appreciate this question, and your desire to hear a practical solution. For years, our misdemeanor docket has suffered under an archaic system of extraordinarily high bonds, and usually cash-only bonds. Currently, there is a nation-wide, bipartisan movement toward bond reform. It has become increasingly clear that the current administration relies upon a bond system designed to keep people in jail until they plead guilty or no contest. This approach to bond targets our most vulnerable residents, the working poor, and effectively denies them their Constitutional right to a jury trial. Recently, misdemeanor bonds and even felony bonds have become much more reasonable, but not because the County Attorney’s office has lowered their proposed bond amounts. As far as practical solutions; the nation-wide, bipartisan bond reform movement referenced above is replacing bond with a risk assessment system that allows for people that are not deemed as threats to the community, or flight risks, to be allowed back into the work force while they await their trial date. This allows them to possibly keep their job if they can disposition a case favorably, perhaps by utilizing a 301 diversion, if the person is qualifying first time, non-violent offender (however, these 301’s are not currently available to Carbon County residents); or at the very least, to keep their job until their court date, allowing them to make reasonable arrangements ahead of time for their upcoming time in jail. It can mean the difference in a person being able to prepay rent, to keep his family in a home, while he serves his jail time; not making them wards of the County being housed on tax payer dollars. It also reduces the pre-trial jail population, which reduces the strain on already limited county resources.

*Thank you, everyone, for your submissions. I have enjoyed hearing from you, as you voice your concerns for Carbon County. It is my pleasure to communicate with you regarding the future of our County, and what we can do together to make it a better place.*

**Vote Seth “Turtle” Johnson for County Attorney on August 21!**

Exercise your right to vote!

Vote August 21!

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United States for transparency.

I'm the only candidate in this race who has a proven record saving taxpayers money, working with the legislature to help Wyoming businesses and standing up to protect your Constitution. I'm ready to hit the ground running as your Governor on day one.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

As Governor, my top priorities will include keeping government minimal, accountable locally and living within its means; fostering innovation and encouraging strategic growth and development from the ground up; and providing exceptional educational opportunities for our kids and continuing education everyone needs to succeed and lead in the transforming workplace of the future. I also think it is essential we address the rising

cost of healthcare and look at innovative solutions to provide accessible care across the state.

Lastly, I want to ensure Wyoming communities have the resources and tools they need to be successful. I've worked over the last four years with county commissioners and local governments to build better investment opportunities. As Governor, I plan to establish a position to help communities gain access to additional resources Wyoming is currently leaving untapped—to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars by some estimates.

*How can you help Wyoming diversify its economy?*

First, we must ensure our economy is robust enough so we are not as heavily dependent on our energy sector, and that we have the kind of jobs and opportunities future generations want to pursue right

here at home. I think the value in that is clear – we diversify our tax base and move away from this boom-and-bust cycle that has really driven our fate as a state in a lot of ways, and it will allow us to keep our kids in Wyoming because they will be able to pursue the career of their choice and to chase their dreams without having to go out of state.

To achieve this, there are really three things I think we need to focus on and that I've stated above—keeping government minimal, accountable locally and living within its means; fostering innovation and encouraging strategic growth and development from the ground up; and providing exceptional educational opportunities for our kids and continuing education everyone needs to succeed and lead in the transforming workplace of the future.

*How can Wyoming move into the 21st century?*

Addressing our funding shortfall while ensuring we are providing a quality education for our young people and still providing the essential services the people of Wyoming count on is our greatest challenge in the near-term. Diversifying our economy and taking a hard look at our tax structure so we can move away from the boom-and-bust cycles that have driven our fate as a state for many years is Wyoming's greatest long-term challenge – and key as we move forward in the 21st century. With these challenges come an amazing opportunity to drive our own destiny and build the Wyoming economy, Wyoming education system and Wyoming way of life we want our children and grandchildren to inherit.

Economies are always cyclical, so our challenge is to diversify across sectors that are not

all correlated to one another. That doesn't mean we must move away from those industries that have built our state, rather it means adding to our overall portfolio of enterprise. Wyoming was built by those who saw opportunity and knew how to turn that into wealth. I believe Wyoming has the kind of jobs and opportunities future generations will want to pursue right here at home, from the "knowledge-based" economy, to building out how America will power herself in the future, to taking advantage of all that our great outdoors has to offer. We only need to unlock our potential. I have been and will continue to be committed to building out those future opportunities so that our kids, my kids, will find the promise I did in Wyoming to pursue a career and chase the dreams that only Wyoming can offer.

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*Why have you decided to run for election?*

First and foremost, I am running because I believe I can make a difference for the state I was born and raised in. I love Wyoming deeply and as a 5th generation native I am so proud of our state. What Wyoming needs now more than anything right now is leadership and, coming from the private sector outside of politics, I know how to make difficult decisions and be held accountable for those decisions.

Wyoming's biggest challenge is knowing how to create the right environment to expand our economy and create more good paying jobs. I have spent years in the private sector creating jobs. I know, as a businessman, what needs to happen on the ground to ensure our current and new businesses can thrive.

We also need leadership in dealing with our budget deficit and getting state spending under control. Again, I have worked with budgets larger than the State of Wyoming and know how to ensure we are spending our dollars efficiently.

After talking with friends and family, I concluded that I have been lucky enough to have the set of experiences and background that fit the needs

of Wyoming right now. I have the background to make a positive difference in Wyoming

*What experience do you have for this position?*

I'm not a career politician, I'm a businessman who has worked in the private sector. I'm the only one who has run a large organization and created thousands of private sector jobs. I'm an experienced entrepreneur with critical knowledge about the economic realities all businesses face. I have run businesses from small startups to large multinational corporations in 100 different companies with thousands of employees. My private sector experience has taught me how to be a leader and bring people together for positive change.

I am the only candidate that truly understands what it takes to grow a business and create jobs. Wyoming needs an aggressive and proven leader who will fix our state's nearly one-billion-dollar deficit, grow our economy and prepare Wyoming students for Wyoming jobs. My business know-how will take us where we want to go.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

Wyoming is blessed with incredible natural resources and we have so many important

industries that have developed around those resources. I want to support and continue to grow those industries. They are the backbone of our state economy.

I also want to expand our opportunities in other areas and continue to diversify our economy.

One of my focuses is to give tremendous opportunities to our kids so they can stay right here in Wyoming and contribute to our future success.

I was one of those kids who had to leave the state I love to get a job in the career field I had chosen. I, and everyone else I talk to around the state, want that cycle to end so our kids and our grandkids stay right here in Wyoming to work and raise their families.

*How can you help Wyoming diversify its economy?*

Wyoming needs to expand our private sector. I have identified six areas critical to creating an environment where our economy can grow. They are: creating a strong workforce, fostering an education system that equips our kids for the jobs of tomorrow, attracting reliable statewide air service, connecting to the world electronically through high-speed broadband, developing a world class healthcare system and empowering local

communities to ignite growth.

As Governor, I will work to create public private partnerships to ensure we are moving forward on these six areas.

I have also identified the first five things I will do once I am in office:

1. Implement the savings in the government efficiency program passed by the legislature. This will realize immediate savings in our state budget and ensure our state spending is not wasteful.

2. Work with President Trump to put in place lasting changes to our federal land management policies and federal regulations.

3. Partner with private industry in Wyoming to identify and remove duplicative and unnecessary state regulations to allow Wyoming's entrepreneurs and small businesses to grow our economy.

4. Hire agency heads and make appointments that share my vision of growing our economy and bringing good paying jobs here to Wyoming.

5. Implement an efficiency study for our education spending similar to what was done in the government efficiency study.

*How can Wyoming move into the 21st century?*

Wyoming has a bright future ahead of it. Our current



Governor has worked hard to improve critical infrastructure issues such as broadband access across the state. So, the next governor has a great foundation to build upon.

I believe Wyoming needs to be looking into the future at the jobs and markets that will appear for our kids and grandkids and create an environment and an education system that is responsive to that future. We need to be looking at our current workers and finding new ways to train or retrain them for the jobs of tomorrow. With our strong University and Community College system, I know we can do just that.

As your next Governor, I will work to strengthen Wyoming's future for generations to come.

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*Why have you decided to run for election?*

I am the only candidate who is committed to governing the state based on a strict constitutional foundation. By going back to the constitution we will free the state from federal overreach, burdensome regulations, excessive taxes and irresponsible spending, and a substandard education system. The proper role of government under the constitution is to protect our God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am the only candidate who is committed to honoring this charge.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

My Judeo-Christian upbringing and classical education provided the foundational values that our Republic's founders

exhibited. These values are essential to our constitutional republic.

I have the most comprehensive education and broadest professional background of all candidates. My unique professional career includes working as a teamster and in power-generation and distribution with Tennessee Valley Authority to pay for my education. After earning an engineering degree, I worked as a mechanical engineer with Kennecott Mining Corporation. Then, after graduating with honors from the University of Utah College of Medicine, I ran a surgical practice, was Vice Chief of Staff at DePaul Hospital in Cheyenne and was Chairman of Patient Care. I also practiced at the VA Hospital in Cheyenne so have an in-depth understanding of

veteran's healthcare issues. I currently own and operate a cattle ranch in Albany County and am President and Chief Medical Officer of Prodegi Corporate Benefit Services, a health benefits company.

Some, but not all, of the leadership positions I've held include 12 years on the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, Chair of Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee, member of the national Board of Directors of the Ranchers Cattlemen Legal Action Fund (R-CALF-USA), co-founder, board member and past President of Independent Cattlemen of Wyoming (ICOW). In 2008 I was inducted into The National Western Heritage Multicultural Hall of Fame of Ft. Worth, Texas and Oklahoma City, Okla. This honor was for my contributions and dedication

to Western culture.

I served on the Wyoming 2016 GOP Platform Committee, was a Delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention and I am the current Precinct Chair of Albany County District 45-2. The sum of this experience gives me the real-world knowledge and leadership skills required of the Governor as Chief Executive of the State.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

I will restore our citizens constitutional rights by installing the constitution as our foundation for government. I'll completely reform the delivery of K-12 education by eliminating Common Core, eliminating unnecessary administrative spend in the school system and giving students the op-

portunity to choose a robust vocational education track. I'll also facilitate the availability of affordable health care coverage, including ensuring improved access for veterans. I will restructure our budgeting process and veto any new taxes.

*How can you help Wyoming diversify its economy?*

It is not the government's place to diversify the economy. Diversification is the role of business leaders and entrepreneurs. As governor, I will reduce over-regulation to encourage businesses leaders to grow their businesses in Wyoming and I will improve our vocational education system to ensure we have a ready workforce to support their needs. I

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will eliminate ENDOW, which is a state-supported organization that subsidizes select businesses or industries over others – picking winners and losers. Diversification should be the role of our free-enterprise system and the governor’s role is to improve the business environment to allow it to happen.

*How can Wyoming move into the 21st century?*

We need a focus on improving the interconnectivity of cellular and internet services throughout the state. We also need to encourage our fossil fuel industry to develop new technology, products and ser-

vices that anticipate the new and growing demands. We need air transportation to support businesses throughout the state. We need to assume management of all the federally managed lands, with the exception of some national parks and monuments. By taking over our lands we will have increased access to the land by sportsman and recreationists, we will have improved forest management, and we will be protected from the movement by some Washington bureaucrats to sell off federally-managed lands. We will be able to pass a law ensuring that our state lands will be protected from sale for as long as Wyoming is a state.

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WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE

One open seat • Four-year term • Two candidates

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY** (One candidate for their party’s nomination)

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Mr. Byrd did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (One candidate for their party’s nomination)

Edward Buchanan (R)

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Edward “Ed” Buchanan was appointed to the position of Secretary of State on March 1, 2018. While he has been in office a short time, he believes that he has already brought a change to the State of Wyoming and wants to continue doing so.

“I sought this job because it fits well with my background in history, politics and law,” said Buchanan. “This job entails working with local communities to ensure all areas of Wyoming are represented when it comes to matters pertaining to the State Loan and Investment Board, Board of Land Commissioners and the State Building Commission.” Buchanan points to his leadership style which, according to him, earned him trust and respect from colleagues from both political parties. He also points to his experience in the legislature and in business.

“I lead with civility and respect so that we can always find those common interests that will lead Wyoming forward into the future,” said Buchanan.

One of Buchanan’s goals to help the people of Wyoming is to continue to update the state’s voting equipment to “ensure our elections are fair, open and safe.”

“We are striving for 100 percent voter eligibility. I have been working with our task force to get bids for new

equipment to be in place for the 2020 election season,” Buchanan said.

Buchanan also points to the Wyoming Invest Now (WIN) program as an achievement for the people of Wyoming.

“This is a unique program that allows and encourages Wyoming citizens to invest in small Wyoming companies that are trying to get started in a challenging and difficult credit environment,” said Buchanan. “Unlike most programs for economic development, there is no government money involved and it is lightly regulated only to ensure folks know the risks of what they are investing in. It takes the crowdfunding concept and turns it into a small business development tool,” Buchanan said.



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## 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

## STATE AUDITOR

One open seat • Four-year term • Three candidates

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY** (One candidate for their party's nomination)**Jeff Dockter (D)** 7266 Telluride Dr., Cheyenne, WY 82009 info@dockterforauditor.com 307-316-5008

Jeff Dockter is the sole Democratic candidate running for Wyoming State Auditor in the 2018 Primary Election and is looking to fill the seat currently held by Cynthia Cloud.

"I have decided to run for state auditor because I believe the issues facing the auditor's office are technology-based and can be solved via technical innovation," said Dockter. "I have audited government contracts and programs to

ensure compliance with state and federal requirements."

Dockter points to his 15 years of experience in managing and improving government processes in Wyoming as one of the things that qualifies him for the position of Wyoming State Auditor.

"As manager of Wyoming's accounting system for fiscal and payroll accounts, I will make it easy for businesses, citizens and state agencies to conduct business," Dockter

said.

In addition, Dockter points to his education, citing his Masters in Public Administration and being a certified project manager.

Transparency has been a key issue surrounding the office of State Auditor following several stories and op-eds concerning the Wyoming State Auditor's Office and *OpenTheBooks.com*.

"Right now, Wyoming's checkbook is not transpar-



ent," said Dockter. "It's not accessible. Wyoming earns an 'F' in transparency. Raising that grade to an 'A', requires an experienced technological innovator. The quickest way to do this is to ask the Legislature to approve funding."

Dockter added that if the legislature were to deny funding, he would turn to the University of Wyoming and the state's community colleges to "turn this hurdle into an open source development project."

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (Two candidates for their party's nomination)**Kristi Racines (R)** PO Box 1644, Cheyenne, WY 82003 vote@kristiracines.com 307-851-1437

Kristi Racines is one of two Republican candidates running for the office of Wyoming State Auditor. Racines, a fourth-generation Wyoming native, was born in Casper and raised in Bar Nunn, Evanston and Riverton and attended the University of Wyoming (UW).

"I believe in a government that is effective, efficient and serves the critical needs of our citizens," said Racines. "The auditor is responsible for keeping the books of the state, managing the accounting and payroll processes and is the official custodian of the state's accounting records. 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."

While Racines attended UW, she earned degrees in accounting and Spanish and, shortly after graduation, became licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. Racines also points to her current role as Chief Fiscal Officer and Director of Human Resources of Wyoming's judicial branch for experience for the position of state auditor.

"I prepare and manage an \$80 million statewide budget and oversee human resources for over 300 employees," Racines said.

Racines also sits on the State Employee Compensation Commission and was appointed a member of the

inaugural Government Efficiency Commission in 2017. Prior to her employment with the state, Racines worked for a large public accounting firm that performed audits of Wyoming businesses, non-profits and various different governmental entities.

Transparency has become a huge issue in the race of Wyoming State Auditor, following an op-ed published in *Forbes* magazine detailing the struggles *OpenTheBooks.com* has had with getting information from the Wyoming State Auditor's office. Wyoming has, in fact, received an "F" from the Center of Public Integrity in Washington D.C.

"Wyoming citizens and lawmakers must have accurate and reliable financial information in order to make good decisions and hold government accountable - this is non-negotiable.

The State Auditor is the cornerstone of financial reporting for the state and is the official custodian of expenditure information," said Racines. "This data is not currently available to citizens in an easily accessible format. As Auditor, I would ensure that state expenditure data is available - this is the best tool to ensure wise spending of our limited resources."

**Nathan Winters (R)** 106 Mountain View Dr. Thermopolis, WY 82443 winters4auditor@gmail.com 307-864-3690

Nathan Winters currently represents House District 28 in the State Legislature, representing Big Horn, Hot Springs, Fremont and Park counties. The Thermopolis based candidate, however, feels that the State of Wyoming needs greater transparency.

"Over the past several years in the State Legislature it has become apparent that we need much greater transparency in government," said Winters. "47 states provide to their citizens the ability to sit at their kitchen table and open a laptop and see how their tax dollars are spent. Wyoming, sadly, is one of three states that does not provide that

ability. We are ranked among the least transparent states as a result."

Winters added that, as a conservative legislator, he has seen the need for transparency and that the office of the State Auditor is the best place to provide for it.

"Over the past several years of representing the wonderful smaller communities of the southern Big Horn Basin and eastern half of Fremont County in the Legislature, I have fought hard for smaller communities that can get overlooked unless someone is willing to speak out," said Winters. "I have been proud to stand in the Legislature

for the kind of conservative, thoughtful, common sense principles that demands of government efficiency and transparency."

Winters stated that he is running for State Auditor to further those principles.

Currently, Winters serves on the Management Audit Committee as House Republican Caucus Chairman. He has also served on the Minerals Business and Economic Development Committee, and the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and water resource committee. Winters also points to his Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Church Ministries which, according to him, cov-

ers everything from financing to counseling.

With transparency being the biggest issue in the race of State Auditor, Winters stated that he believes that good government is "of, by and for the people" not "of, by, and for the government."

"We need to build a culture of transparency. I have the vision, leadership, the right kind of Legislative Experience, team-building skills and conservative values to get it done. It is time to bring Wyoming into the 21st century of open government where citizens can look online and see how their tax dollars are being spent," Winters said.



## STATE TREASURER

One open seat • Four-year term • Three candidates

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (Three candidates for their party's nomination)**Curt Meier (R)** 4721 Road 18, La Grange, WY 82221 meier4me@gmail.com 307-220-7782

Why have you decided to run for election?

I continue to have a successful life in business for over 50 years; I really haven't stopped working since I was 12. My appointed public service stems from the 80's and my elected public service with replacing Senator Jim Geringer when he became Governor. The one thing in common was the great people I've had the honor and privilege to work with. You can't be successful without giving and accepting help.

The time was right after accomplishing several of my legislative goals: welfare reform,

hardship funding for poor cities and counties, Infrastructure Development Authority, Line item veto for rules, billions in savings, public transportation for seniors, Wyoming GI bill for our military, surface owners accommodation for split estates, advancing conservative social issues, 2nd amendment rights, States retirement system, amendment A for investments, medium security correction facility, educational funding for at risk students, senate rules which keeps track of all money spent or saved in budget and starting of the serious conversation on budget transparency.

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What experience do you have

for this position?

The State Treasurer has 20 billion, yes billion, I don't need on the job training. I am a conservative business man, that means I will not put your money at the risk of being invested by a charlatan. I have chaired two Standing committees Corporations and political subdivisions and Transportation and Military affairs—<https://www.ngaus.org/united-voice>—I received the Patrick Henry award from the U.S. National Guard, 8 years on Appropriations, which means I know where all the coffee cans and where are buried and over 10 years

on the State Retirement Board as a Legislative liaison. I've been on selection committees for Directors, Chief investment officers and advised on investment, structural and retirement matters before the board, which means I know quite a lot about a multi-billion dollar public fund which the State Treasurer is a member of. My personal stock account has returned an APR of 17.66 percent! Since 1989, I don't day trade its closer to Buffet style. The secretary of State has all Legislators mandatory financial disclosures, mine show

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I have invested in stock and securities. While my opponent for the reporting period of eight years has never owned any stock or securities by his own sworn statement.

My 36 years of operating a large diversified agribusiness, two chairmanships, eight years on appropriations and 10 years on the retirement board as a legislative liaison speaks loudly to my leadership and management capabilities.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

Honor my oath to support, obey and defend the constitutions of Wyoming and the United States of America. Provide an efficient, effective and functional office and program environment with transparency and communications to the citizens of Wyoming.

Focus on investing in Wyoming to the betterment of our economy, increasing the return of our investments which in turn will reduce the need to find alternative revenue streams

and pay for our educational needs.

*What can you do to help Wyoming balance its budget?*

Implement the successful investment model structure similar to the Wyoming State Retirement funds, which has produced returns in excess of 5 percent above the treasurer's returns and above the comparators sovereign wealth funds with a goal of 2-3 percent increase over the spending policy established rate.

Reorganize the office, add professional expertise and modernize technology in concert with other communicating agencies. The outline has been developed by the Legislative Service office using assumptions which provide for ample maintenance funding.

I have the experience to do the job because I've worked with an amazing team at the Retirement Board for 10 years and can draw on real life experiences not just hypothetical cheerleading.

**Leland Christensen (R)**

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*Why have you decided to run for election?*

Wyoming people are constantly facing the threat of new taxes. As Treasurer, I'll help fight the threat of higher taxation. Increasing investment returns can be the difference between a Wyoming income tax and no new tax. We must increase returns while investing responsibly for Wyoming's future so that Wyoming families, veterans, seniors and young people thrive – without a state income tax.



By optimizing the performance of Wyoming permanent funds across asset classes, I believe we can beat our current benchmarks and increase returns. We must maintain and grow the corpus of Wyoming's savings accounts while seeking returns that allow interest income from state investments to deliver more dollars to our general fund each year.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

To represent the people of Wyoming, it's important to have walked in their shoes. I've spent my entire life raising a family, earning a paycheck and serving my community in Wyoming. I served 15 years in the 19th Special Forces Airborne as a member of the National Guard and 20 years as a Wyoming Sheriff. I've worked as a logger, operated my own business, served as a county commissioner and chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee. As a county commissioner, I managed multi-million dollar budgets. I know how to assess smart investment decisions for our communities and I will protect our savings from bureaucrats looking to take from long-term savings and spend on short term wants.

*What can you do for the people of Wyoming?*

I know first-hand the impact taxes and government regulations can have on a person's livelihood and freedom. Wyoming's next Treasurer can help keep the threat of a state

income tax at bay through the smart investment of Wyoming's \$20 billion investment portfolio. I have served my community through economic ups and downs and passed statewide tax relief for Wyoming agriculture producers. I understand responsible money management and am ready to hit the ground running for Wyoming taxpayers.

*What can you do to help Wyoming balance its budget?*

Wyoming's current funding gap is eating through our savings. Our current spending is outpacing revenues and is unsustainable over the long term. Wyoming families find ways to pay their bills and live within their means. State government must do the same.

Wyoming must seek ways to put its money to work overtime so taxpayers don't have to bear the long-term cost of budget shortfalls. As Treasurer, I will work to grow Wyoming's investment returns in order to reduce pressure on the state budget.

As a member of the State Board of Land Commissioners and State Loan and Investment Board, I will support investing in Wyoming communities and seek a balanced approach to economic activity on state lands that maximizes the earning potential of the land for the benefit of Wyoming taxpayers while making sure those who rely on state lands thrive.

**Ron Redo (R)**

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- Liz saw to it that the NDAA also included provisions to support F.E. Warren and the Wyoming National Guard
- Liz introduced the Gray Wolf State Management Act to prevent future court interference with USFWS's decision to delist the gray wolf
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I decided to run because I believe the security of Wyoming state funds needs to be improved.

I received a B.S. degree from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. I worked over eleven years for the California Compensation Insurance Fund.

The first six years were as an auditor when Ronald Regan was governor. I never met him, but he had indirectly gotten excellent people to train auditors.

After working for California, I became a U.S. patent agent. Experience with U.S.

patent law helps me understand Wyoming statutes that apply to the State Treasurer.

For the citizens of Wyoming, I would improve the security of Wyoming's investments.

To help with the state budget, I would advocate mod-

estly higher severance taxes. Now, for example, Wyoming has a lower severance tax on coal than Montana, yet Montana mining costs are higher because their coal has a higher overburden.



## STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidate

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (One candidate for their party's nomination)

**Jillian Balow (R)** 2501 Sweetwater Trail, Cheyenne, WY 82009 jillian4supt2018@gmail.com 307-421-4421

Jillian Balow is a fifth-generation Wyomingite and succeeded former Superintendent of Public Education Cindy Hill in 2015. Since then, according to Balow, her office has accomplished a great deal for the state of Wyoming alongside both the schools and the citizens.

"We have accomplished a great deal, including creating a state of stability and growth in education," said Balow. "It is imperative that Wyoming students continue to reap the benefits of being in a well-funded education system

and that our state is stronger as a result of our excellent schools."

Balow is currently running unopposed and stated that she plans, in her next term, to work to identify funding efficiencies in education that don't impact learning in the classroom. She added that she will also work on reducing education bureaucracy.

"I will focus on school safety and security, strengthening partnerships with public and private sectors and supporting our local school districts," Balow said.

Before being elected as Superintendent of Public Education in 2014, Balow spent 10 years teaching in both elementary and secondary education classrooms and would spend another eight years in administration at the Wyoming Department of Education, Wyoming Department of Family Services and was a policy advisor for Governor Matt Mead. Balow points to this for her experience for the position.

Balow also points to her success in her first term as State Superintendent which

includes making computer science a required component of education.

"I took a leadership role in this initiative and created a partnership with industry, education, and state and local leaders to ensure its success," said Balow. "I have worked with Wyoming industries to better provide career and technical education course offerings and added career and military readiness to college readiness in accountability scores."

Fighting Wyoming's "brain drain" has been an issue for

more than just the current Superintendent of Public Education, but Balow is up to the task and plans to reverse the flow of youth leaving the state.

"We must work with industry to continually evaluate what a 21st century education is and what it takes to best prepare our students for a successful life after K-12 education. This was why I took a leadership role in ensuring the education of computer science to our students, a field expected to increase dramatically in the coming years," Balow said.

## STATE SENATOR—DISTRICT 11

One open seat • Four-year term • Two candidates

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY** (One candidate for their party's nomination)

**Lee Ann Stephenson (D)** P.O. Box 7, Riverside, WY 82325 springergrma@gmail.com 307-634-9426

Lee Ann Stephenson is known to most in southern Carbon County as the co-owner of Lazy Acres Campground in Riverside for the last 11 years. For 27 years, though, she was an employee of the state, working with the Department of Family Services, the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Victim Services.

"I feel I owe the experience I have had in working with legislators on bills concerning children, families and victims to my community and state,"

said Stephenson. "I have also had experience in working with public/private partnerships across the state."

Stephenson currently serves on the Carbon County Senior Services board, representing the Encampment Sagebrush Senior Center, and on the Sierra Madre Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board, representing the Town of Riverside.

"I have worked many times with groups of people with differing agendas to reach a common goal," Stephenson

said.

Stephenson believes that she can help the people of Senate District 11 find their strengths in solving issues that may not require a one-size-fits-all approach from Cheyenne.

"A solution working in Cheyenne may not work in Lusk, for instance," said Stephenson, "but that doesn't mean Lusk's approach is wrong."

The Riverside-based Democratic candidate hopes to bring several issues to the

state legislature including keeping public lands in public hands, keeping government out of women's health decisions and supporting local school districts. Stephenson was recently endorsed by the Wyoming Education Association - Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE).

One of the ways Stephenson believes that Wyoming can come into the 21st century is by working with law enforcement, corrections and courts on the idea of criminal justice reform.

"I feel every Wyoming citizen should enjoy equal protections of the law, so I will support legislation to ensure no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation," Stephenson said.

Stephenson added that she will work to ensure education is well funded, find innovative ways to provide health-care while lowering costs and that she will be responsive to the concerns of the people of Senate District 11.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (One candidate for their party's nomination)

**Larry Hicks (R)** PO Box 413, Baggs, WY 82321 lhicks hunts@yahoo.com 307-383-7192

Incumbent Larry Hicks represents Senate District 11, which spans over three counties and includes 18 municipalities and unincorporated town and five school districts. Originally elected in 2010, Hicks is running for re-election "in order to reform state government" as well as reduce state bureaucracy and restore fiscal responsibility.

Hicks points to his education at the University of Wyoming and Montana State University,

nearly three decades of working with federal, state and local government agencies as well as his eight years in the Wyoming Senate as experience for the position. Along with representing Senate District 11, Hicks also has served on several committees and is chairman of the Agriculture-Public Lands and Water Resources committee and represented the Wyoming Legislature on national committees for Agriculture, Water Resource and Infrastructure

and Environment.

"I have been the champion for private property rights," said Hicks, "pushing numerous pieces of legislation through in the last six years including strengthening landowner liability protection, increased landowner protection against the use of eminent domain and instituted new criminal penalties against trespass(ers) who intent to collect data without the landowner's permission."

Among the many issues

Hicks will bring to the state legislature if re-elected, he includes fighting for the rights and represent the interests of hunters and anglers. Hicks also believes that Wyoming does not need to be brought into the 21st century because it is already there.

"I cherish the customs, culture, morals and values that we have in Wyoming and certainly in rural Wyoming in our small towns and rural communities," said Hicks. "If moving to the

21st (century) means something that would jeopardize this, then I will oppose it to the bitter end. If it means to embrace who and what we are and enhance that through things like better broadband service to rural Wyoming, increased access for rural health care, value added to our existing resource and industries so our youth can stay home and work beside their families then you will not find anyone more passionate about getting that done."

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 47

One open seat • Two-year term • Two candidates

**REPUBLICAN PARTY** (Two candidates for their party's nomination)

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2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

**Jerry Paxton (R)**

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Jerry Paxton first came to serve as the representative for House District 47 in 2013 following the retirement of former representative Jeb Steward. Prior to serving as the representative for District 47, Paxton had served for six years as a Carbon County Commissioner.



"I decided to run for re-election because of the current budgetary issues we are facing in Wyoming," said Paxton. "I think it is important to have representatives on board who understand what needs to be done to weather the financial storm."

Paxton points not only to his third term in office as experience for the position, but his time as a commissioner and multiple roles in municipal government.

"I have served on the town council and have been mayor of both Riverside and Encampment," Paxton said.

According to Paxton, the best thing he can do for the people of District 47 is to "get acquainted with as many of them as possible" adding that he wanted to let them know he would listen and react to their concerns.

For Paxton, the most important issue facing the Wyoming Legislature is education and maintaining funding for

K-12 education. "As a former educator and Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee I am in a position to work with all of our education stakeholders to find acceptable solutions to the financial woes we are currently experiencing," said Paxton.

When it comes to bringing the Cowboy State into the 21st century, Paxton feels that the state should be open to new ideas for economic diversification. "As we move forward it is important to reduce our dependence on the mineral extraction industry to provide the bulk of our revenue," said Paxton. "We must welcome new ideas for diversification and not be afraid to provide incentives for business and industry that fits our culture."

**Julie McCallister (R)**

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Mrs. McCallister did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

**CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Two open seats • Four-year term • Three candidates

**W. John Johnson (R)**

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What experience do you have for this position?

My private life as a fifth generation Ag producer has honed my ability to understand business and how one should be run. Work within a budget and inside our means. Look at problems with a critical eye and to not be afraid to try different approaches to find resolve. Look to the future and make a plan for the future; set goals. To be a critical thinker and to not be afraid of change to find the right answer to issues. Frankly, the best experience I currently have is my past six years as a Commissioner and having to have worked through short budgets, made the tough decisions to keep necessary services intact has given me "real life" experience you really can't get anywhere else.



Carbon County. I have led meetings and discussions on contentious issues; made certain everybody felt like they were heard, not everyone can come out a winner but if they feel like they were able to have their concerns heard, they can leave the meeting feeling good about it.

And, above all, I will always remain approachable and listen to your concerns.

What important issues do you think are currently facing Carbon County?

On a social level, sub-

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What can you do for the people of Carbon County?

Provide leadership, which will certainly be needed with all the activity on the horizon. I have testified twice in front of the Industrial Siting Council in regards to impact assistance on behalf of all

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stance abuse has to lie at the forefront. They are the root reason we need a Youth Crisis Center, Sheriff's office, court system and, all too often, a Coroner.

Looking at industry, right now wind generation comes to the front. Sometime soon we need to hear from the people and their views on where the

build out in any one geographical area should be. And, look at our policies and see if they fit the personality of the public and adapt changes if and where necessary.

With all the activity planned the next two to three years several things will need to have our continued attention: roads in those areas will be

impacted, emergency first responders, police presence and general county services will be impacted. We have a good initial plan but as we move further into those projects we will be reviewing the initial plan and change and adapt as necessary.

*How can Carbon County*

*move into the 21st century?*

We all have heard from the recent forums what is needed to bring us into the 21st century. Reality is, we are doing most of what I have heard; or at least identified those things we would like to have that are on the cusp of future technology. However, we can only afford to do what is financially

sustainable while continuing necessary services. We look creatively at all available funding sources and grants: governmental, private and corporate. Our Clerk and all officials are very creative and successful at this, but grants are getting more competitive and hard to land; be sure we are working on them.

**Robert "Bob" Davis (R) P.O. Box 369, Baggs, WY 82321 davisconstruction83@yahoo.com 307-380-6457**

*What experience do you have for this position?*

When I was selected to fill Commissioner Glode's position I promised I would run for election. In the last five months I have been active in not only commissioner meetings but also many community, hospital and other county meetings. Many of the meetings I attend are just for listening and learning.

Since I was appointed I have spent a lot of time learning current issues that we all face. I feel I am an asset to the commission and to the people of Carbon County.



*What can you do for the people of Carbon County?*

The top 3 economic drivers in Carbon County are natural gas, tourism and agriculture. In the private sector I have 30 years experience in natural gas, 25 years experience in motel business, 8 years motel, restaurant and bar and 20 years in agriculture. I have been serving on boards for about 20 years. Current boards I serve on are Carbon County Commissioners and District 2 Commissioner for the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Board. I believe I have a well rounded background to serve the people of Carbon County. My experience in the pri-

ivate sector brings an added insight in discussions and decision making. The experience I have had on local, county and state boards have educated me in issues important to the people of Carbon County.

*What important issues do you think are currently facing Carbon County?*

The top issues facing Carbon County is the funding of our County services, Road and Bridge, EMS, Fire, police and sheriff protection, etc. Where do we get the funding and how do we keep it?

Carbon County, like the rest of the country, has a history of boom and bust. We need to find ways to stabilize the income and keep that income in Carbon County.

*How can Carbon County move into the 21st century?*

Technology is leading the way. We need to bring high speed broadband to our rural communities in Carbon County. We can do this by working with our state legislature through the ENDOW (Economic Diversification of Wyoming) programs.

**R. Travis Moore (R) 1918 Dunphail Street, Rawlins, WY 82301 rtmoores88@gmail.com 307-321-1817**

*Why have you decided to run for election?*

I have been encouraging young people and others to serve their respective communities in civil service or elected office for a long time. Even though I have been very involved in my career field in many roles, it is simply time for me to practice what I have been preaching.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

I have very diverse leadership experiences. I was a line supervisor and worked my way into other supervisory roles within the world of Wildland Fire starting in the early 1990s. I've coached athletics, directed and coached in the arts, mentored teachers, led negotiation teams and am currently a principal. I have achieved my superintendent endorsement and have also served on state level commit-

tees, task forces and work groups. Within this combined experience I have learned valuable lessons about strategic planning, systems-based management and the real value of open communication for continual improvement. I have had to make tough decisions, work well under pressure and can actively listen and understand even when issues are emotional.

*What can you do for the people of Carbon County?*

I will actively listen to the people of Carbon County. I will listen to collaborators. I will listen with an open mind and an open heart to really understand what people want and how they envision Carbon County moving into the months and years to come. We are all in this together. I will also do everything I can to ensure we have sound planning, active collaboration and clear

direction to act as a resource for the many boards, county employees and the people. I am solutions oriented and consistently analyze current practices for efficiency, productivity and overall service to the public. For the people of Carbon County, I offer solutions, systems-based management and forward-thinking leadership.

*What important issues do you think are currently facing Carbon County?*

Anything that may interfere with or impact service regarding the health, safety and welfare of the citizens is an issue. Every action we may or may not take will have ripple effects into the future and other communities. Whether we are discussing roads, energy, EMS, Fire, recruiting, retention, and training for employees, collaboration with state and



federal agencies for land use or specialized issues coming through any of the associated boards, we need to be a resource to find solutions and develop strategic plans to best serve the people in the long run without sacrificing who and what we are as a county.

*How can Carbon County move into the 21st century?*

Carbon County can do better with technology in her departments and in her municipalities to maximize services. We can also design and implement better communication strategies to be more efficient and transparent. We must talk with the people to develop a vision for the future for all who live here. We then must act on this vision within a strategic plan with measurable goals to ensure we are making progress. We must embrace who we are and seize every opportunity to shape our future and that of our children and grandchildren. The history of Carbon County is rich with people who had vision and were bold and strong. Those people met challenges and exceeded expectations. We must do the same to continue this legacy.

**One open seat • Two-year unexpired term • Four candidates**

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**Terry Weickum (R) 1111 East Daley Street, Rawlins, WY 82301 terry.weickum@gmail.com 307-321-0157**

*Why have you decided to run for election?*

With all the challenges facing Carbon County and knowing that this is a two-year seat, I feel I have the background, knowledge to help insure the best outcomes for Carbon County. My ex-

perience will allow me to become effective more quickly.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

I not only was a County Commissioner for eight years but Chairman for six of those years. In order to be more

effective in dealing with the BLM and Forest Service, I took extensive NEPA training to help understand the principles by which they operate. I served on several different committees with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association and

chaired the Wind Task Force Committee which included testifying to various Legislative committees and the Industrial Siting Council.

*What can you do for the people of Carbon County?*

I will protect the health,

safety and welfare of every individual in Carbon County per State Statutes. I never missed any meetings in the eight years I served as County Commissioner and promise to treat everyone equally

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regardless of where you live in Carbon County. My plans are to collaborate with each community as much as possible. As this is a two-year term, my experience and knowledge will bring me up to speed very quickly.

*What important issues do you think are currently facing*

*Carbon County?*  
There are a lot of things coming to Carbon County which includes wind energy in a very large way. As it is a very complex issue, my background in wind energy will allow me to help sculpt more informed decisions for the betterment of Carbon County. It is important that

we work to diversify our income streams as much as possible. Along with these projects that range from wind, oil, uranium and many others comes various impacts that I will be proactive and not reactive to. My main attention will always be for the health, safety and welfare of the people in Carbon County.

*How can Carbon County move into the 21st century?*

We need to increase our technological ability. Internet conductivity is a very basic need of most businesses in today's world.

With the abundance of natural gas, there are still entire communities that do not have the availability of

natural gas.

I believe that through leadership and collaboration, these problems can be fixed making Carbon County a more attractive place to move to and start a business.

I understand the different wants and needs of each community and will do my best to fulfill my obligations.

# CARBON COUNTY ASSESSOR

**One open seat • Four-year term • Three candidates**

**Renee Snider (R)** P.O. Box 2152, Rawlins, WY 82301 [lrnsnider01@gmail.com](mailto:lrnsnider01@gmail.com) phone not provided

Renee Snider currently serves as the Deputy Assessor for the Carbon County Assessor's Office and has been for nearly four years. Snider believes that she is the best suited and most qualified person to serve as county assessor.

"The knowledge and experience I have gained from the years I have worked in the office will enable me to serve the public better than those less qualified," said Snider.

The current deputy attorney added that she felt that

her leadership qualities and new ideas would have an impact on the way the office serves the people of Carbon County.

"I am driven to make a difference as Carbon County Assessor," Snider said.

When it comes to experience and qualifications for the role of assessor, Snider points to her education which includes; National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices, Principles and Techniques of Cadastral Mapping, Wyoming Assess-

ment Practice, Depreciation Analysis and will also include Assessment Administration this fall.

"Since I have been employed with the Assessor's office I have used a 'boots on the ground' method of assessing all properties in cities and towns including; Saratoga, Encampment, Riverside, Hanna, Medicine Bow, Elk Mountain, Arlington, Baggs, Dixon and Savery," said Snider.

Snider added that she had also assessed properties in

several subdivisions including Cow Creek Station, Baggot Rocks, Blackhall and Cherokee Meadows among several others.

"If elected, I will keep property taxes at the lowest level of appraisal while staying within the Department of Revenue guidelines. I will treat all citizens of Carbon County with the respect they deserve. I will also help find programs to assist our elderly or low income property owners to pay property taxes," Snider said.



**Lindsey West (D)** 509 Rodeo Court, Rawlins, WY 82301 [lindseywest592@gmail.com](mailto:lindseywest592@gmail.com) 307-321-1686

Lindsey West is one of three candidates for the position of Carbon County Assessor in the 2018 Primary Election. West, who is permanently certified as a property tax appraiser, at one time served as the deputy assessor for the assessor's office.

"I come into the election knowing that, if elected, I have my work cut out for me," said West. "With that said, I am running for the office because I care about Carbon County residents and think that they deserve an assessor who is willing to put them

first."

Along with being permanently certified, West looks to her time working for both real estate and property valuation for nearly eight years as experience for the position. West added that, in her time as deputy assessor, she was solely responsible for all sales verification and the discovery and listing of all new construction occurring within the county.

"I also have experience in leaderships and management," West said. "I have personally managed depart-

ments and served as president for a local non-profit organization for four years."

West stated that, if elected, she had high goals for the assessor's office, all of which revolve around "serving the public better." Those goals include improvements to increase efficiency, accuracy and transparency.

"An elected official should never have to promise to uphold the rules and regulations that govern them, that should be inherent," said West.

According to West, she



plans to utilize the technology that is currently available to the office to its fullest potential while being on the lookout for new technology that could benefit the department.

"I believe in the power of knowledge and believe that it is your right to be informed. If elected, I plan to hold workshops in all communities in the county to set forth what the responsibilities of the department are, how it's values are reached, and address questions and concerns personally," West said.

**James "J.J." Spencer (R)** 2304 Kilmory Drive, Rawlins, WY 82301 [jjspencer@bresnan.net](mailto:jjspencer@bresnan.net) 307-247-3309

James "JJ" Spencer is one of two Republican candidates running for the position of Carbon County Assessor. According to Spencer, he was approached by family and friends after it was announced that the current assessor, Cheryl Ross, would

be retiring.

"I am currently not qualified, but according to the (Wyoming) Department of Revenue I don't have to be starting out," said Spencer. "I've been in touch with the DOR and have setup to start classes before I'm even elect-

ed."

Despite his lack of experience with the assessor's office, Spencer points to his time in the United States Navy as training for leadership and management as well as serving as president and local chairman for his union

while working for Union Pacific Railroad.

"I look forward for the opportunity to serve Carbon County," Spencer said. "Being born and raised as a Carbon County citizen, I understand the importance of bringing excellence to the

assessor's duties and the people of Carbon County."

Spencer added that he hopes to provide a more transparent and public friendly office as well as more communication with the public.

# POLLING SITES

(District - Precinct)

(06-01, 08-01) **HANNA** Town Hall at 301 Adams St.

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As governor, I'll fight for the hard-working families of Wyoming just as I did for the hardworking Americans that depended on my firm. I will watch our state budget like a hawk, and make sure that every tax dollar is spent wisely. **And I will put your interests first, not the special interests that have so much power over today's politicians.**



I will ask myself if the teacher in Casper would approve \$500,000 for a new University of Wyoming slogan

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# CARBON COUNTY ATTORNEY

One open seat • Four-year term • Two candidates

**Ashley Mayfield Davis (R)** P.O. Box 113, Rawlins, WY 82301 ashleymariemayfield@gmail.com phone not provided

Ashley Mayfield Davis has worked in the Carbon County Attorney's Office for the past 10 years with the last 5 being spent as Chief Deputy Carbon County Attorney.

"As I progressed in my career," said Davis, "I had the opportunity to share my skills and train and mentor other attorneys in the office. It is important to have a strong leader who is familiar with and can accomplish all the duties and responsibilities of the office."

Davis believes that the experience gained over the last decade working in the Carbon County Attorney's Office would "allow the office

to continue to be professional, function effectively and benefit Carbon County."

When it comes to experience, Davis cites the approximately 3,000 criminal cases she has prosecuted during her time at the attorney's office as well as having tried several jury and bench trials.

"The County Attorney is primarily responsible to prosecute crimes on behalf of the State of Wyoming," Davis said, "in misdemeanor, felony and juvenile court cases. We have a total of six attorneys in the office and five of the attorneys are assigned primarily to the prosecution of cases."

Along with having worked

on criminal cases, Davis adds that she most recently began working to represent Carbon County and its elected officials in a civil capacity as well. She has drafted and negotiated contracts, handled personnel matters and represented County appointed boards.

"I have been the Chief Deputy Carbon County Attorney since 2013, and have been involved in drafting and administering the budget, supervising members of the office and in the administration of the office as a whole. All of these are areas the Carbon County Attorney is responsible to cover by law," Davis said.

According to Davis, the ex-

perience she has gained over the years will be used to the benefit of the people of Carbon County as she stated that her commitment is to the people of Carbon County and their safety.

"Since I have been able to develop expertise in the areas of civil representation of Carbon County and its elected officials and in criminal prosecution, there will be no training time or learning curve for me. The other attorneys in the office will not be required to train me to complete the duties of the office. I am already doing this job successfully. I will continue to provide excellent legal advice to Carbon



County, and to seek justice for our community," said Davis.

**Seth "Turtle" Johnson (R)** P.O. Box 1309, Saratoga, WY 82331 turtle@slowandsteadylaw.com 307-399-6060

Seth "Turtle" Johnson is the sixth-generation of the Johnson family to reside in Carbon County and recently decided to run for Carbon County Attorney because "I have seen firsthand the disconnect between the intent of our legislators, our law enforcement officers and the residents of our community."

"Current leadership has adopted a one-size-fits-all approach to prosecution that has failed to reduce crime, or to increase the efficiency of our justice system," said Johnson. "I know we can modernize our justice system while focusing on the

traditional values of Carbon County."

Johnson points to the generations of his family living in Carbon County as part of his experience for the position of Carbon County Attorney.

"After having lived and worked here for so long, we are intimately familiar with the true importance of hard work and community improvement," Johnson said. "I have a general legal practice that affords me the opportunity to meet and interact with all varieties of residents of Carbon County"

According to Johnson, he



understands the frustration within law enforcement and has spoken with legislators

that "are encouraged that some of us in Carbon County are willing to take the step to move the county forward."

Johnson feels that he can elevate the Carbon County court system to other top-tier systems across the state, his focus mainly being on 301 diversionary programs.

"Despite claims from the opposition," said Johnson, "Carbon County does not offer first time nonviolent offenders access to rehabilitative diversionary programs through Wyoming Statute 7-13-301."

Johnson stated that he believes by allowing access to

301 diversionary programs, it would lead the courts to be able to focus on "more serious crime."

"As County Attorney, I would not only make diversionary programs accessible, but also offer social programs for drug offenders that have statistically proven to be more effective at substance abuse prevention than hard and fast sentencing. Long term, these cost-effective practices will not only save taxpayers' money, but effectively reintegrate offenders so they can become productive, working members of the community," Johnson said.

# CARBON COUNTY CLERK

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidate

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Ms. Bartlett did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

## Some primary election information

Every two years, as the primary and general elections approach, questions about the process are asked as many people work to re-acquaint themselves with the civic process. While other states have their primary dates set earlier in the year, the Wyoming primary elections are set, by State Statute, on the first Tuesday following the third Monday in August. (WS 22-2-104)

The purpose of the primary elections are to "thin the herd" of the, sometimes, mind-boggling number of candidates vying for their party's nomination. This year, four Democrats and six Republicans are running for the office of governor of Wyoming. Only one candidate from each party will be able to run in the general election which makes the primary elections that much more important.

The biggest question, especially with the purging of voter rolls in the news recently, is when and how to register to vote. The Saratoga Sun has combed through the Wyoming Election Code and the Wyoming State Statutes to bring you the answers to these important questions.

### Can I vote before I turn 18?

Technically, no. If someone will be turning 18 before the general election, however, they can register to vote.

### When was the deadline to register for the primary elections?

Aug. 6 was the deadline, but the good news is: if you voted in Wyoming's 2016 General Election you are already registered according to the Wyoming Secretary of State. Additionally, you can register to vote on the day of the election at your local polling place.

### Can I switch my party affiliation at the polls?

Wyoming has closed primaries, meaning people can only vote for the candidates who share their political affiliation. The only non-politically affiliated candidates are those on the municipal level. It is both possible and legal for someone to change their party affiliation at their polling location before voting.

### Can I take time off work to vote?

Yes. By Wyoming Law (WS 22-2-111) you are entitled to take an hour away from work, aside from your lunch hour, to vote between the opening and closing of the polls.

### I moved from one county to another. What do I do?

- If you moved to Carbon County from another county within Wyoming you will need to register.

### I moved from one town to another in my county. Do I still need to register?

- No, but you do need to inform the County Clerk of your change in physical address.

### What do I need to register?

- You will need one of the following: driver's license, identification card, birth certificate, social security card or passport.



## 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

# CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidate

**Mara M. Sanger (R)** 715 11th Street, Rawlins, WY 82301 jamsang2@yahoo.com 307-321-6915

Mara Sanger is the current Clerk of District Court and is running for re-election unopposed in the 2018 Primary Elections. Sanger, before being elected to Clerk of District Court, serves as the Deputy

Clerk. "For over ten years now I have interacted with the residents of Carbon County, the judges and attorneys," said Sanger. "I enjoy working with people and take pride in

helping people through their dealings with the court." According to Sanger, she has faced many challenges since being elected. These challenges have included budget cuts, reduction of staff and a backlog

of work inherited upon her election. "My goal when I took office was to cross-train the staff and get a handle on the workload," Sanger said. "Today I have a well-trained hard working staff

and no backlog." Sanger stated that she believes she is making a difference and that her goal is to make sure that her office continues to give their best efforts to the people of Carbon County.

# CARBON COUNTY CORONER

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidates

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Mr. Zamora did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

# CARBON COUNTY SHERIFF

One open seat • Four-year term • Three candidates

**Archie C. Roybal (D)** HC 32 Box 3, Rawlins, WY 82301 roybalarchie@gmail.com phone not provided

I am running for Carbon County Sheriff because I truly believe in the office and the responsibilities that accompany this position. I enjoy the statutory challenges this position presents and helping the citizens of Carbon County. Through training and experience (28 years) I know every facet of the Sheriff's Office from detention, to patrol, to being your current Sheriff

of Carbon County. I have current knowledge of this position plus experience in budgeting and the ability to lead others. My qualifications include: administration classes, incident command classes, basic swat, DARE officer instructor training, Mounted Patrol training, NRA firearms instructor, Field Training Officer, and over 2,000 post certification

hours in order to maintain my Professional Peace Officer's Certification. I will continue to preserve the peace, maintain the jail, perform civil process and attend the courts along with uphold the law for all citizens, as well as maintain the integrity of the department and staff, oversee the administrative duties of the office and manage the department

budget. I will provide staff with technology, training and remain fiscally diverse. Finally, I will continue to collaborate with other law enforcement agencies, establish creative scheduling for coverage and provide assistance for public school safety education for all of Carbon County.



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**Walter Hagan (R)** 1716 Loch Lomond, Rawlins, WY 82301 unit1742@msn.com 307-324-5192

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# CARBON COUNTY TREASURER

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidates

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# ELK MOUNTAIN MAYOR

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidate

**Morgan J. Irene** P.O. Box 55, Elk Mountain, WY 82324 elkmountainmayor@gmail.com phone not provided

I have decided to run for another term due to the positive experience it has been to be a part of an effective team. The council, employees, board members and volunteer fire and first responders have all pulled together and made our town the enjoyable place that it is to live in. In addition to our own folks it has been rewarding to work with the other community and county leaders. These times have been lean but together things have

gotten accomplished. I felt like pushing on, offering my efforts and support to all of these things is the right thing to do. After almost eight years, I can offer my experience of learning things on the job as mayor. So many challenges we have navigated through from flooding with the National Guard sandbagging for us to having the elementary school kids help us to name a new street. I continue to do the right things for the

right reasons that is in the best interest for the majority of our community, not just a few. By continuing on, many of the lessons learned will not need redone saving time and expense. I do not shy away from conflict since I feel it is best to deal with situations right away. It is my intention to be the best advocate for our town as I can be. Looking for and securing funding has helped our situation tremendously



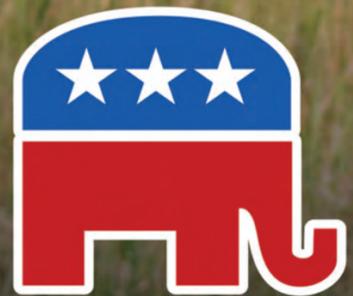
and I will continue to spend the time and effort to do so. Representing our town across the county keeps the playing field level on all issues. We continue with our desire for a community center and are closing in on results. The opportunity to secure natural gas for our town has begun. I will continue my efforts to see this through. Above all, our sense of community is the most important. I will do my best to protect all that makes that possible.

# ELK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

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## ELK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Two open seats • Four-year term • Two candidates

**Dawn Kenneda** P.O. Box 11, Elk Mountain, WY 82324 rdkenneda@yahoo.com 307-348-7311

I have decided to run for Elk Mountain city council because I feel it is my turn to give back to this great little community. I have lived in Elk Mountain for eight years now and have come to really treasure the friendships I have built and the connections I have made. My daughters are now off

to college and it is time to start a new chapter in my life. I have been on the parks board and currently serve on the museum board here in Elk Mountain as secretary/treasurer. I feel with my understanding in free market economics, the constitution and the proper balance and role of government in our



lives, I am qualified to serve as councilwoman. If elected, I hope to help with the planning and realization of our community center. I hope to encourage business to thrive in our town by not being too burdensome with regulations and permits. Finally, I hope to serve the people of Elk Mountain with distinction and honor. Our town has great leadership and great people who roll up their sleeves to help one another and help make our community a safe and comfortable place to live. I am very grateful to be counted among them as an Elk Mountain citizen.

**Kelsie Domnitz** P.O. Box 81, Elk Mountain, WY 82324 kelldomni@gmail.com phone not provided

I'm running for election because I would like to understand local politics, I believe that being in the politics and getting firsthand experience is the best way to learn about

the workings of our small community. I don't have any political background per say, I do have a Bachelor's in Communication, and my willingness to

find solutions to problems is something I will bring to the council. For the people of Elk Mountain, I can listen to their wants and needs and try

my best to align our political reach with their style of living. We are a very small community and people move here for a certain reason. I want to keep this communi-

One open seat • Two-year unexpired term • One candidate

**Angie Hobbs** P.O. Box 78, Elk Mountain, WY 82324 hobbs\_319@hotmail.com 307-348-7788

Ms. Hobbs did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

## ENCAMPMENT MAYOR

One open seat • Four-year term • Two candidates

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Mr. Hebig did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

**Greg Salisbury** P.O. Box 336, Encampment, WY 82325 greg.salisbury726@gmail.com phone not provided

Greg Salisbury is the incumbent mayor of Encampment and is running for re-election in the 2018 race.

"I believe our community is one of the best places to live and raise our children," said Salisbury. "With that said, we still have update to do on our water and sewer lines and facilities."

Salisbury also stated that he has been in negotiations with new businesses to set up at the Industrial Park in Encampment and has been working to make sure that the ambulance service provided by South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services remains in Encampment.

The incumbent mayor points towards his collective 16 years in the position as

experience for the position along with the updates he has overseen to the town of Encampment.

"We have built a new state-of-the-art Water Plant, replaced 80 percent of our outdated water lines, 40 percent of sewer lines, looped several water lines in town, purchased and remodeled a new Town Hall and police department with a business rental and helped with others to acquire the Industrial Park and have businesses startup in it," Salisbury said.

The current mayor added that he also oversaw the refurbishing of the Grand Encampment Opera House and started several community events that go on throughout the year.

"I am a fourth generation

Wyomingite, I have lived in Encampment all of my life, started and graduated from Encampment K-12," said Salisbury, "I have a college degree in welding, metallurgy and inspection."

Salisbury added that, with his current position as Senior Chief Inspector representing Williams Field Services, he has been able to "utilize my experiences with contacts and negotiations on construction projects, which is vital for the town to be frugal with the public's money."

As for the people of Encampment, Salisbury feels that he can best serve them by standing behind the town employees which he sees as the town's greatest asset.

"I want to keep trying to promote more manufacturing



businesses to our community, continue to improve our water and sewer facilities, keep improving our parks, keep promoting our events throughout the year and maintain our small town atmosphere. I will help represent and negotiate for the town on very important tax issues coming up in the elections," Salisbury said.

## ENCAMPMENT COUNCIL

Two open seats • Four-year term • Four candidates

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**2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Shannon Fagan**

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Shannon Fagan is one of four people running for Encampment Town Council and believes that she is a fit for the council due to her passion for where she lives. "Someone asked me what I am going to change," said Fagan. "To be honest with you, I was taken aback by that question. I love this town and change isn't in my vocabulary when I talk about Encampment."

Fagan added that, in a town of less than 500 people, she believes that it is important for people to listen to each other and stay strong as community. She also feels that continuity, communica-

tion and consolidation are all areas that should be focused on by the town council.

For her experience, Fagan suggests her time on varying non-profit boards such as the Platte Valley Arts Council, Mother Mountain Anglers and Saratoga/Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"Having an active role in the community is highly important to me," Fagan said. "Be involved, be that positive reinforcement."

The Encampment resident believes that her approachability will work towards her being able to help the citizens of the small town. "I believe we all settled



here for a reason, we love where we live," Fagan said. "The beauty and quaintness of our town is important to all of us and I will do my best to keep it that way."

**HANNA MAYOR**

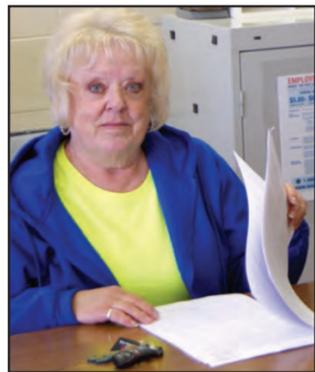
**One open seat • Four-year term  
Two candidates**

**Lois Buchanan**

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I have decided to run as a write-in candidate as Mayor for the Town of Hanna. I am basically a Wyoming native, having been raised in northwest Wyoming and coming to Hanna in 1986. I feel my desire to remain in Hanna, which I have grown to love, motivates me to help make it the best it can be.

I originally came here as a certified police officer, enjoying the public service aspect immensely. This also gave me an understanding of the operations of the town. Later, I was co-owner of Dingy Dan's Bar & Grill, in which I was involved in on a daily basis for nearly 22 years as owner/



operator. Currently I am employed with CCSD No. 2. I am also serving on the Board of Directors for Wee Folks Day Training School. I also served out a term on the SCWEMS

Ambulance Service Board as Hanna's representative. As you can see, I have insight into many of the needs and operations of our town.

My main objective, of course, is to serve the people of Hanna. I would like to see more of our current ordinances being enforced; mainly for public safety and aesthetics and support for our community events. Hanna is a nice/safe place to live and has a tremendous amount of wonderful people residing in it and would like it to remain that way.

I would take great pleasure in being part of your governing body.

**Jonathan C. Ostling**

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*Why have you decided to run for election?*

I believe that I have experience and skills which could be utilized to benefit our community.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

Here's an excerpt from my flyer which was mailed out to residents of Hanna:

Over 32 years working for Fortune 500 companies, 22 years with Chrysler and 10 years with Cascade Steel Rolling Mills (a subsidiary of Schnitzer Steel).

Managed a budget, multiple processes, and personnel during my working career.

Worked four-years during the summer for my home town where I grew up.

Implemented a number of business cost savings and optimization actions.

Participated in the Planning & Development Board for the City of Auburn Hills, Mich.

to design & develop their new community center.

Participated in the McMinnville School District Bond Board for over a \$90 million bond to implement technology classes & facilities for students. This was to assist high school tech students in better meeting the needs of local businesses.

Successfully applied for and was awarded numerous grants.

Currently enrolled in several American Red Cross training workshops to assist our town during an emergency.

*What can you do for the people of Hanna?*

During my discussions with a number of residents over the past couple of months a number of requests have been brought forward, some of these are:

- Re-establish the Planning and Development Board so activities can be started which would hopefully bring businesses to our community.



- Work on cleaning up our town, we have a number of vacant buildings and such which are safety risks for our community.

- Establish short and long term department plans to better understand budget forecast and future development.

I really found it encouraging to listen to our residents talking about their pride in our community and their ideas for improvement.

**HANNA COUNCIL**

**Two open seats • Four-year term  
One candidate**

**Tracy L. Fowler**

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*Donald Trump Jr.:*

**FOSTER FRIESS  
RIGHT CHOICE  
FOR WYOMING**

From the plains to the mountains, Wyoming is filled with hard-working and God-loving Americans, and the people of Wyoming are those who make up the backbone of our country. I love Wyoming, and that is why I believe that a strong, effective and conservative leader will help keep Wyoming successful and free.

**The best man for this job is Wyoming businessman and proven leader, Foster Friess. Foster embodies the leadership skills necessary to run a prosperous and efficient Wyoming that puts its people first. My father needs a fighter by his side in Wyoming, someone who is committed to enacting his America First agenda and I know that Foster will fight tooth and nail to help make that a reality.**

Let me tell you a little bit about the Foster Friess that I know.

I was introduced to Foster in 2016 through our mutual friend, the head of the country's largest student-organization, Turning Point USA, Charlie Kirk.

Following my father clinching the Republican nomination, there was a short period where some conventional sources of funding had not yet opened up to us, but Foster was right there when we needed him and helped open the door to other early adopters in the donor community. His generous early support helped make it possible for us to fund our ongoing grassroots mobilization operation in states like Iowa, Michigan and Ohio.

Foster stepped up when we needed him most and made a real difference in my father's campaign, and for that I will always be grateful.

He had our back in 2016 and I'm proud now to have his back as he runs for Governor of Wyoming.

**Foster also knows what it is like to come from nothing and build something great. Foster saw his parents work tirelessly to achieve the American dream and to ensure a better future for him and his family. Foster became the first member of his family to graduate college and then went on to serve our country in the U.S. Army as an infantry Captain.**

Hailed as one of this generations top ten greatest investors by Forbes, he and his wife started their business with eight hundred dollars and grew it into a successful firm that currently manages over \$15 billion.

And now Foster wants to bring this same type of success to the entire state of Wyoming.

**Wyoming is stronger than ever with a President who loves and supports the coal industry, and Foster Friess will be a partner in helping expand Wyoming coal into new markets. Foster wants to see jobs brought to Wyoming across the board, in all industries. President Trump fights for America's workers and Foster Friess will fight for all of Wyoming's workers.**

He supported my father during the campaign and has continued to stand by him, defending the President from the liberal media. I know he will work with my father to make Wyoming great.

Like me, Foster has a passion for the Second Amendment and that's why he has earned a 100% pro-gun conservative rating from the NRA. He is a committed conservative who puts his money where his mouth is. When the NRA was under attack from the far left and Hollywood, Foster stood up and offered \$2.5-million dollars to support school safety policies that were focused on protecting kids instead of infringing on our Second Amendment rights.

**Foster Friess has always fought for the little guy. He's not part of the swamp. He's following in my father's footsteps and not accepting any special interest money. Most importantly, he's a successful businessman, not a career politician.**

Foster's sole focus is to protect your money and to fight for the teachers, the welders, the nurses and every single hard-working family in Wyoming.

I know the type of leader who will put their people first and the type of leader it takes to build and sustain great success. Foster Friess is that leader. I am proud to endorse Foster Friess as the candidate who will fight for the working men, women and families in Wyoming.

He will be a true partner to President Trump in pursuing the Make America Great Again agenda and that's why I'm asking all of my father's supporters to vote on August 21st for a proven leader and friend, Foster Friess.

Paid for by Friess for Governor

**2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Tracy L. Fowler** P.O. Box 572, Hanna, WY 82327 *email not provided phone not provided*

*Why have you decided to run for election?*

I have decided to run because it's time for change. We need to move ahead and start thinking about the future of this town. We can not sit here and think things are going to get better. We have to make strides in making it better and more appealing. I believe that we can get more business opportunities in town, we just need to work on getting them here. I believe we need to make more of an effort in cleaning up the town. More trees, less junk. Hanna has

potential and I want to find it and make it shine. I have lots of ideas and want to see some of them come to life.

*What experience do you have for this position?*

I have what will be four years of experience on the Council, most of that four years was spent learning on how things work, and how the town receives funding to be able to support and give the citizens of this town that they need. I also sit on the Wyoming Association of Municipalities Board as well as

the Legislative Leadership Committee for WAM. I also sit on the Carbon County Council of Governments as a voting member. I have also served on the town's Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Carbon County Economic Development board. I believe I can take what I have learned these past four years and really apply it to my ideas and thoughts for this town.

*What can you do for the people of Hanna?*

I want to listen more to the people of Hanna. I want to

hear their ideas and concerns that they have. I want to be able to take their concerns/ideas back to the council and resolve or discuss the issue and do something about it in a timely manner. I don't want to have it pushed by the wayside and nothing ever gets done about it. I want to make sure that things get enforced and cleaned up. I would like to get more people involved in town, whether it is coming to more council meetings, community picnics or gatherings, make them have something to be proud of in their community.



**MEDICINE BOW MAYOR**

**One open seat • Four-year term • Two candidates**

**Kevin Colman** P.O. Box 128, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 [boredinbow@yahoo.com](mailto:boredinbow@yahoo.com) 307-399-0567

I have decided to run for re-election because my job here isn't done. With the movement of so many wind turbine projects and energy projects there is a need for experienced leadership to keep this ship moving forward. With the state wanting to keep looking at cuts to municipalities and cities this is the time for strong leadership

that isn't afraid to rock the boat and go to war to accomplish goals.

My experience is almost 10 years of sitting in this chair during some of the toughest economic times this state has seen. Direct state disbursement is lower and lower year after year and you are required to try to find funding sources for money that just

isn't there like it used to be. The money train is constantly drying up and economic diversification in the state as a whole is non-existent. And for the county bare to bleak.

The million dollar question is just that, what can you do? We have set up so many projects due to impact funding requests. With streets, police and fire being our top funding

requests. I personally want to begin looking at options to increase development parks and rec. The need for safe places for kids and adults to play and exercise is extremely important. I would love to partner with our energy sector friends to really develop some amazing opportunities with lights for our basketball courts, fixing

of our football fields and asphaltting the track. But the number one thing I want to do for this community is to figure out the way to bring jobs back. As well as working with established businesses to be able to truly flourish. This is the only way to be able to create the community we so strongly desire.

**Kay Embree** P.O. Box 312, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 [hkembree@msn.com](mailto:hkembree@msn.com) *phone not provided*

I am running for Mayor of Medicine Bow because this is my hometown. I remember the "community" feeling that there was growing up here and we need to do all that we can to make Medicine Bow a community again.

My experience for this position is my knowledge of

Medicine Bow's history for the last 56 years. I attended all 12 years of school here, graduating as a "Bow-Basin" alum in the 70s. After 2 years of college, I married and settled here. I was the Town of Medicine Bow Treasurer and police dispatcher for several years; helped organize an

economic development board; raised my daughter here and was active in organizations that cared about the community as a whole.

The Medicine Bow community is ready for a change ... we need to actively take care of the residents here, which includes dust control of the

streets, abandoned property clean-up and enhancing the assets that we have so that folks want to live here. We are mostly senior citizens and/or Veterans (33 veterans receive their mail here) in this community and we must do all we can to honor these people and focus on their

needs. I visit with all of the residents of Medicine Bow and I believe that I can bring us together as a community once again. We need to stand united and in turn that will also start bringing economic growth back.

**MEDICINE BOW COUNCIL**

**Two open seats • Four-year term • Four candidates**

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**Kenda Colman** P.O. Box 296, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 [kjcolman@gmail.com](mailto:kjcolman@gmail.com) 307-379-2635

*Why did you decide to run for Council for Medicine Bow?*

I am currently serving on the council and feel that it is important to have continuity in this council. Our community is facing big impacts from Wind Energy and it is

important to know these companies and the impacts that we could face. I served on the council during previous wind farm construction and have experience in this.

*What experience do you*

*have?*

I have served several terms on this council and do have experience.

I am currently vice chairman to the Carbon County Council of Government. I know this job.



*What can I do for the people of Medicine Bow?*

Represent them, be available to them, and listen to their questions and concerns. I need to be a voice for this community and a good representative to all.

**Sharon Biamon** P.O. Box 295, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 [shar50@live.com](mailto:shar50@live.com) 307-703-8084

I've been on the Town Council for the past four years and I think I've done a pretty fair

job. Have I made mistakes? Yes, I have. I am human, but I've tried my best and I've rec-

tified the mistakes I've made.

The reason that I am running again is because I love

this town and I want to help in any and every way that I can. I think that I have enough

experience and knowledge of how things work to continue to do a good job.

**Karla Denzin** P.O. Box 262, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 [kdenzin@gmail.com](mailto:kdenzin@gmail.com) 307-752-7497

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**Two open seats • Two-year unexpired term • Four candidates**

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**John Cowdin** P.O. Box 69, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 *email not provided phone not provided*

*Why did you decide to run for Council for Medicine Bow?*

I feel the town needs new leadership. It is time for a change.

*What experience do you have?*

I was on the Medicine Bow City Council for 4 years and served 2 terms as Mayor. I spent 25 years on the Carbon

County Fair Board and 18 years on the Conservation District.

*What can I do for the people of Medicine Bow?*

Let's say maybe some old ideas and some news ideas for the town of Medicine Bow.

I have lived here since 1964 and I have seen a lot of chang-

es and mistakes made. My experience and observations should be of benefit to the town.



# 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION



**Trevor Stauch** P.O. Box 112, Medicine Bow, WY 82329 tstauch307@gmail.com phone not provided

<p>Why did you decide to run for Council for Medicine Bow? I felt like I just got started by getting appointed and have not had a chance to do</p>	<p>much yet. What experience do you have? I have lived in and around Medicine Bow for 21 years</p>	<p>and am just now starting to get more involved in the community. What can I do for the people</p>	<p>of Medicine Bow? If people talk to me I will listen. I don't agree with caving because of one vocal opponent on an issue. I can</p>	<p>give a common sense voice to the people. Not just the forward speaking few.</p>
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## RIVERSIDE MAYOR

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidate

**Leroy Stephenson** P.O. Box 7, Riverside, WY 82325 wyoupser@yahoo.com 307-327-5968

A resident of Riverside and co-owner of Lazy Acres Campground, Leroy Stephenson originally ran for the mayor of Riverside in 2014 and has been serving since. "I was asked by several people to continue as mayor," said Stephenson. "I considered for quite some time before I decided that if the people of Riverside will support me for another term then I will represent the people of Riverside again." Stephenson looks towards his current full term as mayor for experience in the position and adds that he has the support of the town council and the town clerk. "I feel we can continue to make Riverside a good place to live and work," Stephenson



said. As for what he can do for the people of the small town, Stephenson stated that he believes the best thing he can do is to pay the bills and try to keep "govmint" off their front porch as best he can.

## RIVERSIDE COUNCIL

Two open seats • Four-year term • One candidate

**Ed Golden** P.O. Box 402, Encampment, WY 82325 segolden@union-tel.com phone not provided

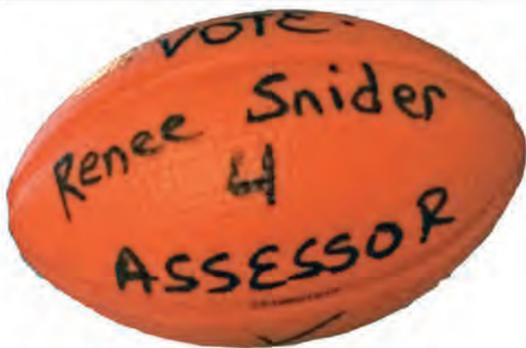
Ms. Golden did not respond to multiple emails from the Saratoga Sun.

## SARATOGA MAYOR

One open seat • Four-year term • One candidate

**Ed J. Glode** P.O. Box 605, Saratoga, WY 82331 ejglode@yahoo.com 307-329-3313

When asked why he ran for his second term, incumbent Saratoga Mayor Ed Glode replied, "I waited until 4:58 to see if anybody else was going to run and at 4:59 I pulled out my checkbook and paid the filing fee."



# FALL IS IN THE AIR

Summer is winding down and fall is right around the corner. Along with fall comes hiking, camping, hunting, school and football. Oh yeah, let's not forget elections.

I have a couple of questions for you football fans, and even those who aren't fans: If you were a fan of a favorite football team, what would you think if that team signed a person off the street with no experience to quarterback the team? Or ... what would you think if that team took a wide receiver that quit the team the year before, right before the playoffs, and signed him or her on as the starting quarterback this year?

The facts and similarities are there, so let's not be fooled by the flea flicker or end around plays. There's really only one choice for the 1st round draft pick for Carbon County Assessor.

Give Renee Snider the ball and let me lead the new team straight up the middle by using the experience and knowledge I have gained by being Deputy Assessor the past 4 years.



### VOTE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

# VOTE RENE SNIDER CARBON COUNTY ASSESSOR AND LET'S 'DO IT RIGHT' FOR THE PEOPLE OF CARBON COUNTY

2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

SARATOGA COUNCIL

Two open seats • Four-year term • Five candidates

**Will Faust** P.O. Box 484, Saratoga, WY 82331 will.f.faust@gmail.com 307-326-8013

There are many reasons that I am running for re-election in the Town Council race. I enjoy being a part of our local governance and giving back to my community. I have a significant investment in our town. My wife, Melissa, and I are raising our children here and I have built a successful business here, thus I want to ensure Saratoga remains the wonderful place it is for years to come.

My promise to my fellow residents is that I will continue to make decisions, some of which are very difficult at times, that are in the long term best interest of our community. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to make budgetary progress, support local infrastructure efforts and ensure your government is working for you. I bring a wealth of experience to the table. My past

three-and-a-half years on the council has taught me a great deal about leadership, decision making and consensus building. I bring a strong financial and business background to the table and make every effort to dedicate the time necessary to fully understand a situation. I have past experience in rural economic development, land use planning and personnel management. In the past

I have served as a member of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board and recreation Board. I currently serve on the Planning Commission, am the Town's liaison to the Corbett Medical Foundation and Platte Valley Community Center Foundation, I am the chairman of the Platte Valley Education Foundation and serve on the Board of Directors.



**Chia Valdez Schwartz** P.O. Box 129, Saratoga, WY 82331 chia@ruralranchradio.com 307-326-5353

Last year my family chose to invest and build a business/home in Saratoga as opposed to continuing to invest in Littleton Colo. Though return on investment may be greater investing in Colorado, the family decision was made to focus our energies into Saratoga and the Platte Valley. So... I have "skin in the game," and me and my family are here to stay. I believe Saratoga would benefit from my strong business network as well as my skill set to lead the town in its future economic growth and prosperity. I am actively involved with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association in opening up the Southeast Asia market to Wyoming Beef with the goal to export our beef to that lucrative

market. Moreover, marketing Wyoming Made Products, specifically focusing on Carbon County handmade products into SE Asia, would be my next goal and something I hope to accomplish as well. From the recent meetings I attended, the Town Council needs a great deal more transparency and we need to encourage more support and participation from all of our residents. I am proposing live-streaming Town Council and Board Meetings for our residents to stay connected to the government. In terms of Governance and Leadership: Presently, I am Chairman and Immediate Past President of the "Realtors Land Institute", Wyoming Chapter #47. Under my leadership



2014-2017 the Wyoming RLI chapter was awarded, at the National Land Conference, the prestigious 2016 Outstanding Chapter of the Year award. The Chapter was recognized for the efforts being put forth offering continuing education courses on Wyoming Water Rights

throughout the state. I am a member of the National Realtors Land Institute Government Affairs committee. The National Government Affairs Committee oversees government affairs activities, including the development of position papers, calls to action, and related activities, as well as representing the Institute on legislative-related committees for the National Association of Realtors. I am a committee member of the Realtors Land Institute, Chapter Leadership Council. Appointed to the National Association of Realtors Resort and Second Home committee. Resort and Second Home Property Specialist certification specializing in buying and selling or management of properties

for investment, development, retirement or second homes in resort, recreational and or vacation destinations. Saratoga is a destination! We must start taking control of this growth that is coming. Finally, in terms of my character, core values and moral compass: I am a Rebekah, I strive to make the world a better place in which to live, seeking to improve and elevate the character of mankind, I am involved in leadership applicable to everyday life, I am an active participant in the community, I try to help children, the elderly and the less fortunate and use my God given talents to help others. I would be honored and grateful for your Vote Aug. 21.

**Kimberly A. Hytrek** P.O. Box 1851, Saratoga, WY 82331 email not provided phone not provided

Having lived and raised my family in Carbon County for the last 38 years, as well as my medical and tourism background, are some of the reasons I think I could do a good job on the Saratoga Town Council. I have always been actively involved in my community and try to volunteer when able. I feel very fortunate to live in such a unique area that offers so many outdoor

activities, a strong downtown and a safe community. I have learned the importance of tourism and how it sustains us and what it takes to be a premier location. It is also important that we maintain balanced growth as people discover us. My background as a Registered Nurse working at Memorial Hospital of Carbon County and later owning and operating a home health busi-



ness in Carbon County in the 90s could be helpful considering the recent discussions surrounding our local clinic and nursing home as we look towards a different model. As a local business owner, I understand the importance of a strong economy and town beautification. I want to help enforce local ordinances already in place and assist to clean up blighted areas. I also believe, from a tourism

standpoint, that finishing Tyler Pickett Memorial Park can only enhance what we offer here in Saratoga. I hope to work on some areas such as child daycare, affordable elderly housing, drug addiction and the preservation of health care access. Otherwise, I would like to just continue life here as we know it... in our quiet, peaceful neighborhoods, preserving the great things we have.

**Bob Keel** P.O. Box 1774, Saratoga, WY 82331 rpkeel@gmail.com phone not provided

Why have you decided to run for election? Saratoga is my home. As a town council member I will look forward to keeping Saratoga a great place to live and maintain the lifestyle we

all enjoy. Town council is one of the political offices where you are so close to the people who voted you in and where your choices affect you and your family and friends.

What experience do you have for this position? I have been involved in both county delegation and state delegation while living in Utah. I have worked in healthcare for more than 10

years, two of which were here in Saratoga. I feel that I can bring valuable experience to help with the situation of our healthcare here in Saratoga. I believe in being financially responsible and balancing

the budget. I believe I can bring this to the council and help make financially responsible decisions.

**Jon Nelson** P.O. Box 746, Saratoga, WY 82331 jonrobnel@gmail.com phone not provided

Why have you decided to run for election? Saratoga is a great place that deserves great leadership. Our community is facing several challenges, including managing our municipal budget, ensuring the availability of local healthcare services and controlling growth while also strengthening our local economy. Our Town Council needs to address these issues in the best interest of all Saratoga residents. I believe culture is upstream from politics, meaning the priorities we have as a community should influence the things we do as a local government, not the other way around. In order to prioritize the things that are most important to Saratoga residents, I will work to provide greater transparency and encourage

more community participation in our civic process. As the owner of a small business here in Saratoga, I also want to make sure we have a strong and diverse economy that is ripe with opportunities for both business owners and employees. Balancing those opportunities while ensuring that the place we love does not change into a place we cannot recognize is going to take smart decision making and strong leadership. I live here because of what Saratoga is today, not what it might become. I want to make sure Saratoga remains a place where we can keep our doors unlocked, where kids are safe anywhere they go and where neighbors continue to look out for one another. To do that, I believe we need to focus on

solving the problems we have and provide better services and amenities for the Saratoga residents before we dedicate our resources to getting bigger. I'm up for the task and ready to stand up for what's best for our community and represent those who live here. What experience do you have for this position? I have enjoyed serving our community through volunteerism for many years. Whether helping at Chariot Races, dealing cards at Casino Night to raise money for scholarships or spending time with students in our elementary school classrooms, being involved and contributing to our community is very important to me. I believe serving on Town Council is yet another way I can live a life of



gratitude by serving the people around me. I also currently serve as the Chairman of the Saratoga Planning Commission, which has provided me with important insight into local government processes such as creating policy and leading public meetings. Additionally, as a civil engineer and construction manager, my profes-

sional experience planning and executing infrastructure projects has prepared me to bring fresh ideas and a greater level of efficiency to operating and maintaining our roads, utilities and public spaces. Since declaring my candidacy, I have attended all Town Council meetings, Joint Powers Board meetings, Planning Commission meetings and have been to more Carbon County Council of Governments meetings over the past year than our current council members, combined. This level of involvement has allowed me to understand the concerns of the residents of Saratoga and all the issues currently in front of the Town Council. I am ready to jump in on day one to start making sound decisions on behalf of Saratoga's residents.